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BUSE Education 5.0 Implementation Hailed

By Tinashe Chuma

Bindura University of Science Education's (BUSE) implementation of the Education 5.0 philosophy has been hailed as a model which must be benchmarked across the continent.

This was said during a tour of the University by an interministerial committee which visited the institution in preparation for a pending visit by the African Union (AU) Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (ESTI), His Excellency Professor Gaspard Banyankimbona.

Prof. Banyankimbona's pending visit is premised on the University's outstanding success which saw Vice Chancellor Prof Eddie Mwenje being recognized as the best performing Vice Chancellor in 2025 by His Excellency the President, Cde Dr Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa at the 2025 Performance Evaluation Awards and Performance Contracts Signing Ceremony.

BUSE's interpretation and rapid implementation of the heritage-based Education 5.0 policy has seen the University produce products and services which have become a beacon of success across the nation.

The University's Chiringa Monitoring and Evaluation Dashboard has since been adapted by government under the social services cluster in Vice President Dr Kembo Mohadi's office.

The University established OpTech - a lens manufacturing plant that produces prescription lenses, a first in Southern Africa.

The crowning project for 2025 was the Palpo Technologies plant which assembles smartphones, tablets and laptops. This project was officially commissioned by His Excellency the President Cde Dr Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa as part of the University's 25th anniversary celebrations.

During the tour, Vice Chancellor Professor Eddie Mwenje emphasized the importance of innovation and industrialization in higher education.

He highlighted to the visiting delegation



Prof Mwenje leading the Inter-ministerial delegation through the Palpo devices production process

that BUSE students are cultured into focusing on innovative solutions to contemporary challenges, thereby using what they have learnt to build industries that answer human needs.

"Some of our projects were developed by students in their research. Education 5.0 created an enabling environment where students move beyond theoretical research and publication to producing products and services which answer contemporary needs," said Prof. Mwenje.

He emphasized that BUSE's teaching approach is designed to elevate students beyond theory into action.

The delegation toured the Industrial Park, ProDent Herbal Mouthwash plant, Hi Profile Household and Industrial Chemicals Plant, Optometry Clinic, University Library, Innovation Hub and several construction sites.

