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The team pays a courtesy call to the Dean of Students Office, Prof. Christopher Obel Gor.

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JOOUST AND ICR-CAAS IN GROUNDBREAKING AGRICULTURAL COLLABORATION

In a significant development that promises to drive agricultural innovation and scientific cooperation to new heights, Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST) and the Institute of Cotton Research, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (ICR-CAAS) in



JOOUST Signs MOU with The Institute of Cotton Research, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (ICR-CAAS)

China have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) setting the stage for a pioneer partnership program that seeks to harness collective resources for the mutual benefit and advancement of their respective nations.

ICR-CAAS, a state-owned research institute established in 1957 by the People's

Republic of China, has long been at the forefront of tackling critical challenges in cotton production. The institute's mandate includes applied and applied basic research, the sponsorship of research projects in China, the promotion of international cooperation and technical exchange, and the advancement of cotton technical development.

The team from the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences led by Professor Xu Liu, visited

JOOUST on the 29th October 2023. Prof. Liu noted that the collaboration would be significant in addressing cotton production challenges in this part of the region as well as conducting joint research on cotton. The team was received by Professor Christopher Gor, the Dean of Students, who was representing the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academics, Student Affairs and Research. Prof. Gor reiterated the need for community involvement as a key pillar for empowering the community and enhancing their livelihood. "It is very important that any research that we conduct as an Institution



Light moment after the signing of the MoU between JOOUST and ICR-CAAS

has to impact the community.” Said Prof. Gor.

The collaboration between these two institutions was initiated by Dr. Richard Magwanga, Director Research, Innovation and Partnerships (DRIP) during his stint as a student at the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences. The partnership is founded on several key principles including: Conservation of Natural Resources, Shared Vision and Mission, Technical Knowledge and Skills, Local and National Development and Adaptation to Global Changes.

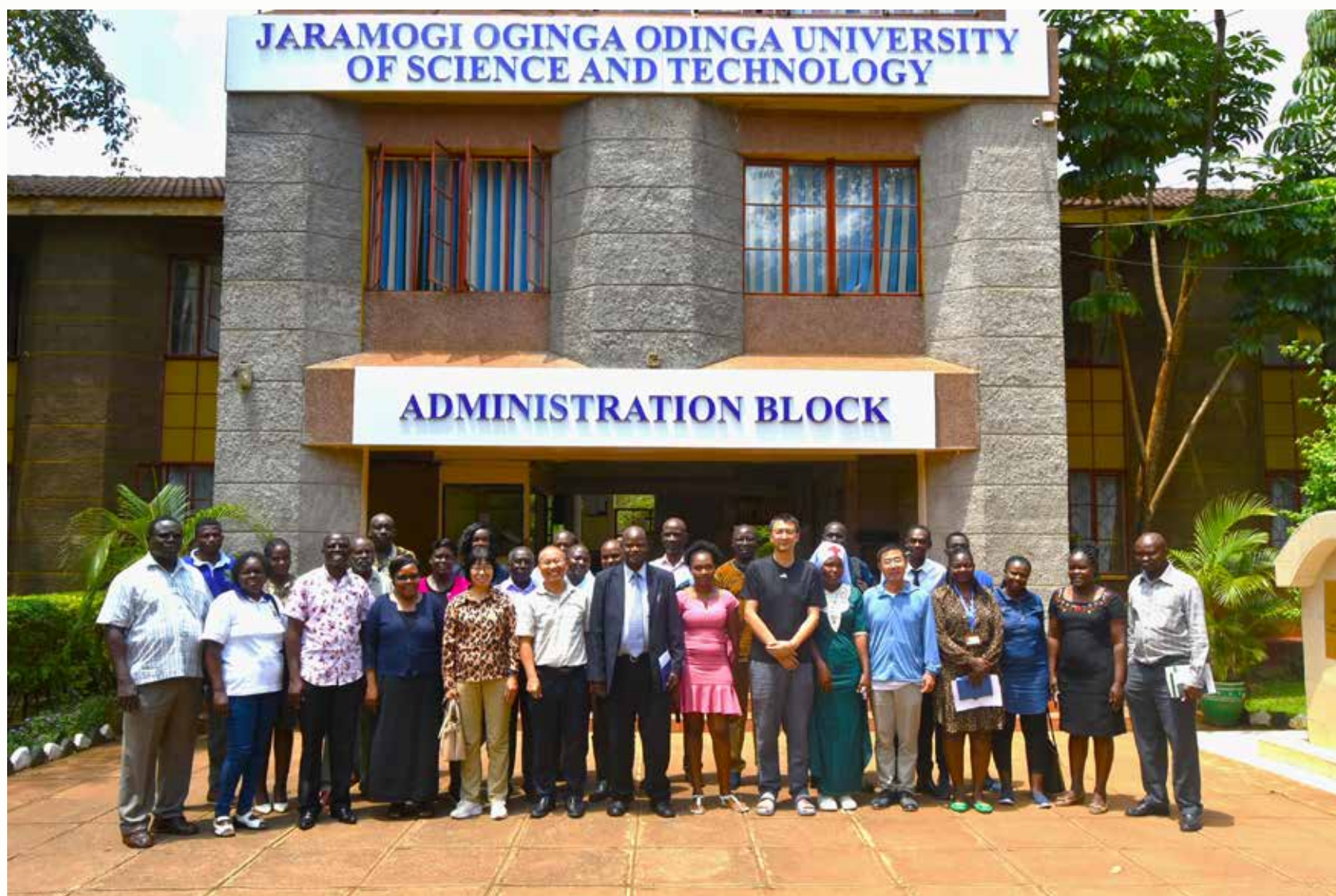
The MOU seeks to establish a mutually beneficial

academic and scientific cooperation between ICR-CAAS and JOOUST. It aims to facilitate the exchange of resources between the two organizations, fostering a culture of sharing and growth, scientific advancements through the development of molecular diagnostic tools to identify the molecular basis for cotton diseases, hosts, salt tolerance, and drought tolerance, Training and Research and Joint Research. The parties committed to empowering communities and enhancing livelihoods through their collaborative efforts. The partnership envisages a strong emphasis on the exchange of relevant materials, reports, publications,

information, and technical expertise. - Others will include: academic synergy, shared resources and scholarship opportunities.

