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Our Vision

To be a leading centre for educational excellence in Malawi in teaching and research that contributes to the national development in Malawi and beyond.

Our Mission

To offer quality education that nurture students and satisfies the different needs of our society through the pursuit of education, learning and research where standards are not compromised and students' intellectual capacities are fully exploited.

Core Values

- Excellence
- Integrity
- Discipline
- Commitment
- Accountability
- Creativity & Innovation



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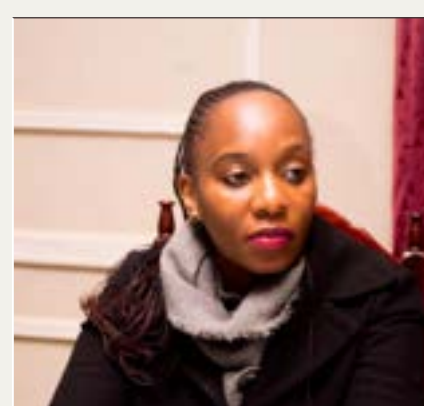
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DEANS



From the desk of the Vice Chancellor

You are reading the inaugural issue of the quarterly newsletter, Millennium University's News Bulletin. In this newsletter, you will get glimpses of programmes organized by the University, upcoming programmes, important news and new announcements. It is our prime duty as well to keep the stakeholders informed about the progress and development of the University. The first issue of the newsletter is revealing our maximum involvement, communication and participation in the world level programmes which would lead the society to understand our mission, values and objectives.



PROF.(DR.) S.B SHARMA
VICE CHANCELLOR

The newsletter is expression of devotion and commitment of the whole MU community which also ensures the spiritual & scientific growth of overall system. You will come to know how by organizing two international conferences on the contemporary themes, the University ultimately knocked the door of global opportunities. Also, read about our show stopper event the First Graduation Ceremony where the red carpet was rolled out to award the hard earned degree certificates to the graduates of the University. The smile and gesture of contentment on their faces made us feel proud and thereby we got high spiritual energy to launch two new certificate courses along with establishing Millennium School of Open, Distance and E-learning and in the coming months we will institute Directorate of Research as well.

Although, this newsletter is witnessing all our achievements yet the saddened part is losing out first Chancellor Prof. Ben Kaluwa due to sudden demise. The unexpected passing of Prof. Ben Kaluwa is a significant loss for the University community.

Read about how, in an effort to keep the Malawian youth stress free, fit and healthy, the University is carrying out a research project with Queen Mary University of London. Also, find out about the academic cooperation of the University with other Universities to provide maximum exposure to the staff and students. You'll also get an idea of the faculty development programmes carried out by the University for keeping the teachers up to date. We have also given an outline of our proposed programmes, events and activities in coming months. So, keep reading..

Our mission is to see Millennium University growing rapidly to become student's friendly, research-lead institution, known for not only excellence of its teaching, its research, but its service to local, national and international communities.

Thank you



Programmes Organised

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FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE - March 07 & 08, 2022

Millennium University organized a two days First International Conference on the eve of International Women's Day on the theme of "***Exploring Women Leadership. Achieving an Equal Future***", attended by local and overseas students, faculty members and researchers. The best part of the conference was address by the leading women speakers across the world representing diverse culture and heritage.

Prof. (Dr.) S. B. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor of the University in his speech said that their objective was not only limited to organizing the event, rather the University had already started working on Gender Equality and the goal is to take the mission first from University to Blantyre, then to Malawi and then to whole Africa and lastly across the globe.

Therefore, the University is involved in empowering women through education, and strictly implementing the laws enacted by the Malawian government. He said that a woman's strength cannot be seen but can only be felt when times get tough and horrible and she is the only one left standing. Her strength lies in her words, emotional and spiritual values.

