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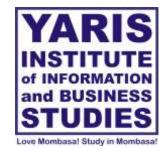
P. O. Box **80518** - Post Code - 80100, Mombasa, Kenya.

Opp. Tuskys Bandari, above Auto Selection Car showroom.

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COMPUTER SCIENCE, ACCOUNTING & FINANCE, MARKETING, BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, SHIPPING & LOGISTICS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Vision: Quality Higher Education for All.

Mission: To Empower, Encourage and Educate All Kenyans from all works of Life to embrace Higher Education and better their standard of living through learning and making their respective Professions more Effective, Streamlined Fast and Efficient. To make all Yaris Students Confident Competitors in the International Platform.

5 Year Strategic Plan: Yaris Data Systems in 5 years plans to be a fully fledged ICT College training up to Bachelors Degree in Computer Science. Currently Yaris trains Students up to the 2nd year in Computer Science, there after the Student's progress to the West London College to complete their Bachelors Degree and Master's Degree in Computer Science.

Yaris also plans to start a Technical Training Centre that intends to Train people from all fields of Commercial world like Craftsman, Electricians, Plumbers, Mechanics, Construction Workers, Laborer's, Freelancers, Small Business Owner's, Mason's, Driver's, Factory Worker's etc. The reason for the ICT Training will be to better their Work Operations & Practices making them efficient and effective in terms of speed, quality and accuracy.

Yaris intends to Train all Kenyans in ICT the correct and precise way so that it's useful in everyday life.

Yaris is also planning to setup an I.T & Accounting and Finance Centre specializing in ACCA, ABP, ABMA, ACP and ABE certifications from U.K. This will help Train Students using the World's best Accounting and Finance Syllabuses in the World using the best facilities and modern environments in Training.

Yaris also plans to introduce the Train the Trainer Program which will Train Prospective Tutors to go on to the field and Train the general public in ICT. They will be validated and verified for proficiency by Yaris Data Systems and External Examination Bodies from UK. This way a larger portion of the population is covered and this will help nationally in the Vision 2030 Goals. An ICT and Accounting literate and conversant Kenyan population contributes to the GDP of Kenya.

YIIBS is a Training Centre established in 1991 as former Aries Data Systems. YIIBS provides quality Computer Training according to International standards and British syllabus guidelines. YIIBS is affiliated with British Computer Education Centre's like West London College (W.L.C., U.K) and Yaris is a Testing and Training Centre for Association of Computer Professionals (A.C.P., U.K) and Association of Business Managers and Associates (A.B.M.A., U.K - COMPTia, ACCA - UK, ABE - UK.

YIIBS Computer training is personalised and offered on a "one-to-one" basis which ensures the course is conducted at the student's pace and concepts are understood thoroughly. Selected courses at **YIIBS** are conducted on a "Fast-Track" basis which enables students to complete course syllabi within the shortest time possible.

Every YIIBS class is led by full time YIIBS Tutor who is committed to adult learning and coaching. Selected for their backgrounds, business experience, communication skills and ability to make an impact. YIIBS instructors are able to communicate complex subjects in a clear and straightforward manner. YIIBS has trained Children from the ages of 4 to enable them get the basics of Computing at an early ripe age and Octogenarians whose wish is to Surf the Web and Email their grand children in other countries. Specific Syllabus is also created to meet user requirements such as Housewives, Lawyers, Engineers, Doctors, Government Civil Servants, Architects, O - Level Project Students, Retirees, Business People, Clearing and Forwarding Agents, Accountants, etc. YIIBS also trains corporate Staff to enhance their skills in their current Job Positions to in turn increase efficiency and effectiveness of their Companies.

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YIIBS has over the years trained thousands of Students in the Computing field who have been proficient enough to obtain good job positions and promotions in various areas of Business. The **YIIBS** Syllabus is very intensive and extensive so as to prepare the Student for the real World of Computing.

YIIBS also offers Corporate Training to Private and Government Parastatals in Mombasa to Executive and Managerial Staff.

