



IAT NEWSLETTER

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A word from The General Manager

This has been a challenging year economically for all of us. As a nation we are now experiencing the effects of the drought that has been with us for the last three years. We are having water and electricity rationing, which in turn affects not only our personal lives, but our economic wellbeing too; not to mention the global economic crunch affecting our country.

As an organization we are grateful for the gains we have made so far this year. We have continued to expand our operations, as seen in the recently concluded IAT Campus recruitment. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the Lecturers and Tutorial Lecturers into the IAT fraternity. This same group successfully completed the rigorous Training for Understanding (TFU) train-the-trainer program in the month of August.

Also joining the IAT teaching staff are the recently graduated instructors from the Management of Learning (MOL) train-the-trainer program. The Management of Learning program gives our instructors key skills in classroom management and effective delivery of learning concepts. Congratulations to Mr. Peter Muthaura on turning out sterling groups. Joining Mr. Muthaura is Ms. Josephine Yongo. Josephine has been an instructor in the End User Training department at our Loita House branch, and has herself been a sterling performer within the department.

The IAT Management Team has also undergone some changes, with the manager Mr. Ndirangu Gichohi. Promotion of Mr. Festus Kimathi who previously held the position of Test

Centre Manager to Centre Manager at our Yaya branch. Mr. Obadiah Maina rises from Career Training Instructor to Test Centre Manager. Mr. Maina joins us from the Mombasa branch.

The IAT School of Business will offer the Bachelor of Business Administration interest in enrolling for them and Bachelor of Business & Information Technology degree programs in Mombasa. The two programs are offered in collaboration with St. Paul's University. The Deputy Vice Chancellor – Academic Affairs, Mrs. Mombo recently visited the centre and toured the facilities. IAT competitively joins a number of other universities offering degree programs in Mombasa. Congratulations to Mr. Wilson Methu and his team in ensuring IAT standards are maintained above par in Mombasa.

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CENTRE NEWS

Loita Does It Again

The year started out on quite a promising note for IAT Loita. This was crowned by the sterling performance of Wazinduzi and Winners teams that scooped 1st and 2nd Best End-user team positions in the April Customer Loyalty awards event. Kudos! to Mr Gichohi and his End-user training teams. The Customer Loyalty event is a quarterly performance recognition & awards scheme which identifies centres and trainers with the strongest recommendations from customers.

In our spirit of offering uncompromisingly high quality services to our customers and listening to their needs, IAT Loita ran it's first class for the Hearing impaired or Deaf. It is very gratifying to note that all the 4 students passed their Word exam. Bravo! to the trainer Mr. Daniel Muiruri, the class translator, Ms. Elizabeth Njeri and the The IAT Management Team has also undergone some changes, with the manager Mr. Ndirangu Gichohi.

The Authorised Training department has received good response from Customers on registration for the new Microsoft certifications (Microsoft Certified IT Professional-MCITP and Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist – MCTS).

Funny Corner

A cat died and went to Heaven. God met her at the gates and said, 'You have been a good cat all these years. Anything you want is yours for the asking.' The cat thought for a minute and then said, 'All my life I lived on a farm and slept on hard wooden floors. I would like a real fluffy pillow to sleep on.' God said, 'Say no more.' Instantly the cat had a huge fluffy pillow. A few days later, six mice were killed in an accident and they all went to Heaven together. God met the mice at the gates with the same offer that He made to the cat.

The IAT Campus started the first Maseno University, BSc. in ICT Management class with 32 students in January 2007 and we proudly anticipate their graduation from Maseno University later this year. Congratulations to all the students!

Our singular focus remains to deliver the best quality and value to our esteemed customers.

Mr. Thomas Gitumbi, The General Manager , Eastern Africa, Institute of Advanced Technology - IAT

Upcoming Events

BICTM Students Graduation

On 27th November 2009, IAT Campus first batch of students will be graduating with a degree in Bachelor of Science in Information and Communications Management (BICTM) which IAT runs in collaboration with Maseno University's Department of Computer Science. The graduation ceremony will take place at Maseno University graduation square and will include high level representation from IAT. We are pleased to have a total of 10 graduands among whom there are two first class honours and eight second class honours, upper division.

Open Day

Welcome to our Open Day 2009 on 27th November 2009 starting 09.00am in any of our Centres. Finally we open our doors to all prospective students who wish to know;

- More about our courses (course content, start and end dates, fee structure and timings),
- Attend a tester class and have a feel of how you will learn your
- course of choice,
- Interact with our state of the art facilities.
- Meet our ever helpful and ever discovering course lecturers,hung out with current students

Raff Month

Its time we all earned for having friends and relatives learn together with us. Get an early Christmas treat! from 2 November to 27 November, IAT Management is giving discounts to any student who recommends a friend of theirs to register in IAT. Current students can give up to 10 cards and get up to 70% discount on their next course! New students who register with a RAF card onto ICDL will get 7% discount on their course! That's not all.

The student who recommends a friend to an IAT Diploma course can get up to 50% off their diploma, and their friends get 5% discounts off the diploma.

Bring your friends and enjoy great savings!*

Find out more from your trainers/career counselor

*Terms and Conditions Apply

The mice said, 'Well, we have had to run all of our lives: from cats, dogs, and even people with brooms! If we could just have some little roller skates, we would not have to run again.' God answered, 'It is done.' All the mice had beautiful little roller skates. About a week later, God decided to check on the cat. He found her sound asleep on her fluffy pillow. God gently awakened the cat and asked, 'Is everything okay? How have you been doing? Are you happy?' The cat replied, 'Oh, it is WONDERFUL. I have never been so happy in my life. The pillow is so fluffy, and those little Meals on Wheels you have been sending over are delicious!'



Not a day passes without a thank you note from an Ufunguo scholar either in writing or word. Shared are some of their comments that have come in;

"I would like to congratulate you for the wonderful job that you are doing. What you are giving to many Kenyans is hope and confidence to face the future and ultimately build this nation. You are giving many students opportunities that they might never have had". **Peter Otuabe**

"I am a very excited student to pursue a career in IT through the Ufunguo Scholarships" **David Ndwiga**

"I hereby would like to thank the IAT fraternity for giving me a chance to pursue my ICDL course at the Mombasa branch. I successfully managed to complete both ICDL 1&2. I believe this was a chance of a life time for me as it was a gateway to achieving my dream of being a computer specialist." **Obaga Amos Mesa**

Chipukizi Holiday Camp

IAT's innovativeness is still growing strong and this is evident from a new product that was launched during the April holidays, dubbed Chipukizi Holiday Camp.

The main objective of the camp is to impart essential life skills in children, over and above computer skills and nurture strong leadership personalities.

This is IAT's small patriotic contribution towards improving Kenya's leadership values.



Staff from different universities, organized by St. Paul's University, pose for a photo with Miss Wangui Mwangi, IAT Country Manager (Front left), during their course graduation



Chipukizi Camp kids during their class time



Kibichiku High School students listen to a career talk given by IAT Ufunguo Scholarships staff.



A student studying in the IAT Thika Road library

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