

HUBERT KAIRUKI MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY (HKMU)

Year of Establishment; 1997

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Hubert Kairuki Memorial University (HKMU) was established in 1997, being among the first private universities to be accredited in Tanzania in the year 2000, it has since then received local, regional and international recognition. It was the idea of Prof Hubert C.M Kairuki and his wife Mrs Kokushubira Kairuki to establish the University, moved by the situation in Tanzania after independence in 1961, whereby diseases, poverty and ignorance were declared the country's key enemies. Initially HKMU University was established as Mikocheni International University of Health Sciences (MIUHS), with a focus towards addressing training needs for health professionals in Tanzania, and in sub-Saharan Africa.

In 1998 the name was changed to Mikocheni International University, anticipating the possibility of expanding beyond health sciences. Finally in February 1999 the University's name was changed to Hubert Kairuki Memorial University, in the honour of the founder, Prof Hubert Kairuki, after he passed away. The University is expanding into other programs and disciplines of science and humanities. Recent established training programs include; Master of Social Work, Master of Science in Public Health, Research and Development in Edible and Medicinal Mushrooms. HKMU is growing to a level where it is becoming the pride of private Universities in the East African region due to the quality and excellence of its programs. Currently the University has attracted students from over 15 different nationalities, external funding and technical support for collaborative research and development activities.