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The Vice-Chancellor officially opens the Retreat

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JOOUST DEANS, DIRECTORS AND CODS RETREAT FOR QUALITY LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT



Deans, Directors, CODS take a group photo

The University Management Board members, along with Directors, Deans, and Chairpersons of Departments (CODs) from Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology, participated in a three-day retreat at Midland Hotel in Nakuru town from August 15th to 18th, 2023. The retreat, whose primary goal was to enhance the leadership and management skills of the academic staff, was sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Sustainable Use of Insects for Food and Feeds (INSEFOODS).

The recent bonding session for academic leaders was graced by Prof. Joseph

Bosire, the Acting Vice-Chancellor. In his opening speech, Prof. Bosire encouraged the faculty members to contemplate the University's achievements thus far. He urged them to boldly provide suggestions on areas that require improvement, with the ultimate goal of enhancing the University's quality. Additionally, he emphasized the significance of the faculty's conduct within the University, stating that their actions set an example for the entire community. He referred to the deans and directors as influential figures within the University, noting that their actions impact the University's culture.

The Keynote speaker for the occasion, Prof. James K. Tuitoek, a former Vice-Chancellor of Egerton University, and a long-serving public servant challenged the retreaters to look at themselves and their faculties as the embodiment of the Institution's Values, Vision and Mission. Prof. Tuitoek challenged the Deans to be in control of their schools and give direction by having a strategic plan for the school which must be in line with the university's strategic goals. Dr. Ken Mutuma a legal expert took the leaders through Ethical Leadership and Integrity in Public Service.

During the retreat, various presenters delivered informative talks. For instance, Prof. Aggrey Thuo (DVC PAF) provided insights to the faculty members about the significance of Planning in Enhancing Standards. Prof. Darius Andika (Director INSEFOODS) discussed Program Development and Review in line with global trends, Commission for University Education standards, international partnerships, and shared programs. Prof. Silvance Abeka (Director CfEL) shed light on E-learning and its associated opportunities. Prof. Solomon Ogara (Dean SIIS) addressed the topic of Artificial Intelligence and the accompanying challenges. Prof. Christopher Gor (Dean of Students) shared insights about the University student community and its implications on teaching and welfare support. Prof. Julius Manyala (Director BPS) elaborated on strategies for promoting research in schools within the context of Postgraduate research and training. Prof. Pamela Raburu (Director QEA) delved into the realm of Examination processing. Ms. Keziah Ogada (CCO) focused on Social media and responsible management

of information, while Dr. Walter Akuno (Registrar ASAR) tackled the management of the university curriculum, examinations, and Competency-Based Education.

During a team-building retreat guided by Mr Duncan Juma, the participants learned valuable leadership techniques through engaging in physical exercises. The team comprehended the concepts of effective leadership by actively participating in various activities such as songs and dances. Prof. Monica Ayieko, the Principal Investigator of INSEFOODS, urged the attendees to purposefully apply the knowledge they had gained during the session. She emphasized the importance of turning discussions and decisions into tangible actions, and ensuring that they result into meaningful outcomes rather than mere statements.



The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (ASAR) Prof. Denis Ochuodho welcomes Dons to the Retreat



Dr. Walter Akuno shares insights during the retreat



A section of the panelists receive feedback from the participants during the retreat



A section of the Deans, Directors and CODs listen to the proceedings

**JARAMOGI OGINGA ODINGA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
SHINES IN THE WORLD SCIENTIST AND UNIVERSITY RANKING!**



AD Scientific Index Ranking for Scientist

The Alper-Doger Scientific Index Ltd, World Scientist and University Rankings has placed Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST) at the 15th spot in their July 2023 list of Universities and Research Institutions. JOOUST also secured the 9th position among Kenya's public Universities in the same ranking.

Among those featured were Professor Benson Estambale, the former Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Innovation and Outreach (RIO) who was ranked JOOUST's best scientist. Also featured were Prof. Stephen Agong' the former Vice-Chancellor and Prof. Monica Ayieko, the Deputy Director and Principal Investigator, of the JOOUST Africa Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Use of Food and Feeds (INSEFOODS) among others.

The AD Scientific Index, a prestigious ranking system known for its rigorous evaluation of universities and scientists worldwide, has become a key reference point for individuals seeking insights into the world's most impactful educational and research institutions. The July 2023 edition of the ranking has unveiled JOOUST as the ever rising star in the academic realm.

Indeed, in the ever-evolving landscape of higher education, global university rankings serve as significant benchmarks for assessing academic excellence, research prowess, and innovation. This ranking not only reflects the institution's commitment to advancing knowledge and scientific discovery but also highlights its contributions to the global academic community.

Since its inception, JOOUST has focused

on nurturing a culture of scientific exploration, technological innovation, and academic excellence. The university's consistent efforts to improve its teaching methodologies, research infrastructure, and collaborations with global peers have culminated in its impressive rise through the AD Scientific Index.

JOOUST's impressive rise in the World Scientist and University Ranking attests to the institution's unwavering dedication to excellence in research, education, and innovation. The University continues on its upward trajectory maintaining its commitment to fostering an environment of intellectual curiosity, collaboration, and inclusivity.

The July 2023 AD Scientific Index ranking provides a well-deserved spotlight on the Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology's emphasis on research, innovation, collaboration, and community engagement. As the University continues to build on its successes, it is poised to make even greater contributions to the global academic landscape.

JOOUST ALUMNUS SHORTLISTED FOR A COVETED AWARD

Joseph Omae, an alumnus of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology currently pursuing his studies in the United Kingdom, has been nominated as a finalist for the highly prestigious 2023 Walter Scott Global Investment Management Award in the UK. The twenty five years old Kenyan has been taking his Master's Degree in Investment Analysis in the United Kingdom under the Commonwealth Scholarship. Speaking exclusively to TUKO.co.ke, Omae said the award recognizes top students, and he is among the four finalists selected for the top prize.

The young man exuded confidence as he reiterated that he stands a very good chance of being the ultimate winner as his grades have been pretty good since he started studying at the University of Stirling.

"It's called Walter Scott Global Investment Management Prize, and you get selected for it as a top student. I have my chances, and I believe they are quite high because I know how high my grades are. It's purely merit-based.



Mr Omae - JOOUST Alumnus

You get selected because of your results. I actually didn't know it exists, so it took me by surprise when I got the information," he said.

Omae landed the Commonwealth scholarship to pursue his Master's at just 24 years of age. "I got five scholarships last year to choose from and opted for this particular one. The scholarship is supportive meaning everything is fully funded and we're primarily tasked to find solutions that will benefit our countries, continent and the global community," he explained. Achieving high grades while studying at the University of Sterling has come at the cost of hard work and sacrifice and, luckily, he can finally see the fruits of his labour.

Before moving to the UK, he worked as an investment analyst after graduating from Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology. "I began as an intern, became an assistant analyst in three months, and one year later, I was an analyst. I worked for one and a half years or thereabouts," he recalled. Omae dedicates this experience and the shortlisting of the award to his mother and father whom he said have been his greatest pillars.

Courtesy Tuko news. Read more: <https://www.tuko.co.ke/education/517385-kenyan-man-25-scholarship-study-uk-shortlisted-coveted-award/?fbclid=IwAR1i6OFFj7RfusK mzC8PCjuih4kdzsOx63imosMN4tMF4uGdLS0QUTk2FGE>

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