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WE HAVE
GROWN BIG
AND STRONG,
UNITED WE WILL
STAY”**

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Welcome Message from the Vice Chancellor



Prof. Jean NGAMIJE / VC - UNILAK

Dear Readers,

I am delighted to extend a warm and hearty welcome to all of you, as we come together in the pages of this magazine to celebrate the remarkable achievements and contributions of UNILAK. As the Vice Chancellor of this esteemed institution, it is my privilege to address you and share the progress we have made in the past academic year.

In the academic world, innovation and excellence are our guiding stars, and our commitment to these values is evident in the pages of this magazine. We are proud to present the International Conference on Environment, Energy, and Development (ICEED 2023) as a testament to our dedication to global issues and the pursuit of sustainable solutions. The exchange of knowledge, ideas, and experiences at ICEED 2023 reflects our collective determination to address the pressing challenges of our time.

The past academic year, 2022-2023, has been a journey of significant accomplishments. UNILAK continues to thrive, marked by groundbreaking research, distinguished faculty achievements, and the outstanding performance of our students.

Our diverse academic programs and cutting-edge research endeavors have contributed to a culture of innovation, preparing our students to excel in their chosen fields and make a meaningful impact on society.

Our university's dedication to community outreach activities has also been a source of pride. We have worked tirelessly to strengthen our ties with the local community, bringing education, support, and solutions to those who need it most. We believe that a university's success is not measured by its academic excellence alone, but by its positive impact on society.

This magazine is a reflection of the collective spirit, dedication, and intellectual curiosity that define UNILAK. It is a testament to the unwavering commitment of our students, faculty, and staff in their pursuit of knowledge and excellence.

Looking ahead, UNILAK is striving for a future filled with promise. We are thrilled to announce our plans to launch the Faculty of Education, as well as PhD Programs; a significant step toward shaping the future of education in our region and open up new frontiers of knowledge. This addition reflects our commitment to nurturing young minds and preparing them for the challenges of the 21st century.

Furthermore, we are eager to expand our global partnerships, fostering collaborations with institutions from around the world. These alliances will provide our students with opportunities to gain international exposure, broadening their horizons and enriching their educational experience.

Thank you for being part of our journey, and I hope that you find this magazine both informative and inspiring. Together, let us continue to explore, discover, and shape a better future for all.

The International Conference on Environment, Energy and Development (ICEED 2023) gathers experts at UNILAK



BY : Dr. Martin Vincent NSANZUMUKIZA

The University of Lay Adventists of Kigali in collaboration with Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography (XIEG), Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and Sino-Africa , Joint Research Center (SAJOREC), Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) hosts the International Conference on Environment, Energy, and Development (ICEED 2023) this November 8th, 2023.

This prestigious event brings together leading experts, researchers, policymakers, and stakeholders from around the world to engage in vital discussions surrounding environmental sustainability, energy management, and sustainable development.

The overarching theme for this year's ICEED 2023 conference is "Sustainable Management of Natural Resources," reflecting the pressing need to find innovative solutions to conserve and manage Earth's invaluable resources. The event is expected to provide a global perspective on critical environmental, energy, and development issues, fostering an environment for participants to learn from diverse experiences and approaches.

ICEED has established itself as a prominent platform for thought leaders in the fields of environment, energy, and development. With participants from various countries, the conference has gained international recognition for its contributions to shaping the future of sustainability. This year's event is expected to attract even more attention due to its timely theme and the pressing need for coordinated efforts in addressing environmental challenges.

The conference program will feature a wide array of papers, presentations, and discussions, all centered on the theme of "Sustainable Management of Natural Resources." Experts from various backgrounds will share their insights and research findings, highlighting best practices, emerging technologies, and policy recommendations in environmental conservation, energy efficiency, and sustainable development.

ICEED 2023 is structured around keynote sessions, panel discussions, and interactive workshops, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange among participants. Notable figures in the field will address the attendees, offering their unique perspectives and insights.

The conference will conclude with the formulation of key resolutions and recommendations derived from the collective expertise and discussions throughout the event. These outcomes will be shared with governments, organizations, and stakeholders to inform policy-making and sustainable practices on a global scale.

Prof. Jean Ngamije, the Vice Chancellor of UNILAK, expressed his enthusiasm for the event, stating, "ICEED has grown into a vital platform for sharing knowledge and driving positive change in the critical areas of environment, energy, and development. With the world facing escalating environmental challenges, the importance of this conference cannot be overstated. We look forward to welcoming experts and leaders from around the world to collaborate and work towards a sustainable future."

UNILAK GIS and Remote sensing Lab: Applications of Satellite Imagery & Remote Sensing Data

Remote sensing data gives fundamental data that aides in monitoring different applications, for example, image combination, change detection and land cover classification. Remote sensing is a key procedure used to get data identified with the world's assets and climate. What promoted satellite imagery data, is that they can be effectively gotten to online through different mapping applications like Google Earth and Bing Maps. From being basically ready to discover, where is my home. these applications have helped the GIS practitioner group in project planning, monitoring disasters and natural catastrophes and directing individuals' civil defense.

Remotely sensed satellite images and data include spectral, spatial and temporal resolutions. Spectral statistics involves elements of remotely sensed image classification. The main aspect which influences the accuracy of ground object is spatial resolution. Temporal resolution helps in generation of land cover maps for environmental planning, land use change detection and transportation planning. data integration and analysis of urban areas using medium resolution remote sensing imagery mainly focuses on documentation of built-up areas or is used for differentiating between residential, commercial and industrial zones.

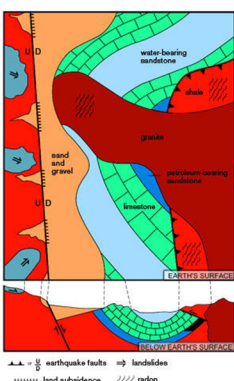
1. Providing a base map for graphical reference and assisting planners and engineers



The amount of details that an ortho imagery produces using high resolution satellite imagery is of immense value as it provides a detail image of the selected area along with its surrounding areas. As maps are location-based they are specifically designed to communicate highly structured data and to give a complete picture about the whole world. There are numerous applications of satellite imagery and remote sensing data. Nowadays

nations use information derived from the satellite imagery for government decision making, civil defense operations, police and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in general. Nowadays, data captured through Satellite Imagery has become mandatory and all government plans are to be submitted on the basis of Satellite Imagery data.

