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Ruto: Kenya's Journey To Becoming Global Industrial Powerhouse On Course

By: Beth Nyaga



President William Ruto .

Worth Noting:

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President William Ruto has affirmed Kenya's progress towards becoming a global industrial powerhouse, citing robust investor confidence as a key driver.

He emphasized that this confidence is attracting significant foreign and local investments, bolstering the country's industrial agenda.

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"Competitive bidding will guarantee lower prices enhancing the savings buy-

ers will accrue compared to traditional purchasing and car importation," he added.

President Ruto also announced the commencement of construction for 1000 affordable housing units at the special economic zone, underscoring the government's commitment to similar economic zones across the country, including Dongo Kundu in Mombasa, Sagana in Kirinyaga, Thika, Egerton, Eldoret, and Busia.

He lauded the Naivasha Special Economic Zone's industrial park as a pivotal step in Kenya's industrialization journey, highlighting its status as the first Japanese car auction facility in Africa.

President Ruto further disclosed plans for five additional investors to establish operations in Naivasha, including an electric vehicle manufacturing company.

To support this growth, the government

has acquired an additional 5,000 acres to transform Naivasha into a fully-fledged industrial city.

The President said the zone's benefits, include the ability to purchase vehicles using the Kenyan shilling, competitive bidding leading to lower prices, and the potential stimulation of the vehicle spare parts industry and overall automotive sector activities.

Governor Susan Kihika of Nakuru highlighted the zone's potential to create more than 100,000 job opportunities therefore addressing unemployment and fostering manufacturing growth in the region.

She cited the lower electricity tariff Ksh 5 per kilowatt-hour and urged investors to capitalise on the opportunity.

Japanese Ambassador to Kenya Okaniwa Ken said the investments in the special economic zone had the full backing

of the Japanese Government.

"Kenya is a gateway to African markets and other countries will be opened up," he noted

Naivasha MP Jayne Kihara hailed the facility's impact on the local economy, envisioning it as a catalyst for putting Naivasha on the global map.

Principal Secretaries Abubakar Hassan (Investment Promotion) and Alex Wachira (Energy), along with MPs John Kiarie (Dagoretti) and Maina Karobia (EALA), were also present at the event.

The CEO of Jumbo Africa Auto Auction Ltd, Zahid Khan, and chairman Chaudhry Rehman expressed gratitude for the government's support in their endeavours.

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Elgeyo Marakwet County has commissioned a Sh50 million fresh produce market in Iten town. This milestone project aims to boost economic activities in the area and accommodate the burgeoning business community. The newly constructed market, boasting multiple stories, will not only be a hub for fresh produce but also offer convenient parking space capable of accommodating at least 60 vehicles simultaneously. Speaking at the ground-breaking ceremony, Elgeyo Marakwet Governor, Wisley Rotich, emphasised the significance of the market in the context of the “Presidential bottom-up economic model.” The Iten new market is designed to host up to 600 business operators, providing them a conducive environment to ply their trade. However, Governor Rotich also pointed out challenges hindering development, urging conservative plot owners to embrace change and relinquish possession to facilitate progress.



The annual fish fiesta celebrations go down in Kisumu this weekend with the organisers banking on the event to promote tourism. Governor Anyang Nyong'o said that the Premiere Signature Event to be held for three days starting on Thursday will celebrate the city's rich heritage centred around Lake Victoria as the most significant resource. “It will not be a mere event but a testament to our collective commitment to environmental

stewardship, cultural preservation, and economic empowerment,” Prof. Nyong'o said in a speech read on his behalf by Farida Salim CECM for Tourism, Trade, and Marketing. The extravaganza, he said, will begin with a symbolic gesture of his administration's dedication to a clean and sustainable environment through a clean-up exercise. One of the key highlights of the extravaganza will be the engagement in thought-provoking plenary discussions to explore the fish value chain, tourism and economic development, and Lake Victoria as a resource. The Fishing Village exhibition stands, he observed, will be a testament to the rich diversity of aquatic life in Lake Victoria and the ingenuity of its fishermen. It is a showcase of tradition meeting innovation, where ancient fishing techniques coexist with modern sustainability practices.

The Turkana County Government, in partnership with Welt Hunger Hilfe, has distributed non-food items (NFIs) to households displaced by rising water levels in Lake Turkana. The exercise, conducted over a five-day period, provided water storage tanks, water purifying tablets, soap, sanitary towels, and buckets to improve water hygiene and reduce vulnerability to waterborne diseases. Principal Public Health Officer Rael Akoru emphasized the importance of proper hygiene and sanitation practices to address health risks associated with the lake's backflow. Deputy Health Promotion Officer Nancy Birech urged the community to avoid open defecation along the lake, as it contributes to cholera cases. The activity, funded by Unicef Kenya, is part of an emergency flood response project that will extend to other flood-affected areas in Turkana North, South, and East Sub-counties.

With the onset of the rainy season, Benson Mutuku, a tree grower in Nanyuki expected a boon from seedling sale but as fate would have it, he is now counting huge losses following a heavy downpour that has destroyed his business. Mutuku, narrating the incident to journalists, said that the raging waters of River Nanyuki swept away about Sh300,000 worth of tree seedlings in Nanyuki town as he watched helplessly on Tuesday afternoon.



“I have incurred a huge loss, almost Sh300,000; everything is gone and I don't know what to do now. This rainy season, I was well prepared and if the rains continue, I have nothing to sell,” pensive Mutuku said. Additionally, he said that it was his first time for such losses and urged the government to help the tree growers that were affected jumpstart their businesses. “If it is possible, since we are keen on environmental conservation, the government needs to come to our aid and support us. My children are depending on me and now I don't know where to start,” said Mutuku. Mutuku is among the scores of residents that were affected by the on-going rainfall in Laikipia County.



The African Church of Kenya, Diocese of Mombasa, is focusing on documenting the history of African Archdeacons who spread Christianity on the Kenyan Coast. The church is hosting the Kenya Christian Biographies Conference, organised by the ACK Diocese of Mombasa Research Institute (DoMRI) and the Dictionary of African Christian Biographies Project. The research, in partnership with Boston University, aims to document the contributions of Archdeacon Canon Nathaniel Mwari Baya, who emphasised the importance of formal and pastoral education for church missions in the Coast region. “We will look at how Christianity grew from those who took over from the missionaries and passed to the emerging church with African leadership,” stated Dr. Mwangi. The research has the potential to motivate the current generation of church leaders to prioritise evangelism and social concerns as essentials for church missions. The biographical studies will also delve into the life of Mama Maryam Mwang'ombe, the wife of the first African Bishop who took over from the missionaries. Dr. Michele Sigg from Boston University emphasises the importance of documenting the history of women who were active in ministry, teaching, and leadership. The diocese of Mombasa is praised for leading the way in preserving history, as it strengthens Christianity and benefits future generations.



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DP In Meeting With Catholic Church Ambassador To Kenya

By: DPCS

Worth Noting:

- He said the government is keen on ensuring a healthy and productive young generation contributing immensely to the social-economic growth of the nation.
- While praising the Catholic Church for playing a significant role in the country's development, he observed that they were open to more engagements in the health, education and humanitarian interventions in the country.
- "We appreciate the good work the Catholic church is doing. In the health sector, the mission hospitals have greatly supplemented the facilities run by the national and county governments," he noted.



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua when he hosted Apostolic Nuncio to Kenya Archbishop Hubertus van Megen yesterday.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has expressed the Government's readiness to closely work with the Catholic Church in the ongoing war against illicit brews, drugs and substance abuse. The Deputy President said the Church is critical in ensuring the success in the battle he is spearheading across the country. Speaking yesterday when he met with the Apostolic Nuncio to Kenya, Archbishop Hubertus van Megen, at the Official Residence in Karen, Gachagua said they have intensified the fight to save thousands of youth immersed in the social ills. "As a Government we will continue working with the Church in the fight against illicit brews, drug and substance abuse. We are grateful for the

support of the Catholic Church and look forward to enhanced support in the war," the DP said.

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ments," he noted.

The DP also appreciated the collaborative efforts in the humanitarian engagements that have seen thousands of Kenyans in need supported with food, medicine, antenatal and postnatal care among others interventions.

"We look forward to intensifying these engagements for the benefit of the people," he said.

With Kenya being at the forefront in pushing Africa to play a better role in the Climate Change response globally, the Deputy President challenged the Church to boost the Government's local initiatives.

"The negative effects of climate change are real. The global response has been slow but the church can help in boosting ongoing efforts against

this phenomenon," he said.

On regional peace and security, the Deputy President said Kenya is playing a central role in efforts to ensure the stability of the region owing to its role as an anchor state.

Archbishop Hubertus van Megen, the representative of the State of Vatican in the country, welcomed the Government's efforts against climate change and other challenges, promising the Church's support.

"The Catholic Church is ready to support the Government in creating a better future for Kenyans," he said.

The Archbishop also delivered Pope Francis' condolences to Kenya for the death of General Francis Ogolla in an air crash last week.