The MOU’s shelf life will be five years dating from the day of signing, with the possibility of amendments or modifications through mutual consent.

In an era marked by global challenges and opportunities, this partnership between JOOUST and ICR-CAAS exemplifies the power of international collaboration to drive positive change, advance scientific knowledge, and contribute to sustainable development.



The team from The Institute of Cotton Research, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (ICR-CAAS) pose for a group photo with the JOOUST Team

FANNING FLAMES OF DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT ON JOOUST STUDENTS



JOOUST students visit the Ajira Digital booth

In a bid to ignite the spark of digital empowerment among the students of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST), the Ajira Digital Team embarked on a Digital Awareness Campaign in JOOUST on the 29th of September, 2023. The Ajira Digital Program is a government initiative driven by the Ministry of ICT, Innovations, and Youth Affairs whose overarching goals include raising the profile of digital work, promoting a mentorship and collaborative learning approach to finding digital work, providing Kenyans with access to digital work,

and positioning Kenya as a global destination for online workers.

The awareness campaign was as a result of Ajira's collaborative engagement with the Dean of Student's Office, aimed at shedding light on the existence of the Ajira Club and the multitude of benefits awaiting member students.

The Ajira Digital Team's visit commenced with a courtesy call on the Dean of Student's Office, Professor Christopher Obel Gor, with whom they discussed the mission of the Ajira Digital Program. Their unrelenting

commitment to empowering Kenyan youth with digital job opportunities was evident even as the team leader, Mr. Simon outlined their objectives for the day. Thereafter, the team proceeded to the Assembly Hall, where they set up their station and eagerly awaited the opportunity to engage with JOOUST students.

The event was nothing short of vibrant, with a plethora of activities lined up to keep the students occupied. One notable activity that drew the attention of students was a concurrent golf game, which added a unique touch to the registration process.

This innovative approach endeared the students and motivated them all the more to invite their comrades.

To crown it all, the team unveiled the numerous opportunities that the Ajira Digital Program offers to students. The courses, which have both physical and virtual sessions and shall be administered free of charge, encompass a wide range of programs namely; Digital Marketing and E-commerce (basic module), transcription, data entry, virtual assistance, content writing, and much more. What sets these courses apart is their level of flexibility which allows students to earn while pursuing their studies.

One of the key takeaways from the event was the announcement of physical training sessions to be conducted at JOOUST between the 12th and 13th of October, 2023. This initiative serves as a testament to the commitment of Ajira Digital Team to ensure that students have access to the resources and knowledge they need to thrive in the digital space.

The Ajira Digital Team's visit to the University was an inspirational and educational

experience for both the team and the students. This initiative promises a lot of opportunities for the Youth even as the country continues to position itself as a hub for digital innovation.



Registration for Ajira Digital programmes underway



JOOUST Ajira Club member registers participant for the online courses offered by Ajira Digital

UNVEILING PRISCA, THE WORDSMITH!

By Beckon Wafula- Student SIIS



Prisca performs on stage during the Kenya Universities Performing Arts and Film Association (KUPAA) Regionals 2022

Amidst the bustling Halls of art of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST), picturesque campus, there's a hidden gem—a student whose gift for spoken word transcends the ordinary. Meet Prisca, a name synonymous with the art of poetry, who uses her talent to inspire, provoke thought, and carve her niche on campus.

Her moment of discovery arrived when she accidentally stumbled upon a spoken word performance online. Intrigued, she

decided to experiment with the art form, which enables the expression of germane thoughts through words. A specific moment of resonance occurred when her words resonated with her audience unveiling her profound talent. Prisca's journey at JOOUST isn't just about pursuing a degree; it's about channeling her artistic prowess into spoken word performances that leave audiences spellbound. Her words are not just verses; they are powerful messages that resonate with her peers and mentors alike.

The university remains a beacon for nurturing diverse endowments consequently becoming, a home of wordsmiths like Prisca. With a gift for weaving words into poignant narratives, Prisca addresses social issues, champions equality and inspires change. Her spoken word performances often catalyze conversations on topics ranging from justice, diversity, hope to resilience.

Prisca's artistic impact however extends beyond the stage. She uses her art to connect with her fellow students, fostering a sense of community and shared purpose. Through workshops and open mic nights, she encourages others to discover their own hidden talents. As the artist looks to the future, she aspires to elevate her spoken word craft, aiming for impactful collaborations and perhaps even using her art as a catalyst for positive social change.



Emotions ran deep during the lyrical flow by Prisca

PICTORIALS



ICR-CAAS and a team of JOOUST researchers embark on a field visit to Pap-Kodero cotton farm in Rarieda



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Prof. Julis Manyala hands a token to faculty member of The Institute of Cotton Research, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (ICR-CAAS)



Prof. Emily Ondodo hands a gift hamper to a faculty member from The Institute of Cotton Research, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (ICR-CAAS)

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Ajira Digital crew together with JOUST Ajira Club members share a light moment at the booth



Mr. Simon Murimi ,the Jobs Resources and Training Manager, Ajira Digital hands a token to the Dean of Students Prof. Christopher Obel Gor.



Team building activities ongoing next to the Ajira Digital booth



The registration process was highly interactive

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