Two Day Conference was addressed by the following speakers



Dr. Christine Mushibwe
*Longacres, Lusaka
Zambia*



Prof. Rachel Jessika Singh
*Limpopo
South Africa*



**Prof. Madya Dr. Melati
Khairuddean**
Penang, Malaysia



Prof. Zeliha Selamoglu
Nigde, Turkey



Habiba Rezwana Osman
*Lingowe
Malawi*



**Dr. Kalpana Goplanan
(IAS)**
Karnataka, India



**Dr. Ngeyi Ruth
Kanyongolo**
Malawi



Dr. Kamala Badalova
Azerbaijan

Organized into thematic areas, the two days conference focused on following sub themes:

- **Women in Professional Life: Challenges and opportunities**
- **Women through the lens of Media & Society**
- **Women in Medical Science & Healthcare**
- **Women and Law: Awareness & Apprehensions**
- **Women in Business & Politics**
- **Women in Science & Technology**
- **Role of women in the National Development of Science & Technology**
- **Facilitators and barriers for women pursuing opportunities in Science & Technology**

In the end, Dr. Friday Anderson Jumbe, Director of Academics concluded the conference by conveying vote of thanks to all speakers and participants.

***"Gender Equality today for
a sustainable tomorrow"***



FIRST GRADUATION CEREMONY - April 22, 2022

There's no greater recognition of a graduate's achievements than a graduation ceremony. Every graduate dreams and waits for this promising day to wear this ceremonial gown and receive academic certification. The University believes that these students deserve the privilege of a public celebration that recognizes the significance of their achievement and encourages them to continue the pursuit of learning throughout their lives. Accordingly, it was decided to organize a properly designed first graduation ceremony to recognize the significance of the achievements accomplished by youth and that reflect the dignity of the occasion.

Director of Higher Education in the Ministry of Education, Dr. Levis Eneya graced the occasion as Guest of Honor.

A total of 131 students were conferred with the Roll of Honor by the then Chancellor Late Prof. Ben Kaluwa with various certificates, Diplomas and Undergraduate in their respective disciplines. It is unfortunate for the University to bear the loss after the sudden demise of Prof. Ben Kaluwa. He encouraged the graduands to maximize their strengths to make a difference and more importantly to achieve their professional and life goals.



ORIENTATION PROGRAMME OF FACULTY MEMBERS BY VICE CHANCELLOR

An Orientation programme was organized by Prof. (Dr.) S. B. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor of the University in April, 2022 for the development of faculty members. The objectives of the programme were to discuss about their developmental aspects, future plans to pioneer the University, encouraging them for developing research aptitude and keep themselves updating with the latest technology. He spoke that the teachers must be mentally strong, spiritually awakened, academically equipped, socially as well as physically strong. He encouraged the teachers to prepare the e-content for the students to circulate among students, conduct online classes, tests, examinations, workshops, presentations as well as interviews for the placements.

He expressed his views to conduct fortnightly sessions himself for the faculty members to make them learn about writing research papers, chapters for the books, reviewing and referencing. He also suggested them to create and update their Google Scholar ID and learn reference management software. He announced to establish the clubs, cells and committees in which the faculty members will act as in charge and organize various developmental activities for the all-round development of the students.

Prof. Sharma expressed his concern towards developing following abilities among teachers:

- Unique and changed Personality
- Positive Attitude
- Development of Personal Skills
- New and updated Teaching techniques which would increase the confidence
- Digital skills like learning use of New Software
- Research Aptitude

For physical development, he said to organize weekly or fortnightly games and sports activities in the campus to energize the students as well as staff members. Regular competitions will be organized to develop enthusiasm among students. For social development, he said that the staff members will interact and communicate with the units of society by visiting the schools to conduct following programmes :

- Social Awareness
- Economic Awareness
- Health Awareness
- Awareness drives against the social evils

In the end, the faculty members expressed their interest, appreciation and thanks for getting the opportunity of their overall development through such programmes.



VICE CHANCELLORS' CONCLAVE - MAY 27, 2022

A Vice-Chancellors' Conclave was organized by Millennium University on the theme of "New Trends, Innovation, Implementation Strategies and Challenges in Higher Education" on May 27, 2022 in which the Vice-Chancellors of prominent Universities across the world addressed the faculty members and students.

