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GENERAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) is concerned over the increased number of scam cases brought to its attention regarding floating of tenders and registration of suppliers. These individuals claim to be in a position to offer tenders to the unsuspecting victims.

The fraudsters have repeatedly made calls or emailed unsuspecting persons and/or firms, in the name of the University, offering tenders. These fraudsters have been seeking to obtain money from the unsuspecting persons and/or firms on false pretences as fees to facilitate them to be awarded tenders by the University. The university wishes to state categorically that:

- 1. These fraudsters have no connection whatsoever with Dedan Kimathi University of Technology, the procurement department or the university management.
- 2. DEKUT being a Public University is bound by the Public Procurement and Disposal Act of 2015 and follows the stipulated procedures for initiating and awarding of tenders.
- 3. All tendering processes are carried out in an open, fair and transparent manner in compliance to the law.
- 4. All tenders are available for downloading free of charge when tender opportunities are advertised through the Government publication, MyGov, which is published every week in the national newspapers, the public procurement information portal www.tenders.go.ke, and the University website www.dkut.ac.ke.
- 5. The University does not call any individuals to offer tenders in exchange for any considerations.

Such use of the University's identity is unauthorised and illegal. The relevant authorities have been informed for appropriate action. Extreme caution should be exercised in relation to any suspicious communication purporting to be from the University as financial loss may occur from any such correspondences for which the University will not be held liable.

We urge the public who receive such communication, to forward the contacts to the University through <u>vc@dkut.ac.ke</u> or <u>procurement@dkut.ac.ke</u> so that the matter can be referred to the Police for investigation. In this regard, DeKUT reminds members of the public that all communication to and from the University, is usually done through formal letters, mainstream media, its website.

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