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Zetech University Registrar, Alphas Adoga (far right) with new students during the January 2015 intake.

OVER 2,500 NEW STUDENTS ADMITTED IN JANUARY INTAKE

The University Community couldn't begin the year on a more contented note than welcoming new first-year students to the family. Following a successful January 2015 intake, over 2,500 students underwent an exciting and engaging four day orientation programme at the University's Thika Road main campus in early January.

The students, drawn from across the country and five regional countries including Uganda, Tanzania, South Sudan, Burundi and Rwanda attained relevant information and tools they need to explore their new environment, access important resources, engage with their peers as well as the campus community in a wide range of activities and programmes.

The main goal in orientation is to establish and build a foundation for identity development of our students as thoughtful individuals, growing intellectuals and active members of society. The main objectives of the orientation programme are to:

- To welcome students to Zetech and engage them with the history, traditions and values of our community.
- To introduce students to the exciting and challenging academic life of the university.

- To familiarize the new students with the abundant opportunities, responsibilities and resources of the Zetech curriculum.
- To assist students in connecting with the community of their peers and the larger campus and local communities.

Addressing the new students, University Vice Chancellor Prof. Edwin Wamukoya applauded the student for choosing to pursue academic excellence with the university noting that it is the right time and place to begin their transformation to responsible members of the society.

"Today, you are entering a new and definitive phase in your lives. You are laying a foundation to your chosen careers. Make use of the faculty and all the academic facilities available to you to realize your dream. The journey to invent the future begins today", observed the Wamukoya.

University registrar Mr. Alphas Adoga affirmed the university's principle to hold an intense and interactive orientation programme as it provides a timely for students to deeply identify and learn about the institution.

IATA COMMENDS ZETECH'S ROLE IN AIR TRANSPORT TRAINING IN THE REGION



From left: Peter Muasya Tourism and Travel lecturer at Zetech University, IATA's Regional Vice-President, Africa & Middle East – Mr Hussein Dabbas, Zetech University Registrar, Alphas Adoga and IATA Vice President, Africa, Raphael Kuuchi at the forum

Visiting Top Management organ of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) has expressed confidence in the quality of training for its air transport training programmes provided by the university in the country. Speaking at the sidelines of a stakeholders and partners' forum in Nairobi dubbed IATA's Strategic Objective, "Global Development and Regional Delivery, IATA's Regional Vice-President, Africa & Middle East – Mr Hussein Dabbas noted that local partner colleges and universities are playing a key role in uplifting aviation standards in the region.

Mr. Dabbas noted that IATA programmes are globally accepted as they are benchmarked on superior quality to produce reliable and capable aviation professionals. "IATA recognizes the role you play in supporting the growth of the aviation industry in the region and improving air transport standards through training in IATA approved courses", said Dabbas.

He urged the university to spearhead efforts to continuously

explore ways of improving quality as a way of facilitating growth of the industry in Kenya among local training centres as this will create job opportunities for the youth.

University registrar Mr. Alphas Adoga noted that the university has been a leading centre in the country in teaching IATA approved programmes which are highly regarded by local aviation operators. "IATA is a highly acclaimed trade association for the world's airlines. As such Zetech has diversified training areas that are approved by the body so as to develop professional work force", said Adoga.

Some of IATA training areas include air navigation, airline management, airport operations, cargo, civil aviation, fares and ticketing, ground operations, safety among many others. The university's School of Hospitality is designed to prepare Zetech graduates to work in a dynamic and multifaceted field that is essential to local and regional economies.



Moses Maina, Executive Director, Communication, Corporate and Student Affairs, Zetech University, receives the cheque from Patricia Nzomo (second left) and Francis Cherutich (first left) of Post Bank. With them is the student organizing committee of the upcoming event.

FUN AND KNOWLEDGE AS POSTBANK SPONSORS STUDENTS CAMPUS HANGOUT

Students from across the university took part in the inaugural Postbank sponsored Campus Hangout event that was held at the Thika Road Campus in late January. In a day of fun and excitement, the event ushered in newly admitted students while celebrating the numerous rich talents in music, drama, dance and poetry from the students.

Moses Maina the university Executive Director for Communication, Corporate and Student Activities noted the event aims at providing a platform to students with various talents to gain exposure on public performance while celebrating talent and welcoming new members of the university to the family.

He further observed the event served the fundamental role to complement academics in order to provide a holistic approach to student life while developing their talents.

“The university is excited that the students are creating a culture of growth and development amongst themselves and we

committed to fully support these endeavors.” said Maina.