2. Extracting mineral deposits with remote sensing based spectral analysis



During the pre-feasibility and feasibility stages of the mineral exploration, it is important to know about the mineral potentiality of the area to be considered for mineral extraction. In such scenarios, satellite remote sensing-based mapping and its integration in a GIS platform help geo scientist to map the mineral potential zones easily by saving time. With the help of spectral analysis of satellite image bands, the scientist can quickly identify and map mineral availability through special indicators. This will enable exploration geologist to narrow his geo physical, geo chemical and test drilling activities to high potential zones

3. Disaster mitigation planning and recovery



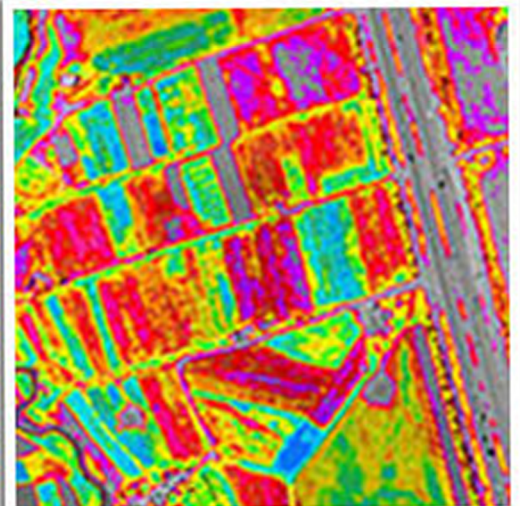
The result of a natural calamity can be devastating and at times difficult to assess. But disaster risk assessment is necessary for rescue workers. This information has to be prepared and executed quickly and with accuracy. Object-based image classification using change detection (pre- and post-event) is a quick way to acquire damage assessments data. Other similar applications using satellite imagery in disaster assessments include measuring shadows from buildings and digital surface models.

4. Agriculture Development

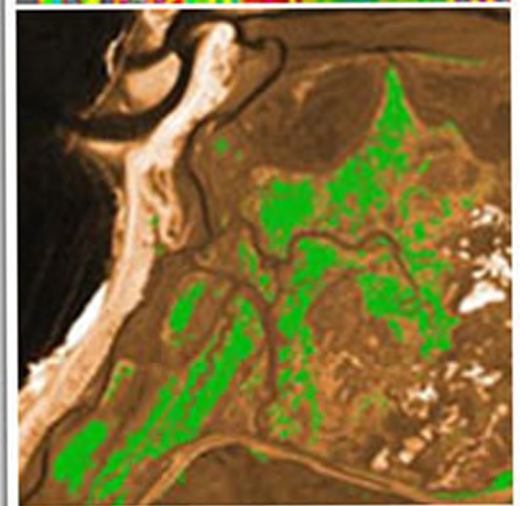
With increasing population across the world and the need for increased agricultural production there is a certain need for proper management of the world's agricultural resources. To make this happen it is first necessary to obtain reliable data on not only the types, but also the quality, quantity and location of these resources. Satellite imagery and GIS (Geographic Information Systems) will always continue to be a significant factor in the improvement of the present systems of acquiring and generating agricultural maps and resource data. Agriculture mapping and surveys are presently conducted throughout the world, in order to gather information and statistics on crops, range land, livestock and other related agricultural resources.



Green Vegetation



Soil Zone



This information collected is necessary for the implementation of effective management decisions. Agricultural survey is needed for planning and allocation of the limited resources to different sectors of the economy.



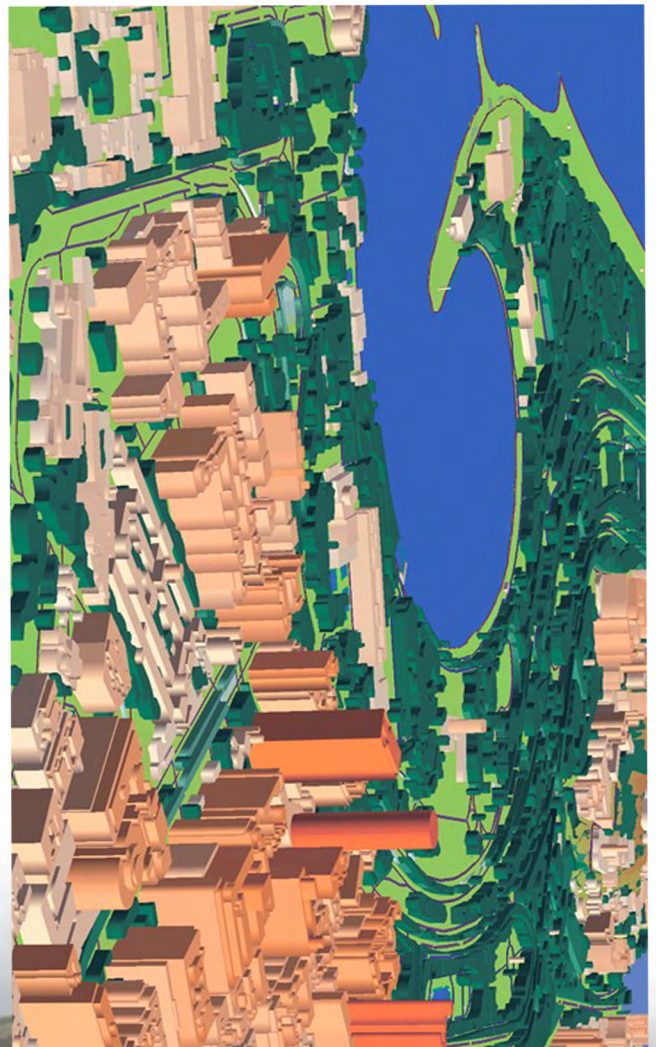
4. 3D GIS

3D city models are digital models of urban areas that represent Terrain surfaces, sites, buildings, vegetation, infrastructure and Landscape elements as well as related objects belonging to urban areas. Their components are described and represented by corresponding two-dimensional and three-dimensional spatial data and geo-referenced data.

3D city models support presentation, exploration, analysis, and management of tasks in a large number of different application domains. 3D GIS is the instant and effective Solution for larger and remote locations where manual survey is next to impossible. Various urban/ rural planning departments require 3D GIS data like, Drainage, Sewerage, Water supply, Canal Designing BIM and many more.

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Graduation ceremony
on a sunny and joyous day
of **June 15th, 2023.**



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By : Nina IRAKOZE KAYITESI

UNILAK, a distinguished institution of higher learning, celebrated its 17th academic graduation ceremony on a sunny and joyous day of June 15th, 2023. The event was a grand celebration of academic accomplishments, as 906 graduates were decorated for their hard work and dedication.

The ceremony, which took place at the campus of Kigali, was a testament to the perseverance and commitment of these graduates, who had completed their master's and undergraduate degrees in a variety of fields.

Among the 906 graduates, 758 received their well-earned bachelor's degrees, while 148 proudly donned their master's hoods. It was a momentous occasion for both the graduates and their families who witnessed their loved ones achieving academic success.

The Vice Chancellor of UNILAK, Professor Ngamije Jean, congratulated the graduates for their remarkable achievements and wished them good luck on their future endeavors.

Professor Ngamije emphasized the importance of their hard work and dedication, encouraging them to continue making a positive impact on society through their newfound knowledge and skills.

The graduates represented a diverse array of faculties at UNILAK, including Economic Sciences and Management, Law, Environmental Studies, and Computing and Information Sciences. This diversity highlighted the university's commitment to providing a comprehensive education that addresses the evolving needs of the global workforce.

The graduation ceremony brought together graduates from all of the university's campuses; Kigali, Nyanza and Rwamagana.

