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New Strathmore Business School Launches AMP

NAIROBI, KENYA—Strathmore University made history recently with the launching of Strathmore Business School's Advanced Management Program (AMP). Special guests (and SBS Advisors) **Baroness Lynda Chalker**, former UK international development minister, and **Titus Naikuni**, Kenya Airways CEO, spoke at the ceremonies.



Strathmore University's senior leaders with Baroness Lynda Chalker celebrate Strathmore Business School's AMP Launch.

Vice Chancellor **John Odhiambo** said the program would seek to surpass international standards through partnerships with IESE Business School of Spain and other leading universities.

The program is based on independent research and keen understanding of qualities that bring out the full potential of business leaders. Students will be exposed to business case studies around the world. "This will assist business people to know what really works in companies," Baroness Chalker said. "I am a great supporter of case-study learning and use of

information technology to solve business problems," she added. Strathmore Business School will next launch its MBA program in January 2007.



Strathmore Alumnus Aaron Thegeya Wins Rhodes Scholarship



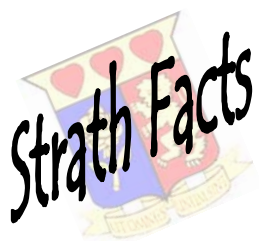
Prof. Odhiambo with Strathmore Rhodes Scholar Thegeya

NAIROBI, KENYA—Mr. **Aaron Thegeya**, an alumnus of Strathmore University's IMIS diploma program, has been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to study at Oxford University in the UK. He is one of two Kenyans to win the honor this year—and Strathmore's second alumnus to be thus selected.

Thegeya attended Strathmore University after graduating from

Strathmore School and before attending Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, USA, where he majored in Economics and Computer Science.

An economic consultant at The Analysis Group in Washington, DC, Thegeya plans to pursue a PhD in Economics during his three-year scholarship at Oxford, where he expects to attend Nuffield College.



- *Founded 1961*
- *Kenya's 1st multiracial college*
- *Independent nonprofit institution*
- *5000 students (50% female)*
- *Secular school with all Kenya's creeds, tribes, races represented*
- *Dual focus: professional competence and personal integrity*
- *Entrepreneurial vision: wealth creation + community service*
- *Specialties: Commerce, Finance, Information Technology*
- *Has trained 2/3 of Kenya's CPAs*
- *Ethical training led by Catholic Church's Opus Dei*
- *Motto: "That All May Be One"*



Partners Join Strathmore To Present Microfinance Course

NAIROBI, KENYA—Further advancing its mission to serve Kenya, Strathmore University is planning to offer a post-graduate diploma course in microfinance. The University is partnering with **SwissContact** and the **Association of Microfinance Institutions**, an associate of **Women's World Banking**.

The partners have formed a technical committee that will work out detailed preparations with a view to offering the



diploma program by the start of 2005.

Microfinance is the provision of a broad range of financial services such as deposits, loans, payment services, money transfers, and insurance to poor and low-income households and their microenterprises.

There are three types of microfinance: formal institu-

tions (rural banks and cooperatives), semiformal institutions (nongovernment organizations), and informal sources (money lenders and shopkeepers). Institutional microfinance includes microfinance services provided by both formal and semiformal institutions.



VC John Odhiambo signs agreement with Swisscontact official, as DVC David Sperling looks on.

Wharton Business School Offers Training Slots for Strathmore Staff



DVC Dave Sperling (l) and SUF's Tom Pyle (r) visit with Wharton's Jon Spector, Vice Dean of Executive Education.

PHILADELPHIA, PA, USA—The Wharton Business School, a part of University of Pennsyl-

vania, has offered places in some of its senior-level executive training courses to Strathmore staff members.

Wharton Vice Dean Jon Spector made the offer during a recent visit by Strathmore's Deputy Vice Chancellor **Dave Sperling** and Strathmore University Foundation Executive Director **Tom Pyle**. "We are very grateful to Wharton", Sperling noted.



"We cherish our growing relationship and collaboration with this very fine school." For several years, Wharton has sent recruiters to Strathmore to attract top students from Kenya for advanced management education.

Wharton is considered one of America's top business schools, ranked No. 3 in a recent *Business Week* survey of American management schools.



DVC Dave Sperling before Wharton's new Huntsman Hall

Distance Learning: Strath Reaches Out To Kenyan Prisoners

NAIROBI, KENYA—Strathmore, with **Kenya Prisons Service** and **Harambee 2002 Committee**, is providing accountancy training for Kenyan prison staff and inmates, leading to the Kenya Accounting Technician Certificate (KATC) and CPA qualifications.

Kenya's Vice President, **Moody Awori** officially launched the training, which is offered through the Distance Learning Center of Strathmore

University. A colorful launch ceremony at Naivasha Maximum Security Prison was also joined by Strathmore University Vice Chancellor **John Odhiambo**, the Commissioner of Prisons, Ministry of Home Affairs officials and other authorities from the University and the Prisons Service.

Professor Odhiambo congratulated the Government for its positive initiatives to improve the quality of life for prison inmates. "We are in-

deed happy to be partners in the process of societal transformation," he said. The Vice Chancellor encouraged other institutions to cooperate to make the rehabilitation of prisoners a reality in Kenya.

Also participating from Strathmore were Governing Council member **Martin Kisuu**, Deloitte Touche (Kenya) managing partner, and Professor **George Njenga**, Director of Strathmore Business School.



Prof. George Njenga and Martin Kisuu chat with Kenya Vice President Moody Awori and Strathmore VC John Odhiambo.