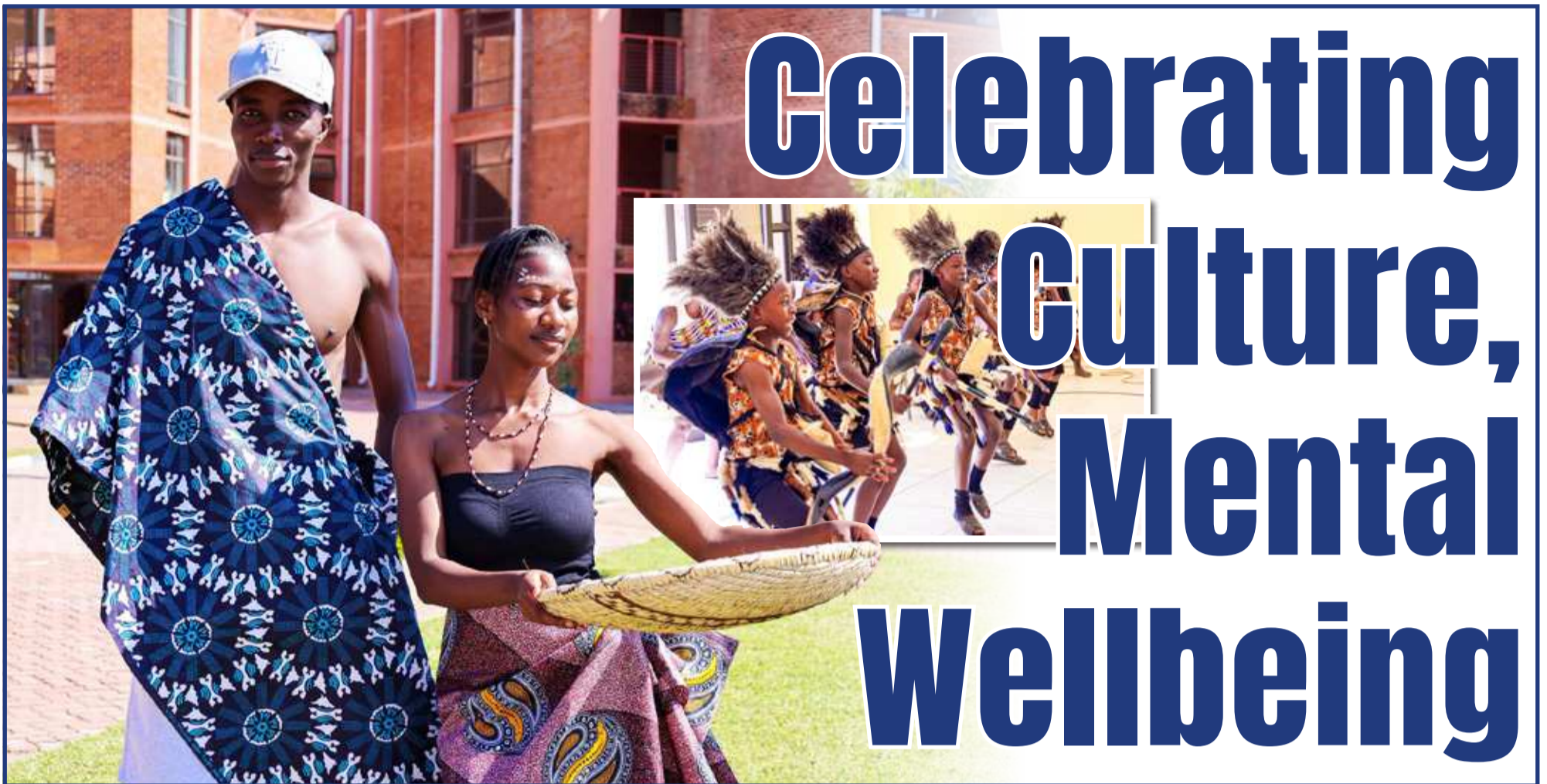
The delegation expressed admiration

for BUSE's achievements, describing the institution's implementation of Education 5.0 as exemplary.

Acting head of delegation Mr Tapiwa Mahuni from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade commended BUSE for doing exceptionally well in implementing Education 5.0.

"BUSE has demonstrated that Education 5.0 works as a vital component to national development. The activities being undertaken are exceptional and we commend the institution," he said.

With Commissioner Prof. Banyankimbona's upcoming BUSE visit set for early June, the BUSE's unique implementation of Education 5.0 is set to be used as a yardstick for the African Union's policy blueprint for higher education.



By Chibandamabwe Nyasha

Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE) came alive with colour, tradition, and cultural pride as it hosted a vibrant Culture and Mental Health Day, bringing together students, staff, and members of the community in a celebration of identity, heritage and wellbeing.

The event served as a powerful reminder of the importance of embracing and preserving African cultures while promoting mental wellness among young people.

Through traditional displays, cultural performances, indigenous languages, and heritage exhibitions, participants showcased the rich diversity that forms the foundation of African identity.

The celebrations were honoured by the presence of traditional leaders, Chief Chipadze and Chief Masembura, whose wisdom and cultural guidance added significance to the occasion.

Addressing attendees, the chiefs emphasized the importance of preserving cultural values and passing them on to future generations, highlighting culture as a source of unity, dignity, and social cohesion.

Several university leaders also attended the event, including the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Dr Eng. Tayisepi; the Dean of Students, Dr C. Mazodze; and the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Dr D. Makwerere.

Their participation underscored the university's commitment to fostering an environment where cultural appreciation and mental well-being go hand in hand.

Throughout the day, students proudly expressed their cultural identities through traditional attire, music, dance, storytelling, and dialogue, creating an atmosphere of inclusivity and mutual respect.

The event highlighted how cultural connectedness can contribute positively to mental health by strengthening a sense of belonging, self-esteem, and community support.

As a university dedicated to shaping future generations, BUSE continues to recognize that culture is more than heritage and it is a source of strength, resilience, and identity.

The celebrations concluded with a renewed appreciation for the role of culture in promoting social harmony and psychological well-being.

As the African proverb aptly states, "A people without the knowledge of their history, origin, and culture is like a tree without roots."

This timeless message resonated throughout the day, inspiring all in attendance to cherish and preserve the rich cultural heritage that defines them.