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Equity Bank's Wings To Fly Scholarship Beneficiaries Attend Mentorship Programme

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Over one thousand beneficiaries of the Wings to Fly Scholarship from Equity Bank attended a mentorship programme at Kitui High School in Kitui County.

The programme which was the 15th Annual Equity Education and Leadership Congress, brought together a total of 1,102 beneficiaries drawn from various areas of Eastern Region including Matuu, Mwingi, Kitui and Mutomo.

The programme is part of a nationwide 3-day event that will see a total of 23,101 Form 3 and 4 students who are beneficiaries mentored by specialists assembled in 18 regions across the country.

Speaking during the official roll-out of the 3-day mentorship programme dubbed 'the triad of success', Equity Group Associate Director of Organisation Effectiveness, Culture and Change Mr Alex Obuhatsa, re-

iterated Equity Bank's commitment to provide access to education and also nurture dreams of disadvantaged children.

"Your journey through this programme is just the beginning of a chapter filled with endless great possibilities and opportunities. We encourage you to continuously push the boundaries, pursue your passions, and never lose sight of your immense potential," he advised.

He urged the scholars to focus on education noting that the future holds promise for those who learn and re-learn. Obuhatsa also advised the Equity Bank's Wings to Fly education sponsorship programme beneficiaries to refrain from engaging in social evils that destroy their bright future.

Mr Obuhatsa also emphasised to the scholars that understanding what they are good at and what they are not is key with regards to their empowerment journey.

"Associate yourselves with people who can help you do the right things 'Walk the talk,'" he noted as he urged the scholars to always lead by example.



Equity Group Associate Director of Organisation Effectiveness, Culture and Change Mr Alex Obuhatsa with one of the beneficiaries

"We in Equity Bank community are proud of you and what you have achieved. Focus and keep your eyes on the goal. Everyone has what it takes to become the best," added the

Equity Group Associate Director of Organisation Effectiveness, Culture and Change.

For years Equity Bank, through its Wings to Fly scholarship programme,

has been assisting bright, needy students with fees and other educational necessities in a quest to help them achieve their education dreams.

Refugee Hosting Members Of Parliament Call For Review Of Existing Laws On Alien's Operations In The Country

By: Parliament Team

Members of Parliament from the refugee hosting constituencies have decried inhuman operations in the sector as they called for a review of current legislations on the operations of refugees in the country.

Speaking yesterday, during the Departmental Committee on Regional Development meeting, the MPs apprised the committee on their experiences on hosting refugees in their constituencies indicating that there are many unresolved challenges that needed urgent solutions.

In a session chaired by Majimbo Kalasinga, (Kabuchai Constituency), members expressed concerns that Kenya was straining in sustaining refugees in the camps at the expense of host communities who they said



Lawmakers during the meeting

are endangered socio-economically. "International bodies are not doing host communities justice. In fact, we need a serious inquiry into the matter of refugees so that certain grey matters can be resolved", said Farah

Maalim from Dadaab. Maalim indicated that Dadaab Refugee Camp currently hosts over 400,000 refugees with about 130,000 unregistered which is a worrying trend.

On the other hand, Daniel Nanok from Turkana West constituency pointed out that his area which hosts the Kakuma Refugee and Kalobeyei Camps has a population of about 283,000 people living both in Kaku-

ma and Kalobeyei settlement areas. "In most cases, host communities are left out in employment opportunities, social amenities are constrained and the environment is fast eroding," said Nanok.

The law makers called for a comprehensive engagement with UNHCR, Ministry of interior and National Administration, among others on refugee management in the country in order to flag out the delicate issues between the refugees and host communities.

They emphasized that the host communities were deprived of their rights to socio-economic amenities including provision of water, electricity, education and proper livelihood at the expense of the refugees.

Fafi MP Yakub Farah queried the authenticity of the current statistics on the numbers of the refugees in the camps.

"Hagadera Camp in my constituency, has a population of 140,000 refugees against the 80,000 recorded," he told the committee.

Khamis Chome of Voi constituency echoed their sentiments adding that the refugee's destructive activities affect neighbouring communities especially cutting down trees for firewood.

Further heavy consignments carried by huge UN trucks causes destruction of the road networks.

The committee will be retreating with various stakeholders managing refugees' issues in the country to deliberate on the matter after which a report will be produced and tabled in the House for consideration.

Deputy President In A Consultative Meeting With Leaders On Regeneration Of Nairobi Rivers

By: DPCS



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua addressing Regeneration of Nairobi rivers stakeholders forum yesterday



Worth Noting:

- “The elections are over and what we have now are elected leaders irrespective of which part of political formation they come from. Do not allow myopic politics to come your way. Serve the people without checking political formation. Elections are over, we don’t have this side or that side. We are supposed to serve the people,” he said.
- The leaders led by Nairobi Deputy Governor Njoroge Muchiri and MPs Phelix Jalang’o (Lang’ata), Ronald Karauri (Kasarani), Esther Pasaris (Nairobi Woman Representative), Beatrice Elachi (Dagorreti North), Yusuf Hassan (Kamukunji), Mejjadonk Gathiru (Embakasi Central) and James Gakuya (Embakasi North) praised the Deputy President over his leadership and continuous engagement with all elected leaders across political divide.

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He spoke at his official residence in Karen yesterday during a meeting between Nairobi county elected leaders, Nairobi Rivers Commission and senior government officials on regeneration of Nairobi rivers which he hosted.

Mr Gachagua said the Kenya Kwanza administration will work

and engage with all elected leaders irrespective of their political party affiliation.

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In his remarks, the Deputy President stated that ‘modus operandi’ for President William Ruto’ administration is ‘continuous engagement with the people of Kenya and moreso the elected leaders’.

“Our administration has tremendous respect for leaders, who have been elected to serve the people because they represent the wishes and aspirations of the people who elected them,” said the Deputy President.

The meeting, which was held at the Deputy President’s official residence in Karen Nairobi, was to deliberate on the Nairobi Rivers regeneration program and rehabilitation of the catchment basin.

Cabinet secretaries Adeni Duale (Defence) and Zachary Njeru (Water) and the Chairperson of the Nairobi Rivers Commission Dr Pamela Olet were also present.

The meeting happened at a time most parts of the country are receiving enhanced rains.

“The ultimate goal of the Commission is to reclaim the rivers of Nairobi into the Blue and Green Socio-Economic Resources for improved quality of life. This requires joint action from everyone,” said the Deputy President.

Mr Gachagua asked the leaders to support the rivers’ regeneration program since ‘it is about the people, their future and greening of the city’.

“It is not possible for us to succeed in this program (Nairobi Rivers Regeneration) without the participation and support of the elected leaders in

the City. The program is about the people of Nairobi. The City is important to all Kenyans and all of us,” he said.

“We have a responsibility to make sure that we clean the Nairobi rivers and create an environmental friendly atmosphere in the City, which is the financial hub centre of East and Central Africa so that we bring back the green city in the sun. We have to work together,” said Mr Gachagua.

He also called on the leaders to support eradication of illicit brews and drug abuse in the capital city.

The Deputy President was responding to Kamukunji MP Yusuf Hassan request for enhancement of the ongoing crackdown on illicit brews and drug abuse.

He appealed to the leaders to support the ongoing crackdown and share information with the security agencies.

“We do not want the leaders to participate in the fight, we want them to help us in oversight and sharing of information. Many people in Nairobi have died in illicit brew dens and it is never reported. Security officers condoning the menace will not be transferred to another working station but dismissed from public service,” he stated.

Principal Secretaries Festus Ng’eno (Environment and Climate Change), Teresiah Mbaika (Devolution), Charles Hinga (Housing and Urban Development), Nixon Korir (Lands), Ephantus Kimotho (Irrigation) and Julius Korir (Water) were also present at the meeting.



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua addressing Regeneration of Nairobi rivers stakeholders forum yesterday

President Assents To Bill Seeking To Amend Various Provisions Of 16 Acts Of Parliament

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President William Ruto assented to the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill, 2023, introducing a raft of changes affecting various sectors.

The Bill sponsored by the Leader of Majority Party, Kimani Ichung'wah, was passed by the National Assembly a month ago.

The Bill strengthens the Office of the Attorney-General by establishing an Advisory Board for recruitment and promotion of Deputy Solicitors-General and State Counsels.

For years, the Office of the Attorney-General has been characterized by lack of personnel to perform its functions due to poor terms of employment of State Counsels and lack of a scheme of service for the officers.

Presently, State Counsels are recruited on unfavourable terms of engagement despite the fact that they perform unique roles. engagement of the officers including their terms of employment and scheme of service.

10th October has been designated as "Mazingira Day" through an amendment to the Public Holiday Act. A day for all Kenyans to participate in environment conservation activities including tree planting.

Local manufacturers of denatured



President William Ruto, his deputy Rigathi Gachagua other government officials with copies of the new law..

ethanol who are mostly sugar manufacturers and millers are set to benefit as the Bill amends the Value Added Tax (Cap. 476) to remove VAT on supply of denatured ethanol thus giving local manufactures a competitive advantage to compete with imports of denatured ethanol.

Kenyans can expect easier access to clean energy as the Bill further amends the Value Added Tax (Cap. 476) to exempt gas meters from VAT, promoting the use of pay-as-you-go technology.

