

President Kenyatta launches digital talent programme at UoN

President Uhuru Kenyatta officially launched the Presidential Digital Talent Programme at the University of Nairobi, Taifa Hall.

The Presidential Digital Talent Programme aims at enhancing service delivery to citizens through effective and efficient use of information communication technologies (ICT). Through internships, the programme will offer participants an opportunity to understand government services, giving them an opening to contribute towards improving service delivery to Kenyan citizens.

President Kenyatta noted that the programme is in line with Kenya's vision of creating a globally competitive and prosperous nation. He challenged the graduate trainees to come up with novel innovations and infuse that knowledge into Government operations. He thanked the private sector stakeholders for partnering with the Government in this initiative. In his remarks, the President congratulated Prof. Peter Mbithi on his appointment as Vice-Chancellor and wished him well as he steers the University to greater heights.

Speaking during the ceremony, Prof. Mbithi noted that the programme is an expression of innovation trained on how best to nurture and tap the potential of our young people, themselves an assailable bulwark of solutions to challenges related to the quality of service delivery to the public. He revealed that the University in collaboration with the ICT Authority has collaborated with the Computing for Development Lab (C4DLab) to carry out specialized training for the private sector and to partner with private sector to implement some of the projects in the ICT Master Plan. Prof. Mbithi also thanked the Government for appointing him Vice-Chancellor.

The Presidential Digital Talent Programme is in line with the country's Vision 2030, the Jubilee Manifesto and the ICT Master Plan developed by the ICT Authority. It is a transformative initiative that should see ICT managed as a business in Government.

Cabinet Secretaries, Devolution and Planning, Ms. Anne Waiguru and for Information, Communication and Technology, Dr. Fred Matiang'i are among those who spoke during the ceremony.

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