Chief Chipadze and Chief Masembura



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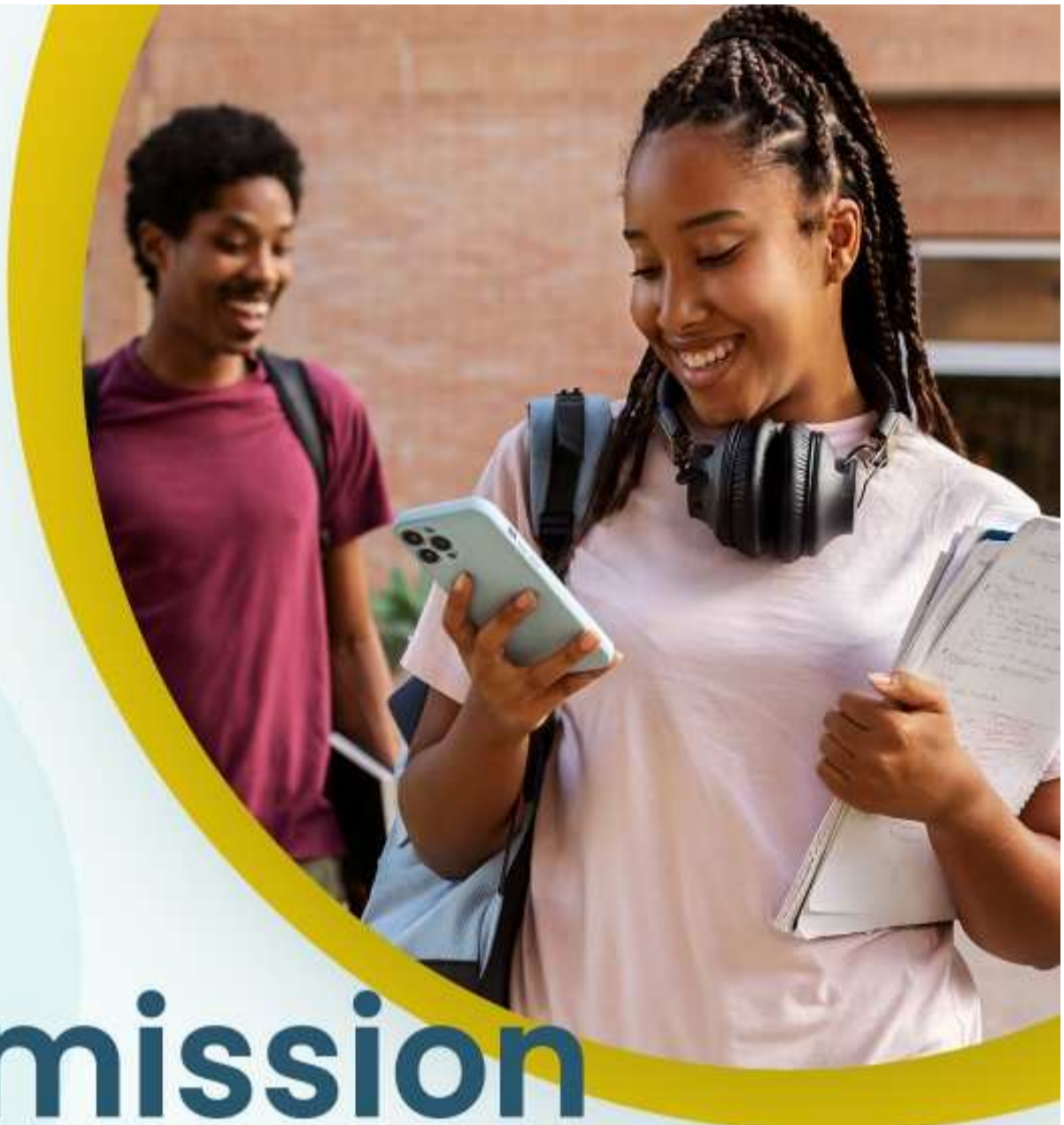
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Scenes from the Culture and Mental Health Day celebrations.





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BUSE PIONEERS ZIMBABWE'S FIRST GRAIN MILLING PROGRAM

By Chibandamabwe Nyasha

Bindura University of Science Education has intensified efforts to introduce Zimbabwe's first ever Grain Milling program in Southern Africa through a strategic industry engagement mission led by Dr Eng. Nicholas Tayisepi and the university admissions team.

The delegation visited leading milling companies including National Foods Limited, Blue Ribbon Foods, Agrifoods, Edurate Limited and Victoria Foods to engage industry experts on the technical skills and competencies required in the modern grain milling sector.

Speaking during the engagements, Dr Eng Tayisepi said the program is designed to bridge the gap between academia and industry while promoting food security and agro-industrial development.

"This program is a game changer for Zimbabwe's education and manufacturing sectors. We want to produce graduates who are innovative, technically competent and ready to solve challenges within the grain milling industry," said Dr Eng Tayisepi.

Industry representatives welcomed the initiative with



enthusiasm and praised BUSE for taking a practical approach to curriculum development.

"We are excited by this initiative because the industry has long needed specialised training in grain milling.

"This program will help produce skilled professionals who understand the realities of modern milling operations," a representative

from National Foods said.

Officials from Blue Ribbon Foods commended the University for engaging industry players directly.