The Statute Law also amends the

Industrial Training Act (Cap. 237) to provide that the date for remitting the training levy shall be the ninth day of the month in order to harmonise it with the period within which PAYE is remitted to the Kenya Revenue Authority.

In 2022, the Industrial Training Act was amended to provide for remittance by employers of training levies on 5th of every month to KRA.

Since the commencement of the Act in January, KRA has collected a total of KSh1.45 Billion which was disbursed to NITA for distribution in

accordance with the Act.

Ensuring compliance by employers in remitting training levies shall increase collections by KRA which shall be utilized in paying wages to interns and funding of the operations of TVET institutions and higher education in accordance with the Act.

For effective registration procedures for trusts the Bill amends the Trustee (Perpetual Succession) Act (Cap. 164) to provide that the Registrar of Companies to streamline trust registration procedures by placing the responsibility with the Registrar

of Companies.

Through the Bill the Universities Act has been amended to empower the President to establish specialized degree-awarding institutions focused on national security, enhancing education opportunities.

Enactment of the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Bill, 2023 will exempt the National Intelligence Service from the Employment Act, similar to other national security agencies.

To deter traffic offences penalties relating to minor traffic offences have been enhanced. The Bill also amends the Traffic Act (Cap. 403) to incorporate the use of technology in the management of minor traffic offences under section 117(3).

Other amendments include; Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-Professionals Act (Cap. 366), Civil Aviation Act (Cap. 394), Oaths and Statutory Declarations Act (Cap. 15) Advocates Act (Cap. 16) Notaries Public Act (Cap. 17) and Sexual Offences Act (Cap. 63A).

Present during the signing; the Deputy President, Rigathi Gachagua, Speaker of the National Assembly, Moses Wetang'ula, Attorney General, Justin Muturi, the Leader of the Majority Party, Kimani Ichung'wa, Embakasi Central MP, Benjamin Gathiru, State House Comptroller, Katoo Ole Mitito and the Clerk of the National Assembly, Mr. Samuel Njoroge.

KSG Inks Deal With Huduma Centre

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A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Kenya School of Government and Huduma Kenya.

The MoU was signed at the School by KSG Ag. Director General, Prof. Nura Mohamed and Huduma Kenya Ag. CEO, Mr. Mugambi Njeru, at an event presided over by Chief Guest, Mr. Amos Gathecha, Principal Secretary, State Department for Public Service.

The MoU brings together the expertise of the two organizations that have jointly developed a Customer Service Excellence (CSE) Training

Framework for the Public Service.

Consequently, they are set to establish a Centre of Excellence that will be operated by both KSG and Huduma Kenya to provide training programs aimed at Service Excellence.

At the event, PS. Amos Gathecha challenged all officers to serve with a positive mind and capitalize on the basic things that make a difference in service, illustrating courtesy, respect and dignity that citizens desire and deserve.



KSG Ag. Director General, Prof. Nura Mohamed and Huduma Kenya Ag. CEO, Mr. Mugambi Njeru..

Is Azimio Coalition Taking Advantage Of Gen. Ogolla's Death To Push Its Political Agenda?



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Azimio la Umoja One Kenya Coalition leaders.

Worth Noting:

- I heard Azimio trying to justify their claims by referring to probes conducted by the previous governments. A number of air crashes involving military and police choppers were reported during the era of President Mwai Kibaki and his successor Uhuru Kenyatta.
- At the time, many felt the investigations being conducted were shoddy and hence all along treated them with mistrust and suspicion.
- It seems this mind-set has not changed.
- During the campaign Dr William Ruto, the Kenya Kwanza presidential candidate, reiterated that he would run the country differently. He continued reaffirming this position after he was sworn in.

During the burial of General Francis Omondi Ogolla, the chief of Kenya Defense Forces (KDF) President William Ruto assured Kenyans that no stone will be left unturned in unearthing the cause of the tragic helicopter crash that claimed the lives of General and nine other military personnel.

We have heard the concerns raised by a group of Kenyans surrounding the circumstances that led to this tragic accident.

I want to assure them that we are a responsible government that believes in the rule of law and the constitution.

A probe team to investigate this air crash has been established. The President further asserted that the final report will be made public.

Two days later, the leaders of Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition led by Raila Odinga stepped out and demanded that a thorough investigation into the cause of General's death.

We, therefore, demand that a public judicial inquiry should be set up.

The tone of their statement bordered on early politicization of the investigation and plunging it into a state of confusion and toxic environment.

The investigations had just started. So, it was too early to cast doubt. How did they know the probe will not bear the fruits? Where is evidence?

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Regarding the stigma of political assassinations and extra judicial killings, he vowed during the burial of General Ogolla that this will never happen again under my watch.

You will never hear reports of lifeless bodies being dumped and retrieved in Yala river.

So, I urge Azimio leaders to hold their horses. I know President Ruto means well for this country. Let us give him to time.

A day before the burial of General Ogolla at his home in Ngi'ya, Siaya county, I wrote an article in this column that goes.

Reacting to rumors that were being peddled around in social media, President Ruto stated.

We are not hiding anything. The commission of inquiry has already been set up. I'm sure it will do thorough investigation. I would not expect to fail. The final report will be made public.

The history of Kenya is replete with unresolved cases of what had been documented as political assassinations and extra-judicial killings. Under my watch, this will now become a thing of the past.

As the Commander-In-Chief, the President recalled that his working relationship with departed General Ogolla was very cordial.

He was a finest, brave, humble and indeed great General. He understood his job very well and besides he dedicated all his time to serving this nation.

When I appointed him the CDF, I did not consider his tribe and the region that he hails from.

I instead considered three virtues; Merit, experience and professionalism.

Dr Ruto added; If I had another opportunity I will appoint General Ogolla again. My government will continue to give all Kenyans equal opportunities

to serve in various dockets where their strength lies.

The President had one day earlier attended the memorial service to bid General Ogolla farewell.

The ceremony held at Ulinzi Sports Complex in Langata Nairobi had been organized by the military fraternity.

This happened on a day that the family of the General broke silence over what was being posted in social media.

Much of what you read are pure propaganda and outright lies, Joel, Ogolla's son stated.

For me, he was right. I had followed closely the narrative of some of the social media users.

Without producing an iota of truth to support their claims, they would allege that this was not a normal accident. How did they know? They were not at the scene of the accident. Besides, they lacked knowledge and knew nothing about aircraft's accident.

Initially, the opposition outfit Azimio La Umoja-One Kenya Alliance did not resort to politicizing this sad incident.

Speaking during a visit at General Ogolla's home in Nairobi to console his family, Coalition leaders led by Raila Odinga called for patience and restraint. During the memorial service, Raila stated that General Ogolla died in an air crash. He did not die while fighting an enemy.

So, Azimio's abrupt change of heart two days later raised more questions that answer? Did they realize they can make political mileage out of this tragic incident?

When President Ruto received shocking and devastating news that a military chopper carrying General Ogolla had crashed, he immediately convened and chaired a high profile meeting of National Security Council (NSC) at State House Nairobi.

Thereafter, he broke the sad news that the General along 9 other top military

personnel had died. Two officers survived and were recuperating at hospital.

Dr Ruto eulogized Ogolla as a gallant, experienced, brave and indeed a great soldier.

The President also announced three days of national mourning during which the national flag will fly at half-mast.

The accident occurred in Kaber area on Elgeyo Marakwet and West Pokot border.

General Ogolla died while on a tour of duty of bandits prone North Rift.

He had gone there to visit KDF troops deployed there under the banner of Operation Maliza Uhalifu.

After Dr Ruto assumed office, I listened to one of President Ruto's interviews with journalists from the mainstream media houses which covered a wide range of national issues. Dr Ruto took this opportunity to dismiss his critics in Azimio.

If I am vengeful and vindictive, I would not have appointed General Francis Ogolla as the head of Chief of Defense Forces (CDF).

You know he was one of those who wanted to overturn my victory at the Bomas of Kenya.

For this reason, I had been told not appoint him.

But I told myself, if I do this I will look petty. I will also do injustice to him.

I looked at chequered career. He had the best credentials. That is why I appointed him. I did not look his tribe.

However, contrary to the impression created, the President said.

14 Military Generals were qualified for the position of Chief of CDF. So I had an option to pick one of them.

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Regional PS Calls For Institutionalization Of The East African Local Government Forum In The EAC Foras

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Mr Patrick Mutabwire is a former Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Local Government in Uganda

Worth Noting:

• “Mr Patrick Mutabwire was a former Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Local Government in Uganda. In 2013, I chaired the formulation of the East African Local Government Forum Strategic Plan. I was chair of the Technical committee comprising Permanent Secretaries of Local Government in EAC. I am here to be able to trace where we have come from, and where maybe we can be progressing in the East African Local Government Forum.

• The issues which are here are basically being categorized into two or three: The first one is Institutionalizing the East African Local Government Forum in the East Africa Community foras so that there is a voice.

East Africa Local Governments Forum retreat for permanent secretaries and representatives of County Government umbrella bodies and local government associations at the Kenya School of Government came to a close yesterday afternoon.

