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President Kibaki Awards Charter To Strathmore As National Unity and Reconciliation Advance

NAIROBI, KENYA—In his first official public act after the creation of the Government of National Unity, Kenya's President, *Mwai Kibaki*, visited Strathmore together with *Hon. Raila Odinga*, the Prime Minister of Kenya, to award Strathmore its university charter.

In a ceremony marked by pomp and color, the President commended Strathmore for its contribution over many years to capacity building in Kenya.

"The stewardship of Kenya's corporate sector owes much gratitude to Strathmore," the President said, "... not just for its ability to supply qualified accountants, but also for the high level of professionalism by past graduates of this institution."

In addition to the Prime Minister, several other ministers accompanied the President, including *Hon. Dalmas Otieno*, Minister for Public Service, himself a Strathmore graduate. While introducing

the President, Prime Minister Odinga, also the MP for Langata, Strathmore's home district, referred to Strathmore as the "jewel in the crown" of his Langata constituency.

"This day is truly special," responded VC *John Odhiambo*, "I thank your Excellency for coming to the University and presiding over today's ceremony. I also want to join other Kenyans in congratulating your Excellency and the Prime Minister for working together to reconcile our people and to advance national cohesion and peaceful coexistence. At Strathmore we embrace ethnic diversity in the firm knowledge that we all belong to only one tribe, the tribe of the children of God. We appeal to your Excellency and the Prime Minister and to all the political leaders in the country to cultivate the goodwill and trust necessary for the success of the grand coalition government."



President Mwai Kibaki presents official mace to Professor Terry Ryan, Strathmore's Council Chairman. Prime Minister Raila Odinga looks on.

Strath Inaugurates IFC-Backed Student Loan Program

NAIROBI, KENYA—More students will now gain access to a Strathmore education, thanks to a new student loan finance program inaugurated at Strathmore University in conjunction



Univ. Sec. Charles Sotz (c) signs agreement with officials of IFC and Commercial Bank of Africa



with the **International Finance Corporation (IFC)** and local partner **Commercial Bank of Africa (CBA)**. Based on a model successfully imple-

mented in other countries,

the Strathmore Loan Program is the first private-sector education credit program of its kind in East Africa. Secured by a first-loss fund offered by Strathmore, IFC and CBA will offer loans repaid from better salaries usually arising from a Strathmore University education.



New Strath students review materials of loan program that will enable their attendance.



Strathmore Business School Forging Ahead

SBS Joins HBS Prof. Michael Porter's Global Strategy Network

NAIROBI, KENYA—Harvard University's renowned strategy guru Prof. Michael Porter visited Nairobi in July to roll out his new Microeconomics of Competitive Management Program in Kenya. The program was offered by Strathmore Business School's new Institute of Strategy and Competitiveness under Prof. Porter's leadership.

Prof. Porter, who is also honorary chair of SBS's International Advisory Board, specializes in corporate and regional competitiveness. He led



a workshop targeting East Africa's business, public and academia leaders in advance of the East African Business Summit in Kampala later in July. Other workshop leaders were Dr. Wahome Gakuru,

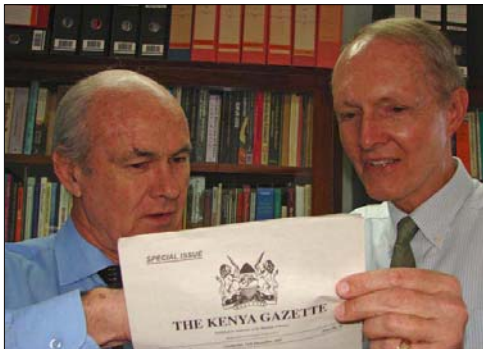
Director of Kenya's Vision 2030, Strath's Prof. James McFie, and Dr. Michael Unger, principal of Plexus Group in the US. The workshop covered competitiveness fundamentals and strategy and policy for nations, states and regions.

The Institute, to be operated in conjunction with Harvard Business School, will explore determinants of national and regional competitiveness from the perspective of firms, sub-national units, nations and neighboring countries.