As they move forward on their respective paths, the 906 graduates of UNILAK's 17th academic graduation ceremony will undoubtedly carry the institution's legacy of academic excellence and commitment to positive change with them.

Their journey is not just a testament to their hard work but also a reflection of the enduring values of education and personal growth that UNILAK strives to instill in its students.

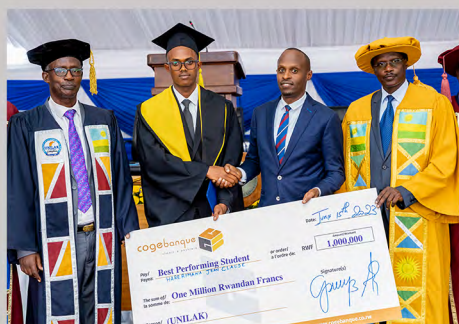


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Meet the Outstanding Graduates Awarded Tutorial Assistant Lecturer Positions at UNILAK.

UNILAK has recently recognized the remarkable achievements of its four best-performing graduates who have been awarded the prestigious role of Tutorial Assistant lecturers.

This prestigious recognition not only acknowledges their outstanding performance during their studies but also serves as a source of motivation and inspiration for current students striving to reach similar heights.



Mr. Claude Harerimana, a distinguished graduate from the Department of Finance, shared his journey through the university with profound gratitude. He recalled his arduous journey through the halls of UNILAK, marked by countless sleepless nights and tireless efforts.

Claude remarked, I could never have imagined that my hard work would lead to this incredible opportunity.

Claude expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the university for providing him with this remarkable opportunity. "I am immensely thankful to UNILAK for believing in me and recognizing my efforts.



Mr. Wiron Ruzindana, a graduate from the Department of Software Engineering, not only secured a role as a tutorial assistant Lecturer but was also appointed as a staff in the directorate of ICT within the university.

Wiron's success serves as a testament to the university's commitment to fostering excellence in its graduates across various disciplines.



Mrs. Alice Uwamahoro, a graduate of the Faculty of Environmental Studies, was overwhelmed with joy at the prospect of standing before students as a lecturer.

She described this achievement as a dream come true, emphasizing the importance of hard work and determination.

She shared her story as an inspiration to her fellow colleagues, especially females and encouraged them to persevere in their studies, knowing that their efforts could also lead to such remarkable opportunities.



Mr. ISIAKA LATEEF ALAGBONSI, a graduate from the Law Faculty, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to UNILAK for not only recognizing the efforts of the outstanding graduates but also for providing encouragement to international students currently pursuing their studies at UNILAK. His journey serves as a testament to the university's commitment to recognizing and nurturing talent across various disciplines.

It is a reminder to current students that with hard work and determination, they too can achieve greatness and contribute to the academic community in meaningful ways; revealed the Vice Chancellor of UNILAK, Prof. Jean Ngamije. As UNILAK continues to foster the growth and development of its students, it remains committed to celebrating the success stories of its alumni, serving as an enduring source of inspiration for generations to come.

UNILAK Vice Chancellor Appointed as Board Member of IAPAS



Prof. Jean Ngamije
The Vice Chancellor of UNILAK

In May, 2023; The Vice Chancellor of UNILAK, Professor Jean Ngamije was appointed as a board member of the Institute of Asia-Pacific and African Studies (IAPAS). The Institute of Asia-Pacific and African Studies is the newest unity of the Khazar University located at Baku, Azerbaijan.

This appointment followed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Khazar University and UNILAK on February 10th, 2023.

As per the MoU provisions, the two institutions agreed to exchange students as well lecturers, join hands to promote research, and cooperation in developing African studies in Eastern Europe and Western Asia via Khazar University's Institute of Asia-Pacific and African studies (IAPAS).



University of Lay Adventists of Kigali

UNILAK emerged victorious in inter-University Reading and Writing research Competition organized by Rwanda Writers Federation



BY: NINA KAYITESI IRAKOZE

The exceptional performance throughout the competition earned UNILAK the prestigious trophy for the best university.

The students who represented UNILAK in the competition were also celebrated for their dedication and commitment to literary excellence. In recognition of their hard work, they received two brand-new bicycles, a laptop, sports attire, and appreciation certificates.

The competition, aimed at fostering a love for literature and academic research among student. Over the course of three months, students engaged in rigorous research and writing, exploring a wide range of topics, from classic literature to contemporary social issues. Their efforts were judged by a panel of esteemed writers, scholars, and literary experts.

Mr. Mbanda Steven, a staff in the office of the dean of students at UNILAK, expressed his pride in the students' accomplishments. "He stated."

Our students have demonstrated an extraordinary dedication to the art of reading and writing. This victory not only showcases their talent but also highlights the importance of fostering a culture of intellectual curiosity and literary exploration.

The winning students themselves were overjoyed by their success. Mr. Joseph Cyiza, one of the student participants, said, it's been an incredible journey of self-discovery through literature. This competition has allowed us to dig deep into the world of words and ideas, and we are proud of this success."

UNILAK's triumph in the Inter-University Reading and Writing Research Competition has not only brought honor to the institution but has also reinforced the university's commitment to academic excellence and the promotion of literary pursuits among its students. The university looks forward to further achievements in the field of literature and research in the years to come.

Agribusiness Incubation and Innovation Hub and the Agriculture Knowledge Hub were launched at UNILAK



BY: KAYITESI IRAKOZE Nina

A consortium made up of Youth Engagement in Agriculture Network (YEAN) in partnership with the Rwanda Agriculture and Animal Resources Board (RAB) and the University of Lay Adventists of Kigali (UNILAK), conducted a one-day event to launch two agricultural knowledge hubs, which are the AGRIBUSINESS INCUBATION AND INNOVATION HUB (AIH)—UNILAK KIGALI HUB and AGRICULTURE KNOWLEDGE HUB on April 4th, 2023.

The event brought together youth and key project partners including the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MINAGRI), AGRA, Cordaid Rwanda, Rwanda Youth in Agribusiness Forum (RYAF), the Private Sector Federation (PSF), CNFA Rwanda, Youth agripreneurs and youth beneficiaries.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Etienne NIYIGABA, the project lead, stated that these facilities are available to everyone, particularly the youth under the Private Extension and Advisory Learning Experience (PEALE) program. The Agribusiness Incubation and Innovation Hub will serve as a space for agripreneurs to facilitate their transition from ideas into strong and successful agri-businesses models. It will provide a co-working space, coaching and mentorship, network and linkages, and knowledge sharing to agripreneurs

On the other hand, the Agriculture Knowledge Hub is a center for agriculture knowledge production, management and dissemination for effective extension and advisory services to farmers and agripreneurs.

Youth agripreneurs will use these hubs to develop and disseminate agriculture learning products, access incubation services to develop and scale their initiatives in agribusiness and innovation, and facilitate in strengthening youth led resilience programs including youth led private extension and advisory services.