This year’s retreat was themed: Strengthening National- Local Cooperation and coordination to deepen devolution in the National and EAC Regional Integration Agenda.

The event had drawn delegates from Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, Burundi, Congo and Somalia.

Sharing his insights, a former Permanent Secretary from Uganda who attended the three days forum had this to say:

“Mr Patrick Mutabwire was a former Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Local Government in Uganda. In 2013, I chaired the formulation of the East African Local Government Forum Strategic Plan. I was chair of the Technical committee comprising Permanent Secretaries of Local Government in EAC. I am here to be able to

trace where we have come from, and where maybe we can be progressing in the East African Local Government Forum.

The issues which are here are basically being categorized into two or three: The first one is Institutionalizing the East African Local Government Forum in the East Africa Community foras so that there is a voice. In most cases when meetings are called, it is the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, East African Community, yet the things which affect our people, are in Local Governments.

So if you do not have functioning local governments or county, whatever is being done nationally or even internationally, even including achieving the SDGs cannot be attained. So these fora help in bringing to the fore and discussing the issues that can make local governments efficient and effective at their sub-national level. And giving services to the people.

The other thing which was at the beginning of the formulation of the East African Local Government forum,

is the question of *local economic development, *and locality development. Local Governments and counties have to be at the fore and center of developing their local economies.

*It’s *no longer useful to state national figures: GDP per capital is so much and so on, so many new investments have come into the country, the question should be: What have you done in your local/county level to attract these investments? Do those statistics apply also to your entity?

If we say for example either Uganda or Kenya had ten thousand foreign direct investments, how much was in your county or local government?

And that can only be achieved if the local government is actively developing the local economy, because when you do so, you will actually touch the households, develop or focus on them, look at how they can improve their welfare, look at the State of Entrepreneurship at the households, these are all works of the local governments and these fora, we have here, help on that by making innova-

tive options.

The other issue, which was brought out prominently was that where can we get innovative finance? We had a presentation from Dr. Jenifer Bukhohe, of UNCDF, and gave illustrations of those specially built projects, of municipal bonds in Tanga which is 23 Million USD. That is a big project.

And was able to demonstrate how they floated a bond, and within two years the people had invested in it. So if the local Government/county has viable projects which may not be in the capacity of the national government, or even the County itself, based on the resources they have, they can use innovative finances such as those to develop. So this forum also was pivotal and very instrumental in exposing all those kind of opportunities.”

Kenya Achieves Key African Target In Fertilizer Usage

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Kenya is among African countries that have achieved the Abuja Declaration on Fertilizer Usage of 50 kilograms (nutrients) per hectare.

State Department for Agriculture Principal Secretary Dr. Kipronoh Ronoh said that the declaration called on all African countries to promote fertilizer use from a low of 8 kg (nutrients)/ha to 50 kg (nutrients)/ha in a span of 10 years and map out strategies for maintaining an upward trajectory in fertilizer application.

Dr. Ronoh said that Kenya being at about 55 kg (nutrients)/ha, is among the countries that have achieved this target. However, this is still far below its apparent annual consumption potential of 1.5 million metric tonnes (MT).

"The current apparent annual consumption in Kenya is estimated at 750,000 MT which is just 50 percent of the potential," said the PS.

Speaking in Nairobi on yesterday during the pre-summit dialogue on the African Fertilizer and Soil Health



Summit, Dr. Ronoh said that Kenya and the African Union Commission (AUC) are jointly organising the summit to take stock of achievements made since the Abuja Declaration. By Joseph Ng'ang'a, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock Development, the Kenyan government has been implementing fertilizer subsidy programmes. The subsidy programmes have been implemented either as a short-term measure to ensure competitive production and sustained

profitability or to facilitate uptake of technologies.

"The continuous use of fertilizers has not often resulted in desired results of increased crop yields; this has been evidenced in the maize crop where the yields have been observed to stagnate. This means focusing also on soil health is critical as nutrient replenishment is necessary for sustainable increase in yields," said Dr. Ronoh.

He added that the Ministry in col-

laboration with other stakeholders has developed the Agricultural Soil Management Policy 2023 to guide the sustainable management of agricultural soils in the country and especially address the low productivity arising from declining soil fertility and deteriorating soil health.

"Soil sampling and testing will be done throughout the country to generate geo-referenced soil nutrient maps that will guide fertilizer application in specific agro-ecological

zones," he said.

According to the PS, the expected outcome of the Africa Fertilizer and Soil Health Summit is endorsement by heads of state and government of a 10-year action plan that will deliver concrete recommendations for steps to be taken by African leaders and stakeholders over the next 10 years.

Dr. Ronoh said that the Action Plan will provide a focus for new policies and investments that will enable farmers to work towards re-building soil health and ultimately increase yield responses and profitability of fertilizers.

"It is also expected that the Action Plan will be endorsed by leading private and public sector partners across all African countries together with the Nairobi Declaration, the 10-Year Action Plan, the Soil Initiative for Africa (SIA) and the Mechanism to Finance the Action Plan (Post-Summit Implementation Process).

The Africa Fertiliser and Soil Health Summit (AFSH) will take place from May 7 to 9, 2024, at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC), Nairobi, Kenya.

Konza Technopolis Signs Mou With Acyberschool To Train Kenyans In AI

By: Bernadette Khaduli
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Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Acyberschool to train one million Kenyan youths on artificial intelligence (AI) and cybersecurity.

The partnership is geared towards positioning Kenyan youth in a vantage position to create and thrive in jobs in the digital economy across Africa and beyond.

The MoU, which was signed yesterday at the ongoing Connected Africa Summit 2024 at Uhuru Gardens in Nairobi, will be implemented in five years, with both parties collaborating in mobilization of resources required to make the partnership successful.

Speaking after the signing, KoTDA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) John Paul Okwiri noted that the partnership will boost the Jitume Digital Skills



programme and accelerate digital skills development in the country.

"This partnership with Acyberschool will enable us to train Kenyan youth on AI, emerging technologies, and cybersecurity solutions. This means that in the near future, we will enhance our

ability to have more jobs in the digital space," said Okwiri.

He added that the programme which will be done in phases is a key target for the two partners, and believes that through mobilising resources together, they will be able to augment their

key efforts in Jitume programmes.

In his remarks, the CEO, Acyberschool and Chairperson, Africa Cybersecurity and AI Foundation (ACAIF) Evalyn Oloo who urged Kenyan youth to take advantage of the training, said the MoU will help

young Kenyans acquire skills required in the market as well as prepare them to be ready for future jobs.

"Cybersecurity and AI are emerging areas which are key to the new digital jobs. We are training Kenyans for the future of work, and I would like to encourage all young people to take this opportunity, train and acquire the relevant skills required to thrive in the digital industry," she said.

The African ICT Industry has been calling on all industry players at the ongoing Connected Africa Summit 2024 which started on Monday this week to leverage young people and advance the digital space.

Currently, Konza Technopolis, ICT Authority and The Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority are spearheading the Jitume Programme training together with the private sector in an endeavour to provide specialised training and resources to support growth.

Musiika And The New Creation

To the west side,
Under the shadows,
Pooled by the acacias,
Along a roaring river,
Musiika folds her skirt
To the hip line.

A goatherd comes by,
Looking for his master's
Displaced goat
And all the atmosphere holds,
Is the news by threads of fate.

Musiika, struggling to beat
The death throes,
Attends to laws of nature,
Succumbing to fate and all to displease
Her is the unknown news of the
goatherd's presence,
In a holy thicket next to
The roaring river.

Expecting Musiika has her first creation

A co-creation with Muriisa,
A goatherd who sits high
In a cacia under whose shadows,
Musiika is striping herself half naked
To rear a new creation in warmth
Of her ragged browse.

At sunset,when goats must draw back

To their master's compound,
Like any other servant reports back
With their herds,
Muriisa is in between the lines-
Thinking of Musiika-
Then the new creation.

Musiika,
Too brave and bold,
Has the nerve to raise a new
Creation to her left nipple
And prepares herself to
Wind the corners of
Of the Earth's terrain.

Threads of fate ruled,
And they all created,
As Musiika started to walk,
Muriisa, steadily like a cat,
Climbed down the acacia
To ensue Musiika
And make apologies.

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Poetry isn't dead.

Don't Worry About Independence



They cannot light the fire of war,
May your independence day be blessed.

I'm still a little young,
I will sing your praise to everyone,
By singing Madhing, I reach my heart's content.
May your independence day be blessed.

(Khudaykulov Sunnah)

The blood is beating in the veins,
Every day, every evening,
Every moment the wind of shame blows,
May your independence day be blessed.

All my dreams are embodied in you,
I am happy for my country, even if I laugh,
I stand as my country, no matter what,
May your independence day be blessed.

Save me from everything, my dear,
I have great respect for you,
My paradise, where God's eyes have fallen,
May your independence day be blessed.

When the poets put the madhing on the lion,
When the Hafizlar took hold of the string,
When your ancestors sacrificed their lives for you,
May your independence day be blessed.

