

## MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY VICE CHANCELLOR'S ROUND UP FOR THE WEEK ENDING,

## FRIDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY 2024

- Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) and the County Government of Bungoma, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to strengthen their strategic partnership and foster regional and national development. The ceremony took place on 29th January 2024 at the Bungoma County offices.
- MMUST is set to establish a Grants Management Office, where researchers will be assisted regarding budgets, financial management, procurement, as well as the legal and policy aspects of grants. On 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, a team led by the Director of Research and Postgraduate Support (DRPS), held a meeting to discuss the establishment of the one-stop office, that will ensure Good Financial Grant Practices (GFGP) in MMUST.
- On 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, MMUST hosted the Chief Executive Officer of Mother Planet Technologies- Mr. Harun Opanda, to discuss possible areas of collaboration, including a partnership on the 'Modern Flushing Pit Latrine' project. Mr. Opanda was received by the Director of International Relations and Academic Linkages (DIAL), together with the Director, Science Park Innovation and Incubation Center (SPIIC), Coordinator, Extension Services and Community Outreach and the Chairperson- MMUST TVET Institute board.
- The Department of Nutritional Sciences hosted staff from the University of RIJEKA-Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality Management as part of the Erasmus+ mobility program. On 31st January 2024, the team commenced their activities with a number of insightful presentations and engaging plenary sessions. This was during a two-day workshop that ended on 1st February 2024.

- On Thursday, 1st February 2024, students from the Department of Sustainable Development and Climate Change went on an experiential learning field trip to Nyando constituency in Kisumu County. Led by the Chair of the Department, the trip was aimed at providing students with first-hand insights into the impacts of climate change and disaster response strategies. Throughout the excursion, the students actively engaged with local communities, gaining practical knowledge of disaster and flood management practices, as well as observing sustainable development initiatives in action. This immersive experience not only exposed them to real-world challenges but also contributed to their academic growth and understanding of the course.
- On 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024, MMUST installed assorted equipment at its Weather Station in an effort to enhance climate data collection in the region. The equipment, set up by staff from the School of Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance (SDMHA), in collaboration with the Kakamega Meteorological station, comprised a Stevenson screen, a manual rain gauge and an evaporation panel.

I wish you a blessed weeker Prof. Solomon Shibairo	nd ahead!	02/02/2024
Vice Chancellor	Signature	Date