In his speech, Dr. Emmanuel HAKIZIMANA, the Deputy Vice Chancellor of Academics and Research of UNILAK expressed the pleasure, the University has, for hosting the Agribusiness Incubation and Innovation Hub and said that it is one of the university priorities to make impact in the community through different initiatives implemented with the community through their campuses in Kigali city, Nyanza and Rwamagana District. He added that UNILAK will be glad to facilitate the replication on the same hub to their other 2 campuses.

All speakers at the event reiterated prioritizing knowledge in agriculture especially in agribusiness to create diversified opportunities for job and wealth along the agriculture value chain.

Mr. Octave NSHIMIYIMANA, Director General of Agriculture Value Chain Management and Trade at MINAGRI, advised youth and participants to make good use of the resources that have been made available. He added that to achieve your objectives once you are exposed to opportunities, knowledge should be an integral part of the journey. He shared with youth available opportunities in the ecosystem from different partners for youth in agriculture and urged them to work hard to secure those opportunities.

The hubs are part of the implementation of the AIRTEA Project which seeks to contribute to achieving sustainable agrarian livelihoods and rural transformation by fostering an inclusive innovation environment with specific objectives of strengthening the capacities.

UNILAK Nyanza Campus shines at Nyanza District Open Day Exhibition



Nyanza District, in collaboration with the Joint Action Development Forum organized an Open Day event aimed at showcasing the various development activities and programs in the area. Among the participants, UNILAK Nyanza Campus took center stage, proudly displaying its programs and highlighting its notable achievements.

The event which took two days from June 29th to June 30th, 2023 provided an excellent opportunity for the university to connect with the community and display its commitment to the development of Nyanza District and the country in general.

The exhibition attracted a significant number of visitors, including members of the Nyanza District community, students and officials from the district administration. Visitors, who came to the stand of UNILAK Nyanza Campus, were eager to learn more about the institution and its contributions to the community. The campus had prepared an impressive display, featuring detailed information about its academic programs, extracurricular activities, and successful initiatives.

The visitors were particularly impressed by the campus's commitment to community development, applauding its various initiatives aimed at uplifting the surrounding areas. UNILAK Nyanza Campus has been actively involved in projects related to environmental conservation, ICT innovation and social welfare, thus making a significant impact on the lives of the local population.

Members of the Nyanza District community expressed their appreciation for UNILAK's dedication to improving the welfare of the people. The university's focus on providing quality education and its initiatives to empower students beyond the classroom were highly commended.

Officials from Nyanza District present at the event also recognized the university's outstanding contributions to the district's development. They commended the University for its Holistic Approach to education and for fostering a supportive environment that nurtures students talents and aspirations.

At the conclusion of the exhibition, UNILAK Nyanza Campus was awarded the prestigious title of 1st Runner-Up, underscoring its significant accomplishments and the impact it has made within the community and the country at large.

The campus' representatives were thrilled to receive the recognition and expressed their gratitude to everyone who had supported their journey.

The Open Day event organized by Nyanza District and the Joint Action Development Forum served as a platform for UNILAK Nyanza Campus to showcase

BY: J Baptiste NIYITEGEKA

UNILAK collaborates with Article26 organization to Enhance training and career development opportunities



BY: Dr Christine UMUMARARUNGU

In a significant step towards promoting professional development and career advancement among its students; on July 26th, 2023 UNILAK entered in partnership with the renowned Article26 Organization.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony took place at the university campus, and it is expected to create new avenues for students seeking high-quality training and internationally recognized certifications.

The Article26 Organization, known for its expertise in providing excellent training programs, will offer sponsored access to certifications in Prince2, Scrum, and ITIL to eligible students of UNILAK. These certifications are highly considered in the industry and will undoubtedly boost the employability of the graduates.

One of the key highlights of the collaboration is the emphasis on career development mentorship. Article 26 Organization aims to provide personalized guidance and support to students, assisting them in making informed career choices and charting a successful professional path.

This mentorship program is designed to bridge the gap between academia and industry demands, equipping students with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in their chosen fields. One of the key highlights of the collaboration is the emphasis on career development mentorship. Article 26 Organization aims to provide personalized guidance and support to students, assisting them in making informed career choices and charting a successful professional path.

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Moreover, the partnership will introduce the “Train the Trainer” model, an innovative approach that allows learners to become certified instructors.

This initiative will enable students who complete the training programs to give back to their academic community by becoming qualified trainers themselves.

By becoming instructors, students can impart their knowledge and expertise to future batches of learners, fostering a culture of continuous learning and knowledge sharing within the university. All training programs offered through this collaboration will be conducted by Maxpert Trainers, renowned experts in their respective fields.

Maxpert Trainers are widely recognized for their practical insights and real-world experience, making the learning experience highly valuable and industry-relevant.

During the MoU signing ceremony, representatives from both UNILAK and Article26 Organization expressed their enthusiasm for the partnership.

They highlighted the mutual benefits it would bring and its potential to empower students with skills that are in high demand in the job market.

Dr. Emmanuel Hakizimana, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Academics and Research at UNILAK, stated “We are excited to join hands with Article26 Organization in this initiative to provide our students with access to world-class training and certifications.”

This collaboration aligns with our mission to prepare our students for successful careers and enables us to stay at the forefront of academic excellence. Ms. Chau Ho, the manager of Article26 Organization, remarked, We look forward to working closely with UNILAK and its talented students.

Through this collaboration, we aim to equip the next generation of professionals with the skills required to thrive in a rapidly evolving job market.

Together, we will create a transformative learning experience for all participants. The joint efforts of UNILAK and Article26 Organization are set to create a profound impact on the future of education, training, and career development for students.

This partnership opens up new opportunities for learners to excel in their chosen fields and contribute meaningfully to their communities and industries at large.

Mr Obed, a representative of Maxpert emphasized the organization’s readiness to ensure a seamless and enriching learning experience, highlighting the preparedness of trainers who will guide students through their professional courses.

Article26 dedicated trainers began imparting knowledge to the first batch of 50 trainees on October 1, 2023. The training program is expected to take a period of three months.





UNILAK ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND PROFESSIONAL COURSES

FACULTY OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES AND MANAGEMENT

BACHELOR

Bachelor with honours in Cooperative Management

Bachelor of Science with honours in Economics

Bachelor of Business Administration with options:

- Accounting
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Marketing

MASTER

Master of Business Administration with Specialisation in :

- Accounting
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Marketing
- Entrepreneurship
- Project Management

PROFESSIONAL COURSES

English Languages Training Program

CPA / CAT

FACULTY OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATION SCIENCES

BACHELOR

Bachelor of Science with Honours in Information Systems and Management

Bachelor of Science with Honours in Software Engineering

Bachelor of Science with Honours in Technology with Options in :

- Networking
- Multimedia

MASTER

Master of Science in Information Technology

Master of Science in Management Information System

CISCO IT Essentials

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Bachelor with Honours in Law

MASTER

LLM in International Environmental and Land use Law

LLM in International Criminal Law

FACULTY OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

BACHELOR

Bachelor of Science with Honours in Rural Development

Bachelor of Science with Honours in Environmental Management with Options:

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UNILAK and Yonsei University forge a path of collaboration through MoU



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UNILAK and Institute for Poverty Alleviation and International Development (IPAID) of Yonsei University, located at Wonju in South Korea joined hands on July 27, 2023, to mark the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

The agreement aims to enhance collaborative efforts in various academic areas and strengthen the bonds between the two esteemed institutions. The MoU, set to last for five years and automatically renewable at its expiration, signifies a new era of knowledge sharing and mutual growth.

