



Kenya Coast National Polytechnic staff commend NIT's EASTRIP achievements



Some members of NIT management in a group photo with a team of staff from Kenya Coast National Polytechnic during their one-month exchange programme held at the Institute.

By Zakeyo Lusohoka

A team of Trainers from Kenya Coast National Polytechnic has commended NIT's efforts toward implementation of the East Africa Skills for Transformation and Regional Integration Project (EASTRIP). The team made the remarks during an interview held at NIT main campus, where they said that the exchange programme between NIT and their institution was very useful since it has provided an opportunity

to learn and share experiences.

Expressing his opinion, Boniface Omari-ba who is a trainer in Automotive Engineering and also Deputy, Head of Department of Mechanical and Automotive Engineering at Kenya Coast National Polytechnic said that NIT for a great percentage has managed to implement the CBET programme as required by the EASTRIP project.

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“You have many students with good infra-structural settings, we have learned on how to contain a big class, we are used to smaller ones. There’s also good cooperation between instructors and students”, He said.

Mr. Omariba was also impressed by NIT achievements in securing collaborations with local and international organizations. “You have many collaborations with industry. You are in touched with the industry”. He further said that NIT has a conducive learning environment: “You have bigger space for learning; the environment is specious”.

On his part, Nahashoni Gichina, a trainer in Mechanical Engineering Production, who is also a Head of Section, Mechanical Engineering in the Department of Mechanical and Automotive Engineering at Kenya Coast National Polytechnic, expressed similar opinion as he said that NIT has provided wider access to TVET programmes through different areas of specialization.

“NIT has programmes in Aviation, Transport in Marine and general infrastructure. There is also quality relevance, you are able to integrate the issue of quality and relevance. There is a good integration of ICT in teaching and learning, you are also able to handle larger number of students in time”, He said.

Gichina also commended NIT on CBET implementation where he said that the Institute is fully in CBET.

“You have managed to integrate the required area of practice such as transport, manufacturing and ICT. We also understand that some of the lectures at your Institute are attached to the industry to do research that can be implemented by the government”, said Gichina.

He also added: “We have also learnt about the soft skills, the relationships between the top management, lectures and subordinate staff and the security. That is why you can start class early in morning to late evening”.

Meanwhile, Mayende Fidelo who is a team leader and an expert in Supply Chain Management said to have been impressed by the Institute’s development and growth.

“The growth strategy is very promising, the Institution has good plans”, adding that NIT is well

equipped. “You have resources to create harmonious teaching and learning environment, the Library is of higher standards”, He said.

Mayende also praised NIT on being able to create a team work among its employees and good way of handling students’ affairs.

“There’s good team work, it is on the higher notch. All the departments are very cooperative. Also, students welfare are accorded with some reasonable important”, Said Mayende.

Onbehalf of the team, Mayende thanked NIT: “NIT has been so good to us, you accorded us a very warm reception”.

Kenya Coast National Polytechnic is under State Department of Vocational and Technical training, located in Mombasa county, Kisauni Road. The trainers from the Institute came at NIT under the EASTRIP exchange programme.

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NIT donates furniture to Ulongoni Sec School in Ilala

By Prosper Makene

The National Institute of Transport (NIT) has donated different furnitures for teachers at Ulongoni Secondary School in Ilala district, Dar es Salaam region. Speaking during the handing over ceremony on behalf of NIT Rector Prof Zacharia Mganilwa, the Institute's Head of Mathematics, Humanities and Social Sciences Department Dr Laurencia Massawe said that the donation is part of the institution's corporate social responsibility where supporting education is among its priorities.

Dr. Massawe pointed out that the decision to support the Dar es Salaam's secondary school was taken last year.

"Last year in November, our Rector Prof Zacharia Mganilwa was invited by Ulongoni Secondary School during the form four graduation where he pledged to donate the school with furniture for teachers," she said. She said the NIT saw it was important to support the school with the furniture for teachers in order to make them sit comfortably and help the students to perform better .

