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Students from ACEIoT started a three-month online training in AI

On 6th August 2019, the JICA supported AI training by Future Technologies was launced. The Minister for ICT and Innovation, Ingabire Paula presided over the function and expressed that the training will not only benefit the six students selected but the whole community since the trainees will train others to expand the knowledge of Artificial Intelligence.

Trainees are masters students from ACEIoT and will use the skills in developing AI based projects for the completion of their Masters degree. The three month online training will be provided by JICA through Future Technologies a private company of Japan. The trainees were selected on merit and they were presenting their proposed projects in AI that would be beneficial to the community.

The CEO of Future Technologies, Shigefumi Okumura, stated that the training will be provided by experts in AI who will be based in Japan. After completing the training, trainees will be hired for AI programming related job outsourced from Japan.

Officials took a group photo with students (at the standing row)at the launch

University of Johannesburg's Vice Chancellor visits ACEIoT

L-R: Prof. Tshilidzi Marwala University of Johannesburg's Vice Chancellor,Mr Ntawuzumunsi Elias, a student at the Center, Assoc.Prof Santhi Kumaran, Center Director, Prof. Nelson Ijumba , UR-DVC Academic and Research and a guest from Johannesburg.

On August 5th 2019, a delegation from the University of Johannesburg led by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Tshilidzi Marwala visited African Center of Excellence in Internet of Things, University of Rwanda.

The delegation was accompanied by Prof. Nelson Ijumba, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs and Research at University of Rwanda.

Assoc.Prof. Santhi Kumaran, Director of the Center extended her warm welcome to the delegation and highlighted different activities that are carried out at the Center.
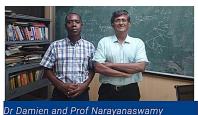
Prof. Tshilidzi Marwala toured different facilities that are used by postgraduates students and interacted with them to understand their interest in joining the African Center of Excellence in Internet of things.

In their interactions, students talked about their research projects and were advised to ensure their projects benefit the society.

Dr .Damien on staff exchange at IIT Madras, Chennai, India

Dr. Damien Hanyurwimfura, the Head of PhD studies at IoT has participated to faculty exchange for the period of four weeks at Institute of Technology Madras.

The faculty exchange program was meant for capacity building to Strengthen ACEIoT teaching and research activities. Dr.Hanyurwimfura worked with different professors and got trained in IoT technologies. The collaborative activities with IITM will continue such as joint publications,seminars, teaching and other research activities.

IIM has agreed to host three more students from the center for a period of 3 to 6 months duration.

Dr Damien and Prof Narayanaswamy

ACEIoT Director and CST Principal visited SUZA for the negotiation of the Partnership agreement

The ACEIoT Director accompanied by the Principal of the College of Sciences and Technology had a two day visit to the State University of Zanzibar (SUZA) to negotiate various activities under the MoU and to strengthen the existing partnership.

The partnership activities include the study abroad programs, students exchange programs, exchange of staff for research, teaching and other consultations, exchange of information.

Including but not limited to exchange of library resources and research publications among others.

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