The signing ceremony took place at UNILAK Kigali campus, where esteemed representatives from both universities came together to celebrate the momentous occasion. With a shared vision of advancing education, research, and innovation, the MoU outlines a comprehensive framework for cooperation.

One of the key objectives of the MoU is to facilitate joint research projects between the two universities.

Moreover, the agreement emphasizes the importance of academic seminars, workshops, and conferences organized in collaboration.

The MoU also focuses on nurturing student programs, catering to both graduate and undergraduate students. Through this partnership, students from both universities will have access to enhanced educational opportunities, allowing them to broaden their horizons and gain exposure to diverse perspectives.

Additionally, the agreement highlights a commitment to exchange publications and research findings. This collaboration in scholarly publishing will ensure that the knowledge generated by researchers at both universities reaches a broader audience, promoting the dissemination of cutting-edge research globally.

Furthermore, the MoU seeks to provide support for capacity building initiatives.

During the signing ceremony, both universities expressed their enthusiasm for this new era of collaboration. They acknowledged that the MoU represents an invaluable opportunity to harness their respective strengths and create a positive impact on the academic landscape at the regional and global levels.

UNILAK continues to offer free legal aid to the vulnerable through its Faculty of Law



BY: J.Baptiste NIYITEGEKA

UNILAK's Faculty of Law has been at the forefront of providing valuable legal aid services through its legal clinic program since 2006. With a vision to extend assistance to vulnerable individuals and those unable to afford the high costs associated with legal fees, the university has become a beacon of hope for those seeking justice in the community.

The legal clinic services are available across all three campuses of the University, ensuring accessibility for individuals residing in various parts of the region. Under the guidance and supervision of experienced faculty members, law students actively participate in offering their expertise and support to those in need.

The Dean of the Faculty of Law, Mr. Turyahebwa Robert, expressed his pride in the university's commitment to providing free legal services to those who cannot afford legal representation.

He emphasized that the legal clinic operates twice a week, specifically on Mondays and Thursdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. During these designated hours, individuals seeking legal aid can visit the clinic without any formal procedure or the burden of paying for legal services.

The legal clinic offers a wide range of services to cater to the diverse legal needs of the community. These services encompass various areas of law, including civil, criminal, family, and property matters. Individuals visiting the clinic can receive guidance on legal procedures, assistance in drafting legal documents, and even representation in court if required.

Since its establishment, the UNILAK legal clinic has made a significant impact on the lives of countless individuals. By bridging the gap between those in need and the legal system, the clinic has ensured that justice is accessible to all, regardless of their financial constraints.

The UNILAK legal clinic not only benefits the community but also provides an invaluable learning experience for the law students involved. By actively participating in real-life cases, the students gain practical knowledge, develop essential legal skills, and cultivate a sense of social responsibility.

Looking towards the future, UNILAK remains committed to expanding and improving its legal clinic services. Plans are underway to collaborate with local organizations and legal practitioners to further enhance the range and effectiveness of the legal aid provided.

As UNILAK legal clinic continues its admirable work, it stands as a testament to the power of education, dedication, and the pursuit of justice. With its unwavering commitment to providing free legal aid to vulnerable individuals, the clinic serves as a shining example for other institutions to follow, ensuring that the principles of justice and equality are upheld for all members of society.



UNILAK LAW STUDENTS ATTEND THE PARLIAMENTARY SESSION

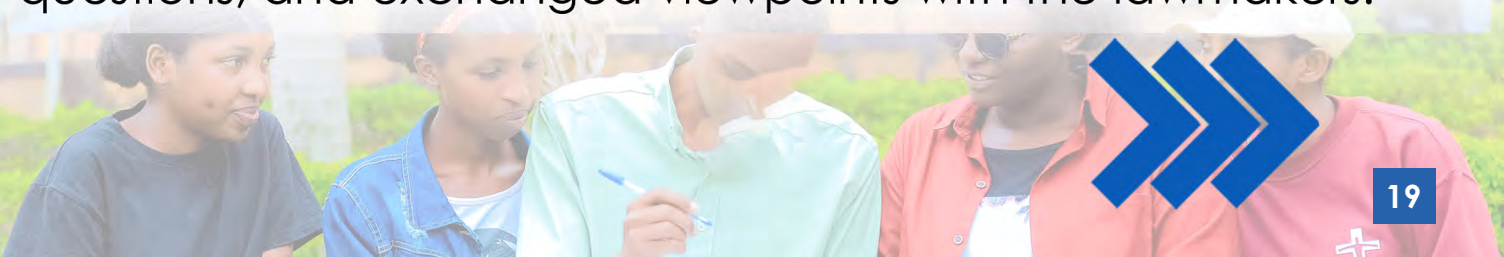


UNILAK Students in Parliament

By: NINA IRAKOZE KAYITESI

UNILAK' students from the Faculty of Law participated in a recent parliamentary session held at the Chamber of Deputies. The session focused on the crucial matter of voting on legislation pertaining to the establishment of the African Biomedical Institute. This unique opportunity was part of the ongoing initiative by the Parliament to involve the public in the legislative process and promote transparency.

Students attentively listened to the debates, posed insightful questions, and exchanged viewpoints with the lawmakers.



Their presence provided a fresh perspective and infused the session with a sense of youthful enthusiasm. Mr. Bora Mugabe, a third-year law student at UNILAK, expressed his excitement at being part of this unique experience.

"Being present in the parliamentary chamber during such a significant decision-making process has been an eye-opening experience for us as students. We were able to witness democracy in action and see how the law evolves to shape our society," he remarked.

Members of the Parliament also lauded the students' participation, recognizing the value of incorporating diverse perspectives into the legislative process. The event highlighted the importance of engaging the future legal minds of the nation in matters of public policy.

This collaborative initiative between the University Of Lay Adventists Of Kigali and the Parliament reflects a promising step toward more transparent and inclusive decision-making in the nation's legislative affairs.



UNILAK Academic Committee addresses pressing student concerns on campus



Author : MBANDA Steven

In a significant step towards fostering a more conducive and inclusive learning environment, the UNILAK Academic Committee met with students from the institution to set a smooth learning environment and tackle pressing issues encountered on campus.

This marks a significant step forward in the university's commitment to fostering an inclusive and enriching academic atmosphere.

The meeting has drawn the active participation of students from various departments and programs, eager to engage with university officials to voice their concerns and propose solutions.

The students' participation reflects the university's commitment to maintaining an open and transparent dialogue with its student body.

Dr. Emmanuel Hakizimana, the Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academics and Chair of the Academic Committee, stated, "We recognize that students are the heart and soul of our university.

Their input is invaluable in shaping the educational experience. By engaging in open and constructive dialogue, we can identify and address issues that may affect their learning and well-being.