SBS Advisory Board Honorary Chairman Prof. Michael Porter of Harvard Business School

Sperling, McFie Inducted into Order of the Burning Spear



NAIROBI, KENYA—Dr. David Sperling (r), founder of Strathmore University and research professor, has been awarded Elder of the Burning Spear, the highest citizen honor in Kenya, by President Mwai Kibaki. Dr. James McFie (l), accounting professor, was awarded a Moran of the Burning Spear. The awards were given in recognition of their "achievements and distinguished service to the nation." The prestigious honors are given annually in recognition of outstanding and distinguished services rendered to the nation in various capacities.



Medallion of the Order of the Burning Spear

Why Strathmore University? The Case for Kenya

Africa is on the move. Kenya is in the lead. But there is much to do.

Africa needs educated, enlightened, and ethical managers and leaders to create wealth,

reduce poverty, improve public health, combat corruption and foster stability. By its strategic theme of "What Does Kenya Need Strathmore To Be?" Strathmore is playing a critical role in helping Kenya achieve these goals.



Through its emphasis on the attainment of professional competence and inculcation of personal integrity, Strathmore since 1961 has built a worthy legacy of achievement and leadership in the service of Kenya and Africa.



"What Does Kenya Need Strathmore To Be?"



School of Hospitality and Tourism Management Launched

NAIROBI, KENYA—Dr. Ongong'a Achieng, the Managing Director of Kenya Tourist Board (KTB), presided over the launch of the **Strathmore School of Hospitality and Tourism (SSHT)** in August. "One of the objectives of SSHT is to



build a dynamic information base for industry and academia through research and development," said Mr. Joe Wadawi, Dean of SSHT.

SSHT has four programs: a 4-year Bachelor of Hospitality and Tourism (Hospitality Management), a 4-year Bachelor of

Hospitality and Tourism (Tourism Management), a 2-year Bachelor of Hospitality and Tourism for industry practitioners holding diplomas in either tourism or hospitality and want to upgrade to degree level, and Executive Management Development Programs.

SSHT aims to produce graduates with a local grounding and skills to enable them to work anywhere in the world. The programs have a strong ethics and management emphasis. They will also feature IT and

international languages, including French, German, Japanese, and Spanish.

The School's advisory board includes: *Jan Mohammed*, Managing Director, TPS Serena Group; *Dr. Ongong'a Achieng*, Managing Director, Kenya Tourist Board; *Prof. Nerine C. Bresler*, Professor of Tourism, University of Johannesburg; *Gerson McAndrew Misumi* GM/Director, The Carnivore (Tamarind Group); *Prof. Eleri Jones*, Professor of Tourism, University of Wales, Cardiff; *Stanley Turkel*, Hospitality Consultant, New York; *Dr. Lars Lindkvist*, Executive Director and Chairman - Basecamp Explorers, Kenya; *Prof. Alan Seidman*, Professor of Hospitality at Johnson & Wales University in Miami; and *Dr. Florence Oloo*, Strathmore University.



Mr. Joe Kibuye Wadawi, Dean, Strathmore School of Hospitality and Tourism

A High School For The Village: Ikumbo Secondary School *Strath Grad Davis Karambi and His Friend Matt Make It Happen*

IKUMBO, MERU, KENYA—His fellow villagers raised all the funds to pay for his secondary schooling 8 km away. He came to Strathmore on scholarship and graduated first in his class. Now he's realizing his ultimate dream: to build Ikumbo's first secondary school.

Meet **Davis Karambi**, Strathmorean *extraordinaire*. Since his first day at Strathmore, he has planned on giving back. After Strath, Davis joined the Clinton Foundation in Nairobi, and met American intern *Matt Garland*. They became fast friends—and

and partners in realizing Davis' bold dream for Ikumbo.

Davis laid out his plans. Inspired, Matt mobilized friends and family in the USA. Working with Strathmore Univ. Foundation, the two raised, received, and delivered to Ikumbo \$5000 to build a brand new secondary school. "My goal is to endow every child in Ikumbo with the same opportunities for advancement in education I have had," Davis noted.



Davis and Matt present a check for funds to Ikumbo school officials.