YIIBS has a fully equipped Electronics Workshop with expert technicians who repair and diagnose any Electronic issues in almost all electronic items like Computer Hardware, Factory PCB's, House hold electronic items, etc.

YIIBS is also the appointed Office for Alexander Grant (AG) Auditors in Mombasa. AG is part of the Howath Crowe International Association of Accountants and Auditors.

YIIBS has continually grown by providing and maintaining high standard and quality onsite training of managerial staff to its customers who include Stanbic Bank Mombasa, Diamond Trust Bank, Anjarwalla & Co. Advocates, Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC).

The Overview of the YARIS Operational Structure:

Bankers:

Bank of India - Treasury Branch, P. O. Box 90684 - 80100, Mombasa, Kenya. Prime Bank - Nyali Cinemax Branch, P. O. Box 43825 - 00100, Mombasa, Kenya.

Accountant & Auditor:

ACE Associates Ltd P. O. Box 16916 - 80100 Mombasa, Kenya

Insurer:

Intra Africa Assurance Co. Ltd. P. O. Box 49884 - 00100 Nairobi, Kenya.

HardWare UPS & INK Refill Partners:

Yaris is the sole importer and distributor of PRoSS UPS Systems in the East and Central Africa. We have a range of UPS's and inverters from the most popular 500 VA to 2000 VA Systems.

Apollo has been rebranded as PRoSS currently for the Kenyan Market and commands a good market share compared to other brands. Apollo Power Conversion in Thailand is the Manufacturer of the PRoSS Brand.

Yaris is also the importer and distributors of the Korean INKTEC Refill Systems – for refilling of Hewlett Packard, Epson, Canon, Lexmark cartridges, toners etc.



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Below are the YARIS partners and affiliates from various countries with some of the highest Education Standards offered in Information Technology Training and Accounting & Auditing Services.

Information Technology & Accounts Training Partners & Affiliate Training Institutions:















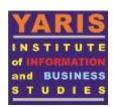


















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K. T PLAZA – TOWN BRANCH ON HAILE SELASSIE AVENUE



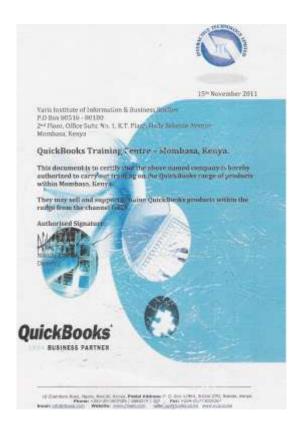
YARIS ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATES FROM VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL EXAMINING BODIES



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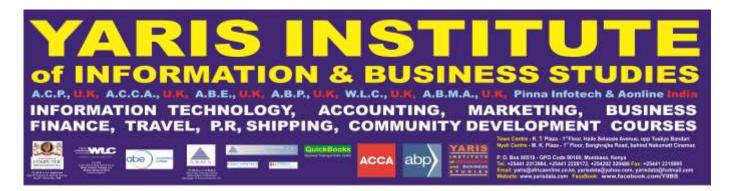








YARIS BANNERS



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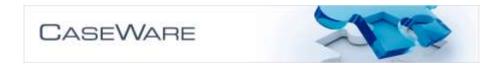
YARIS TRAINING LABS AND RECEPTION AREAS



CaseWare Accounting & Auditing South Africa Partner & Alexander Grant Kenya: -

Horwath Crowe International is a Global Accounting and Auditing Body of which Alexander Grant & Associates is a Member. Yaris is the official Office and Associate for Alexander Grant - Mombasa.







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CaseWare is used by more than 16,000 users in South Africa including entities such as PKF, Ernst and Young, BDO Spencer & Stewart, AMG Global, Murray & Roberts Limited to name a few.