"That is the reason that today we have come with the furniture worth 2.6m/- to support the education sector that would minimize some challenges facing the school," she added.

She insisted: "We also donate the furniture in appreciation of the importance of education. It is our wish to see teachers working in an environment that is attractive to teaching,"

On her part, the School Headmistress, Sikitiko Salehe thanked the management of NIT for the support, urging other organizations to emulate the example shown.

In praising the efforts done by NIT to better the lot of the school's teachers, Ulongoni Secondary School Headmistress, Sikitiko Salehe asked other institutions to join hands with the National Institute of

Transport so they could better assist schools in promoting education.

The Headmistress noted that last year the management of Ulongoni Secondary School decided to forward their requests to various public and private organizations in getting the support for teachers' furniture's. "We thank the Institute for responding to our request and today we have received a total of 19 tables and 2 chairs that would help to bridge the shortage gap," she said.

Adding, "It is of great honour to get the support from NIT because if the teachers have comfortable offices, psychologically their teaching capabilities will be improved."

Salehe said that the donation was timely and pledged her outfit's readiness to take proper care of the furniture.

She said apart from shortage of furniture, the school is facing various challenges including lack of wall fence, old classes, pit latrine, shortage of desks, water tank, computers and teachers.

Citing, she said at the moment the school with over 2,600 students demands about 600 desks and a water tank with a capacity of 15,000 litres .

Earlier, the representative of Dar es Salaam Regional Education officer identified as Nyange Mtoro, thanked the NIT for the support urging more efforts from other stakeholders to support the education sector. Mtoro has also urged the school to make better use of furniture so that they can last longer but also help to improve students' performance.

The Institute started way back in 1975 as the training wing of the then National Transport Corporation (NTC). NIT was charged with the responsibility of strengthening human resource capabilities of transport operatives and middle level managers of subsidiary companies of NTC



On behalf of the Institute's Rector, Head of Mathematics, Humanities and Social Sciences Department Dr. Laurencia Massawe (right) handing over furniture donated by NIT to Ulongoni Secondary School.

NIT conducts outreach program to secondary schools in Mtwara , Lindi regions



Dr. Nuru Kitara, NIT's Project Environmental and Social Safeguard and Gender focal point Officer addressing students in Lindi secondary schools during an outreach programme held in the region to educate female students on the need to study science subjects.

By Tulizo Chusi

The National Institute of Transport has conducted an outreach Program for Lindi and Mtwara regions from end of February to early March 2022, which is part of the ongoing East Africa Skills for Transformation and Regional Integration Project (EASTRIP) funded by the World Bank.

NIT's team visit in Lindi region, managed to visit a total of eleven (11) schools located in Kilwa, Lindi, Mtama, Ruangwa and Nachingwea Districts and a total of 3,853 students were accessed.

This was managed by engaging the Regional Officials, in Lindi the Regional Administrative Secretary Ms. Rehema Madenge appreciated the efforts made by the Institute to visit secondary schools and proposed to continue doing this program as it helps understanding of various programmes offered by the Institute.

In Mtwara Region the NIT team managed to visit a total of sixteen (16) schools located in Mtwara Municipality, Nanyamba Town Council, Tandahimba District Council, Newala Town Council, Masasi District Council and Masasi Town Council, a total number of 3,449 female students were accessed.

Nevertheless NIT visited female students at various secondary schools in Mtwara Region for eight days to build awareness on available opportunities for female students who pursue science and

related subjects.

The Outreach Program in Mtwara was sought to increase enrollment of female students to science related courses taught at NIT by creating and promoting public awareness in long term and professional short term programs in Aviation, Logistics, Management, Transport Technology and the Transport Excellence Scholarship.

NIT e-newsflash when speaking to Dr. Nuru Kitara, who was the Team Coordinator, said that "the event was successful and it has a positive impact to the society especially to places where the team visited, we all witnessed how students and teachers were happy about the programme".

Dr. Kitara further said that NIT will continue giving back to the society through the EASTRIP project and the Institute in general.