"BUSE has shown great commitment to developing a program that responds to industry demands. Graduates from this program will be highly valuable to the sector," they said.

Agrifoods representatives

described the initiative as a positive step towards strengthening Zimbabwe's agro-processing industry.

"Partnerships between universities and industry are critical in driving innovation, efficiency, and sustainability within the food production chain," they noted.

Edurate Limited applauded the university's vision and collaboration efforts.

"We appreciate the consultative approach taken by BUSE.

"This ensures students will graduate with practical and relevant industrial skills," the Human Resources officer said.

Victoria Foods also expressed optimism about the program's impact on the manufacturing sector.

"This initiative will empower young people with technical expertise while supporting industrial growth and national development," the Operations Manager said.

The Grain Milling program is expected to enrol its first cohort of students in August 2026 and will provide hands-on training, industrial attachments, and exposure to modern milling technologies, reinforcing BUSE's commitment to innovation, education and industrial transformation.



Dr Eng. Nicholas Tayisepi led a delegation of students and staff who toured several milling companies





NATIONAL VENTURE CO. VISIT BOOSTS INNOVATION AGENDA

By Chibandamabwe Nyasha

Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE) has strengthened its innovation and industrialisation agenda following a strategic engagement with a delegation from the National Venture Capital Company of Zimbabwe aimed at exploring investment opportunities for university-based projects and research initiatives.

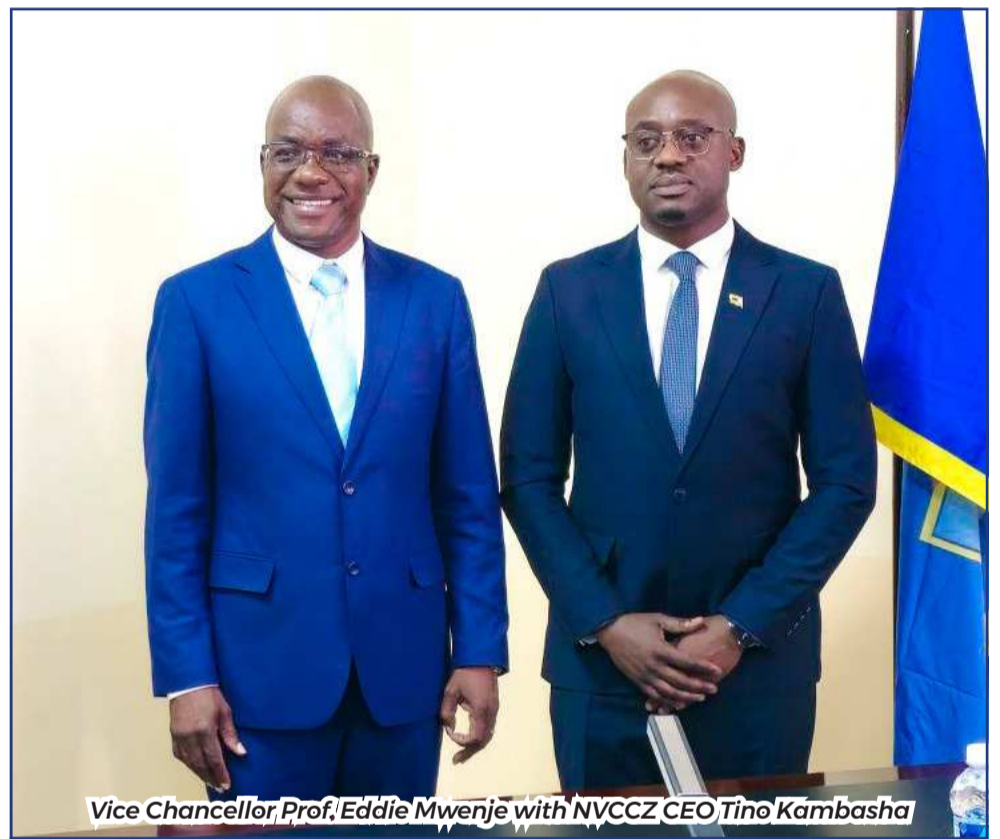
During the visit, Vice Chancellor Prof. E. Mwenje showcased a range of innovative projects and research-driven solutions developed by students and staff, highlighting the university's commitment to transforming research into practical and commercially viable products.

The delegation toured key university facilities, including the Industrial Park, Innovation Hub, Library, Optometry section, and the newly

established student dining facility. The visit provided first-hand insight into BUSE's growing infrastructure, innovation ecosystem, and efforts to bridge the gap between academia and industry.