Here are some of the benefits of using CaseWare:

- Reduce drafting time on Annual Financial Statements by up to 70%
- Ensure compliance with IFRS, IFRS for SME and International Auditing Standards
- Built in validation increases accuracy and reduces checking time
- Increases Audit efficiency by a 100%

About CaseWare

CaseWare is a leading supplier of software solutions to accountants, auditors and financial professionals worldwide. Founded in 1988, CaseWare is the dominant provider of mission-critical accounting and auditing software used by domestic and global accounting firms and a leading provider of auditing software to governments, tax authorities and corporations. Our customers use CaseWare products to prepare, review and audit financial statements, manage client engagements, conduct detailed audit and fraud detection tests, track time and billings and support overall practice management. All of our products promote a completely paperless environment, allowing accountants and auditors worldwide to conduct engagements entirely onscreen, with no need for hard copies of anything.

CaseWare in Africa:

CQS Technology Holdings is one of South Africa's leading software houses specializing in the design, development and deployment of software products and the provision of professional services for the audit, risk management and financial services markets.

The 2,000+ firms using our solutions range from sole practitioner accountants to large international firms like KPMG, PWC and Ernst & Young, public entities including The Unemployment Insurance Fund, City of Joburg as well as many listed companies, including BHP Billiton, Liberty, Old Mutual, Brandcorp, Netcare, Cell C, Old Mutual & Life Healthcare.

Dedicated research and development teams back the range of solutions on matters including audit methodologies, financial statement disclosure, tax compliance, and statutory compliance and industry best practices. CQS Audit Software together with its content partners provides a complete solution consisting of software, implementation and training, using proven best practice methodologies focused on providing an optimal return on investment. Finding an ever increasing need for the use of CaseWare in Africa, CQS recently started a new division called CaseWare Africa. The purpose of this division is to supply as well as provide training and support on CaseWare for the whole of Africa. CaseWare Africa will work closely with local distributors like **YARIS** to ensure clients always solutions and products of the highest quality.



Mr. Ross Hampton presenting the CaseWare Product to the Auditor's from Mombasa at Yaris Institute Head Office in 2010

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The WLC affiliation for Student transfers from YARIS to WLC for further Education in various Fields as advertised in the Dailies below:



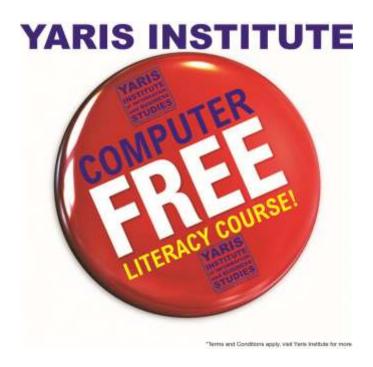


Training in session at the Town Centre regarding Stock Exchange Investments.

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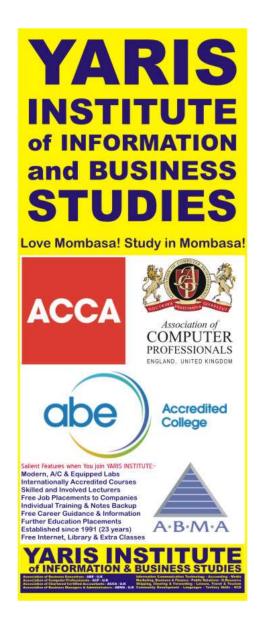


Yaris Students being awarded their Certificates by the Lions club President Dr. Lata Magon after their Sponsorship was awarded to them for Studies.



The Yaris Advert for FREE IT Training to worthy Students as a campaign drive to promote computer literacy in Mombasa County

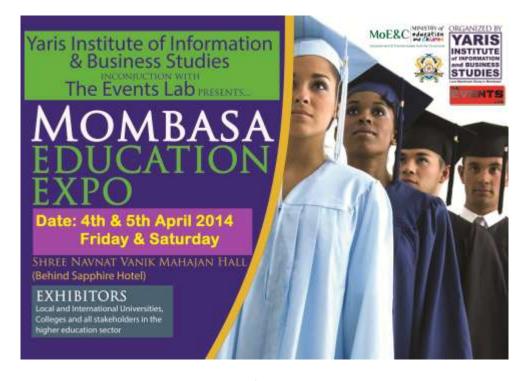
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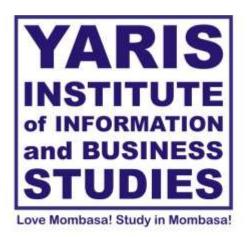
The Yaris Rollup Banner

The Yaris Institute Certificate for CILM Award from Poland



The Yaris Education Expo and Fair organized in 2014 for Students, Parents and Teachers in Mombasa County.

