

HKMU AT 20+ years: Celebrating Impact



Introduction of the quests during First HKMU Convocation 2018; on the left is the then Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Dr. Mpoki Ulisubisya, Center; HKMU Vice Chancellor, Prof. Charles Mgone and on the right is the Chairperson of Kairuki Health and Education Network(KHEN) Mrs. Kokushubila Kairuki

Hubert Kairuki Memorial University (HKMU) conducted its first convocation on 30 November 2018. The theme of the Convocation was "HKMU at 20+ years: Celebrating Impact." In addition to the main theme, there were three sub themes namely:

- Scaling up innovative solutions in tackling non-communicable diseases;
- Challenges of HIV/AIDS in the Tanzanian Health Sector;
- Role of Health Sector in Industrial Economy.

The convocation brought together HKMU alumni, academic staff, graduating and continuing students with the aim of providing them with the opportunity to reconnect among themselves and maintain links with the University.



The then Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Dr. Mpoki Ulisubisya, addressing the audience during the 1st HKMU Convocation

Among the main objectives of the convocation was galvanise the spirit of working together and in partnership among HKMU Alumni and offering a platform for them to make contributions to the University as they continue to prosper in their careers. This was also to provide a platform for giving feedback to the University on matters of concern to graduates and nurture improvement and recognition of the University.

The Convocation was officially opened by the Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children by then Dr. Mpoki Ulisubisya. Dr. Ulisubisya urged the alumni to appreciate the opportunity they have as health practitioners by serving the community with dedication and integrity. This will automatically continue to maintain the University's good name.

He also called upon the health and allied sciences professionals to conduct viable researches that address health challenges and come up with evidence-based strategies to improve the health sector in Tanzanian and Africa in general.

Dr. Ulisubisya called upon the alumni to take responsibility of providing career advice, mentorship, placements and internships to ongoing students as well as providing expert advice and guidance to the University's management. Dr. Ulisubisya was of the opinion

that the convocation will add significant value to efforts being made by the government towards improving training on health and allied sciences professionals.

Four papers were presented in the event. These were:

- Causes of acute diarrhoea among children under five in Dar es Salaam by Dr. Salvatory M. Florence
- A qualitative study on the voluntariness of counselling and testing for HIV among antenatal clinic attendees by Ms. Tausi Haruna
- Combating childhood obesity from a multi-dimensional approach by Mr. George Msengi, Occupational and reproductive health by Dr. Elias W. Birago
- State of HIV in Tanzania by Dr. Maestro Evans.



Dr. Mpoki Ulisubisa presenting an award to one of the best students during the 1st HKMU Convocation.

