

MALAWI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



PRESS RELEASE

Opening for first year students selected early this year

The Malawi University of Science and Technology (MUST) has noted with concern continued false statements circulating on social and other media platforms on the alleged commencement date for first year students who were selected earlier this year.

The university is still exploring options and has not set any date for opening for this group of students. Currently, the university has another group of students, from first year to final year, who have just completed their first semester on October 14, 2022, and are now on a holiday. Under normal circumstances, the current group of students who have just completed their first semester can only finish their academic year by April 2023. Ideally, it is only during that new academic year when the first year students selected earlier this year can be called to come and start classes.

However, MUST realizes that if it was to follow this natural course of action, the academic calendar that was affected by the effects of Covid19, will be delayed further. In fact, by April next year, there will be another group of first year students selected from the 2022 MSCE examinations. That will mean having two cohorts of first years out there, which is something we would like to avoid.

As such, the university is exploring ways of calling to campus the first year group that was selected early this year and the October 31 that is being mentioned in the false statements was one of the several proposed dates.

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Unfortunately, following a thorough evaluation of the situation and the number of things that would be required to be in place before their coming, this date was discounted. A new date is being considered and once it is agreed to, it will be communicated. Meanwhile, there is no date that has been set and any information or communication to the contrary is false and fake, only aimed at confusing parents, guardians and the students. Please do not take such communication seriously. The university always uses its official media platforms for communication and it would be better if people verified any information they get with management by using emails: registrar@must.ac.mw or jmphande@must.ac.mw or call 0888858447.

Parents and guardians are also advised to resist from falling prey to fraudsters and conmen who call and ask them to deposit any fees in personal bank or mobile money accounts. The university only uses official bank accounts and not mobile money accounts.

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