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THE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED TRAINING & EDUCATION CENTRE

PROSPECTUS



Association of Business Managers and Administrators



Vocational Qualifications, our Strength, your Future





LONDON - UNITED KINGDOM

Y.I.I.B.S is the official Representative of West London College and British Study Centres United Kingdom









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About YARIS



About YARIS DATA SYSTEMS

Established in 1991, formerly known as Aries Data Systems, Yaris Data Systems offers a broad range of computer courses leading to internationally recognised certification. Over the years, Yaris has trained many thousands of students and in doing so, we have developed a level of experience that few others can rival.

The Courses

All courses follow the requirements of the relevant examination authorities, and lead to qualifications awarded by professional bodies. Each course has been carefully selected for its relevance to the computer industry, and for its international recognition as evidence of professional competence.

The Training

Yans training is personalised and offered on a "one-toone" basis. This ensures the course is conducted at the student's pace, and the concepts are understood thoroughly. Selected courses at Yaris are conducted on a "Fast-Track" basis, which enables students to complete course syllabi within the shortest time possible. This is highly suitable for working persons for whom time is of the essence.

The Students

With over 500 new students each year, and with ages ranging from 5 years to 75 years, Yaris offers a truly welcoming atmosphere for personalised training.

Yaris Institute of Information and Business Studies is the recognised Testing and Training Centre for the following International Education Organizations:-

A.C.P., U.K A.B.M.A., U.K A.B.E., U.K A.C.C.A., U.K A.B.P., U.K Pinna InfoTech - India Aonline - India QuickBooks Pro W.L.C., U.K (affiliate)

The few of the certificates of accreditation for YIJBS. >

Course Start Dates

The training at Yaris is an on-going process throughout the year. We normally arrange our student-intake so that you will have a choice of various starting dates in any month. As per the students schedule he or she can start at any day and times stated with prior booking and arrangement. Kindly check with the Yaris reception for the next start dates and times.

Course Fees

All course fees include registration, tuition and centre examination fees, but NOT those in respect of international examinations. A place for the course is only guaranteed on full payment of the course fee. Due to the limited seats available on each course, it is advisable to register well in advance. The full course fee must be settled in advance.

Cancellation Policy

Should a student cancel or reschedule a course, Yaris will retain a percentage of the paid amount as follows: 0 to 3 days: 100% of course fee. 4 to 8 days: 50% of course fee. 9 to 14 days: 25% of course fee. Over 14 days: Full refund.

International Exams

The curricula at Yaris prepares students for international examinations of professional bodies such as ACP, ABMA. Yaris makes arrangements for students to take these international exams as an authorised testing centre. Examination fees for these international examinations are payable extra. Kindly enquire at the Yaris reception for the current

Course Timings

For Application Courses:

Mon - Fri : 8.00am - 9.30am

9.30am - 11.00am 11.00am - 12.30pm

12.30pm - 2.00pm (Only if organized)

2.00pm - 3.30pm 3.30pm - 5.00pm

5.00pm - 6.30pm (Evening Time)

Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30pm (Only if organized)

For Career Courses:

Mon - Fri : 9.00am - 12,00pm 2.00pm - 5.00pm

All quoted fees in this Prospectus are subject to change without prior notice. The fees are effective from 1st January 2014 and replaces all previously quoted fees. Fees quoted are inclusive of registration and results.

As per the nature of teaching, it is understood at all times to <u>maintain silence</u> whilst in the training labs in Yaris Institute. Mobile Phones are to be put on Silent Mode and <u>urgent calls</u> to be taken <u>outside</u> of the training and lecture labs

Invest in YOUR Future...
Get the Training of
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Achieve the expertise
level and proficiency...
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, ACCOUNTING, MARKETING, BUSINESS FINANCE, TRAVEL, PR, SHIPPING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COURSES

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Training BUNDLES

Yaris offers specific training bundles for those wishing to enrol on a number of courses. The training bundles are designed for a variety of professions at a discounted rate over individual courses.

