

MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The history of Machakos University dates back to 1956 when the construction of the first building started. In 1957, the first students were admitted in the school then called Machakos Rural Training School. It was in 1958 when the Government took over from the Machakos Municipal Council and renamed it Machakos Technical and Trade school and students admitted in the following courses; Leatherwork, Masonry, Plumbing and Carpentry & Joinery.

As the establishment grew, the blind school (now Machakos Technical Institute for the Blind) next door, formerly registered as one Institution became a separate Institution in 1960. In 1967, the name changed yet again to Machakos Technical Secondary School when a two-year secondary education course leading to Kenya Junior Secondary Education (K.J.S.E) Technical Examination started. The first K.J.S.E was done in 1968.

In 1971, the last K.J.S.E was sat and in the same year, the first full secondary intake was done. In 1974, the first "O" level Examination E.A.C.E was taken.

The Institute was one of the 19 Government maintained National Technical Secondary Schools which were upgraded to post-secondary training institutes with the advent of 8-4-4 system of education in 1985. Thus, the secondary school curriculum was gradually phased out in 1987 when the last batch of secondary school students completed their K.C.S.E.

The Institute kept on growing steadily and by June 2002 it had a student enrolment 1200 although the boarding capacity was able to accommodate 700 students. As a secondary school, it only catered for male students only. By the same year, the number of female students had surpassed that of male students by a big margin. This signified the great diversity of the courses and training programs then offered by the Institute.

By the year 2002, the Institute offered over 20 different training programmes spread across nearly 60 different courses. The training programmes which had been fully established included: -

- Accounting (K.A.T.C and C.P.A)
- Business Administration & Management (Diploma and Craft)

- Carpentry and Joinery (Craft)
- Masonry (Craft)
- Clothing Technology (Diploma and Craft)
- Co-Operative Management (Diploma)
- Electrical Engineering (Diploma and Craft)
- Food and Beverage Production Service (Diploma and Craft)
- Mechanical Engineering (Craft)
- Motor Vehicle Engineering (Diploma and Craft)
- Marketing Management (Diploma and Craft)
- Secretarial Studies (Diploma and Craft)
- Supplies Management (Diploma and Craft)
- Welding and Fabrication (Craft)

In February 2002, the Institute commissioned the Alternative Energy Training and Resource Centre (MAETAR). This was a partnership project between U.S Peace Corps, U.S Ambassador's Self-Help Fund, VKR Foundation and Machakos Technical Training Institute. The official launch was done by H.E Johnny Carson, U.S Ambassador to Kenya. The MAETAR Centre was to diversify into other forms of alternative energy, its immediate objective was to foster a process of developing and disseminating proper solar energy applications, methods and best practices by Institute personnel through training, research and outreach programmes for the rural communities..

Machakos Technical Training Institute was upgraded to Machakos University College (MUC) through Legal Notice No. 130, on 16 September 2011. The University College had six degree programmes across its five initially constituted schools — School of Engineering & Technology, School of Education, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, School of Hospitality & Tourism Management, and the School of Business and Economics, the number of schools has increased from the initial five to eight. The new schools are School of Agriculture & Natural Resource Management, School of Pure & Applied Sciences, and the School of Health Sciences. Under the school of engineering the school has mechanical, civil, automotive and electrical below is a pictorial of the workshop and machines from the engineering from the inception of the institution Automotive

The idea of establishing a University in Machakos was initiated by the Machakos community in 2010 through the former District Leaders Oversight Committee. That Committee resolved to invite public Universities to establish collaboration/campuses in Machakos County. Indeed, the 17 leaders of Ukambani, led by Hon. Dr MP Munyaka met the then President, H.E Mwai Kibaki in 2010 and requested that Machakos Technical Training Institute be made a Constituent College and after several bids from several local Universities, Kenyatta University adopted MTTI as its Constituent College. To make this possible, on September 5th 2011, the former President, His Excellency, Mwai Kibaki, through a legal order and legal notice No.130 of 2011 allowed MTTI, to become a Constituent College under KU as MUC. Later MUC was chartered as a public University, now Machakos University, by H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, the President of the Republic and the Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of Kenya on 6th October 2016.