Truly he has become an exemplar of what Kenya needs Strathmore to be.



"My goal: that every child in Ikumbo has an educational opportunity."

—Davis Karambi



Davis and Matt tour the finished school building and yard.



Class at the new Ikumbo Secondary School



Davis and Matt with Tom Pyle (l), SUF Exec. Dir.



From the Vice Chancellor's Desk...

Strathmore Friends,



Kenya has passed through a crucible. The effects were traumatic. But from crisis arises opportunity. We

Kenyans now strive for peace and stability to resume our necessary progress. To secure the future, Strathmore is redoubling its dedication to our calling to teach, lead and serve.

*I am particularly fond of two recent Strathmore initiatives which show the range of our commitment. During the post-elections crisis, **Strathmore Business School** mobilized its networks and resources to establish an emergency medical clinic where relief services were urgently needed.*

*And our **IHEDS** team is expanding its Teachers Education Programme which is addressing the critical needs of our nation's secondary school leaders, long suffering in their noble labor under difficult circumstances with insufficient support and respect.*

We are proud of our achievements, yet know we must do more. We are also grateful for the fine support we receive from all our friends and partners around the world. We need you. We thank you.

Strath Emergency Clinic Serves Displaced Kenyans

Strathmore responded on various fronts to the humanitarian crisis in Kenya in January and February. SBS ran a medical clinic in Nairobi's Eastlands. Over 700 patients were attended by 10 doctors, several pharmacists, and other volunteers from the MBA class and the Aga Khan University Hospital.

The local police station became a sanctuary for residents fleeing post-election violence. But the need extended far beyond. "We came expecting

to attend only to those at the police post," said George Njenga, SBS Dean, "but we ended up caring for people from the entire community."

Patients suffering from varied ailments,



Vincent Ogutu, MBA Program Director, with victims of the post-elections violence at a clinic organized by Strath Business School.

from simple coughs to infections, were treated. The clinic also had a minor surgery unit for treating wounds. Two of the SBS MBA volunteers were also doctors, who also volunteered at the clinic with Aga Khan Hospital personnel.

IHEDS Trains Secondary School Leaders

NAIROBI, KENYA—In April, Strathmore's Institute of Humanities and Education Studies (IHEDS) launched its Teacher Education Program (TEP), a three-year initiative to enhance leadership skills for head teachers countrywide.

The Kshs 26 million program was funded by Project Harambee, which promotes educational programs in Africa.

Titled the "Art of Leadership," the program will address leadership styles and team building skills, the revitalization of virtues, contemporary challenges facing head teachers, hygiene and its impact on the school and its environs, drugs, dropouts, HIV and AIDS, and working with parents and financial management.

Head teachers will attend 5-day seminars at the university's Madaraka campus in Nairobi. Strathmore is liaising with District Education Officers to identify and invite attendees. Teachers from Nairobi were



Secondary school leaders training at Strathmore

invited through the City's Director of Education, said Mr. Patrick Kibui, former Principal of Kenya Science Teachers' College and the co-coordinator of the program.

TEP aims at building Kenyan teacher capacity with skills in effective management while

boosting morale to train and prepare young people for citizenship through good character, morals, and self-discipline.

Margaret Roche, Director of IHEDS, reports that 1349 teachers have already been trained under TEP. Thanks to Project Harambee, this number will rise significantly.



Martin Mbaya, Strath Grad, Selected for Harvard Fellowship

CAMBRIDGE, MA, USA— Martin Mbaya, an alumnus of Strathmore University, is among 13 students selected to the Harvard Management Fellowship for the 2008-2009 academic year.

"This means I will spend the next 12 months at Harvard University's Office of Treasury Management getting to understand first hand how a global university functions from the perspective of central management," Mr. Mbaya said.

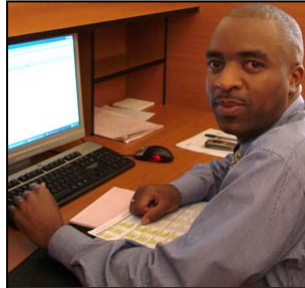
The Harvard University Management Fellowship Program was created in July 2003 by then-President Lawrence Sum-

mers to recruit the best of Harvard's talented graduates to work on key Central Administrative initiatives and ultimately to attract some to careers in higher education administration.