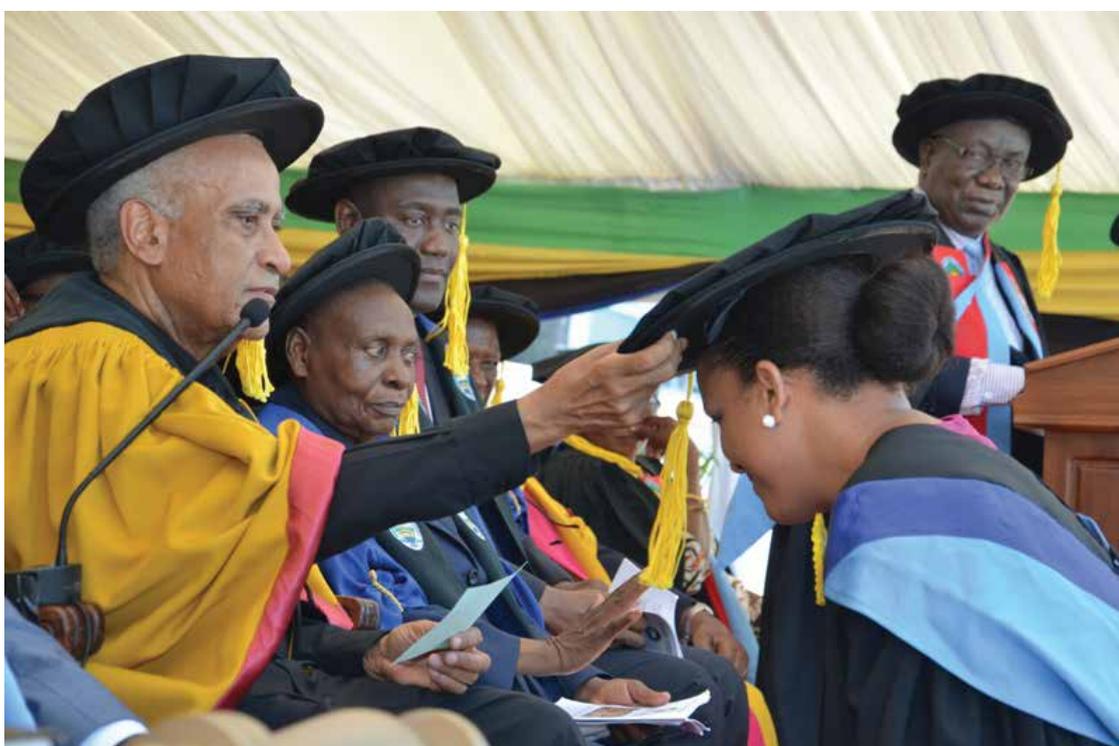
Other important activities which took place included; prize giving to the best students, exhibitions to market undergraduate, post graduate, and short programmes, Research and Consultancy services, Training achievements and opportunities at the university.



Attendees cheerfully following the presentations during the 1st HKMU Convocation

The university expectations are that the convocation has paved a way, to positive relationship with alumni, who might provide useful links to acquiring academic staff, doing supervision and collaborative research, facilitating student's placements for clinical work and industrial placement for training. This will enhance Institutional development for better educational services delivery.

HKMU CELEBRATES THE 16TH GRADUATION CEREMONY



The University's Chancellor Hon. Salim A Salim officialising a medical degree graduate during the 16th graduation Ceremony

During its 16th graduation ceremony that was held on December 2018; the University's Chancellor Hon. Salim A Salim, conferred degrees and certificates to 230 graduands (104 males and 126 females).

Speaking during the graduation ceremony, the Vice Chancellor Prof. Charles Mgone congratulated the students for their achievements and thanked the professors, academic and non-academic staff for their support and contributions towards the student's accomplishments.



Graduates in procession during the 16th Graduation Ceremony

Furthermore, he encouraged the graduands, to go and wholeheartedly serve their communities with passion, integrity and full commitment. The University's doors are always open for any intellectual and moral support. Prof. Mgone went on to encourage graduands to pursue further studies so as to increase the number of skilled health professional who have excellent communication skills, empathy, flexibility, attentiveness to detail and excellent problem solving skills.



Graduates outside the University building during the 16th Graduation Ceremony

During the Ceremony, among the achievements mentioned in the Vice Chancellor's speech included the commencement of the Boko Campus development, which will include expansion of teaching, research, and supporting facilities.

According to Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU), the number of applicants for Doctor of Medicine, Health and Allied Sciences programmes has almost doubled compared to the available slots in the existing universities and colleges of Medicine, Health and Allied Sciences. Thus, the challenge for universities offering health and allied sciences including HKMU is to increase the capacity to enrol more students.

In view of this the University is committed to start construction of the Boko Campus as soon as possible. Considering limited financial resources university calls upon the government, parents of our students, private organizations, companies and all stakeholders to support this important initiative for the better future of our Country.

When fully operational the campus will have capacity for training 5,564 students annually in the following fields; Doctor of Medicine, Masters of Medicine, Diploma in pharmaceutical Sciences, Masters of Science in Public Health, Bachelor of Environmental Health Sciences, Bachelor of Social Work, Masters of Social Work, Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Diploma in Nursing.