The objective was providing a platform where the Vice-Chancellors from different Universities of the world could discuss and share new trends, challenges to share the best solutions and practices with the faculties. The programme started with the welcome and introductory address of Prof. (Dr.) S. B. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor of Millennium University. While welcoming the eminent and learned speakers, he said that conclave aims to discuss new trends, challenges to share the best solutions and practices adopted by different universities. He further expressed that Universities have become the centers of innovations, discoveries and research. It is our collective responsibility towards the humanity to help in uplifting other systems as well.

The pandemic not only caused a temporary phase in higher education, it forced colleges and universities to undergo permanent change. Even the educational institutions have a unique opportunity in 2022 to boldly demonstrate their values, shake off stereotypes, and evolve offerings to meet student and community needs.

The conclave witnessed the sessions on following sub themes:

- Outcomes-based education: Need of present scenario
- Innovation: Soul of future education
- Challenges and remedies in higher education and qualitative research
- Digitization of higher education
- Reskilling or upskilling of the research/educator workforce
- Challenges faced by institutions of higher education
- Suggestions to improve the quality in higher education
- Gender inequality in higher education
- Need of health education in present education system
- Need of spirituality and ethics in present education system

In the end, Dr. Friday Anderson Jumbe, Director of Academics concluded the conclave by conveying vote of thanks to all respectable speakers.



VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

VICE CHANCELLORS' CONCLAVE

A platform where the Vice-Chancellors from different Universities across the world will address thousands of students and faculty members and discuss new trends, challenges to share the best solutions

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

PROF PREMENDU P. MATHUR
Vice Chancellor
Birla Global University, India



PROF PETER MATHIESON
Vice Chancellor
University of Edinburgh, UK



DR. VINCENT OGUTU
Vice Chancellor
Strathmore University, Kenya



PROF CHRISTINE PHIRI MUSHIBWE
Vice Chancellor
UNICAF University, Zambia



PROF SANDEEP SANCHETI
Vice Chancellor
Marwadi University, Rajkot,
Gujarat, India



PROF THANDWA MTHEMBU
Vice Chancellor
Durban University of Technology
South Africa



PROF JAN THOMAS
Vice-Chancellor
Massey University, New Zealand



PROF SHARON PITTMAN
Vice Chancellor
Malawi Adventist University
Malawi



PROF IAN FINDLAY
Vice Chancellor
University of Puthisastra, Cambodia

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY CELEBRATION- JUNE 21, 2022

Millennium University celebrated International yoga day by making youth aware about the benefits of practicing yoga. The Vice-Chancellor of the University welcomed the Chief Guest and delivered a speech with power point presentation. He spoke about the concept of Yoga, correlation between Yoga and Science, how yoga helps in dealing stress and develops personality. He explained in detail the Science behind Yoga and it is a universal practice having no concern with any religion. He cited following examples to show the healing effects of Yoga in Africa.

- **Prison Stress Management and Rehabilitation Training** (Prison SMART) programme
- Project Air (At Rwanda) : **First official programme by the UN launched in 2007 to use yoga to help sexual violence survivors and their children.**
- Elman Peace and Human Rights Centre: **A Non-profit Organization established by Ilwad Elman , in 1990 integrates the healing effects of surfing and yoga for victims of sexual violence and previous child soldiers. Known as 'Ocean Therapy'.**
- The Africa Yoga Project: **It has conducted yoga-focused research projects in the region.**

He also said that Yoga helps teens to:

- Improve flexibility, Build muscles
- Improve postures in growing teenagers, promoting healthy life.
- Relax the system, helps them focus and find better balance.
- Improve concentration, thus easing exam pressure

Message by Chief Guest

The High Commissioner of the Republic of India

His Excellency Shri. S. Gopalakrishnan



"...It gives me immense pleasure to know that the Millennium University is introducing two new courses on Yoga. Yoga which is an art and science that creates union between one's body, mind and spirit, has been widely adopted by people all over the world, transcending linguistic and cultural boundaries, and many practitioners including in Malawi. Yoga also promotes the message of peace and harmony between the spiritual and temporal aspects of the world..."