The Office Professional

Courses: BASICS: Basic Concepts of Information Technology

WIN: Using Computers & Managing Files using MS Windows

WORD: Word Processing using MS Word

EXCEL: Electronic Spreadsheets using Excel

ACCESS: Database Management using MS Access

PPT: Computer Presentations using MS PowerPoint

INTERNET: Information & Communication using MS Internet Explorer

Duration: 10 Weeks Fee: Ksh 9500

The Computerised Accountant

Courses: WIN: Using Computers & Managing Files using MS Windows

EXCEL: Electronic Spreadsheets using Excel

SAGE/QBOOKS: Computerised Accounting using SAGE or QuickBooks

Duration: 7 Weeks Fee: Ksh 9860

The Web Designer

Courses: WIN: Using Computers & Managing Files using MS Windows

INTERNET: Internet & Email using Internet Explorer and Outlook Express

CDRAW: Vector Illustration & Page Layout using CorelDRAW

PHTSHP: Image Manipulation using PhotoShop

FPAGE/DRMWVR: Web Design Using FrontPage / DreamWeaver

Duration: 10 Weeks Fee: Ksh 18560

The Computer Programmer

Courses: WIN: Using Computers & Managing Files using MS Windows

QB: Introduction to Programming using QBasic VB: Programming using Visual Basic & Java

Duration: 12 Weeks Fee: Ksh 29000

The Project Manager

Courses: WIN Using Computers & Managing Files using MS Windows

MS Excel: Electronic Spreadsheets using MS Excel MS Project: Project Management using MS Project

Duration: 5 Weeks Fee: Ksh 9500

The HardWare/NetWork Tech

Course: HardWare Technician - User Support Professional Network Technician - NetWork User Specialist

Duration: 8 Weeks Fee: Ksh 29000 OpenOffice Suite

WRITER: a word processor.

CALC: a powerful spreadsheet with numerical reports IMPRESS: create effective multimedia presentations. DRAW: produce diagrams, dynamic 3D illustrations.

BASE: manipulate databases seamlessly.

MATH: create mathematical equations, GUI editor

10 Weeks Ksh 9500

SPSS: Electronic Spreadsheets using SPSS TALLY: Computerised Accounting using TALLY

PASTEL: Computerised Accounting using PASTEL

4 Weeks Ksh 9500

MS Publisher: Desk Top Publishing using Wizards Animation using Corel Trace, Animatix, Coolgraphics Basic Movie / Video Editing using ProStudio, Adobe

4 Weeks Ksh 9500

JAVA: Programming using JAVA, Applets, JAVA 2E

C++: Programming using MFC

The Audio / Video Suite

Courses: ADOBE: Video Editing using Adobe Premier

COREL: Movie & Animation using Corel TRACE COOLEDIT: Sound Editing using CoolEdit Pro VIRTUALDJ: Sound Engineering using VDJ

8 Weeks Ksh 18000

Linux, Ubuntu, RedHat and many other Platforms available for Training iPad Training, Smart Phones Usage Personal LapTop Training available Free E-books after every course for reference available via email or flash Disk

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ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) is the global body for professional accountants. We aim to offer business-relevant, first-choice qualifications to people of application, ability and ambition around the world who seek a rewarding career in accountancy, finance and management.