Some people can't see my happiness
They can't resist temptation,

Khudaykulov Sunnat Ismattillo was born on June 27, 2005 in the family of a worker in house 148, Sargyozhi street, Boysun District, Bibishirin District, Surkhandarya Region, and participated very actively in many spiritual-educational events as a screenwriter and presenter within the youth union. Kamalak Stars won the first place in the district and regional stages of the "Kamalak Stars" competition in the opera branch of art. In addition, he participated in olympiads in history and native language literature. Actively participated in football, volleyball and basketball competitions within the Youth Union, and won honorable places. He actively participated in several spiritual and educational contests held in Boysun district and won the honorable places. In 2023, he graduated from the 57th school in Boysun district with excellent grades. And in the same year, he took part in the Higher Education Examinations and was admitted to the Pedagogical Department of the Termiz State Pedagogical Institute

Dreams Come True



Everyone has her own aim,
Success is not always same,
This world is just one game,
One day, dreams come true.
And it only depends on you.

Don't think and never stop trying,
Maybe you also hate crying,
Just look at a bird what is flying,
One day, dreams come true.

And it only depends on you.

Always think about good things,
Even, simple people Queen and Kings,
These can help you like wings,
One day, dreams come true.
And it only depends on you.

Never forget your soul and mood,
Dreams are essential like food,
In future everything will be good,
Just believe, dreams come true.
And it only depends on you.

Sherova Orzigul
Student of Uzbekistan world state
language university. Author of 3books
and some anthologies.

What I'm Looking For?



breathe.

Full moonbeams, spread night,
You came across me, I met you.
Loneliness hurts, don't you know?
In the city of Azorlar, do not leave me.

I ask for your hand, forever,
Agree, just don't refuse my love.
I can't wait ten years, I have to die,
Don't stay in Hijran, awake Love..!

My age is passing, waiting for you
Where are you, darling, with your eyes?
I lived for so many years, swallowed
Don't wait, please come!

Those who are happy for me, let them
see us,
Do not burn with envy, let it be lust.
How many years have I waited for you,
beautiful girl?
In the chapter of dreams, I couldn't

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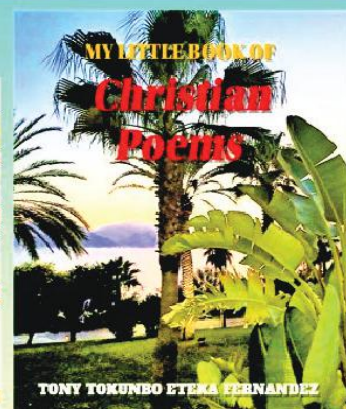
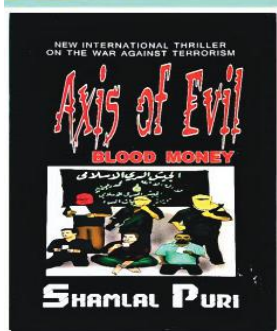
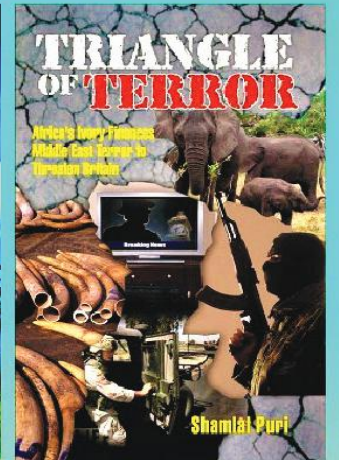
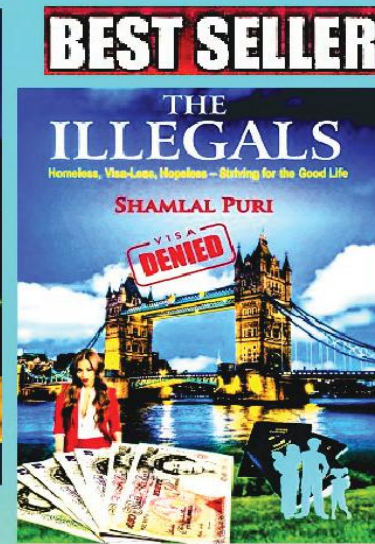
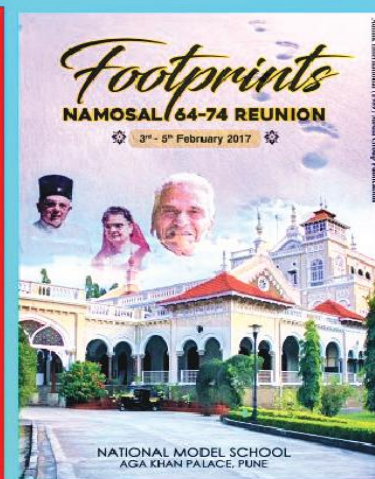
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Rwanda to host Shelter Afrique Development Bank's 43rd AGM in June 2024

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- The event convening 44 Member States' shareholders will serve as a momentous step in solidifying ShafDBs' transformation.

Rwanda will host Shelter Afrique Development Bank (ShafDB) 43rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) in June Kigali, the Company has disclosed.

This follows the nomination of Rwanda as the next host country at Shelter Afrique Development Bank's 42nd AGM held in Abuja, Nigeria, and the subsequent signing of the host country agreement between the Company and the Government of Rwanda in Kigali in March.

The host country agreement was signed by the Minister of Infrastructure Dr. Jimmy Gasore on behalf of Rwanda and Shelter Afrique Development Bank Managing Director Thierno Habib Hann and witnessed by Minister of State at the Infrastruc-

ture Ministry Eng. Patricie Uwase, and the Director General of the Housing Authority Mr. Alphonse Rukaburandekwe, among other senior government officials.

The event is scheduled to take place from the 11th to 13th June 2024 and is expected to cover an Annual Symposium, a Ministerial Roundtable, the 43rd Annual General Meeting and some interlinked business activities as part of the proceedings.

Mr. Hann thanked the government of Rwanda for committing to hosting the Company's 43rd AGM and commented that:

"This Year's AGM will serve as an ushering step in solidifying Shelter Afrique Development Bank (ShafDB) transformation and continued elevation of housing finance and urban development across the continent. We are pleased with the emphasis the Government of Rwanda has placed on the provision of affordable housing and we believe that by hosting our 43rd AGM Rwanda will be able to take the lead on shaping the narrative around affordable housing beyond Rwanda," Mr. Hann added.

Housing and finance ministers from



Shelter Afrique MD Thierno Habib Hann when he met with Rwandan officials in Kigali

44 member countries, housing sector players from the public and private sectors and other governmental and non-governmental entities are expected to attend.

Following the signing of the host country agreement, the Government of Rwanda is expected to ensure ef-

fective organization and success of the meetings by undertaking to contribute to the physical planning.

Commenting on the country's readiness, Dr. Gasore commended Shelter Afrique for choosing Rwanda to host its 43rd AGM, noting that the Rwandan government was pleased with

ShafDB's investment in the country and looks forward to the continued progress and elevation of Shelter Afrique Development Bank in Rwanda and beyond.

Young Farmers In Dry Regions Benefit From Profitable Farming Training

By: Capital Correspondent

Two international organisations are targeting thousands of youthful farmers in several semi-arid counties for training in profitable agriculture.

The organisations, Africa Harvest and ICRISAT, that target food security and other agricultural interventions among other programmes, have scaled up field training to engage young farmers to boost food production with improved profits.

Through an existing programme dubbed Drought-Tolerant Crops for Youth Jobs Creation, field personnel from Africa Harvest and ICRISAT have taken advantage of the current rains season, to train and entice young people to engage in profitable farming.

The programme, in partnership with Mastercard Foundation, has focussed

on field training in semi-arid regions of lower eastern Kenya, mainly Tharaka-Nithi, Meru, Machakos, Kitui, Makuani and Taita Taveta.

The project will also cover Siaya, Homa Bay, Busia and Elgeyo Marakwet counties.

The activity is conducted through training of trainers who are equipped with productive farming skills then dispatched to reach others in their counties.

Africa Harvest Technical Programme Lead, Nehemiah Mburu, who spoke to Capital News from a training unit Machakos, said one underlying aim is to reach as many youth as possible in the selected regions to showcase to them good agronomic practices that lead to increased productivity.

"The overall goal is to see how we can secure job opportunities for young people by training them through the entire value chain, from seed to market," said Mburu.

The programme been distributing

seed for production of drought-resistant crops from the training units aiming to reach as many stakeholders as possible in the target counties during the favourable rain season.

In one county only, Tharaka Nithi, over 6,000 youths had been trained by TOTs last week and been dispatched with seed for planting, according to field officers who did the training.

The project involves following up the progress of the stakeholders through planting, harvesting, until their produce reaches the market, said Mburu.

He said feedback from previous seasons had shown that more youths than before have turned up this year as stakeholders in the Drought-Tolerant Crops project.

Field training this week will be spread across different regions in Siaya, Homa Bay, Busia and Elgeyo Marakwet.