LAUNCH OF TWO YOGA CERTIFICATE COURSES

Two Certificate Courses were launched on the occasion of International Yoga Day by the Chief Guest of the programme His Excellency S. Gopalakrishnan, High Commissioner of India to Malawi. Prof. (Dr.) S. B. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor of the University said, "The curriculum will help the youth to learn the ways of increasing their energy level because yoga is an ancient physical, mental and spiritual practice which develops humanistic approach among people."

Sh. S. Gopalakrishnan said, "...I am hopeful that the new courses being introduced by the Millennium University will not only help the students discovering oneself but will also promote peace and harmony in the society. I am happy that the new courses on Yoga are being introduced on the occasion of 8th International Day of Yoga. I wish Millennium University the best in its future endeavors..."

CERTIFICATE COURSES

1. "Yoga for Personality development, Stress Management & Mental Health"

Duration: 12 weeks (3 Months)

No Age Limit

Credits: 24

The ultimate goals of launching yoga certificate course are stilling the mind and gaining insight, resting in detached awareness leading to unity with the divine or with one's Self. Stress has become an unwanted but irremovable element in people's life which is taking away their happiness, peace and healthy lifestyle. Therefore, this special course will provide the theoretical as well as practical knowledge to the learners so they will be able to know what is yoga, why is it essential, types of yoga, various asanas, meditation techniques etc. with the help of experts.

Apart from launching the course, the University will also:

- Organize awareness programmes to encourage more youth to participate and learn yogic practices;
- Encourage faculty members to enroll in the course and realize job satisfaction along with the positive growth in their career
- Launch Yoga teacher training and evaluator courses to train the yoga students as yoga trainers.

2. “Yoga for Ignition of Internal Spark & Unveiling Unseen Energy”

Duration: 04 weeks (01 Month)

No Age Limit

Credits: 08

This course is about developing Individual, Interpersonal and Management Skills among the learners so that they could unveil the hidden sources of the energy among themselves and open the blocked channels. The objectives of launching this course are to make learners aware about self-assessment; identifying strength & limitations; habits, will-power; self-esteem and building self-confidence, significance of self-discipline. The course will be helpful to the learners in following ways:

- Calm the mind and increasing concentration levels resulting into high productivity and efficiency
- Practicing yoga will gradually build more awareness about one's own creativity.
- Fostering a positive attitude, positive and healthy emotions, keeping away procrastination and elaborating the ways to lead planned and successful life.



SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE- JULY 15, 2022

Millennium University organized Second International Conference on the theme of **“Issues, Challenges & future perspectives in Open, Distance and e-Learning (ODEL)”**, attended by overseas students, faculty members and researchers. Young, energetic and experienced speakers presented their extensive knowledge in elaborative manner thereby helping the participants to get maximum through distance and e-learning. Prof. (Dr.) S. B. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor of the University in his speech said the Conference hopes to address the issues and pathways to addressing the challenges of equity and access in quality higher education. The prominent speakers discussed and shared their experiences on how equity can be incorporated in quality assurance frameworks, how access can be improved in and through technology-enhanced learning, and the role of technologies in making technology-enhanced learning more accessible to increasingly diverse learners. Organized into thematic areas, the conference focused on following sub themes:

- **Concept of open, distance and E- learning in education**
- **Challenges and opportunities in open, distance and E- learning (ODEL) in education**
- **Impact of open, distance and e-learning on the health of Students**
- **Issues, challenges and future perspective in open distance and e-learning**
- **Backward examination and forward looking of online teaching and learning in Malawi**
- **Effectiveness of learning in ODEL environment**
- **Planning and development of innovative teaching learning material in ODEL programmes**
- **Effective Teaching and Role of Teacher in e-Learning**
- **Backward examination and forward looking of online teaching and learning in Malawi.**
- **Re-engineering of Higher Education through ODEL Programm**
- **Re-envision of Learning in Higher Education through Hybrid Mode in Post-pandemic times**

PROMINENT SPEAKERS



			
Dr. Heeralal Professor, University of South Africa	Professor Ebenezer Bonyah Departments of Mathematics Education, Azerihon Appiah Merika University of Skills Training and Entrepreneurial Development, Kumasi, Ghana	Dr. N. Asokan Vice-Principal Academic College of Science & Humanities, SRM Institute of Science & Technology, Chennai, India	Prof. (Dr.) Sagna Katiyar Dean Academics & Professor ABESIT, Ghaziabad, U.P, India
			
