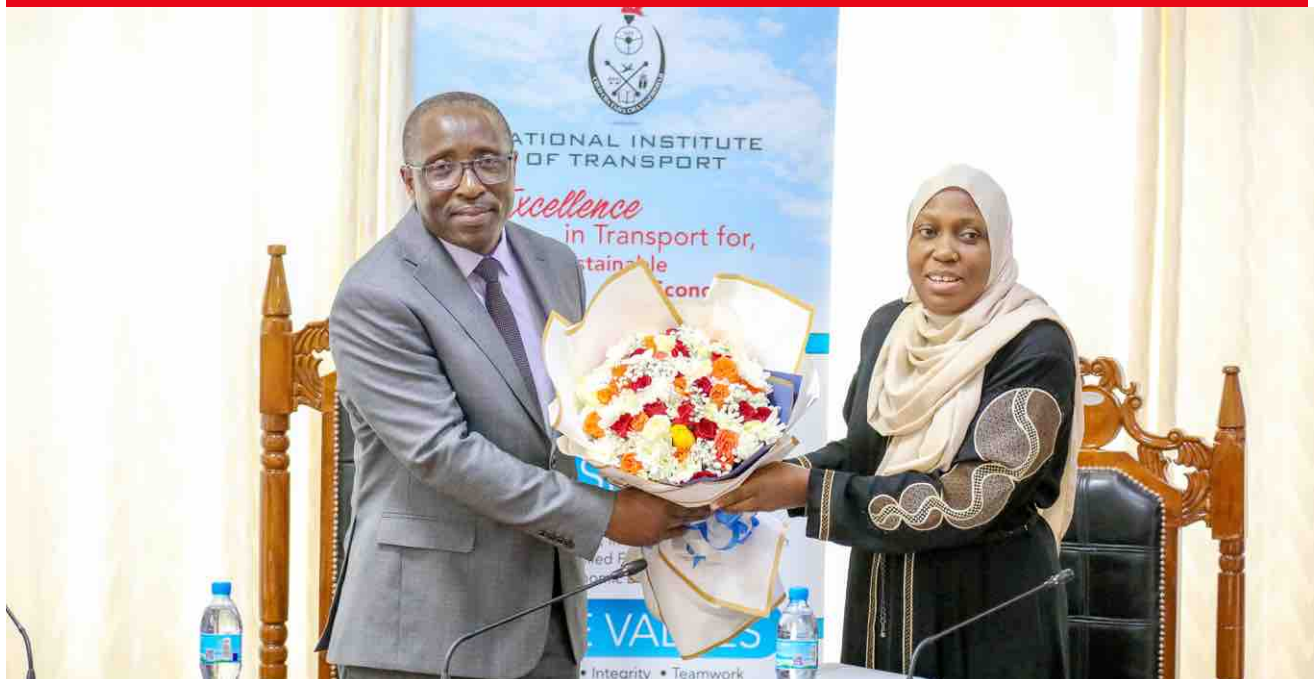




Governing Council's Chairperson expresses gratification over the appointment of the new NIT Rector



The newly appointed Rector Dr. Prosper Mgaya (left) during his arrival at the Institute Main Campus Mabibo

By Zakeyo Lusohoka

The Chairperson of the National Institute of Transport (NIT) Governing Council, Prof. Obadia Mbamba has expressed His gratification to the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Her Excellency, Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan following the appointment of the NIT Rector, Eng. Dr. Prosper Mgaya.

“I congratulate, Dr. Mgaya for being trusted by the President of the United Republic of Tanzania to lead NIT in the position of Rector. On behalf of the NIT Governing Council, I would like to congratulate you”, said Prof. Mbamba during His meeting with the Institute’s workers held on 27th March, 2024.

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Prof. Mbamba extended His gratification to the Institute's Deputy-Rector, Planning, Finance and Administration, Dr. Zainabu Mshana who was acting as the Rector before Dr. Mgya's appointment.