Parliamentary Committee On Governance And Education Puts Private Universities On Notice Over Misuse Of Public Funds

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Worth Noting:

- The Special Audit also established that a total of KSh12,080,950 had been disbursed on account of 291 students who had graduated from the university for the period under review.
- A further KSh7,810,917 had been granted to 200 students in the university who had either deferred or had been on long academic leave.
- Prof. Deogratus in his response gave insights to a number of concerns including the payment of students who have graduated, stating that most universities run on a two-term semester but MKU runs on trimesters, hence the continuation of payment after graduation.
- The committee chairman however cautioned the Vice Chancellor that if the reports showed a contrary position to the evidence provided before his team, they would be held liable.

The Public Investment Committee on Governance and Education put on notice the various private universities that have fraudulently siphoned funds through the government student sponsorship (GSS).

The committee led by Bumula lawmaker Jack Wamboka accused the affected universities of trying to defraud government by not declaring capacity in the period under review as required by law.

During a meeting with the university heads yesterday, Wamboka cited variance in students' enrollment, received funds from universities for students not enrolled, duplication in capitation disbursements, students not placed by KUCCPS and payment for students who have been with the university for periods longer than their expected durations of the programs undertaken as some of the ways the monies had been siphoned.

The universities that appeared included: Mount Kenya University, ZETECH and Uzima University.

Vice Chancellor for Mount Kenya University Prof. Deogratus Jaganyi was tasked to explain the placement of 27,164 students by KUCCPS over the seven-year period out of which, 24,075 students enrolled, resulting to a variance of 3,089 students. This being the highest recording placements in all private universities.

Further, the university did not provide evidence of the capacity declarations made to KUCCPS for the year's

students were placed in these universities.

According to the disbursement records, 41 students had not been placed by KUCCPS but had been declared as government-sponsored students.

Further, an amount of KSh1,675,263 had been disbursed to the university for the students who are not under the Government-Sponsored Students (GSS) program.

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Later, ZETECH University team led by VC Prof. Njenga Munene were on the spot when they appeared before the committee over the placement of 9,621 students by KUCCPS out of which 7,372 students enrolled, result-

ing in a variance of 2,249 students.

The lawmaker inquired from the VC if the university had declared its capacity before receiving a placement from KUCCPS. They also sought to know how the declared capacity aligned with the actual placement, and the basis used to make the placement if no capacity was declared by the university.

Members also inquired if the university had received funds for the students who were not enrolled.

It was established that a sum of KSh967,532 had been granted to 19 students who had been with the university for periods longer than their expected durations of the programs undertaken.

The members pointed out that this could be an indication of lack of control measures to track the students' progress.

Prof. Njenga noted the concerns of the members and requested for more time to reconcile his figures and deposit proper documentation to the office of the Auditor General.

The committee also learnt that duplication of registration of 34 students had led to an overpayment of KSh1,996,666 in capitation to Uzima University.

The institution's VC Rev. Dr. Cosmas Rhagot failed to explain how the duplication had occurred since each student has a unique registration number.

Members sought to know if the university had made a refund for the

overpayment. Rev. Rhagot however noted that the measures they have put in place to ensure this will not recur in the future.

According to the tabled records, a disbursement of KSh8,143,944 had been made on account of 188 students who had either deferred or were on long academic leave.

There was also a placement of 1,432 students by KUCCPS out of which 1,233 students enrolled, resulting in a variance of 199 students.

Members sought to know if the university had declared its capacity before receiving a placement from KUCCPS.

Dr. Rhagot also pleaded for more time to reconcile the university's data with the office of the Auditor General and KUCCPS.

The request was granted by Wamboka, who directed that they appear again before the committee at a date to be determined.

The lawmakers noted a tendency where private universities register students from the Government Sponsored Program denying Public Universities the chance to enroll such students.

Members further expressed concerns that despite receiving funds from the government, Private Universities had depicted lack of accountability of the public funds.

KCA University Gets KSh 6 Million Grant For Climate Change Drive

By: MKT Correspondents

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KCA University is among a number of Kenyan universities that have received grants in millions of shillings from the British Council to come up with programmes to help tackle climate change resilience challenges.

The university received a KSh6 million grant for a programme dubbed Learning and Design Lab that will see its students and those of Nottingham University in the UK collaborate to identify, develop, and implement practical solutions to real-world challenges related to climate change.

Other local universities and those from the UK who have been roped into the programme include Strathmore, Rongo, University of Portsmouth in the UK and Imperial College of Science, Technology, and Medicine (UK).

KCA Vice Chancellor Prof Isaiiah Wakindiki said 20 students from his

university and those from Nottingham School of Business through an exchange programme will co-develop human-centred solutions to specific climate challenges.

“We have put our students into different activities for specific challenges of climate change and they will also do a lot of research and through interactions with their Nottingham counterparts, they will come up with specific human-centred solutions,” Wakindiki told journalists at the university on Tuesday.

He added, “The students too will hone their skills and gain invaluable practical experience as they prepare to get into the environment of work and entrepreneurship.”

In addition, he said, the partnership will help the local universities get international recognition for helping tackle climate change and also help students gain experience collaborating with their counterparts in institutions abroad.

Other industry partners including Chemolex, Greenspoon and Waste from Electrical and Electronic



Equipment will also benefit from the programme by using the recommendations from the students to identify opportunities for innovation, develop new products and services and also address their most pressing business challenges.

The British Council has appointed

Circle Innovation which will facilitate the labs. Circle Innovation’s expertise in innovation practices is well-established across the region, encompassing processes, tools, and methods that enable the creation of impactful innovations scalable to various contexts.

Other universities that benefited from this grant include Rongo University (Kenya) University of Portsmouth (UK), Strathmore University (Kenya), and Imperial College of Science, Technology, and Medicine (UK).

KPA, KPC To Accelerate The Penetration Of LPG

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The Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) and Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC) have vowed to work together to facilitate the penetration of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) in every nook and cranny of the country in line with the government’s commitment.

KPA Managing Director Capt. William Ruto said during the signing of a Service Level Agreement (SLA) between the two state corporations that they will use Kipevu Oil Terminal 2 (KOT 2) in the offloading of LPG.

“The facility is capable of handling four ships at any given time. All products can be offloaded simultaneously in this facility which also reduces the cost of doing business and in terms of demurrages, this country has been paying a lot of demurrages,” said Capt. Ruto.

KOT 2, he added can offload up to 8000 metric tonnes per hour. The

facility serves landlocked countries, and 50 percent of petroleum products are from landlocked countries. Private firms can connect to KOT2 through a common user interface.

KPC MD Joe Sang said, in partnership with the private sector they will construct a four-kilometre pipeline from the common manifold to the Kenya Petroleum Refineries Limited’s (377-acre) land in Changamwe. “The pipeline will have a 24-inch-diameter pipe to the bulk import facility with a capacity of 30,000 metric tonnes that will be set up in partnership with the private sector,” stated MD Sang.

KPC has developed a master plan to establish KPRL as a trading hub for the region. “We want to serve close to 12 countries in the larger East African region from Ethiopia down to South Africa,” said Sang.

In line with the government’s promise to increase the accessibility of LPG. KPC is targeting five million homes to access subsidised LPG by 2027.

“Most of our households cannot



afford. The price of the six kilograms of LPG is close to Sh2500 including the cylinder and the gas itself. We want to see a reduction so that it is affordable not only for Kenya but also for the region,” stated the KPC MD.

KPC will also set up storage facilities in the hinterlands to support accessibility to LPG.

The MD further revealed that on average 15,000 Kenyans die as a result of health-related complications

brought about by the use of unsafe cooking habits.

To improve tree cover, KPC in partnership with the Kenya Forest Service targets to plant five million trees in line with the presidential green agenda.

In Jomvu Creek, KPC has so far planted 440,000 trees. “Our ambition is to be able to do 500,000 every year for the next ten years,” said Sang.

KPC Chairman Faith Boinett said

the KOT 2 will enable KPC to open KPRL to bunkering and penetration into the region.

“There is a conversation between Uganda and Kenya to have a pipeline all the way to DRC, with this we will be able to have short turnaround time in terms of pushing the products efficiently and be able to meet the demands of the market,” she said.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Addressing Rising Tide Of Mental Health Issues Among Youth

In recent years, there has been a concerning surge in mental health challenges among the youth, highlighting a pressing societal issue that demands urgent attention. A myriad of factors, including academic pressure, social media influence, economic uncertainty, have contributed to this alarming trend.

Studies reveal a significant uptick in anxiety, depression, and other mental health disorders among young people worldwide. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), approximately 10-20% of adolescents experience mental health conditions, with suicide being the leading cause of death among individuals aged 15-29.

One contributing factor to the rise in youth mental health issues is the relentless pressure to excel academically. From a young age, students are immersed in a competitive educational environment, striving for academic success at the expense of their mental well-being. The burden of high expectations coupled with fear of failure can lead to overwhelming stress and anxiety.

Moreover, the pervasive influence of social media has exacerbated feelings of inadequacy and comparison among young people. Constant exposure to curated images of seemingly perfect lives can distort reality and foster feelings of isolation and low self-esteem.

Cyberbullying further compounds these issues, amplifying the negative impact on mental health.

Addressing the rising tide of youth mental health issues requires a multi-faceted approach involving collaboration between policymakers, educators, parents, and mental health professionals.