The World Bank in partnership with some East African countries is implementing the East Africa Skills for Transformation and Regional Integration Project (EASTRIP) to support skills development for the Northern Corridor Initiative Project (NCIP) and other mega projects in the region.

The project's development objective is to increase the access and improve the quality of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programs in selected centres to support regional economic corridors.

NIT celebrates Women's International Day, encourages participation of girls in science

By Prosper Makene

In celebrating International Day of Women, the National Institute of Transport (NIT) has encouraged female students to study science subjects as a move to improve gender balance in major area of concern.

Speaking with journalists shortly after officiating the seminar organized by the Institute for its women workers in Dar es Salaam, NIT Rector Prof Zacharia Mganilwa said: "If women are standing at the forefront in science, the country will make rapid progress."

Prof Mganilwa has further said: "In ensuring that more female are studying science subjects, we have recently visited secondary schools in Mtwara and Lindi regions to sensitize female students in the area to study science."

"In moving forward we should keep encouraging female students to study science subjects, our head of computer, mathematics and Social Sciences are with women leadership. With this point of view, I encourage female students to take science subjects as other subjects," he observed.

He also said that 50\50 should not end in politics but should also move to other matters related to the development of Science.

Speaking about the workshop, he said it was designed to empower women to deal with the challenges they face at work, at home, and in their community.

"To celebrate International Women's Day,

our women workers get here together and share experiences as well as evaluating their contributions to the society," said Professor Mganilwa.

Speaking at the sideline of the event, NIT Deputy Rector (Finance, Planning and Administration), Dr Zainabu Mshana said that the Institute has organised a seminar for women towards the celebration of International Women's Day.

Dr. Mshana said that during the seminar, the participants will be presenting variety of topics including mental health problems and economic issues.

Meanwhile, NIT is set to introduce the female scholarship programme that will be offered to increase female enrolment in aviation programmes. Following the reception of the funds from the World Bank through East Africa Skills for Transformation and Regional Integration Project (EASTRIP), NIT through its Center of Excellence in Aviation and Transport Operations (CoEATO) has allocated fund worth USD 170,000.00 (TZS 392,445,000.00) to offer scholarships to female students to pursue Bachelor's Degree, Diploma and Short Course Programmes in Aviation and Transport Operations.

NIT believes that visiting secondary schools will bring more positive changes to female enrolments since many of the female students do not understand the advantage of studying science subjects.



NIT's female workers, celebrating the Women International Day during an event held in March 8, 2022 at Tanzania National Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

New NIT's employee, former student reveals her success story

By Juma Manday

Ms. Anna Twelve is a former student of NIT who has been employed recently by the institute as a tutorial assistant after successfully graduated her Bachelor degree of Education with Mathematics and Information Technology (BEMIT) at NIT in 2021 and attained a remarkable GPA of 4.4.

NIT e-newsflash has conducted an interview about her success story as a student and learning experience when studying at the institute and hence revealed her interesting story through the following responses:

What made you come and study at the Institute?

Ms. Anna reveals the main motive behind her decision to carry out her undergraduate studies at NIT than to other higher learning institutions was the uniqueness of the program as she said:

“The main reason why I chose NIT over other higher learning institutions is the fact that by then the course I studied (Bachelor Degree of Education with Mathematics and Information Technology) was not yet offered by other institutions. I was also impressed by the course structure as you can see the course has integration of education, mathematics and Information technology which gives plenty of options to secure employment”

What is the secret behind your remarkable success as a student at NIT?

Ms. Anna reveals the main reasons behind her success as she mentions:

“The major reasons behind my success are hardworking, dedicating time and energy to my studies and having passion for what I do. Also, the learning environment at NIT was very supportive to me like availability of adequate learning facilities and supportive academic staff”

What is your advice to other people who wish to pursue their studies at NIT?

“I sincerely encourage them to take their higher learning studies at NIT because the learning environment here is great and very supportive

to achieve academic excellence. Also, I advise them to enroll to NIT's programmes because they are new, unique and highly demanded at the current job market”



Ms. Anna Twelve

What should NIT expect to reap from you as a newly employed staff?