F1 Accountant in Business

F2 Management Accounting

F3 Financial Accounting

(Foundation / Skills)

F4 Corporate and Business Law

F5 Performance Management

F6 Taxation

F7 Financial Reporting

F8 Audit and Assurance

F9 Financial Management

(Diploma in Accounting and Business)

(5 Papers in total in the Professional stage)

P1 Governance, Risk and Ethics

P2 Corporate Reporting

P3 Business Analysis

(Any two options from below to be selected)

P4 Advanced Financial Management

P5 Advanced Performance Management

P6 Advanced Taxation

P7 Advanced Audit and Assurance

(ACCA & BS.c in Applied Accounting)

Ksh 15,000/- Per Paper

Ksh 18,000/- Per Paper

Ksh 20,000/- Per Paper

Certified P	ublic Accou	ntant - C.P.A (K)
ATD L1	4 Papers	Ksh 12,000/-
ATD L2	4 Papers	Ksh 12,000/-
ATD L3	4 Papers	Ksh 15,000/-
CPA Part I		
Section 1	3 Papers	Ksh 12,000/-
Section 2	3 Papers	Ksh 12,000/-
CPA Part II	59	
Section 3	3 Papers	Ksh 15,000/-
Section 4	3 Papers	Ksh 15,000/-
CPA Part III		
Section 5	3 Papers	Ksh 18,000/-
Section 6	3 Papers	Ksh 18,000/-

Accounting Courses Salient Features:-

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FREE Library and Internet
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Flexible Lecture Timings
Professional Talks by Experts
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The Association of Business Executives (ABE) provides flexible professional business qualifications which can lead to university or help in developing your career. ABE offers Diplomas in Business Management (with additional pathways in Financial Management and Management of Information Systems), Human Resource Management, Marketing Management and Travel, Tourism and Hospitality Management. ABE qualifications are accredited in the UK by Ofqual and by equivalent bodies elsewhere, and are studied by 50,000 students every year in more than 400 colleges worldwide including Y.I.I.B.S.

YARIS Exam Centre Fees per level Ksh 2000/-

Business	Management - BM Pathway	Registration Fees in £	Number of Units	YIIBS Fees Per Unit	Exam Fees Per Unit £	Annual Subs
1	Level 4 Dip	£35	4	Ksh6000	£20	£25
	Level 5 Higher Dip	£50	8	Ksh5000	£33	£25
	Level 6 Grad Dip	£150	5	Ksh6000	£38	£30
	Level 6 Grad Intg Dip	£100	13	Ksh4000	£38	£40

Business	Mngmt - Financial Pathway	Registration Fees in £	Number of Units	YIIBS Fees Per Unit	Exam Fees Per Unit £	Annual Subs
	Level 4 Dip	£35	4	Ksh6000	£20	£25
	Level 5 Higher Dip	£50	8	Ksh5000	£33	£25
	Level 6 Grad Dip	£150	5	Ksh6000	£38	£30
	Level 6 Grad Intg Dip	£100	13	Ksh4000	£38	£40

Business	Mngmt - M.I.S Pathway	Registration Fees in £	Number of Units	YIIBS Fees Per Unit	Exam Fees Per Unit £	Annual Subs
	Level 4 Dip	£35 £50	8	Ksh6000	£20	£25
	Level 5 Higher Dip			Ksh5000	£33	£25
	Level 6 Grad Dip	£150	5	Ksh6000	£38	£30
	Level 6 Grad Intg Dip	£100	13	Ksh4000	£38	£40

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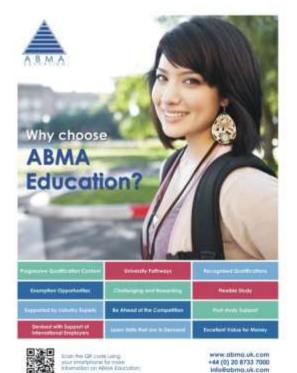






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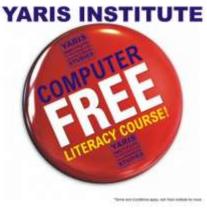












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ABMA provides internationally recognised vocational qualifications drawing from a wealth of experience in the provision of education management services across Europe, Africa and Asia. An international awarding body based in the UK, ABMA operates a wide range of vocational certificate and diploma level qualifications, ensuring students have the necessary skills to thrive in their future careers and helping to support future economies worldwide. ABMA vocational qualifications enable students to develop high standards of knowledge and skill within a wide range of professional disciplines, adding significant value to their profile as they venture into the job market or on to further study. ABMA provides the highest possible standards of service to students including assessment through examinations, marking and moderation.