Why Strathmore University? The Urgent Case for Kenya

Africa is in crisis. Kenya is at the crossroads. What is to be done? Who will do it?

Kenya's per capita income is \$330—and for 92% of the population it is \$70. Ten percent of Kenya's 32,000,000 people have HIV/AIDS or malaria.

Kenya's significant natural environment needs preservation and better management. Sharing a long border with Somalia, a failed state, and Sudan, Kenya is a successful if fragile democracy and free economy, just south of the Middle East, Kenya is on the

front line of the War of Terrorism, where 252 Kenyans were killed and thousands were injured in the Al Qaeda bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi in 1999.

Africa needs educated, enlightened, and ethical managers and leaders to create wealth, reduce poverty, improve public health, combat corruption and fight terrorism. Operating by its strategic theme of "What Does Kenya Need Strathmore To Be?", Strathmore is playing a critical role in helping Africa achieve this goal.



“Kenya’s per capita income is \$330 p.a. For 92% of Kenyans, however, it is actually \$70 p.a.”

Strathmore Leads Public Seminar on Combating Fraud

NAIROBI, KENYA—Strathmore University recently led a two-day seminar on fraud investigation and prevention. Partnering with Strathmore were the Information Systems Control and Audit Association (ISACA) and leading accounting firms

Attending were senior managers and officers from government, non-governmental or-

ganizations, and private businesses. The seminar covered the effects of fraud on Kenya's economy, fraud examination, fraud in computer environments, the role of internal controls and IT audit in fraud prevention, legal framework and law enforcement, corporate governance and professional ethics in fraud prevention.

The keynote presenter was

visiting Professor **Alan Lord**, an international authority on fraud from Bowling Green University in the U.S. Other presenters were senior officers from KPMG, Deloitte Touche, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Ernst & Young, and Strathmore. Vice Chancellor Professor **John Odhiambo** gave the opening address.



Executives from government and the private sector take a break during Strathmore's Combating Fraud Seminar in Nairobi.

They're On the Way! First Load of Library Books Shipped

STATE COLLEGE, PA, USA—The first shipment for the Strathmore Library Books Acquisition Campaign was launched last month from State College, Pennsylvania, USA.

A total of 16,686 books, boxed and shrink-wrapped on eight palletes, are now safely sailing to



Loading up 16,686 library books. Next stop: Strathmore, Nairobi!

Nairobi in a 20 foot container.

The load represents about 1/6th of the projected target of 100,000 books for the new library at Strathmore, built with funds generously provided by the European Union.

For project manager **Andy Sicree**, a former Strathmore teacher, it has long been a labor of love. Sicree began collecting used books for Strathmore over 10 years ago, well before the new library was even conceived.



Project Manager Andy Sicree checks the load.

Sicree has been storing his books for Strathmore in every conceivable location—in his basement, in his closets, even in his car! "I'm delighted that Strathmore will now get the books it needs," Sicree gushed. "And," he added with a wink, "so is my wife!"

"I just knew that Strathmore would someday build a new library," said Sicree, now a museum curator at Penn State University.



Strathmore's new Library building, funded by an EU grant.



Strathmore Librarian Fidelis Katonga (right) leads dignitaries on a tour of Strathmore's newly built library.

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Strath Invited to Join IFC Global Business School Network *Team from Strathmore attends workshop in Johannesburg*

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA—The International Finance Corporation of The World Bank Group has selected Strathmore University to be a member of its prestigious Global Business School Network.

Strathmore thus joins a global network enhancing the institutional capacity of business schools in emerging markets to strengthen management talent of local, regional, and multinational firms and organizations.

By improving future leaders' access to high-quality management education, the Global Business School Network is helping build the foundation for economic growth and poverty reduction in developing countries.

"This is a great boost for Strathmore's new business school", said **George Njenga**, Strath-

more Business School's director. "We are humbled to be included in such fine company, and we will work our hardest to be worthy of this honor."

The membership has resulted from Strathmore's selection by the Kenyan government to work on a case study development project funded by IFC.

A team of Strathmore lecturers, including Dr. **Ruth Kiraka**, project leader, participated in an IFC training session in Johannesburg. Strathmore also hosted in Nairobi a special IFC workshop on case-writing.

"This is an invaluable opportunity to learn more about participant-centered learning and network with other African business schools," noted Prof. **Vitalis Otieno-Onyango**, Dean of Strathmore's Commerce Faculty.



Strathmore students such as these will soon benefit from Strathmore's new membership in IFC's Global Business School Network.

Spain's IESE Partners with Strathmore Business School *MOUs exchanged at Nairobi banquet*

NAIROBI, KENYA—Strathmore University's new business school has announced a partnership with IESE Business School in Barcelona, Spain, Europe's oldest business school.

Leading the initiative for IESE are Professors **Javier Santomá** and **Lluís Renart**. Strathmore Business School's first



University of Navarra

programs next term will be the Advanced Management Program and the Executive MBA.

"We're delighted to team up with such an experienced partner as IESE," said **George Njenga**, SBS's director.

An inauguration gala dinner was held on May 30 at the Hyatt Regency in Nairobi to celebrate SBS's launch and the IESE partnership, at which Strathmore VC **John Odhiambo** and Professor

Santomá exchanged Memoranda of Understanding.

"This is an important step for our vision as an entrepreneurial university," Odhiambo noted in his remarks. "We expect it to be a model for all our future collaborations."



Strath VC John Odhiambo (r) exchanges MOUs with IESE's Xavier Santoma.



Strath's Angelica Kiboro exchanges views with Isaac Awuondi, MD of Commercial Bank of Africa, as Catherine Muchira-Gatei (l) looks on.

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