Ms. Anna looks forward to make substantial contributions towards realization of the Institute desired objectives as she reveals; “I am ready to share my knowledge and expertise by providing high quality training, and offer cooperation to my colleagues as well as to our students”.

In her final remarks, Ms. Anna expresses her gratitude:

“I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to the NIT management under leadership of Eng. Prof. Zacharia Mganilwa for their trust in me and my ability. I promise to work to my best level towards realization of the institute's vision and objectives.

NIT's students participate in managing Simba Supply Chain Solution's event

By Zakeyo Lusohoka

Some of the NIT's students pursuing Bachelor Degree in Marketing and Public Relations have participated in the management of the Simba Supply Chain Solution (SSCS) event, following the Company's request to the Institute's Rector, Prof. Eng. Zacharia Mganilwa.

The Company's event held on 10th March 2022, was meant to recognize and provide awards to its drivers who excelled in their work where the NIT's-Rector was represented by Deputy-Rector, Academics, Research and Consultancy, Dr. Proper Mgya.

"The management of SSCS was impressed by how we took part in managing the last NIT's Convocation. That's why they had to contact the Rector for us to participate in planning and management of their event", said James Mwaseba, a student who participated in the event.

During the occasion the NIT's students performed various activities related to event management.

"We participated in planning the event where we advised on how the event is supposed to be organized. We arranged the venue to ensure all elements required in the setting are properly placed and linked to ensure achievement of the event ob-

jective", said Mwaseba.

Likewise, Shedrack Mwamafupa who took part in the event management said that the event was very useful, since it provided opportunity to practice what they learnt in class.

"We were assigned different activities like ensuring the protocol being observed, we also served as ushers and we had a responsibility to monitor security issues", said Mwamafupa. He also added: "The event provided us practical skills, especially in handling protocol issues and how to deal with challenges arising during the event".

Anatoria Clement, also a student pursuing Bachelor Degree in Marketing and Public Relations expressed similar opinion as she said to have gained practical skills in event management.

"We learnt something about team work. We also advised on how to arrange the venue since the prior plan had some challenges. We also proposed on the best way to handle guests", she said.

Anatoria further added that they agreed to collaborate in event management: "We have reached an agreement to collaborate in managing events. They will participate in our events and we shall do the same. We saw the need for them to learn about event planning and management".



NIT's students in a group photo with Simba Supply Chain Solution (SSCS) staff's during the Company's event to award drivers who performed well.

NIT launches research capacity building program

By Juma Manday

NIT through its Directorate of Research, Publications and Postgraduate Studies (DRPPS) has recently launched a capacity building program aiming at building and enhancing research and publication skills among academic staff. The program was officially introduced on 24th of March, 2022 whereby academic staff from various departments attended.

In an exclusive interview with NIT e-news, the institute's Head of the Directorate of Research, Publications and Postgraduate Studies Department, Dkt. Eva Luwavi pointed out that the program focuses on building and upgrading research and publication skills among academic staff. Dkt. Luwavi added that the program will be conducted twice in every month.

“The program focuses on building research culture among academicians and sharpening their research skills”

Furthermore, Dkt. Luwavi, noted that the program will be used as a platform for public lectures and discussions whereby academic staff who are undertaking master and PhD studies will be allowed to present their research proposals and receive comments from participants to polish their works.

“Apart from building research culture, we also want to boost academicians who are currently on studies”

Likewise, Mr. Daudi Kitomo, an Assistant Lecturer from Business and Entrepreneurship Department, stressed that the program will be very beneficial to academicians in a sense that they will be able to discuss all challenges relating to research and publications as well as the proposed solutions to address them. Mr. Kitomo further added that the platform will lay a foundation for the development of research agenda from various departments.