Prof. Gurjyoti Agarwal Professor and Dean, School of Liberal Arts and Languages School of Liberal Arts and Languages Shri Chit University, Ganghri, India	Dr. Vijay Kumar Mehta Professor, English Phonetics and Linguistics	Dr. Kankipati Srinivasa Rao Associate Professor of Commerce Vivek Vardhini College of Arts, Commerce, Science & PG Studies Dornania University, Hyderabad, India	Dr. Sunpreet Kaur Sahni Associate Professor, GNM, Ludhiana, Punjab, India
			
Varun Pratap Singh Asst. Professor, Mechanical Cluster, School of Engineering University of Houston and Texas, Houston	Dr. Santhosh Krishna B V Senior Assistant Professor New Horizon College of Engineering, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India	Prof. Prathma Khundelwal Founder, FLY High, Bengaluru, NPTEL, IIT Madras	Priyanka Dave Dept. of Psychology Western Michigan University USA



PUBLISHED an ISBN BOOK on EXPLORING WOMEN LEADERSHIP: ACHIEVING AN EQUAL FUTURE

Millennium University announced to publish a book with International Standard Book Number (ISBN) comprising of the articles and research papers contributed by the participants in the International Conference on Exploring Women Leadership: Achieving an Equal Future.

It is a first publication of the University. Next book is in queue on Open, Distance and E-learning. Invitations are open to the researchers, academicians and faculty members who want to write the chapters for the books.





Other Important News

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BEREAVEMENT (Late Prof. Ben Kaluwa, Chancellor of the University)

We are deeply saddened by the sudden death of Millennium University's first Chancellor, Prof. Ben Kaluwa, who passed away early July, 2022. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family and Millennium University community as they mourn his loss. The unexpected passing of Prof. Ben Kaluwa is a significant loss for the University community. He was the First Chancellor of Millennium University. He led with vision, what we are today is a result of his vision, leadership, and tireless service. He encouraged us to be thoughtful and productive youth, empathetic and creative teachers, and to serve the society and ultimately our nation.

We respectfully give our prayers and condolences to his family in this tough time. We are thankful to Prof. Ben Kaluwa for his support and mentorship. May His Soul Rest in Peace, and may light perpetual shine upon him.



TWO DAYS FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR DEANS OF SCHOOLS

Two days Faculty Development programme was organized by the University on July 21st & 22nd, 2022.

Prof. (Dr.) S. B. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor of the University opened his talk by encouraging the lecturers to adopt innovative and novel methodologies to motivate the students, and use diverse tools and techniques synchronous with the curriculum. He further discussed the creative teaching and learning process, changing roles of teachers in the current environment, challenges faced, learning components of teaching and Teaching Styles and Strategies. He explained the role of teacher in online teaching and stressed to make teaching learning Process more effective and enjoyable. He said if we have chosen the noble profession like teaching then we must endeavor with full energy to bring positive changes in the lives of people. We all are somewhere associated with each other through a source of infinite energy. All great deeds by great people of the world were for the benefit of the entire human race and not for a specific person or system. That's why the societies and nations recognized and respect them publicly.

Thereafter, Mr. Gase Motshewa, Director of Quality Assurance & Corporate Affairs, in his talk deliberated that there is need of acquisition of knowledge towards new technologies and focus on the understanding of emerging technologies. He also asserted that both academics and discipline are crucial for a student's overall growth. The behavior of a student, reflecting on his body language, language, interpersonal skills, and communication skills summing up to the soft skills quotient of a student is very important. He also explained the pedagogical tools and methodology like Lecture-cum-discussion, case studies, role-plays and simulation exercises, Interactions with experts in entrepreneurship development, curriculum development and opportunity guidance and with successful entrepreneurs for practical insights. The programme concluded with the positive feedbacks of the participants.

