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MESSAGE FROM

The Vice Chancellor



Dear readers,
welcome to the february edition of the UNILAK newsletter. February has been a month marked by purposeful activity and significant milestones that continue to reflect our shared commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and global engagement.

We began the month by bringing together our administrative leadership for a workshop designed to enhance operational efficiency and foster a culture of excellence across the university.

This initiative stands as a testament to our dedication to continuous improvement in service delivery and institutional effectiveness. On the student front, we are proud to highlight the participation of our faculty of law students in a conference hosted by the pakistan embassy in Rwanda.

The event brought together professionals, academics, and diplomats to engage in a rich dialogue on the essential connection between stable security frameworks and sustainable economic development. Our student's involvement in such high-level discourse is both commendable and inspiring.

In line with our strategic focus on expanding learning opportunities, UNILAK has entered into a valuable partnership with luthien&cornerstone ltd, enabling our students to pursue globally recognized professional certification, including CPA, ACCA, CIPS, and PMP. This collaboration opens new doors for our learners to enhance their career prospects on a global scale. Internationally, we are excited about our growing collaboration with Emory university, focusing on technical and academic support for our emerging science programs particularly in the field of public health.

We also had the pleasure of hosting a delegation from Naruto, Japan, whose visit served to explore avenues for academic and research partnerships. These developments reaffirm our position as a dynamic, forward-thinking institution that is deeply connected to both our local community and the global academic landscape.

Thank you for being part of our journey.
I invite you to explore this edition for more stories that reflect the vibrant life of UNILAK.

Prof. Jean NGAMIJE
Vice Chancellor - UNILAK





UNILAK Hosts workshop on enhancing service delivery and professionalism

UNILAK administrative staff were convened for a one-day workshop under the theme "Enhancing service delivery and professionalism for UNILAK administrative staff." The session, designed to strengthen efficiency and excellence in university operations, underscores the institution's commitment to continuous improvement in service delivery.

The workshop brought together administrative personnel from various departments and UNILAK campuses to engage in discussions, training, and interactive sessions focused on the best practices in professionalism, effective communication, and operational efficiency.

Different presenters equipped participants with the necessary skills to enhance their roles within the university. speaking at the opening of the workshop, Prof. Jean Ngamije, the university vice chancellor, emphasized the significance of the initiative.

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Throughout the day, participants explored topics such as time management, workplace ethics, problem-solving strategies, and the use of digital tools for administrative efficiency. Additionally, the workshop provided a platform for staff members to share experiences and insights, fostering a culture of continuous learning and collaboration.

UNILAK remains committed to investing in its workforce, recognizing that professional development is essential for maintaining high standards in service delivery.

The insights gained from this workshop are expected to contribute significantly to the institution's broader mission of providing a supportive and efficient administrative framework for students and faculty alike.



“Workshops like these are not just events they are opportunities to grow together, to share knowledge, and to strengthen our collective vision for UNILAK’s future. Your dedication and professionalism are the foundation upon which we continue to build a university that not only educates, but also inspires and transforms.”

Prof. Jean NGAMIJE – The Vice Chancellor



UNILAK Law Students Attend Conference on Security and Prosperity at Pakistan Embassy in Rwanda



Photo: Law Students took a Photo with The Ambassador of PAKISTAN in Rwanda

Students from the faculty of law at UNILAK participated in a conference organised by the Pakistan Embassy in Rwanda on February 6, 2025.

The event, which centered on the theme of "How Security Leads To Prosperity," brought together distinguished professionals, academics, and diplomats to discuss the vital link between stable security frameworks and the fostering of economic growth and development.

Our students participated in insightful discussions, engaging with experts and thought leaders on issues relating to national security, peace building, and economic development.

The conference provided an invaluable opportunity for students to broaden their perspectives and network with key professionals in the field.

In addition to the enriching dialogue, Our students were offered promising opportunities for internships and scholarships, setting the stage for further academic and professional growth.

This gesture underscores the importance of such events in enhancing career prospects and international collaborations for UNILAK students.

