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UNILAK welcomes 10 Professors from Nigeria's Technical Aid Corps

UNILAK proudly welcomed 10 professors from the Technical Aid Corps (TAC) program, an initiative of the Nigerian government, in a formal reception held today. The esteemed academicians, who arrived in Rwanda on Friday, were officially received by the university's management in a warm and welcoming ceremony presided over by the Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academics and Research.

Dr. Emmanuel Hakizimana; the Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic and Research delivered an address, emphasizing the longstanding and fruitful relationship between Nigeria and Rwanda. He particularly highlighted the strong ties between UNILAK and Nigeria, which have made the TAC program a reality at the institution.

"This is the first time we are hosting a cohort of experts through the TAC program, and we are proud to welcome such a distinguished group of academicians to our university. We believe this partnership will be highly beneficial to the entire university community,"

Dr. Emmanuel remarked.



He went on to assure the professors that UNILAK will fully support them throughout their stay, promising close collaboration in their academic and research endeavors. He concluded by wishing them a pleasant and productive time at the university. On behalf of the TAC team, the professors expressed their commitment to fulfilling their responsibilities and maintaining the strong relationship between their home country and Rwanda.

“We are here to give our best and will not disappoint the Nigerian government, which has entrusted us with this important mission,” said Prof. Jerome Obo Ihuma, the representative of the team, pledging to uphold the integrity of the program and to contribute positively to the academic environment at UNILAK.

The TAC initiative is designed to strengthen international cooperation by providing Nigerian professionals to partner countries in need of expertise. UNILAK is excited to be part of this collaborative effort and looks forward to the knowledge and experience the professors will bring to the university community.

UNILAK Law Students Triumph at 2024 National Moot Competition



Law students from UNILAK emerged victorious in the final round of the 2024 National Moot Competition on International Humanitarian Law (IHL), held on October 18th, 2024.

This prestigious event, organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Rwanda, marks the 8th edition of the competition, which invites law students from various Rwandan universities to participate.

This year's event featured teams from the University of Rwanda (UR), University of Kigali (UoK), Université Libre de Kigali (ULK), Institut d'Enseignement Supérieur de RUHENGRI (INES-RUHENGRI), and UNILAK.

In the final round, two teams faced off, with one team acting as the prosecution and the other as the defense. The finalists included students from UNILAK and ULK.

The UNILAK team delivered an impressive performance, ultimately winning the competition. Among the standout participants was Aimé Shema, a final-year law student, earning recognition as the best defender for his exceptional performance.

As champions, the UNILAK team will be fully sponsored by ICRC Rwanda to represent Rwanda in the upcoming All-Africa IHL Moot Court Competition, set to take place in Nairobi, Kenya, from November 3rd to 8th, 2024. This esteemed event gathers the best moot court teams from across the continent, providing a platform for students to showcase their legal expertise on a broader stage.

The community of UNILAK extends its heartfelt congratulations to the winning team and wishes them all the best as they prepare to represent Rwanda in this prestigious competition.





*UNILAK Celebrates
International Day for
Disaster Risk Reduction*



UNILAK marked the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction on October 24, 2024, with a focus on the theme "The Role of Education in Protecting and Empowering Youth for a Disaster-Free Future." This year's celebration highlighted the importance of education in enhancing disaster preparedness among young people, emphasizing the critical need for safe learning environments.

The day featured a dynamic fire contingency plan simulation, allowing students and staff to practice emergency response strategies. This hands-on approach reinforced the significance of preparedness and the practical application of safety initiatives within the university community.

The event also included insightful presentations from experts in disaster management and education. Speakers discussed the vital role that the education sector plays in mitigating disaster risks for school-aged children, urging investment in three key areas: protecting children and youth through safe schools and educational facilities, empowering them with knowledge and skills for safety, and endorsing the implementation of the Comprehensive School Safety Framework 2022-2030.

In line with the theme, the university emphasized that education is essential not only for academic success but also for equipping young people with the tools they need to navigate and respond to disasters effectively. By fostering a culture of safety and resilience, UNILAK aims to prepare its students to be proactive agents of change in their communities.

"We are committed to creating a safe educational environment and ensuring our students are prepared to face potential disasters," said Dr. Mupenzi Christophe, the Dean of the Faculty of Environment Studies, during the event. "By investing in education and safety initiatives, we empower our youth to build a disaster-free future."

As part of the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, UNILAK continues to advocate for collaboration between educational institutions and local authorities to enhance disaster risk reduction strategies. This celebration serves as a reminder of the crucial role education plays in safeguarding future generations.





CIS Students complete intensive block chain training with ICP Rwanda

In a significant step towards fostering innovation and technological advancement, students from UNILAK Faculty of Computing and Information Sciences successfully completed a five-day intensive block chain training session.

The program, organized by Internet Computer (ICP) Rwanda, aimed to equip students with cutting-edge skills and knowledge in block chain technology, one of the fastest-growing sectors in the digital world.

The training, led by experts from ICP Rwanda, covered key aspects of block chain development; students also had the opportunity to work on hands-on projects that reinforced their learning.

Speaking on the completion of the training, one of the participants, Marick , a final-year student in the Faculty of Computing and Information Sciences, expressed his excitement about the experience.

“This training has been an eye-opener for me. Block chain is transforming industries globally, and now I feel confident in my ability to apply what I have learned in real-world scenarios. The practical experience has been invaluable,” she said.

Dr. Enan Nyesheja, Dean of the Faculty of Computing and Information Sciences, praised the students for their dedication and emphasized the importance of such initiatives in the university's curriculum.

"Block chain technology is reshaping the future of finance, supply chains, and even governance. By offering our students the opportunity to engage with this transformative technology, we are preparing them for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in the tech industry," Dr. Enan noted.

Representatives from ICP Rwanda were equally enthusiastic about the collaboration.

"It is always inspiring to see young minds so engaged in learning new technologies. The students from UNILAK have demonstrated great potential, and we look forward to future collaborations that will deepen their understanding and experience with blockchain."

The successful completion of the training marks an important milestone for UNILAK as it continues to position itself as a leader in technology education.

The university remains committed to providing its students with access to high-quality learning experiences that will equip them with the skills needed to excel in the fast-evolving digital economy.

About ICP Rwanda

ICP Rwanda is part of the Internet Computer project; global initiatives aimed at revolutionizing the internet through decentralized computing and block chain technology. The organization is dedicated to educating and empowering the next generation of block chain developers in Africa.



UNILAK celebrates new Students' Union committee members



Last week, UNILAK held a vibrant swearing-in ceremony for the newly elected Students Union committee members across all its campuses. The event was a celebration of student leadership and community spirit, bringing together students, faculty, and staff to recognize the contributions of the outgoing committee while welcoming the new members.

The ceremony kicked off with heartfelt acknowledgments of the outgoing committee, who were praised for their dedication and hard work during their term. Their efforts in fostering a supportive environment for students and enhancing campus life were particularly highlighted.

Following this, the newly elected committee members were sworn in, receiving a warm welcome from the university community. With a shared commitment to representing the diverse voices of students, this dedicated team will serve for one year, working collaboratively to address student needs and enhance the overall university experience.

UNILAK is excited about the potential of the new committee and stands ready to support them in their initiatives. The university community looks forward to a successful term ahead, filled with new ideas and positive changes. Here's to the new committee may their tenure be marked by success and impactful leadership!



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