Schools must prioritize mental health education and provide adequate resources and support systems for students. This includes implementing counseling services, promoting stress management techniques, and fostering a culture of openness and acceptance regarding mental health.

Furthermore, parents play a crucial

role in supporting their children's mental well-being by creating a nurturing and understanding environment at home. Encouraging open communication, fostering resilience, and emphasizing self-care practices are essential in helping young people navigate the challenges they face.

On a broader scale, society must work towards destigmatizing mental illness and promoting accessible and affordable mental health services. This includes increasing funding for mental health programs, expanding access to therapy and treatment options, and raising awareness about the importance of seeking help.

In conclusion, the rise in mental

health issues among youth is a complex and pressing issue that requires concerted efforts from all sectors of society. By prioritizing mental health education, fostering supportive environments, and investing in accessible resources and services, we can empower young people to lead healthier and more fulfilling lives.

It's time to come together to address this silent crisis and ensure a brighter future for the next generation.

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Confronting The Tragic Consequences Of Parental Control In Matters Of Love

In a society that frequently exalts love as a universal force, it is extremely upsetting to face the harsh truth that certain people must deal with: the terrible fallout from their parents' disapproval of their romantic decisions. There have been horrific tales of an 18-year-old girl who died at the hands of her own parents, who were supposed to be her guardians, because she followed her heart to someone they thought was inappropriate.

This tragic event serves as a sobering reminder of the negative aspects of familial control and the disastrous

effects it can have on young people's lives. Love is a basic human feeling that should never be governed by the opinions of others, especially not to the extent that it becomes a life-or-death decision.

It is horrifying to think that a parent could go to such severe lengths as killing their own child because they couldn't agree on who to love. Our society is still plagued by outdated ideas about honor, tradition, and authority. It emphasizes how critical it is for everyone to face the poisonous dynamics that give rise to these kinds

of tragedies.

Fundamentally, this is a sobering reminder of the urgent need to fight deeply set conventions and attitudes that stress honor over humanity, control over compassion, and tradition over individual autonomy. It is not just a narrative of parental disapproval or household turmoil. It is a cry for societies all throughout the world to rise up and destroy the oppressive systems that keep silence and violence in check.

This little life was tragically lost, but it must not be in vain. It needs to be

a force for good—a force for candid communication, awareness-raising, and activism that supports acceptance, love, and respect for personal preferences. Every single one of us has a responsibility to raise our voices in support of those who have been silenced, to stand in solidarity with them, and to put up unceasing effort toward establishing a world in which love is unconditional and everyone is free to give and receive love without worrying about retaliation.

Let us commit to remembering her by steadfastly fighting for a future

in which acceptance triumphs over intolerance, love triumphs over hate, and every person is treated with the respect and dignity they deserve, even as we lament the needless loss of yet another innocent life. It won't be until then that we can genuinely declare that justice has been done and her terrible death was not in vain.

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Global Address To Adolescent Pregnancies And Urgency Needed

Adolescent pregnancy is a global phenomenon with clearly known causes and serious health, social and economic consequences to individuals, families and communities. There is consensus on the evidence-based actions needed to prevent it. There is growing global, regional and national commitment to preventing child marriage and adolescent pregnancy and childbearing. Nongovernmental organizations have led the effort in several countries. In a growing number of countries, governments are taking the lead to put in place large-scale programmes. They challenge and inspire other countries to do what is doable and urgently needs to be done – now.

The adolescent pregnancy and motherhood rate in Kenya stands at 18%. These implies that about 1 in every 5 adolescent girls between the ages of 15-19 years, has either had a live birth or are pregnant with their first child.

The rate increases rapidly with age from 3% among girls aged 15, to 40% among girls aged 19. The situation varies by county with some counties being disproportionately affected than the others. This policy brief looks at drivers of teenage pregnancy and motherhood such as lack of education including education on sexual and reproductive health; poverty; early sexual initiation; harmful cultural practices such as child marriages; sexual abuse/violence and barriers to access to sexual and reproductive health services. In addition, recommendations for the government and other stakeholders on how to address the challenge of adolescents' pregnancy and motherhood and its adverse consequences are given.

According to data released by the World Health Organization on 10th April, 2024 shows that as of 2019, adolescents aged 15–19 years in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)

had an estimated 21 million pregnancies each year, of which approximately 50% were unintended and which resulted in an estimated 12 million births (1,2).

Based on 2019 data, 55% of unintended pregnancies among adolescent girls aged 15–19 years end in abortions, which are often unsafe in LMICs (1). Adolescent mothers (aged 10–19 years) face higher risks of eclampsia, puerperal endometritis and systemic infections than women aged 20–24 years, and babies of adolescent mothers face higher risks of low birth weight, preterm birth and severe neonatal condition.

Data on childbirths among girls aged 10–14 are getting more widely available. Globally the adolescent birth rate for girls 10–14 years in 2023 was estimated at 1.5 per 1000 women with higher rates in sub-Saharan Africa (4.4) and Latin America and the

Caribbean (2.3) (3).

Preventing pregnancy among adolescents and pregnancy-related mortality and morbidity are foundational to achieving positive health outcomes across the life course and imperative for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) related to maternal and newborn health.

Adolescent pregnancies tend to be higher among those with less education or of low economic status. Girls are also under pressure to marry and bare children. Child marriage places girls at increased risk of pregnancy because girls who are married very early typically have limited autonomy to influence decision making about delaying child bearing and contraceptive use.

Also contraceptives are not easily accessible to adolescents in many places. Even when they are accessible, adolescents may lack capital to buy them or may not use them due to the

side effects that come about when using them for a very long time.

To address adolescent pregnancies in Kenya, the government should implement comprehensive sex education programs in schools, improve access to reproductive healthcare services, provide economic opportunities for young girls and keep them busy during holidays, strengthen laws against child marriage, and promote gender equality initiatives. Additionally, community involvement and awareness campaigns can play a crucial role in changing attitudes towards early pregnancies. Let's come together and fight to secure our girls.

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Nairobi Residents In Areas Affected By Floods To Be Evacuated, Sakaja Assures

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Nairobi Governor Johnson Sakaja has issued a directive that the city residents residing in areas that have been affected by floods will be issued with an evacuation notice and moved to higher grounds.

In a press conference yesterday, the Governor along with the Kenya Red Cross and other stakeholders pledged to provide food supplies, mattresses, blankets, sanitary kits, emergency drugs, water purification tablets, and education support to victims in the interim.

“We have mapped out areas where people need to be evacuated and we will be evacuating those people. We had asked people to move and many were not able to move. Some encroached on riparian,” he said.

“There are buildings whose walls are right on the river and we will begin clearing those now. Because it’s no longer a negotiation, those need to have been opened up.”

Sakaja mentioned the reinstallation of bridges that were swept away by floods, insisting that this will be done

in affected areas before schools re-open for the second term.

“One of the areas of intervention is the need for urgent installation of bridges. We have several bridges that have been swept away,” the Governor stated.

He also urged the Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA), Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA), and the Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA) to ensure their engineers are available to repair roads damaged by the ravaging rains in the city.

“Many roads have also been affected including disruption of human movement and traffic such as Mbagathi Way, Jogoo Road, Enterprise Road, Lang’ata South Road, Eastern Bypass, and many others across the city,” he said.

“We understand that in as much as not all roads fall under the jurisdiction of the county, the people know the county so we are working closely with KeNHA and KURA and also KeRRA to make sure that their engineers are on the ground.”

The Nairobi Governor mentioned that an estimated 60,000 people, mostly women and children, have been severely affected following the devastating floods which have hit the city, and urged residents to cooperate



Nairobi Governor Johnson Sakaja during a past function. PHOTO | COURTESY

with authorities.

“We are on the brink of a humanitarian crisis in the city. We have a large-scale coordinated response, together with our partners, the Red Cross. We urge the people of Nairobi to cooperate with authorities,” he added.

This comes after news of Nairobi residents being displaced and swept

away by floods has been circulating since the onset of the rains.

In the aftermath of Tuesday night’s heavy downpour that felled two of the oldest trees in the CBD located at the Kenyatta Avenue and Moi Avenue intersection outside the Nairobi Sports House and Imenti House, transport operations were paralyzed

on Wednesday morning as people sought alternative routes.

Starehe Sub-county Police Commander Fred Abuga has since said that 12 bodies were recovered from Mathare River and search is ongoing for eight others following heavy rains witnessed on Tuesday evening.

Gen Z’s Digital Detours

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Generation Z commonly known as Gen z, born roughly between the mid-1990s and the early 2010s (1997-2012) is the cohort following millennials often characterized as digital natives, they have grown up surrounded by technology, social media and instant access to information hence they tend to be more grammatic, diverse, and soundly conscious. They are reshaping industries, influencing consumer trend, and redefining cultural norms with their unique perspective and behavior.

Their digital fluency equips them with the ability to harness technology as a tool for communication such as tinder (where people communi-

cate globally looking for spouses or a friendly relationship), creativity and innovation, where they use social media to earn such as Tiktok by creating content that resonates with global audience and they are rewarded for that. With access to information at their fingertips, gen-z is more globally connected than any previous generation.