This conference marks another significant step in UNILAK's commitment to providing its students with global learning experiences and opening doors to further opportunities in the world of law and diplomacy.



UNILAK EXPLORES DEEPER Collaboration with Emory university



Prof. Anthony Uwaya, Head of partnerships at UNILAK, participated in a high - level strategic meeting with senior leadership from Emory university on February 7, 2025.

The meeting brought together academic leaders from both institutions to discuss avenues for strengthened collaboration.

Among the Emory university representatives were Prof. Nunez, Prof. Downes, and other key directors, who engaged in fruitful dialogue with Prof. Anthony on a variety of partnership initiatives.

Central to the discussion were plans launch joint research projects, develop student and staff exchange programs, and provide technical and academic support for UNILAK new science programs, particularly in the field of public health.

“This meeting marks an important step in our commitment to building international academic networks that support innovation, research excellence, and capacity building,” said Prof. Anthony. “We are especially excited about the opportunities to work together on public health challenges that affect our regions and beyond.”

The visit is part of UNILAK broader internationalization strategy, which aims to expand global academic partnerships and enhance the university’s contribution to regional development and knowledge exchange



CONFERENCES DATES:
24-25/09/2025

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND INNOVATION

(ICBMI2025)

THEME: Building Co-operatives Resilience:
Strengthening Capacity building,
Innovation, Inclusiveness
and Sustainability.

ICBMI2025 IMPORTANT DATES:

- Call for paper: 10/03/2025
- Abstract submission deadline: 30/05/2025
- Notification of acceptance: 15/06/2025
- Full paper submission deadline: 15/08/2025
- Registration closing date: 18/09/2025

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- International presenters: 50 USD
- Local and EAC participants: 30 USD
- Local/EAC presenters: 20 USD



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- Enhancing Co-operative strategic partnerships
- Market Competitiveness and Growth Strategies
- Circular Economy Practices Within Co-operative Frameworks





UNILAK Welcomes a delegation from **Naruto, Japan**

UNILAK was thrilled to host a distinguished delegation from Naruto, Japan, on February 28, 2025 for an important meeting aimed at fostering academic and research collaborations between the two institutions.

The delegation's visit focused on discussing key areas of potential cooperation, with both parties eager to explore opportunities in student exchange programs, joint research initiatives, and cultural engagement.

The meeting marked the beginning of what promises to be a fruitful partnership, paving the way for exciting collaborations in the near future.

During the session, both sides shared insights on their educational frameworks, highlighting the strengths and potential areas for mutual benefit.

The discussions were marked by a shared commitment to enhancing international cooperation and broadening the educational horizons for students and faculty alike.

UNILAK looks forward to working closely with Naruto's academic community and is optimistic about the positive impact these collaborations will have on advancing both institutions' goals in research, innovation, and cross-cultural exchange.



UNILAK SIGNS PARTNERSHIP WITH CORNERSTONE & LUTHIEN ADVISORY LTD TO OFFER PROFESSIONAL COURSES

UNILAK has entered into a strategic partnership with Luthien & Cornerstone Advisory Ltd to offer professional certification courses in CPA, ACCA, CIPS, and PMP.

This landmark agreement, signed for an initial period of five years with the option for renewal, underscores the university's commitment to diversifying its academic offerings, strengthening its existing programs, and addressing the evolving needs of the community.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Dr Emmanuel Hakizimana, Deputy vice chancellor for Academics and Research expressed enthusiasm about the collaboration, highlighting the importance of equipping students and professionals with globally recognised qualifications.

“This partnership is a significant step toward ensuring that our students and the broader community have access to quality professional training that enhances their career prospects and meets industry demands,” he stated.

Cornerstone & Luthien Advisory Ltd, a renowned provider of professional certification training, will bring its expertise to facilitate these courses, ensuring high standards of instruction and alignment with international accreditation bodies.

Through this collaboration, students and professional in the region will have the opportunity to obtain certifications that enhance their employability and professional competencies in accounting, procurement, and project management.



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