Moreover, Prof. Mbamba called the management and all staff to uphold the achievements that the Institute has reached. Adding that: "NIT has made significant milestones, in all the higher learning institutions under National Council for Technical Education and Vocation Training (NACTVET); we have many faculties and directorates. We need to maintain the success we have attained; put more efforts and dream higher. Our success should be considered as the new challenge we have in order to do better than where we are now".

Meanwhile, the new Rector, Dr. Mgya thanked the NIT's Governing Council Chairperson and promised to implement all the directives: "I have heard all that you have said and directed; may I assure you that we will work on them. It is my hope that my fellow colleagues will collaborate with me to maintain the integrity of our Institution".

Dr. Mgya's appointment was made following the end of tenure of Eng. Prof. Zacharia Mganilwa, who served the Institute for 12 years. Before being appointed as the NIT's new Rector, Dr. Mgya was serving as the Country's Managing Director of VETA.

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NIT records significant achievements as Dr. Samia marks three years of presidency

By Juma Manday

The National Institute of Transport (NIT) has attained remarkable achievements in the three years of the sixth - phase Tanzania government under the leadership of Hon. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, the President of the United Republic of Tanzania. The achievements were obtained by the institute through successful implementation of the East Africa Skills for Transformation and Regional Integration Project (EASTRIP) funded by the World Bank.

Speaking in an interview with NIT e-newsflash, the Institute's Rector, Dr. Prosper Mgaya expressed His gratitude to President Samia Suluhu, before went on revealing several notable achievements that NIT has managed to attain in three years of the leadership of President, as he said:

"First of all, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to President Samia Suluhu Hassan for appointing me as the Rector of this Institution. This appointment reveals her significant trust in my ability to take NIT forward."

Dr. Mgaya went on highlighting that the commencement of the construction of five buildings at the Institute's main campus, Mabibo in Dar es salaam as the first significant achievement the Institute has managed to accomplish as part of the support from the government through the World Bank's East Africa Skills for Transformation and Regional Integration Project (EASTRIP). The five buildings under construction include the Center of Excellence Building, Cabin Crew Mock Up Building, and Hi-Tech Workshop Building worth TZS 10.8 billion and two hostels for male and female students worth of TZS 10.8 billion.

"We are so grateful to the six-phase government under the leadership of President Samia Suluhu Hassan for the support, as you can see through the EASTRIP's initiative the construction of these five buildings began last year."

Dr. Mgaya further stressed that NIT has also managed to purchase several training facilities to enhance aviation training at the Institute. The purchased equipment includes Aircraft Engineering System Trainers (Runnable J-34 Turbo Jet Engine and Motorized Cutaway PT6A Turbo Prop Engine) worth USD 279,000, Cabin Crew Mock Up and Visual Maintenance Trainer (VMT) worth USD 1,257,854.86.

"As you know aviation equipment are so expensive, so without the support of the government through EASTRIP project we could not manage to purchase those facilities. The equipment has also added value to the competency of our engineering and cabin crew students through broadening of their hands-on experience."

Additionally, Dr. Mgaya said that the availability

of the modern training equipment at NIT like VMT and Aircraft Engineering System Trainers has enabled the Institute to secure an approved training organization certificate (ATO) for diploma in aircraft maintenance engineering programme from Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA).



Hon. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan,
The President of the United Republic of Tanzania

"NIT has also managed to improve training and learning environment and eventually became the first higher learning Institution in our country to secure an accreditation from TCAA for aircraft maintenance engineering courses."

Dr. Mgaya further added that the six-phase government has also supported NIT's move to establish pilot training at the Institute for the first time since its establishment in 1975 by purchasing two aircrafts (Cessna Sky Hawk 172 S) worth USD 1,057,060 for the Institute. The aircraft will be used for pilot training course.

"As you can see we have been given the two aircraft purchased by the government last year for pilot training course. With these facilities, NIT will be able to produce qualified local pilots at affordable fees."

He went on pointing that the government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan has created enabling environment for the Institute to perform its core function of producing qualified human resources who are highly demanded in major strategic projects that are currently being undertaken by the government in the transport sector including the expansion of airports, harbors, revamping of ATCL etc.