“Through this platform we will be able to discuss research challenges and come up with appropriate solutions to solve them and also develop

research agenda”

Moreover, the Assistant Head of Mathematics, Humanities and Social Sciences Department (MHSS), Mr. Bakari Pandu who is currently undertaking his PhD studies at the University of Dar es salaam highlighted that the program will enable academicians to hone their research and publications skills. Mr. Pandu further added that the initiative will enable academic staff who plan to undertake further studies gain experience from their colleagues who have successfully completed their masters and PhD studies.



Director of Research, Publications and Postgraduate Studies, Dr. Eva Luwavi.

“With this platform we will be able to learn great deal from our colleagues who have finished their studies like knowing about major challenges they encountered and how they managed to overcome them”

On the other hand, Ms. Suzana Mulimila, who is currently on studies at the Institute of Social Works reveals that the program will add value to her study journey especially in many aspects of research like preparing of research proposals, papers, research reports and research supervision.

“As an academician I'm so delighted with this program because through this program my research skills will be upgraded”

■ NIT participates in World Consumer Rights day exhibitions



NIT's pavilion during the Annual Engineers Day Exhibitions held in Dodoma, September 2021.

By Ngusekela David

The National Institute of Transport has participated in the World Consumer Rights day held at Maisara grounds in Zanzibar from 12-15 March, 2022

The exhibition hosted by the Tanzania Consumer Forum (TCF) which is made up of Government Institutions created under the Tanzania Parliament's statutes and the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar's statutes to advocate and protect consumer rights and interests.

Speaking to NIT-e news flash, the Chairperson of Tanzania Consumer Forum (TCF) Mr. Leo Ngowi said, this year's theme for the World's Consumer Rights day is "fair digital finance". Mr. Ngowi said the World is moving into digital financing while there are vulnerable groups who are not competent with the digital technology, this theme came at a right time where there is a need to make sure the society is well educated on the use of digital finance.

"The forum prepared this exhibition with

the main objective of enabling consumers to know their rights in daily life as different service provider institutions will be showing cases their services". He added.

Relating the theme with Transport sector NIT lecturer Eng. Castrol Njako said the sector is growing rapidly that we need to enhance the sector operation by using digital finance as we all know the use of E-ticketing make life easier for the traveller.

Therefore this year's theme will not only benefit the consumers but even the service provider if it will be well implemented.

The consumer movement first marked that date in 1983 and now uses the day every year to mobilise action on important issues and campaigns. On this day, numerous campaigns and actions are held in order to effect change and alteration in government policy in favour of consumers, as well as corporate behaviour toward customers.

NIT students' football team qualifies for semi-finals in WWF Universities, Colleges soccer tournament

By Tulizo Chusi

The National Institute of Transport has participated at World Wildlife Fund (WWF) soccer tournament named as “Earth Hour Tournament (60+)” which was in honor of a commemoration of a Government campaign of “SOMA NA MTI” under the Office of Minister of State (Union and Environment), which is commemorated every year in March, 26.

Speaking to NIT e – newflash WWF Communications Manager Ms. Joan Itanisa, said that the soccer tournament go hand in hand with awareness raising on natural resources conservation and tree planting in the participating Universities'/Colleges.

NIT students' team managed to go for semi-finals in a league which included eight (8) Universities/Colleges which among them were University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), College of Business Education (CBE), Tanzania Institute of Accountan-

cy (TIA), Tumaini University Dar es Salaam College (TURDA Co, Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT), Institute of Social Work (ISW) and Water Institute.

NIT played against UDSM in the Semi-final game where both team scored 2-2 goals. The draw took the teams to penalties where UDSM team won 5 against 4 goals.

Expressing his view, a leader in students' government (SONIT) Minister for Sports Ms. Kunti S. Rajabu said that the tournament was a good since sports help to build their healthy.

WWF is a Non-governmental Organization, leading in wildlife conservation and endangered species. This year the Organization decided to undertake a soccer tournament and planting of trees in few universities and colleges in Dar es Salaam.



NIT's students celebrating their victory after winning the SHIMIVUTA sports' competition held in December, 2021.