Gen z are the first true natives to the digital era, whereas millennials were the digital pioneers it is estimated that gen-z spends at least 15.4hrs a week on their phones. As consumers of an increasingly digital world their behaviors reflect to that therefore are likely to be swayed by the recommendation of real life users than by celebrity endorsement.

Generation Z has also been referred to by some as the loneliest generation as their endless hours spent online can be feelings of isolation and depres-



sion more time spent on smartphones or watching Netflix means less time spent cultivating meaningful relation. Additionally many young people fall prey to the “compare and despair trap that social Media present.

Gen-z is also believed to be associated with weird behavior like Astral projection Example in an interview tiktok clip carried out by “J Segera” to “Maruru”brought into attention

Astral projection that some of the gen-z are being involved with as they believe it’s a cool activity. Another behavior associated with gen-z is surprising and amazing the millennials and making them to come up with a believe that gen-z is a cursed generation is where the breathalyzer test commonly known as “alcohol blow “often used by law enforcement to measure a person’s blood alcohol

content by analyzing their breath is now believed not to be a problem solver as gen-z are taking not only taking the alcohol through their mouth but also through their “back-side”.

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Leicester Thrash Southampton To Close On Premier League Return



Abdul Fatawu scored a hat-trick as Leicester thrashed Southampton 5-0 to move to the brink of promotion back to the Premier League on Tuesday.

Wilfred Ndidi and Jamie Vardy were also on target for the Foxes, who need just one more win from their remaining two games to guarantee a place in the Championship's top two.

A chastening defeat ends Southampton's chances of automatic promotion as they now must re-

cover in time for the playoffs.

Leicester moved four points clear of Leeds with both sides having two matches remaining.

Third-placed Ipswich are now five points behind the leaders but have three games still to play.

After streaking clear at the start of the season, Leicester have wobbled in recent weeks but appear to have righted the ship in time.

Victory away at Preston on Monday or home to Blackburn

on the final day of the campaign will secure a much-needed return to the riches of the Premier League given the club's financial troubles.

Fatawu broke the deadlock on 25 minutes when he raced onto Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall's pass to slot home.

Ndidi doubled the home side's advantage when he headed in just after the hour mark.

Fatawu secured the points in style when he cut inside from the

right and unleashed an unstoppable shot across and beyond Alex McCarthy.

Vardy showed he can still finish at 37 by clipping first-time past McCarthy with Fatawu this time the supplier.

The Ghanaian then rounded off the scoring and claimed the match ball as Vardy returned the favour with an assist nine minutes from time.

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Sinner Plays Down Djokovic, Alcaraz Comparisons



Jannik Sinner dismissed the idea that he is the best player in the world right now, saying he should not be compared to his fellow top-three rivals, Novak Djokovic and Carlos Alcaraz.

The Italian world number two can come within touching distance of the top-ranked Djokovic in the standings should he triumph in Madrid this fortnight and he arrives in the Spanish capital brimming with confidence and carrying an impressive 25-2 win-loss record for the season.

The reigning Australian Open champion, who owns a tour-leading three titles in 2024, is ranked number one in the ATP's Race to Turin, and is 1,650 points ahead of second-placed Daniil Medvedev.

"I think it's a tough question to answer. We always see only this moment and I think that sometimes it's good but also not good," the 22-year-old Sinner told reporters in Madrid.

"I still believe that you cannot compare myself with Novak with all that he has done. And the same goes for Carlos. Also Carlos won more than me.

"I have a lot of respect for both of them. I just try to play my game,

trying to understand what works best for me and then we see what I can achieve."

Sinner has never made it past the third round in either of his previous two appearances at the Caja Magica and will be looking to change that this time around.

In the absence of Djokovic, who has pulled out of the tournament, Sinner is the top seed in Madrid, where he faces Richard Gasquet or Lorenzo Sonego in the second round.

"I used to struggle quite a lot in the previous years, finding my level here, so it's going to be interesting to see how I'm going to play this year," he added.

- Alcaraz back from injury -
Meanwhile, Alcaraz had no qualms describing Sinner as the game's best and the Spanish world number three acknowledges it will be tough trying to stop his good friend and rival from taking over the top spot in the rankings.

"He's dangerous, he's really dangerous. He's the best player in the world right now," said Alcaraz, who is the two-time defending champion in Madrid.

"Probably everybody thinks that his tennis doesn't suit very much

clay but he makes good results on clay as well, he can win every tournament he goes to, and I'm fighting with him, with Novak, to be in the first spot and I'm trying not to let them stay there.

"Honestly it's going to be difficult. They deserve to be there and let's see what's going to happen the next tournaments."

The 20-year-old Alcaraz is coming off a right arm injury that forced him to skip the tournaments in Monte Carlo and Barcelona.

He said he managed to increase the intensity of his training since his arrival in Madrid and is hoping to be 100 percent ready for his opener on Saturday against Arthur Rinderknech or Alexander Shevchenko.

On the eve of the tournament, Alcaraz attended the Laureus World Sports Awards and presented Real Madrid star Jude Bellingham with the Breakthrough of the Year award, giving an impressive speech, in English, in front of a marquee audience.

"I didn't feel comfortable on the stage. I was so nervous. I practised that speech during the week almost 50 times just to make sure it's going to be perfect and I was

shaking, my legs were shaking. I'm not used to giving a speech in front of legends of the sports and in front of that kind of people," confessed Alcaraz.

Elsewhere, world number four Medvedev is hoping to avoid another on-court tantrum if faced with questionable officiating after his fiery reaction to disputed calls in Monte Carlo made headlines.

While most big tournaments have adopted electronic line-calling, many clay events still use line judges, given the mark of the ball should be easy to see on the red dirt.

Monte Carlo witnessed numerous issues with officiating though, and Medvedev is aware he has to find a way to control his temper throughout the clay season.

"Mistakes can happen. I wish I hadn't reacted like this, so let's see if next time it happens, I cannot promise anything, but hopefully I can focus more on the match than on the mistake itself," said the 28-year-old Russian.

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The Importance Of Education And Upbringing In Growing Young Generation



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Worth Noting:

- In fact, Culture plays an important role in how parents raise their children. It influences everything from how much time parents spend with their children to how they discipline them. There are cultural distinguishes in how people think and behave.
- The role of teachers in forming the outlook of students is also important. The teacher confronting his students with problematic issues and conflicts leads students to a scientific approach to finding solutions to the problem. This situation motivates students to work on their own research and read scientific books. Scientific worldview is formed by reading scientific books, working on oneself and develops gradually.



Education in uzbekistan.

Abstract

This article provides information about the place and role of education and culture in the life of young people in eastern countries. In addition, it informs about the focus on the education of young people and the actions taken to expand their worldview important aspects of the importance of having a worldview of individuals, teaching independent thinking, working in cooperation with students.

Key words: individuals, education, opinions, scientific, method, feature, improvement, relationship, approach, aspect

Currently, in eastern countries, a lot of attention is paid to young people to improve their worldview and knowledge. Having a scientific worldview of people is important in all times. A person with a scientific worldview can correctly interpret the essence of events and thoughts related to the world, nature, society and the field of science. Possession of a scientific viewpoint, indepen-

dence of a person, free thinking, is distinguished by the fact that the thoughts are clearly proven and logical. Moreover, education, upbringing and culture are very important for a person to grow up and achieve perfection

Upbringing and culture necessary aspect of people as it provides an avenue to help people to grow economically and broaden their understanding of cultural and social practices in the community. As our president Shavkat Mirziyoyev said, "I believe that if we pay attention to the development of our children's abilities from childhood and mobilize all opportunities for their development, many more Berunies and Ibn Sinos will grow up in our country". In a broad sense, human development is the study of the factors that influence how a person becomes his personality, taking into account these factors, we can study these factors through sociology, psychology, biology, religion, and others. It is reasonable to interpret that scientific worldview serves as the basis for formation of the worldview of the young genera-

tion. First of all, family and society play an important role in order for young generations to have scientific potential and develop. And also, Education, that's, kindergartens, school, higher education institutions should be given more attention.

Furthermore, The government should be pay attention human development focuses on assisting students so they can have a better educational experience. Being able to have a rich and safe education is a human right. Some landscapes make attaining this difficult for students, and so, human development specialists become a resource for students to surmount factors that may stand in the way of their education. In addition, Culture is significant of our young generation. In fact, Culture plays an important role in how parents raise their children. It influences everything from how much time parents spend with their children to how they discipline them. There are cultural distinguishes in how people think and behave. The role of teachers in forming the outlook of stu-

dents is also important. The teacher confronting his students with problematic issues and conflicts leads students to a scientific approach to finding solutions to the problem. This situation motivates students to work on their own research and read scientific books. Scientific worldview is formed by reading scientific books, working on oneself and develops gradually.

To sum up, at the root of everything is definitely hard work. Of course, the young generation is our future. Every person, working in the path of science, feels that his society needs him and that he is part of it. He will certainly reach higher and higher levels in the development of their country.. All this depends on the scientific knowledge acquired at a young age.

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