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H. E. President Uhuru Kenyatta leading the Governors from the four UHC pilot Counties in signing a commitment agreement for the implementation of the program

THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE PROGRAM LAUNCHED

The Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Pilot Program was officially launched this week at the Mamboleo Showground in Kisumu.

The event which was presided over by President Uhuru Kenyatta saw all the Governors from the four pilot Counties of Kisumu, Nyeri, Isiolo and Machakos sign a commitment agreement for the implementation of the UHC program.

This comes as a great relief to the residents of the four selected Counties who will now access free medical services in public health facilities once they register. This is in line with the President's big four agenda which highlights the need to, among others, provide free healthcare services to the citizens.

He therefore urged all the stakeholders to rise to the occasion by supporting this noble initiative.

Also in attendance was Governor Professor Anyang' Nyong'o who reiterated that his administration was committed to providing free healthcare services to the Kisumu residents as well as empowering the Health workers to facilitate effective service delivery.

The President had earlier presided over the ground breaking ceremony of the construction of .Ahero Junction interchange that will go a long way in enhancing transport in the region. He later proceeded to Victory SDA Church where he issued cheques to youth, men and women entrepreneurs in Kisumu. He wound up his one day tour of the region by commissioning the recently completed Kakamega- Kisumu highway.



Kisumu Governor Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o poses for a group photo with Otuke Zachary Mogambi and Tamasha Amondi the best overall pupils in this year's KCPE .they are joined by County Education Minister Dr John Ogone (far left) and Kisumu Central Ward MCA Judy Ogaga (far right)

2018 KCPE TOP ACHIEVERS CELEBRATED

Kisumu Governor Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o this week led County Government Officials in feting this year's KCPE top performers in a ceremony held at the Jomo Kenyatta sports grounds.

Pupils who scored 400 marks and above were sampled from the entire 35 wards. They were accompanied by their respective parents and guardians to the occasion where they received gifts from the government.

Speaking during the function, the Governor lauded the pupils saying that their sterling performance made the County proud.

He challenged the pupils to keep the fire of academics burning even more as they look forward to joining various secondary schools and become professors like him.

He added that the County was looking forward to revitalize industries in the County and therefore challenged the top performers to tighten their belts even further so that the County would depend on them for provision of manpower.

A total of 71 top performers were rewarded for their remarkable performance in this year's KCPE Examinations.

Speaking at the function, the County Minister for Education, Dr. Obiero Ogone also congratulated the pupils.

The leading boy in the County is Otuke Zachary Mogambi who scored 447 in the recent examination; was a pupil at Muhoroni Furaha Academy while the leading girl is Tamasha Amondi who scored 437 marks, was a pupil at Maseno Girls Primary School.



County Minister for Tourism and culture Hon. Achie Alai addressing fashionists at Kisumu fashion week event in Acacia Hotel, Kisumu.

KISUMU'S INAUGURAL FASHION WEEK

The inaugural fashion event held this week at the Acacia Hotel in Kisumu, saw successful fashionists share their experiences and how their passion made them rise to the top of the industry.

The event graced by County Minister for Tourism and Culture Hon. Achie Alai, brought together key players in the fashion circle.

In her speech, the Hon. Achie, emphasized on the need for the locals to embrace unique local fashion styles and own it. She added that her docket is prioritizing culture since it is one of the key pillars in Governor Nyong'o's manifesto.

55TH JAMHURI DAY CELEBRATIONS MARKED

The residents of Kisumu County turned out in large numbers to commemorate the 55th Jamhuri Day celebrations at the Jomo Kenyatta Sports ground.

The event was presided over by Kisumu Governor Professor Nyong'o who outlined that the pursuit of freedom must be seen in one's success in ensuring food security and nutrition for their children, attainment of free health coverage, accessibility to safe and clean water, sanitation and better governance that starts with an individual.

He added that the same can only be achieved through building an inclusive society that respects the contribution of all without discrimination based on sex, religion, race, ethnicity and color.

To underscore his commitment to his agenda, the Governor said that his administration has majored in capacity building, skills development and entrepreneurship among youths.

"My government has focused on creating incubation and innovation centers over time across all our wards that will be well equipped to make our youth what they must be to our nation," said the Governor.

On environmental conservation, he called upon all the residents to uphold the virtues of freedom by making the right choices on environmental management. He went ahead to issue an executive order stopping washing of cars in the lake and rivers within the County.

"Henceforth, there shall be no washing of cars in the lake or any rivers within the County. Those found contravening this law shall face the full force of the law," he warned.



Governor, Prof Anyang' Nyong'o giving his speech during Jamhuri day celebrations at the Jomo Kenyatta Sports ground

In attendance was the County Commissioner Madam Pauline Dola who read the President's speech. She called upon the residents to turn out in large numbers and welcome the President during his much anticipated maiden tour of the County

KISUMU WOMEN HOCKEY TEAM QUALIFIES FOR PREMIER LEAGUE.

Kisumu Governor, Professor Anyang' Nyong'o hosted the Lakers Hockey Team which qualified for Kenya Hockey Women Premier League.

The team consists of young ladies drawn from various tertiary institutions across the County. The team anticipates to triumph over the continental giants such as Telkom, Strathmore University among others.

The Governor lauded the team for their sterling performance which made Kisumu proud. He promised to support the team in their subsequent tournaments through the Sports Ministry by constructing a hockey pitch at the Jomo Kenyatta Sports ground. This is in line with his manifesto on talent development.

The team manager John Paul Otieno stated that their target in 2019 season is to strike Telkom who is currently dominating the league.



Kisumu Governor, Professor Anyang' Nyong'o and County Minister for Sports, Hon. Achie Alai posing for a photo with Kisumu Lakers Hockey Team in his office

MADRASA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM LAUNCH AND MOU SIGNING

Over three hundred preprimary School teachers in Kisumu County are set to benefit from a professional development training programme courtesy of a partnership agreement between the County Government and the Madrasa Early Childhood Program – Kenya (MECP-K).

The Memorandum signing marked the beginning of a long term partnership between the County Government and MCEP-K in promoting Early Childhood Development through training and mentorship in order to enhance classroom practice.

Speaking at the launch, Kisumu Governor Professor Anyang' Nyong'o who was the Chief guest lauded the partnership as he appreciated the move by MECP-K in complimenting the County Government's ambitious plan to improve education quality as outlined in the County Integrated Development Plan (2018-2022), remarks echoed by County Education Minister Dr. John Obiero Ogone.

On her part, MECP-K Program Director Miss Amina H. Mwitw stated that signing the MOU had opened doors for future engagements between the two entities.

The three year-long agreement will see MECP-K provide specialized service in hands-on training to three hundred ECDE teachers from one hundred ECD centers attached to public primary schools in Kisumu County.

MCP-K will further support the County Government's plans by establishing ten model pre-schools that will showcase quality learning opportunities in all spheres.



MECP-K Program Director Miss Amina H. Mwitw makes a demonstration to Kisumu Governor Prof Anyang' Nyong'o and his Nandi counterpart Stephen Sang looking on is Kisumu Central MCA Judy Ogaga

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