REVIEW OF MILLENNIUM UNIVERSITY'S GENDER POLICY PROCESS REPORT SUBMITTED TO NCHE

Students and staff face gender disparities in higher education institutions (HEIs) in Malawi and across the globe. At MU, currently 35% of our students and 42% of staff are female. We established a Gender Equality Taskforce (GET) who drafted a Gender Policy for MU in line with existing research and legal frameworks from Malawi (the Malawi Constitution, the Gender Equality Act) and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination, who internationally monitor implementation of gender equality strategies. A Director of Research & Corporate Governance (DRCG) was appointed who is responsible for the development, implementation and updating of institutional policies including the gender policy.

Proposed goals and objectives:

Our **first project goal** was to review our existing gender policy to ensure it aligned with the newly developed model gender policy for HEIs.

The **second goal** was to develop mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating our Gender Policy implementation strategy, particularly impact on gender equality among MU staff and students over time.

The Institution will continue to do the following to spearhead and sustain implementation of MU's Gender Policy;

- **Mainstream gender by ensuring all relevant MU policies complement the Institution's Gender Policy, prioritising gender-specific activities and affirmative action. For example, ensuring interview panel members represent both genders during recruitment process.**
- **Make 'unconscious bias' and gender diversity training mandatory for all staff upon recruitment. This training is designed to expose people to their implicit biases, provide tools to adjust automatic patterns of thinking, and ultimately eliminate discriminatory behaviours. We hope this will raise awareness of learned stereotypes so people can recognise, examine, and transform unfair behaviours towards women and other underrepresented groups e.g., those with stigmatised health conditions like HIV/AIDS**

The above systemic changes can readily become part and parcel of MU's working practice, and produce (cost) effective cultural behaviour change to help achieve gender equality.

To conclude, we are fully committed to ensuring our institution is a place that provide equal opportunities for all within it, present and future students and staff alike.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

MENTAL HEALTH LITERACY RESEARCH PROJECT with QUEEN MARY UNIVERSITY, LONDON**Title of the Research****Implementation of a Mental Health Literacy (MHL) e- curriculum in Malawi Universities**

Depression in Malawi is common with prevalence rates of up to 30% among youth. However, mental health literacy (MHL) in Malawi is very limited. Many people attribute mental illness to alcohol and drug abuse or spirit possession, resulting in stigma, maltreatment, and discrimination towards people with mental health problems. The country's chronic lack of mental health services and healthcare professionals amplifies limited treatment access, knowledge, and negative attitudes, consequently resulting in an epidemic rise in substance use and suicides. Improving MHL, which helps improve identification and treatment of mental illness whilst decreasing stigma, among youth in Malawi is vital.

We have modified a Canadian school-based MHL resource adapted for application in sub-Saharan Africa, into an online curriculum to primarily minimise disruption of delivery during COVID-19 outbreaks and piloted its delivery in a Malawi university. This project aims to test feasibility of implementing this Malawi Mental Health Literacy e-Curriculum (MHLeC) to students in university settings.

Specific objectives are to:

- 1. Refine the existing piloted MHL e-curriculum in readiness for larger scale multisite delivery, focusing on cultural relevance of content and accessibility (0 to 12 months)**
- 2. Implement the MHL e-curriculum in four to eight Malawi universities within a pragmatic randomised feasibility trial. This trial will assess acceptability of the curriculum, appropriateness of outcome measures and potential impact on MHL. This will also include a process evaluation to assess how project outcomes and/or impact were achieved and a scalability assessment to better inform policy and practice. (From 12 to 36 months)**
- 3. Use community engagement approaches to promote mental health discourse and disseminate research findings beyond academic audiences by engaging with existing youth-friendly structures. (From 24 to 48 months).**

Expected outcomes for this project are enhanced mental health literacy among participants, subsequent improvements in mental wellbeing, help-seeking, and peer support.

Safeguarding the mental health of Malawian youth, who make up 24% of the country's population is vital as they will carry Malawi's next developmental wave. Mental illness and substance abuse are key facilitators of spread of HIV in Malawi. Improving youth mental health literacy (MHL) in early life not only increases mental wellbeing. It has wideranging social and economic benefits for individuals and their communities.