"With the government support we have managed to produce adequate and qualified local experts like aircraft maintenance engineers, flight operation officers and others to work in these strategic projects as well as supervise them."

Professor Mbamba calls NIT's staff to uphold work ethics, maintain the Institute's integrity



NIT's Governing Council's Chairperson, Prof. Ulingeta Mbamba (middle)

By Zakeyo Lusohoka

The NIT's Governing Council Chairperson, Prof. Obadia Mbamba has urged the NIT's staff to uphold public service work ethics and maintain the Institute's integrity. Prof. Mbamba made a call during His meeting with the Institute's staff held recently at NIT-Mabibo.

"I understand that NIT has made significant achievements, this should be honored and maintained. Therefore, as Public Service Servants we should make sure that our image is positive. People should have good perception about us", said Prof. Mbamba.

He also added: "Let us make sure, we maintain high integrity; we should be responsible and perform our duties with minimum supervision. You should also be aware that the government keeps on making a close follow-up to us; however, I believe if we continue doing better; the government will increase its investment to the Institute".

The Chairperson further stressed that all staff are obliged to maintain the reputation of the Institution citing that everyone has the responsibility to protect the integrity and image of NIT. "My desire is to see everyone doing better for

the success of NIT; we should all strive toward excellent performance and demonstrate all the good investment made by the government to NIT", He said.

Prof. Mbamba also argued the NIT's employees to abide with Public service rules, ethics and regulations. He reminded the staff that every office has procedures to follow; we need to be aware of that and abide the rules.

"I urge the new employees of NIT to live as members of the Institute Community capable of contributing to the development of NIT. Likewise, colleagues who are more experienced with NIT should be ready to embrace changes and demonstrate good work ethics and performance", He added.

Meanwhile, the NIT's Rector, Dr. Prosper Mgaya thanked the NIT's Governing Council Chairperson and promised to implement all the directives: " On behalf of NIT and the Governing Board, I would like to assure you that I have received all the directives; may I assure you that we will work on them. I hope my colleagues will work together with me to maintain the integrity of our Institution".

NIT conducts online training programme to KCNP students of Kenya



Well – equipped computer laboratory available at the Institute for conducting online training

By Ngusekela David

The National Institute of Transport (NIT) is currently running an online course on International Shipping Practicing Certificate to the Kenya Coast National Polytechnic (KCNP) College Students, Similar to that NIT students are also studying an online course namely Front Office Operations and Administration from KCNP.

Speaking to NIT-e NewsFlash, the Centre Leader of the Centre of Excellence in Aviation and Transport Operations Dr. Chacha Ryoba said that the Institute has a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with KCNP to work together in different activities including providing training programmes. The MoU is part of implementing East African Skills for Transformation and Regional integration project (EASTRIP) whereby one of its objectives is to enroll Regional Students on long term programs.

Dr. Chacha went on saying that the two Institutions have obligations of hosting the Students enrolled in their colleges, therefore in this case NIT will pay School fees for KCNP Students

and KCNP will pay School fees for NIT Students whereby the school fees is funded by the EASTRIP.

On his side Dr. Deus Shatta, NIT's Head, Center for Professional Development said that this is a six month course of which the students are studying for two hours online per day and then they will be having a face to face class for one month after the five months of online training.

“This course is preparing a student to work on Shipping Company or Ports Authorities and is recognized Worldwide, a student is exposed to a wide range of opportunity in the job Market”, The courses have a total of Eighty (80) Students that is forty (40) from KCNP studying at NIT and forty (40) from NIT studying at KCNP.

ANIT Tanzania and KCNP of Kenya are both implementing EASTRIP, the project being implemented in three countries of Tanzania, Kenya and Ethiopia; funded by the World Bank to strengthen Regional Integration of Technical Vocational and Education Training (TVET) Institutions.

NIT conducts Bus Conductor Customer Service course in Morogoro

By Tulizo Chusi

The National Institute of Transport (NIT) has recently conducted bus conductor customer service training for bus conductors in collaboration with LATRA. The six days (6) training was held in Morogoro town from 18th – 23rd of March 2024 aiming at elevating the standards of customer service provided by bus conductors across the region.

