JOBS MARKET: Employers seek reputation and credibility

Nairobi, Strathmore grads most favoured

Daystar among private universities whose graduates employers prefer

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Grads from the University of Nairobi and Strathmore University are the most preferred by employers, a new survey shows.

Kenya University and the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology take the second and the third position as the top public universities that employers prefer.

From private universities, employers prefer graduates from Daystar University and the Catholic University of East Africa.

According to a 2015 Quarter One Talent Report, among the public universities, Moi University graduates are the fourth most preferred, followed by Technical University of Kenya, Egerton University, Kenya Medical Training College, Maseno University, Masinde Muliro University, Multi Media University and Masauli Mara University in that order.

For private universities, the report singles out the United States International University as the fourth most preferred by employers, followed by Kenya Institute of Management, Kenya Methodist University, Mount Kenya University, University of Nairobi, Africa Nazarene University and Presbyterian University in that order.

Unless otherwise stated, all employers hire on reputation, followed by credibility of certificates.

The report released by Corporate Staffing Services says that for public universities, the employers prefer particular graduates due to technical expertise and knowledge of industry displayed by both staff and students.

Other reasons include quality of learning, credibility, and reputation of the university.

The report released yesterday reveals that the rising number of universities in Kenya and the low quality associated with graduates, had pushed the employers into having particulars.

"Only half of the 50,000 students who graduate annually are suitable for employment; no wonder employers have preferences on the universities they recruit fresh graduates from," reads the report, which surveyed 205 employers.

The report mirrors a recent ranking by Spanish Research firm Webometrics that ranked the University of Nairobi the best in Kenya, followed by Kenyatta University and Jomo Kenyatta University of Science and Technology.

TRAFFIC: Waking up to nightmare

Motorists held up in traffic jam on Mombasa Road in Nairobi

By JEFF ANGGOTI

Anti-graft official asks for leave before quitting

By Nation Reporters

Former anti-corruption commissioner Jane Ongogo (right) has said she has requested to quit two days of leave a day before she residue.

Highly placed sources at the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission confirmed that Prof Ongogo submitted a leave request on Monday last week, only to resign the next day.

"As far as the commission is concerned, lane is on leave. She asked for 20 days leave only for us to see her on television saying she has resigned," said the source.

Since her surprise resignation from the agency citing "difficult working conditions, Prof Ongogo's whereabouts are unknown.

A relative told Nation that Prof Ongogo had travelled to the United States hours after announcing her resignation.

"She has been expressing fears for her life and that is why she left," said the relative.

Prof Ongogo's resignation has thrown the common into a crisis, with reports saying fellow commissioner including Chairman Matemu and his deputy Irene Kelito, were also in pressure to resign.

Today, the commission chief executive, Mr H. Wago, and his deputy Michael Mubua, are on before the Parliament's Justice and Legal Affairs Committee to shed light on the situation as well as petition seeking the reinstatement of Mr Matemu and Ms Ke