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SIGNING OF MOUs with Crown University, Santa Cruz, Argentina

“Millennium University, Blantyre” signed the Memorandum of Understanding with “Mother Teresa Women’s University, Kodaikanal, Tamilnadu, India. The Crown University, International Chartered Inc. is a private, global research University. It offers professional, vocational training and higher education. Both the universities has resolved to establish a partnership for Credit Transfer, Reciprocal arrangements, International Conferences, Seminars, training and research at all level of studies. The scope of the cooperation will be extended with the aim of training, conducting lectures, fulfillment of joint academic activities. Apart from organization of joint conferences and seminars on agreed subjects, exchange of scientific information, providing opportunity to the staff to publish scientific articles as well as results of joint scientific and research activities in specialized editions and scientific publications of the Universities. There will be development of exchange programmes for students with the purpose of training, research, language and industrial practice. With this official beginning of the cooperation, lively academic exchanges are expected to take place in wide range of areas of Humanities, Arts, technologies, Engineering, Medicine and Health Sciences, Pure and Natural Sciences, Social Sciences and Management Sciences and other related courses as well.

SIGNING OF MOUs with Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal, Tamilnadu, India

“Millennium University, Blantyre” signed the Memorandum of Understanding with “Crown University, Santa Cruz, Argentina, South America. Mother Teresa Women’s University (MTWU), the Women’s University whose foundation stone was laid by the legendary Noble Laureate for peace, Mother Teresa, was established in 1984 with the lofty vision of “Empowering Women through Education”. The University plays a catalytic role in women empowerment and building inclusive society. Both the universities has resolved to exchange faculty, students, joint research activities and publications, organizing in seminars, workshops, conference, webinars and academic meetings, exchange of academic materials and other information and special short-term academic programs. The aim of the exchange program is to provide students an opportunity to have experience of National cooperation and exchange, as well as to gain a better understanding of education. It was also agreed upon that staff and students of either institution may also engage in activities such as co-author publications, joint research activities and joint project possibilities. The aim of the exchange program is to provide students an opportunity to have experience of National cooperation and exchange, as well as to gain a better understanding of education. Research students i.e., students (female) pursuing their doctoral studies shall also be considered under this student exchange programme. There will be development of exchange programmes for students with the purpose of training, research, language and industrial practice. This academic cooperation between both universities will encourage and use their reasonable endeavours to effect, within the limitations of the institutions resources, policies, and procedure, visits from one institution to the another by members of the academic, research, skill training, placements, innovation, entrepreneurship and other staff for the purpose of participating in teaching, training, research for development programmes and other agreed activism.



Upcoming Events & Programmes

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THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RESEARCH & INNOVATION

Research and Innovation Conference aims to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers and research scholars to exchange and share their experiences and research results on all aspects of Research and Innovation Conference. It also provides a premier interdisciplinary platform for researchers, practitioners, and educators to present and discuss the most recent innovations, trends, and concerns as well as practical challenges encountered and solutions adopted in the fields of Research and Innovation Conference. Therefore, the next International conference will be organized on this theme.

MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMMES

A series of Seminars will be organized to make the youth aware about mental health. The programmes will aim to facilitate professional collaborations and host programs that address and advance the scientific, policy, and practical aspects of making mental health a core component of the curriculum. The monthly seminars will host students, faculty, and community members to engage in thoughtful learning and networking

STUDENT PARLIAMENT

Student Parliament will be formed in the University to develop a powerful dialogue on democracy with the vision to engage & enlighten the youth of the country to understand the problems of the people and serve nation. Student Parliament will comprise of all students who are currently registered students of Millennium University. The students will discuss on the issues like gender equality, mental health problems and figure out the strategies to deal with their problems. They will also counsel each other which will develop their personality by boosting up their confidence.