In her address at the opening ceremony held in Morogoro on 18th of March 2024, the Morogoro's District Commissioner Honorable Rebecca Nsemwa lauded the Institute efforts to improve the quality-of-service delivery in the public transportation sector. She emphasized the importance of professionalism, courtesy, and efficiency in enhancing the overall passenger experience.

“These kinds of training are highly needed to equip our bus conductors with adequate skills and knowledge to enhance the quality of the service delivery in the public transportation sector in our country, therefore I congratulate NIT for organizing this remarkable training”

Honorable Nsemwa added that the commencement of the bus conductor customer service training course marks a significant milestone in the ongoing efforts by the six-phase

government to enhance the quality of service in the transportation sector.

“With the support from the government and the dedication of participants, the training will make a significant impact on the passenger experience and contribute to the overall improvement of public transportation services in Morogoro and beyond”

On her side, the Institute's Deputy Rector for Planning, Finance and Administration, Dr. Zainabu Mshana pointed out that the bus conductor customer service training course will enable participants to broaden their customer service skills, communication techniques, conflict resolution strategies, and observing passenger safety protocols.

“I sincerely believe this training will add value to your careers as Professional Bus conductors as well as improve passenger experience in public transportation in our country”

The course is among of the activities implemented under the Centre of Excellence in Aviation and Transport Operation through Eastern Africa Skills for Transformation and Regional Integration Project (EASTRIP) funded by the World Bank.



Participants of the Bus Passenger Customer Service Training Course in a class session

Dodoma Regional Commissioner urges road users to comply with road rules to prevent accidents

By Victoria Olesaitabau

The National Institute of Transport (NIT) through its Regional Center of Excellence for Road Safety (RCoERS) has conducted a road safety audit training aiming at enhancing road safety awareness among engineers, road architects, law enforcement officers and other road safety stakeholders. The training was held in Dodoma city from 4th to 8th March, 2024 in collaboration with TANROADS.

Addressing the training participants during an opening ceremony held on 05th March, 2024 the Dodoma's Regional Commissioner Hon. Rosemary Senyamule urged road constructors, managers and engineers to adhere to standards in construction of roads to enhance safety among road users.

"I honestly believe this training will make a valuable contribution in upgrading your knowledge and competency and eventually comply with all standards required to be observed during the designing and construction of roads"

In addition to that, Hon. Senyamule said that the training will enable the government to attain its desired mission of combating road accidents in Tanzania through building of high-quality roads across the country.

"The training will play a pivotal role in the achievement of the government mission of eradicating road accidents caused by poor road infrastructures"

On the other hand, the Institute's Deputy Rector for Planning, Finance and Administration, Dr. Zainabu Mshana said that the training has enabled the East Africa Skills for Transformation and Regional Integration Project (EASTRIP) attain one of its goals of reaching out institutions that are not direct beneficiaries of the project.

"Through carrying out these training funded by EASTRIP, we have managed to train a total of 908 participants of the field of transportation from various regions in the country including transport officers, senior drivers, bus crews, engineers, and police traffic officers"

Dr. Zainabu further revealed that the Institute motive to conduct the training periodically was due to the rapid increase of the number of deaths caused by road accidents resulting from poor road infrastructures across the country.

"Current statistics show the existence of a large number of people losing their lives and others being injured due to road accidents, especially young people who are the workforce for our Nation, therefore through this training we will be able to completely eliminate or reduce the accidents caused by our roads as well as save people's lives"

On her side, Ms. Nuru Mpopo who was one of the participants who successfully attended the training revealed her take over the course as she said:

"We are delighted with the road safety auditing training provided to us by NIT's instructors and other stakeholders, with the acquired knowledge we will be able to improve efficiency when we go back to our working stations"

The National Institute of Transport through the East Africa Skills for Transformation and Regional Integration Project (EASTRIP) funded by the World Bank has successfully carried out the road safety audit training in various zones in the country. The training is among of the activities implemented under the Centre of Excellence in Aviation and Transport Operation to implement one of the EASTRIP's objectives.