Student Registration Fees £30 paid once Foundation Award Entry Level £60		Level 4 Dip		Level 5 Dip		Level 6 Dip	
Exemp	tion Application Fee £40 Exam Centre Fees per level Ksh 2000/-	ABMA Fees in £	YARIS Fees in Ksh	ABMA Fees in £	YARIS Fees In Ksh	ABMA Fees in £	YARIS Fees in Ksh
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	Computer and Information Systems	£25 per unit 5 Units Total £125	29,000	£30 per unit 5 Units Total £150	39,000	£30 per unit 5 Units Total £150	49,000
	Community Development	£25 per unit 5 Units Total £125	29,000	£30 per unit 5 Units Total £150	39,000	£30 per unit 5 Units Total £150	49,000
	Shipping & Logistics	£25 per unit 5 Units Total £125	29,000	£30 per unit 5 Units Total £150	39,000	£30 per unit 5 Units Total £150	49,000
	Computer Engineering	£25 per unit 5 Units Total £125	29,000	£30 per unit 5 Units Total £150	39,000	£30 per unit 5 Units Total £150	49,000
	HIV / AIDS Management	£25 per unit 5 Units Total £125	29,000	£30 per unit 5 Units Total £150	39,000	£30 per unit 5 Units Total £150	49,000













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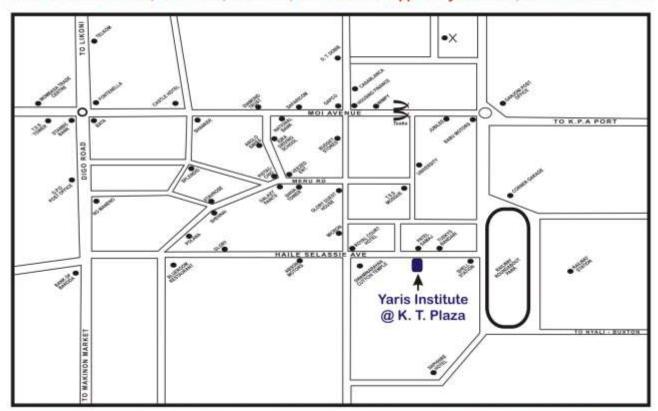
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YARIS INSTITUTE of INFORMATION & BUSINESS STUDIES

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The YARIS DATA SYSTEMS Corporate Responsibility towards the less fortunate and needy of our Society: -



Yaris Donated 200 Loaves of Bread to the Shanzu girl Guides
Association and Shanzu Boys Centre...seen above Mst. Karisa receiving
the Loaves of Bread.



Yaris Proprietor on the right - Mr. Reishi donating Foodstuff to the Shanzu Girl Guides Association on behalf of Yaris Data Systems.



Yaris Proprietor on the right - Mr. Reishi presenting part of the Sandals and Gumboots to the Warden of the Kwale Prisons for the Inmates there.



Yaris Directos on the right - Mr. Reishi and Mr. Humphrey Presenting the ACP Certificate in Programming to Mr. Sikander On behalf of Yaris.



Yaris Proprietor second from left - Mr. Reishi presenting the repaired Computer's free of charge to the Headmistress of School of the Cerebral Palsied Tudor - Mrs. Kisaka on the far right.



Yaris Proprietor on the Left - Mr. Reishi part of the Undugu Team after a successful launch in Mombasa.



Mr. Reishi part of the Shree Navnat Vanik Mahajan Community Managing Committee team as the Hon. Joint Secretary (Middle Standing)



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Yaris Proprietor (Middle) - Mr. Reishi Arun Parikh part of the Undugu team comprising of Mr. Reuben Shuma and Mr. Erastus Shuma on the right.

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THE STAR * Tuesday, January 4, 2011

Education

MOVE TO ARREST THE DECLINING **EDUCATION STANDARDS IN TAITA TAVETA**

BY CAROLINE MANGO

HE dwindling standards of educa-tion in Taita Taveta - attributed to early marriages, unwanted pregnancies and rampant drug abuse - are worrying. Girls are more vulnerable as cases of in-

cest and other forms of sexual abuse go on unabated.