At the event thousands of students got an opportunity to interact with Post Bank staff and learn how to take care of their money as this is a key foundation for a financially secure future. Post Bank’s Patricia Nzomo highlighted the importance of empowering young people through such forums to bring out their skills set and discover new things about themselves.

“This is a great platform for the students to entertain each other through presentation of their various talents as well as get to know each other better; this indeed is the kind of initiative Post Bank is proud to support.” Ms. Nzomo shared.

“We are thrilled at the gesture by Post Bank to support this event that is expected to welcome new and continuing students to a year of great success.” explained David Manza, Interim organizing secretary, Zetech Students Associations.



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CENTRE FOR VIRTUAL STUDIES ENROLLS NEW STUDENTS

The first group of students under the university's Centre for Virtual Studies E-Learning and Distance Learning Programme began their class in January marking another mile stone in the university towards achieving its vision. The programme has attracted hundreds of students from students from diverse backgrounds while cutting across different Counties in Kenya and within the region including south Sudan.

E-Learning and Distance learning are the new university learning avenues designed to ensure access to quality higher education is available to all discerning learners from anywhere.

The programme provides students with alternative mode of learning other than fulltime or part time classes to undertake programmes in various disciplines.

STUDENTS UNDERGO AN INTENSE JOB READINESS SKILLS TRAINING



Students are taken through an employment skills training to prepare them for the job market.

While the country struggles to incorporate ready youth into employment, Zetech has invested in employment skills training for the growing student base to better empower them to easily fit into the job sector in the country and across the world upon graduation.

Through the Placement Office, the varsity has partnered with the Africa Youth Trust (AYS) to provide two month training that began in January and will run through the month of February in all the university's campuses. The training is designed to in particular engage participants on the skills and attitudes needed to complement one's course work to secure a job.

"The training is designed to liberate young minds on the desired qualities that employers are seeking out today," observes Lameck Tala, Placement Officer at the university. Tala also notes that students are expected to present a well written CV and a cover letter following the training.

In addition, they are expected to prepare a detailed personal and a career development plan to enable them to analyze their strengths and weaknesses and use this information on deciding what industry they want to work in.

"The training is done thrice a week for sustenance of the message and once they are done, they receive a certificate of participation."

Zetech indeed remains a model of success committed to holistically enrich the lives of students academically and in talent and developments.

TITANS KICK OFF ZUKU BASKETBALL LEAGUE ON A WINNING NOTE



Zetech men's basketball team player in action during the ongoing ZUKU University Basketball League

The men and ladies basketball teams kicked off 2014 on winning ways following the resumption of the Zuku University League season; winning their first matches against their university opponents.

Amid sweat, skill and commitment, the men's Zetech Titans crushed Kenya Methodist University KEMU 54-18 during the first encounter and managed a 52-22 win during the second game in January.

Meanwhile, the ladies basketball team, Sparks, beat African University 30-12 during a heated match at the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT). The month win was completed when they garnered a 30-20 victory over rivals, Kenyatta University.

Expressing delight at the performance of the team, Basketball Coach Job Munene shared that it was a perfect start to a much anticipated season. "The teams performed well and as we celebrate the wins, we are engaged in serious practice to ensure we maintain a winning momentum in coming months." Munene said.

The university enjoyed a superb sporting season in 2014 by closing the year on victorious fronts. The university football team was crowned the Universities and Colleges Football League champions in December while their basketball counterparts were crowned the DSTV Division One champions in the same month.

Sports development is a key pillar under the university Talent Identification and Development Programme.

THESPIANS BEGIN PRACTICE AHEAD OF NAIROBI METROPOLITAN DRAMA FESTIVALS



The Zetech Drama Club, 'The Furnace' display their skills during a practise session.

As the drama festival organizers pen down detailed plans for the year to host colleges and universities in an engaging and thrilling competition, the Zetech Drama Club, The Furnace is wasting no time in getting their house in order.

Following a series of successful auditions in all the campuses for new students attempting to join the esteemed club, members have pitched camp in their training atrium to bring to life the scripts and songs designed to wow judges and the public alike.

“We need to practice efficiently and frequently as we prepare for the Nairobi Metropolitan drama festivals that will take

place during the first week of March; we plan to be ready,” said an excited Alex Njuguna, Vice-Chair of the Drama club.

The Nairobi competition is expected to host a number of higher learning institutions who will battle for the County crown while the ultimate title will be fought for during the National Drama festivals in April.

Last year, the team collected over 13 trophies in various categories at the Kenya National Music and Drama Festivals held in Mombasa in August. The varsity plans to continue developing the arts department by reinforcing the talent Identification and Development Programme at the core of student development.

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