"Topics of discussion include academic support, campus facilities, extracurricular activities, mental health services, and any other issues students feel are pertinent.

Mr. Steven Rwabuhiri, the guild president of UNILAK Kigali Students Association, expressed his enthusiasm for this initiative. He said, "It's refreshing to see our university taking an active interest in our experiences. By involving us in decision-making, they are creating a more positive learning environment for all of us."

The university administration is hopeful that this collaborative approach will help enhance the overall quality of education at UNILAK, making it an even more attractive choice for prospective students.

As UNILAK continues its commitment to providing a nurturing academic environment, the collaborative efforts of the Academic Committee and the students themselves stand as a shining example of an institution dedicated to the well-being and success of its student body.

The Academic Committee at UNILAK plans to continue engaging with students through regular meetings and open forums to ensure a supportive learning environment. The university aims to create a campus where all students can reach their full potential and thrive academically.



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POLISH DELEGATION EXPLORES COLLABORATION WITH UNILAK FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



BY: KAYITESI IRAKOZE Nina

A delegation from Poland, consisting of government officials and members of the private sector lead by the Ambassador Krzysztof Buzalski of Poland in Rwanda and Mr Charles Ngarambe, the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland in Kigali, visited the University of Kigali (UNILAK) on October 27, 2023 to explore potential collaboration opportunities in the field of environmental protection.

The visit, which marked a significant step in international cooperation, aimed to strengthen ties between Poland and Rwanda, focusing on sustainable environmental initiatives. The delegation was welcomed by UNILAK's leadership and environmental research experts.

During the meeting, several proposals for collaborative projects in environmental protection were put forth. Among these proposals were demo projects in water treatment and biomass research. These initiatives are expected to contribute to the development of sustainable solutions to some of the environmental challenges both countries face.

The delegation and UNILAK representatives engaged in productive discussions regarding the implementation of these projects in the near future. Both parties expressed their commitment to leveraging their expertise and resources to make these initiatives a reality.

In addition to the discussions, the Polish delegation had the opportunity to visit UNILAK's ongoing water waste treatment projects. This on-site visit allowed the visitors to witness the university's dedication to practical, environmentally friendly solutions in action. The delegation was impressed with the progress made and expressed their enthusiasm for potential joint efforts in similar projects.

The collaboration between the Polish delegation and UNILAK signifies a promising step towards international cooperation in the field of environmental protection.

This partnership is expected to foster innovation, knowledge exchange, and sustainable practices in addressing pressing environmental issues.



UNILAK students are engaged in conversations about their country's history and pressing issues on campus



By: MBANDA Steven

In a collaborative effort between Rwanda National Students Association, Ministry of National Unity and Civic Engagement and Ministry of Education;

UNILAK students were engaged in conversations about their country's history, the fight against genocide deniers and combating drug abuse and undesirable behaviors among university students.

"One of the key focuses of the conversations is to educate students about the nation's history, particularly the tragic events of the past, including genocide;" said Dr. Assoumpta Muhayisa, the Executive Director of Memory and Genocide Prevention at the Ministry of National Unity and Civic Engagement.

Through interactive sessions, the UNILAK students aim to combat genocide denial and promote historical understanding and reconciliation.

Additionally, the tour addresses the pressing issue of drug abuse and other negative behaviors prevalent among university students.

The Rwanda National Students Association and country officials are actively involved in these discussions, offering insights into policies and support systems that can help create a safer and healthier campus environment.

With strong support from the Rwanda National Students Association and country officials, this collaborative effort strives for a brighter future for university students across the nation.





UNILAK received Oxford's Rhodes Scholar as Outreach Ambassador

By: Kayitesi NINA IRAKOZE

UNILAK is excited to welcome Brian Micheni, a PhD student in Education at the prestigious University of Oxford, as a Rhodes Scholar and Outreach Ambassador for East Africa. Brian's visit to UNILAK aimed to explore potential opportunities for an in-person outreach session to enlighten students about the Rhodes scholarship and its numerous benefits.

As an Outreach Ambassador, Brian's primary focus was to provide UNILAK students with a comprehensive understanding of the Rhodes scholarship program. The session covered essential topics such as the application process, the significance of the scholarship, and the remarkable opportunities it offers for academic, personal, and professional growth. He aimed to support students by offering first-hand tips and advice throughout their application journey. By sharing personal experiences and insights, Brian sought to inspire and encourage aspiring scholars from UNILAK to pursue their dreams of studying at the University of Oxford.

During the engaging outreach session, Brian also discussed other scholarship opportunities available at the University of Oxford. This broader perspective aimed to inform students about the wide range of funding options and academic programs offered at one of the world's leading educational institutions.

Additionally, Brian shared insights regarding the Mandela Rhodes Scholarship, an esteemed award he had the privilege of receiving in the past. By discussing his personal journey and the transformative impact of such scholarships, Brian aimed to inspire students to explore various funding opportunities and seize them to pursue their academic and personal goals.

The University management expressed its gratitude for Brian's visit, recognizing the value of such outreach sessions in empowering students and opening doors to exceptional academic opportunities. The university administration hopes that Brian's visit will inspire and motivate its students to strive for excellence, broaden their horizons, and pursue prestigious scholarships like the Rhodes scholarship.

UNILAK looks forward to fostering a continued relationship with the Rhodes Trust and other renowned institutions, facilitating access to invaluable opportunities for its students.

With Brian's visit serving as a catalyst, the university aims to empower its students and support their academic aspirations, ultimately contributing to the growth and success of future leaders in education and beyond.

Dr.Sárdi encourages UNILAK students to explore scholarship opportunities at ELTE University.

By: KAYITESI IRAKOZE Nina

Dr. Rodolf Sárdi, in charge of Global Education Liaison in the Faculty of Social Sciences at Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), recently met with UNILAK students to introduce them to the rich academic offerings and diverse scholarship opportunities available at ELTE.

ELTE University, situated in the heart of Budapest, has gained recognition as one of Hungary's most prestigious and internationally acclaimed higher education institutions. Dr. Sárdi's visit to UNILAK aimed to strengthen the ties between the two universities and open doors for prospective students from UNILAK to explore the educational possibilities at ELTE.

During his visit, Dr. Sárdi addressed a gathering of students and staff, emphasizing the importance of global education and cross-cultural experiences. Today, the world is more interconnected than ever before, and international education plays a pivotal role in shaping the leaders and thinkers of tomorrow. ELTE University is committed to providing a world-class education and research environment to students from around the world: said Dr. Sárdi during his address.

One of the primary focuses of Dr. Sárdi's visit was to introduce the various scholarship opportunities available at ELTE University for international students. ELTE offers a wide range of scholarships,

including merit-based scholarships, research fellowships, and grants for students pursuing undergraduate, masters, and doctoral degrees.

These scholarships are designed to support exceptional students in their academic pursuits and contribute to the university's diverse and vibrant international community.

After his address, Dr. Sárdi engaged in an interactive Q&A session with the students, addressing their queries about admission procedures, academic programs, and life in Budapest. He also encouraged UNILAK students to explore the possibility of studying at ELTE University and experiencing Hungary's rich culture and history.