Reports abound in Taita Taveta about custodians including teachers, headmasters, chiefs and even elected leaders trusted to protect girls who have turned against them, taking advantage of the high poverty levels in the region to turn girls into sex slaves.

In the county, girls from the age of 13 are giving birth and many parents do not raise a finger. In some cases, the parents organise and preside over 'kangaroo courts' to settle rape or incest cases, by either marrying off their daughters or receiving cash from cul-prits "to make up for the mistake or incon-venience caused."

This worrying trend has prompted a roup of young leaders who went to school Taita Taveta county to try and arrest the

declining education standards.

The old boys and girls from Taira Taveta have taken the first step, through a mentor-ship initiative, aimed at getting more teenage girls, victims of female genital mutila-tion, incest and drug abuse back on their feet again. The Undego Mentorship Initia-tive, registered as a Community nased or-ganisation (CBO) in 2008, is leading by example in the campaign to save the girl-child in Tana Taveta.

In their own small way, the members of the group have continued to give hope to the girls. "This programms's main goal is to realise improved scademic performance in the region and therefore lead to increased enrollment of students into universities and other institutions of higher learning," uben Shuma, the secretary of Undugu Mentorship Initiative said.

He added, "This initiative works to influence students in secondary schools to make appropriate decisions and take responsibility of their lives. It is to awaken the desire to excel. We the old students and soms and daughters from Taita Taveta engage in mentoring, role modeling, community advocacy and sensitization programmes."

The organization has been working with volunteers who sacrifice their time and resources in an attempt to improve the education and ultimately the development of the region. In the last two years, sixteen volun-



teers have been working with nine schools

The initiative is currently recruiting volunteers who will work as mentors for students in the county. The group has an ambitious programme to register up to 200 mentors by the end of this year and grow the number to

500 by 2013 and 1,000 by 2015. According to the Undaga official, drug abuse in Coast province, which is growing at an alarming rate especially among children aged under 18, is worrying.

Shuma, however, notes that their efforts will come to naught if they don't get sup-port from other stakeholders. "We want to artner with interest groups in education, religion, NGOs, government etc in reaching out to the youth to affect them positively and empower them to make decisions that will ultimately improve their lives. So far, we have had to finance many of these programmes from our own pockets."

For example, the officials have had to sponsor two girls whose parents were unable to finance their secondary school education.

we contribute between Sh1,500 and Sh2,000 to be able to under-take some of these activities," Shuma said. The magnitude of the problem in Taita

Taveta is clearly illustrated in the 2009 KCSE results where the whole of Taita Taveta, comprising of Voi, Mwatate, Wundanyi and Tavera constituencies, produced only one plain A and 18 A minus

The latest statistics show that over 30 girls in both primary and secondary schools in Taita dropped out of school last year due to pregnancies. If that is not bad enough, over 40 schoolgirls under the age of 17 have been sexually abused in Taita district.

By October last year, child abuse cases stood at 24 in primary and 16 in second-ary schools. The Undugu initiative's officials - Danson Mwashako (Chairman), Re-uben Shuma (Secretary), Samson Mwabole (Treasurer), Thomas Mwaengo (Organising secretary) and Edmund Tole (Vice Chairman) - are the engines driving the organisation's activities

Recently, the group organized a forum

to engage the area leadership about matters touching the youth in the county, and in particular about education issues. It also doubled up as a fundraising event.

The dinner gala was attended by two MPS from Taita Taveta -Thomas Mwadeghu and Calistus Mwatela who is coincidentally the assistant minister for education. Former MP Marsden Madoka also attended the event. Minister Naomi Shaban was absent with apologies due to official commitments else-

Although the target was to raise at least Sh1 million to be able to continue sponsoring several girls in school, less than a quarter of that was realised.

The organisation's officials are now call-

ng on all well-wishers to help them achieve their goals.

"If you help get one girl back to school, the impact will be felt almost immediately. We are determined to change the worrying trend back at home. It takes me and you to make a difference in one's life," Shuma con-

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