Mr. Mbaya graduated from Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) with a Masters degree in Public Policy in June 2008 with a con-

centration in International Trade and Finance.

Since 2006, Mr. Mbaya has worked closely with Strathmore Business School (SBS). "It is my long term desire to continue being heavily involved in Kenya's (and East Africa's) higher education sector especially with respect to Kenya's Vision 2030. Strathmore will continue to be a strong platform for collaborating on this goal.



Martin Mbaya, Harvard Management Fellow

"It is my long term desire to continue being heavily involved in Kenya's higher education sector..."

Strathmore University now a Microsoft IT Academy

NAIROBI, KENYA— In recognition of its commitment to excellence in IT education, Strathmore University has been named a member of the Microsoft IT Academy Program.

"The program will be launched at the university later this month, says Mr. John Matogo, the Program's Administrator.

Under the program, SU



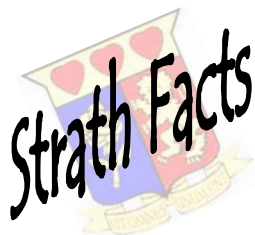
John Matogo, Academy Administrator, with plaque

students can access and install Microsoft software at no charge. Students will also enjoy discounted rates to sit for Microsoft Certification exams. They will also have access to Microsoft learning material.

Other benefits of the program include access to Microsoft's extensive e-learning port-

folio that includes games, videos, and interactive text to help students master skills and provide instructors with ongoing professional development opportunities. Microsoft has so far sponsored four University instructors in training for Visual C#.Net.

Another benefit is Microsoft's Digital Literacy curriculum which provides essential computing skills for learners new to computing. Microsoft IT Academy members also receive special pricing for the Microsoft Official Curriculum.



- *Founded 1961*
- *Kenya's 1st multiracial College*
- *Independent nonprofit*
- *5000 students (50% female)*
- *Multicultural school; all Kenya's creeds, tribes, races represented*
- *Dual focus: professional competence and personal integrity*
- *Entrepreneurial vision: wealth creation + community service*
- *Specialties: Business, Education, Finance, InfoTech, Tourism Management, Microfinance*
- *Chaplaincy and pastoral care entrusted to Catholic Church's Opus Dei*
- *Motto: "That All May Be One"*



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SU Ladies: Nairobi Basketball Champs

NAIROBI, KENYA—The Strathmore “Swords” women’s basketball team is the newly-crowned champion of the Nairobi Basketball Association, vanquishing its rival “Predators” in a best-of-three series last December. The win elevates the Swords to the National Premier League.

After splitting the first two matches, the Strath netwomen came from behind in an exciting nip-and-tuck final match to win



The Strathmore Swords

by only one point at the buzzer, 46-45.

The Swordswomen did Strathmore proud. *Lynette Mukiri* led the scoring with 18 points and was awarded MVP honors. Also scoring were teammates *Esther Nyakwaka* with 9, *Beryl Amayo* also with 9, and *Hellen Akuno* with 6. *Beryl Amayo*, who is also a member of the Kenya National Team, was voted Best Defensive Player.

Men’s Hockey: Gladiators Dominate



Gladiator *Fidel Castro Khaluna* (!) dribbles past his opponents for the score.

NAIROBI, KENYA—The Strathmore Gladiators garnered victory laurels again this year, winning the Kenya Hockey Union 2008 Easter tournament. Despite several close scores, the Gladiators won the tournament without losing a single game, a fitting tribute to their late coach, *Eric Shiahale*, who passed away in January 2008 after leading the team to multiple championships.

The tourney win extends the winning ways of the Gladiators, who were East Africa Champs last year. Team prospects continue to look good, as 12 Gladiators play on the 22-member Kenya national hockey squad as well.

Strathmore Congratulates Sammy Wanjiru, Kenyan Runner, On Winning Gold For Kenya in the Olympics Men’s Marathon!



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