The visit by Dr. Rodolf Sárdi served as a significant step in strengthening the educational ties between UNILAK and ELTE University, providing a pathway for aspiring students to explore the world-class educational opportunities and financial support available at ELTE.

Prospective students from UNILAK left the event inspired and motivated to explore the possibility of becoming a part of ELTE's rich academic tradition and multicultural community. This collaboration holds promise for fostering global academic exchange and enriching the educational experiences of students from both institutions.



A *Public Lecture* on Hope and Justice in the EAC Court of Justice took place at UNILAK



Prof. Phooko Moses, The Speaker at the Event

In a bid to foster a deeper understanding of hope and justice within the East African Community (EAC) Court of Justice, UNILAK organized a public lecture where Professor Phooko Retselisitsoe, a lecturer in the Faculty of Law was the speaker.

The event has drawn an audience of students, lecturers, and legal practitioners from across the country, all eager to engage in discussions that could yield valuable lessons for the Southern African development community.

The lecture, held at UNILAK conference room on the 22nd of September, 2023, commenced with an opening address by the university's Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Administration and Finance, Mr. Richard Niyonkuru, who welcomed the attendees and highlighted the significance of discussing hope and justice within the context of the East African region.

Prof. Phooko, who was the speaker at the event, has brought his wealth of knowledge and experience.

Participants at the event were actively engaging in discussions centered on the lessons that can be learnt from the EAC Court of Justice jurisprudence.

“One of the primary objectives of this lecture is to stimulate critical thinking and generate ideas that could contribute to the development of the African continent as a whole.

Many believe that the successes and challenges can provide valuable insights for other regional communities seeking to promote economic integration, peace, and prosperity,” said Mr. Robert Turyahebwa, the dean of the faculty of Law.

The diverse audience at UNILAK includes students eager to expand their understanding of regional legal systems, lecturers who are keen on staying updated with the latest developments in the field, and legal practitioners who hope to gain new perspectives on the complexity of justice in the EAC.

The conversations revolved around the practical implementation of legal and ethical frameworks to address the challenges facing the region, including issues related to human rights, trade, and governance.

The event which took place at UNILAK serves as a testament to the importance of education and dialogue in shaping a brighter future for the East African region and the entire continent.

The public lecture on hope and justice in the EAC Court of Justice at UNILAK promises to be a transformative event, fostering a deeper understanding of regional legal systems and their potential impact on African development.



SOME OF 2023 BEST EVENTS



UNILAK and the Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography (XIEG), and the Chinese Academy of Science (CAS) reflecting on the past decade of collaboration



UNILAK students were introduced to AkadomoRw reseller's program



"Proud Graduates of the 17th Graduation Ceremony, Marching Towards Success



UNILAK joined the world to celebrate the World Environment Day



Group photo after the MOU signing ceremony between UNILAK and Yonsei University



The vibes of the cultural diversity day at UNILAK



A delegation from Poland visited the UNILAK water waste treatment project



UNILAK joined hands with Article26 Organization



UNILAK staff coming together to celebrate International Labor Day



UNILAK empowers its students to become the best versions of themselves.



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UNILAK students introduced to AkadomoRW Reseller's program



BY: Denyse NIYOGAKIZA

The campaign proved to be a valuable platform for introducing the AkadomoRW Reseller Program and educating students about the opportunities available in the business world.

The Rwanda Internet Community and Technology Alliance (RICTA) introduced Students of the university of Lay Adventists of Kigali to AkadomoRW reseller's program and further opportunities that await them.

As per the statistics from RICTA; more than 5000 businesses and institutions in Rwanda use other generic domain names such as Dot Com and Dot Org, which can be detrimental to their online presence and business identity.

Many people are not appropriately informed about the benefits of Dot RW domain name and the benefits that they stand to gain by choosing and using it.

This campaign was set to engage students and acquaint them with the world of business through affiliate marketing.

"The information provided on AkadomoRW by the Chief Executive Officer of RICTA, Ms. Ingabire Grace shed light on the significance of supporting the local .rw domain extension. The subsequent Q&A session allowed for further clarification, ensuring that students had a comprehensive understanding of the presented material", said Ms. Linda Museruka, a student in level 2 of Software Engineering.

"The campaign fostered a spirit of collaboration and provided valuable insights for us interested in venturing into the domain of business and affiliate marketing;" she added.

The campaign was facilitated by the management of the Faculty of Computing and Information Sciences and was meant for students of that faculty in a bid to link the knowledge learnt in classes to the practices on the market.

Members of AERG - TWUSIKIVI hold a meeting to discuss virtuous values in Women



Members of AERG - TWUSIKIVI

BY: Jean B. NIYITEGEKA

On the 5th of October 2023, members of the Students Survivors Association, AERG TWUSIKIVI, a student-led organization, gathered for a meeting that focused on promoting positive values among young women. The meeting, held at UNILAK Nyanza Campus, drew a diverse group of students from different faculties of Nyanza Campus.

The primary objective of this gathering was to emphasize the importance of cultivating and upholding good values, with a particular focus on young women. The meeting focused on the need for young women to be role models in society and encouraged attendees to strive for excellence in both their personal lives and communities.

Participants were engaged in a series of discussion to explore the concept of good values and how they can positively impact the lives of individuals and the broader community. Topics ranged from integrity and empathy to leadership and resilience. The meeting concluded with a commitment from all attendees to take the lessons learned and ideas generated back to their respective duties and responsibilities as students.

The Survivors Association pledged to provide ongoing support to help students implement these initiatives. As the meeting came to a close, there was a sense of renewed enthusiasm among the students, who left with a shared vision of fostering a society where good values are cherished and upheld, especially among young women.



UNILAK and AERG National and SURF collabollate to address mental health issues

BY: MBANDA Steven

In a significant step towards prioritizing the mental well-being of its students, UNILAK has teamed up with the counselor psychologist Chantal Mudahogora, hailing from Canada, along with representatives from the AERG National and SURF (Survivors Fund) organizations.

The collaboration aims to provide essential guidance and support to UNILAK students in dealing with mental health illnesses and psychological challenges, including stress, trauma, depression, and substance abuse.

The initiative kicked off with a comprehensive workshop that shed light on the importance of preventing and handling mental health issues. Chantal, a seasoned expert in the field emphasized that mental illnesses are diseases just like any other, and they require the same level of attention and specialized treatment.

The workshop highlighted that seeking help and support for mental health concerns is crucial for overall well-being.

Addressing a pressing concern among today's youth, the latest session centered around substance abuse, specifically focusing on drug abuse. Students were educated about the risks associated with substance abuse and the potential consequences it can have on their mental and physical health.

The goal of this session was to equip students with the knowledge and tools needed to make informed decisions and avoid falling into the trap of substance abuse.



One student who attended the session shared, The workshop was very informative, and the trainer provided valuable insights. The administration should definitely organize more of such sessions and ensure that all students are informed about them.