TEACHERS' AWARD FUNCTION

The purpose of felicitating awards to teachers is to celebrate the unique contribution of some of the finest teachers in the University and to honor those teachers who through their commitment have not only improved the quality of education but also enriched the lives of their students. Under this, teachers will be awarded marks on criteria based on performance e.g. initiatives to improve learning outcomes, innovative ideas undertaken, organization of extra and co-curricular activities, use of Teaching Learning Material, ensuring unique ways to ensure education to students etc.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

Community Awareness program is about enlightening and enhancing the thought process of people living in poor conditions. This helps them in building an attitude to deal with everyday situations, issues, to take important decisions of life and most importantly believing in themselves. The motto of our community awareness program is the development of their social skills through group activities like community meetings, door to door survey, Road shows and community counseling.



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MILLENNIUM SCHOOL OF OPEN, DISTANCE & e-LEARNING

Millennium University, Blantyre will be the next University to launch Millennium School of Open Distance and E-learning in Malawi. We are pleased to share with you that MU has transformed into a full-fledged campus in such a short span of time and very soon it will expand its wings further by adding a new school in it.

To encourage women empowerment and to make quality education accessible beyond the four walls of University to everyone 'Open, Distance and E-learning' can be proved as most effective schemes. The mission is to take the reach of quality education. Here the teachers and learners need not necessarily be present either at same place or same time and is flexible in regard to modalities and timing of teaching and learning as also the admission criteria without compromising necessary quality considerations.

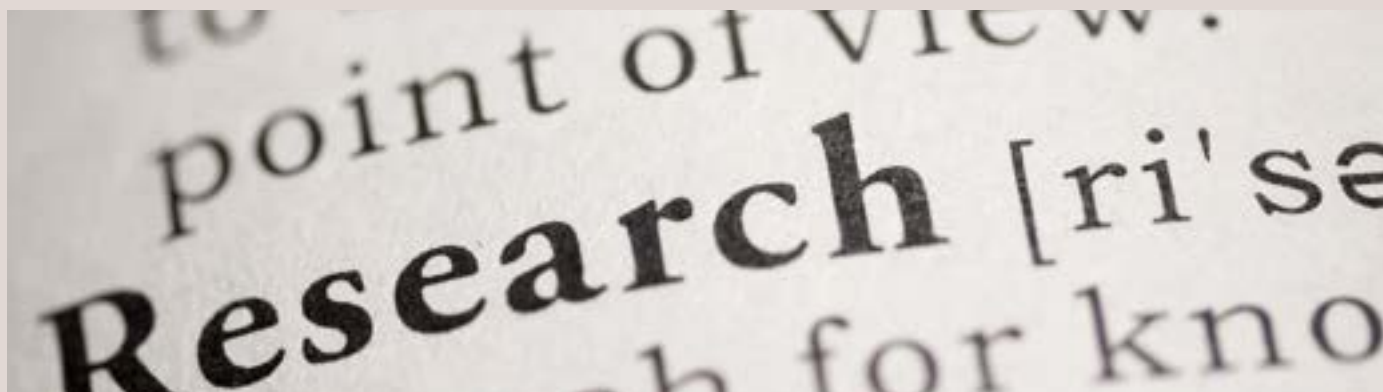
It will be supplemented with well- prepared printed course material which will be distributed by mail to all the enrolled students. It will be open for cross boarder students as well. Providing more exposure to the students to the new knowledge as well as skills and preparing them as per the demand of the industry is indeed the need of the hour. Keeping in view of the globalization of education, we will also initiate some Certificate Courses having duration ranging from one week to six months.

DIRECTORATE OF RESEARCH

"Research and innovation are important aspects to enhance quality education by the Higher Education Institution. A vibrant research ecosystem in higher education institution aims to provide meaningful thrust for sustainable research and innovation and promote collaboration between government, universities, research institutes and industries. Ph.D. programmes in various streams will be started and students as well as faculty members will be motivated to pursue research for academic and professional development.

Apart from it, regular events such as refresher courses, workshops, trainings/internships, group discussions and seminars/conferences may be organized for capacity building.

Incentives play a significant role in activating research interest among scholars and faculties. Incentivizing quality publications and patents by students and faculty will have an enduring positive impact. Institution of Excellence Awards for achievements in the form of impactful quality research or research-based teaching will further stimulate and invigorate the research and innovation activities.



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