A sample Lecture theatre in plan for Boko Campus



Student accommodation in Plan for Boko Campus

In his remarks the Chairperson of the University's Council, Mr. John Ulanga said that, the University will continue to cooperate with the; Government, parents, stakeholders and students to ensure improvement of the quality of education provided by the University in order to increase skilled health care professionals.

Star Student of the Quarter



Mr. Ali Khatau, a third year Medical student at HKMU

Mr. Ali Khatau is a 5th year Medical Student at Hubert Kairuki Memorial University in Dar-es-salaam, Tanzania. He began having business interests and by 2016, he had founded ElimuTanzania.com. ElimuTanzania.com is an online educational platform that provides educational resources for Tanzanian Secondary school students to help them in their national examinations. The platform is completely free of charge and of recent it has over 40,000 users with over 150,000 page views. It is supported by Mohammed Enterprises Tanzania Limited (METL).

He recalls how it was difficult to establish the platform mainly due to financial constraints. He started the project using his personal savings and after a few months, he approached a local company from which he got support.

Mr. Khatau says that experience has enabled him understand that every person who starts a new project will definitely face challenges and obstacles on the journey. The secret is to persevere. Eventually his work started to get recognition after some time. The platform has been featured on various local and international websites and newspapers including 'The Citizen' and techsgood.org. Being an educational organisation, it received a donation of 347

books worth \$1000. The condition of the donation was to have around 1400 beneficiaries. His work with ElimuTanzania.com was also recognized by the British Royal Commonwealth Society and was awarded the distinction of 'Associate Fellow' for commitment to promoting values of Commonwealth and working to improve the lives and prospects of Commonwealth citizens. Mr. Khatau also recently won the Tujenge Tanzania Innovation Challenge which was funded by the Hanns Seidel Foundation and Unleashed Africa.



Mr Ali Khatau attending to a patient

According to Mr Khatau being a medical student in the University enables him perform clinical rotations in different hospitals. The condition of patients in those hospitals motives him to think of a solution to the challenges around patients. Recently he founded a health education platform that aims to educate the masses on common health problems such as diabetes. He also volunteers as a health writer to cover on various health topics in local newspapers to educate on different illnesses especially Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD's).

Mr Khatau is a holder of a number of certifications achieved from Massive Open Online Courses

He is also a member of various health initiatives. He often volunteers for health screening initiatives local events such as health conferences, forums and competitions.



Mr. Ali Khatau participating in Community Health Screenings

Mr. Khatau is a focused young health academician, who is determined to give his best in his career and on the social side of life; he loves to play soccer, basketball and tennis. He advises young people not to settle for mediocrity. They should try to be the best at whatever they are doing, to create high level of self-confidence and be determined to succeed. "Young people should, believe in God, live healthy, take part in community events, work hard, network and learn from people who have succeeded to make it to the top" advises Mr. Ali Khatau.

Events in Pictures

HKMU student's project; Health awareness campaign against tobacco and cigarette use in Mikocheni area, Dar es Salaam.



Advocating against tobacco and cigarette use along the Victoria road, Mikocheni Area



HKMU students advocating against tobacco use to the bystanders at Victoria station, along the Old Bagamoyo Road



HKMU students educating motorcyclists on the side effects of using tobacco

Commemoration of Universal Health Coverage day

Hubert Kairuki Memorial University Students' Association was one of the key organisers of the event. Other stakeholders attending the event were; Agha Khan Hospital, Damu Salama, Kairuki Hospital, Hubert Kairuki Memorial University, Health & Development Tanzania (HDT), Tanzania Health and Medical Education Foundation (TAHMEF) and others to mention the few.



A marathon commemorating the Universal Health Coverage day along the Mikocheni Area by HKMU staff and students.



HKMU students displaying a message during a marathon in commemorating the universal health coverage day

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