To ensure continuous support and education, UNILAK, in collaboration with AERG National, and SURF, has committed to holding similar workshops on the first Wednesday of every new month. This ongoing series aims to provide a platform for students to engage in discussions about mental health, share their experiences, and learn effective strategies to manage their mental well-being.



Nyanza Conference Room and Guest House



Photo 1 : Conference Room



Photo 2 : Conference Room



Photo 3 : Inside the Conference Room



Photo 4 : Inside The guest House



Photo 5 : Bedrooms



Photo 6 : Guest House

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The Museum of Environment hosted nine international students for practical training



The Faculty of Environmental Studies at UNILAK has taken a significant step towards enhancing the practical knowledge and employability of its students by partnering with various institutions to offer internship opportunities. The primary objective is to bridge the gap between theoretical classroom learning and real-world application, ensuring that students are fully prepared to meet the demands of the job market upon graduation.

From August to September 2023, nine international students embarked on a transformative journey that allowed them to witness environmental practices up close and apply the knowledge and skills they acquired in the classroom to real-world situations. This initiative not only enriched their educational experience but also equipped them with specific skills that will prove invaluable for their professional development.

The Museum of Environment, located in Karongi in the Western Province of Rwanda; renowned for its commitment to promoting environmental awareness and conservation, opened its doors to these students.

The institution provided a practical setting where students could witness firsthand the challenges and solutions in the field of environmental studies. Interns were given the opportunity to collaborate with experts, work alongside museum staff, and participate in various projects that encompassed a wide range of environmental issues.

During their six-week internship, the students engaged in a variety of activities. They conducted field studies, analyzed data, and participated in workshops and seminars conducted by experts in the field. This hands-on experience allowed them to develop a deep understanding of environmental issues and to apply their theoretical knowledge to practical problem-solving.

The international students who participated in this internship program expressed their gratitude for the opportunity. Mr. Prince Fobay, a UNILAK student from Liberia, noted, "This internship has been an eye-opener. It allowed me to see how theories we learn in the classroom translate into real-world solutions. I am now better equipped to make a meaningful contribution to environmental causes."

This partnership between the UNILAK Faculty of Environmental Studies and institutions like the Museum of Environment exemplifies a commitment to providing students with a comprehensive education that prepares them for the challenges and opportunities in their chosen field. It is a testament to the importance of practical experience in shaping future professionals who can make a significant impact on environmental conservation and sustainability.



UNILAK celebrated cultural diversity day, Embracing Global Unity



Representing Rwandan Culture

UNILAK, held its first-ever Cultural Diversity Day this year of 2023. The event brought together students from diverse backgrounds and nationalities, fostering a sense of unity and appreciation among different cultures represented on campus.

The university's management expressed their excitement over the success of the event, highlighting the importance of recognizing and preserving cultural diversity. When we brought together our students in these extracurricular activities, it is an opportunity for us to show them that we are the same even though our cultures are different and that every culture must be preserved and respected, they attested. The day's festivities were marked by a series of captivating performances, presentations, and exhibitions from students hailing from more than 25 different countries. These diverse displays included traditional dances, moving poems, and reenactments of ceremonial rituals like weddings. Each presentation provided uniqueness on the cultural treasures that international students have brought with them to UNILAK.

Mr. Emmanuel Patrick, a dedicated Law Faculty student hailing from Liberia, emphasized the significance of Cultural Diversity Day as a welcoming gesture to international students, noting that it bridges any potential gaps and fosters a sense of equality among students from different nations.

Having a Cultural Diversity Day in our university is the best welcome note for us as international students stated Emmanuel. It sends a powerful message that no nationality is superior to others, and that we are all equal members of this diverse community. UNILAK has seen a remarkable increase in its international student population since 2019, now welcoming students from more than 25 countries, particularly from West African nations. The institution's commitment to promoting cultural diversity has not only enriched the educational experience for all students but also exemplifies its dedication to creating a global community of learners.

The inaugural Cultural Diversity Day at UNILAK not only celebrated the distinctiveness of various cultures but also served as a powerful reminder of the importance of unity and respect in an increasingly interconnected world. It was a day of learning, sharing, and appreciation, setting a precedent for future celebrations of diversity on campus.



Pastor Nyamaswa Ephron, Esteemed University Dean of Students and Chaplain, Mourned by UNILAK Community



Pr Nyamaswa Ephron

BY: KAYITESI IRAKOZE Nina

UNILAK community is mourning the untimely passing of Pastor Nyamaswa Ephron, a distinguished figure who wore multiple hats as a devoted Dean of Students, Head of Chaplaincy, and Lecturer. His sudden demise has left a void in the hearts of students, faculty, and staff at the institution.

Pastor Ephron, known for his unwavering dedication to both education and spirituality, passed away on the Second day of September 2023, leaving behind a legacy of wisdom, compassion, and guidance that will be remembered for generations to come.

A man of profound faith and intellect, Pastor Ephron had been an integral part of UNILAK family for 14 years. As a lecturer, he inspired countless students with his deep knowledge and passionate teaching style.

His lectures were not just academic exercises but opportunities for spiritual growth and introspection.

In addition to his role as a Dean of Students, Pastor Ephron served as the Head of Chaplaincy at UNILAK.

Under his leadership, the university chaplaincy became a sanctuary for students seeking spiritual guidance, solace, and support.

His weekly sermons and counseling sessions provided comfort and inspiration to many, making UNILAK a place of spiritual growth.

In his capacity as Dean of Students, Pastor Ephron was a mentor and advocate for UNILAK students' body.

“His open-door policy, listening ear, and sincere concern for the welfare of our students made him a trusted confidant.

He consistently worked to enhance the student experience, leaving an indelible mark on our university's culture;” declared Prof Jean Ngamije, the Vice Chancellor of UNILAK.

“We will always remember Pastor Ephron for his determined faith, his dedication to education, and his enduring support for our students. His memory will forever be cherished in our hearts.” Added Prof Jean Ngamije.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP OVERVIEW

University of Lay Adventists of Kigali aims to be an innovative and resourceful University that challenges our students and staff to realise their talent, for their own benefit and for the wider good.

University of Lay Adventists of Kigali international strategy aims to deepen and further develop international connections and activities that enhance our teaching and research. For UNILAK, these partnerships provide support for research and service missions; broaden the experience of their students and faculty; identify significant, interesting and relevant problems; enhance regional economic development; and increase employment opportunities for students.

SCOPE OF PARTNERSHIPS

- . Visiting faculty and staff
- . Joint research, service and entrepreneurial activity
- . Exchanges of information and material
- . Joint initiatives in research funding
- . Mobility/exchange of students
- . Development of educational services, community services and international activities.

STRATEGIC INTERNATIONAL AIMS

- To deepen and further develop international connections and activities that enhance our research, enterprise, teaching and learning through the Research Office.
- To embed internationalization in everything we do across our core activities at home and abroad, including promoting and supporting initiatives to internationalise our curriculum, establishing collaborative teaching and learning opportunities for students both at home and abroad and in line with our Education and Research Strategy;
- To refocus / further align our international initiatives with global challenges and the United Nations'

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