The National Venture Fund delegation commended the university for its remarkable growth and investment in facilities that promote research, innovation, industrialisation, and student development. Discussions also focused on potential funding opportunities, mentorship programmes, and collaborative frameworks to support promising innovations.

The engagement reinforces BUSE's vision of becoming a centre of excellence in science, education, innovation, and technology development while creating pathways for impactful partnerships that advance national development and economic growth.



Vice Chancellor Prof. Eddie Mwenje with NVCCZ CEO Tino Kambasha

BUSE holds Pre-Industrial Attachment Orientation

By Anastasia Bango

Bindura University of Science Education recently conducted a Pre-Industrial Attachment Orientation Programme designed to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and professional mindset required for successful work internship placements across Zimbabwe.

The orientation brought together students from the Faculties of Science, Science Education, Commerce, Engineering, Social Sciences and Humanities, as well as Agriculture and Environmental Science. Organized by the Student Affairs Department, the programme also featured officials from the Registry, Quality Assurance, Library, and CETID, alongside representatives from various industry partners.

The session focused on preparing students for the realities of the workplace by covering key areas such as professional conduct,



Students following proceedings

workplace ethics, health and safety standards, communication skills, CV writing, interview preparation, and the compilation of industrial attachment reports. Students were also briefed on their rights and

responsibilities during attachment, including supervision procedures and workplace expectations.

Industry representatives shared valuable insights into employer expectations, emphasizing

the importance of punctuality, teamwork, adaptability, and problem-solving. Former attachment students also shared their experiences, providing practical advice on how to maximize learning opportunities during placement.

Addressing the gathering, Dean of Students Dr C. Mazodze encouraged students to uphold the values of the University and approach their attachments with discipline and determination.

He urged them to treat workplace supervisors as mentors and to document their experiences diligently so as to strengthen their final reports.

SRC President Trevor Ncube also challenged students to embrace professionalism and resilience, noting that industrial attachment offers a unique opportunity to apply classroom knowledge in real-world environments while building networks that can open doors to future employment.

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International students studying at BUSE from several countries from the region

BUSE Shines at International Cultural Diversity Carnival

By Chibandamabwe Nyasha

Bindura University of Science Education joined universities from across the globe at the International Cultural Diversity Carnival hosted by Midlands State University where culture, education and innovation converged under the theme “Embracing Cultural Diversity for Sustainable Innovation.”

The colourful and intellectually engaging event brought together students, academics, and cultural ambassadors from different nations to celebrate the importance of diversity in shaping sustainable solutions for the future.

Through exhibitions, performances, discussions, and interactive presentations, institutions showcased how cultural heritage can inspire creativity, technological advancement and social transformation.

Representing BUSE at the prestigious carnival, international student delegates proudly displayed Zimbabwean cultural identity while participating in thought provoking conversations on innovation and sustainable development.

Their participation reflected the university’s growing commitment to producing graduates who are globally aware, culturally grounded, and capable of driving meaningful change in society.

BUSE delegation highlighted the importance of integrating indigenous knowledge systems with modern technology, arguing that sustainable innovation is most



Zambian students Mary and Marisiana flanking Mozambiqian student Judith

effective when it is rooted in cultural understanding and community values.

Students shared ideas on how traditional practices, local knowledge, and cultural experiences can contribute to modern solutions in areas such as education, agriculture, environmental conservation, and entrepreneurship.

Speaking during the event, participants emphasized that cultural diversity should not merely be celebrated as heritage but embraced as a resource that strengthens collaboration and creativity in a rapidly changing world.

The carnival created a platform for students from different backgrounds to learn from one another, exchange perspectives, and build networks that transcend borders.

The event was marked by vibrant cultural displays, traditional attire, music, dance, and exhibitions that reflected the richness of African and international cultures. BUSE students stood out for their enthusiasm, professionalism, and confidence as they engaged with fellow students and delegates from other institutions.

University officials applauded the initiative, describing it as an important opportunity for students to gain exposure to global ideas while promoting national identity and cultural pride.

They noted that platforms such as the International Cultural Diversity Carnival are essential in preparing young people to become innovative leaders capable of addressing complex global challenges through

inclusive and culturally informed approaches.

The participation of BUSE at the carnival also reinforced the institution’s guiding philosophy of “Shaping and Creating the Future, Building Zimbabwe.”

International students from Bindura University of Science Education also played a significant role in the university’s participation at the carnival, adding a truly global dimension to the institution’s presentation. Students from different countries proudly joined their Zimbabwean counterparts in cultural exhibitions, discussions, and interactive activities, showcasing the diversity that exists within the BUSE community itself.

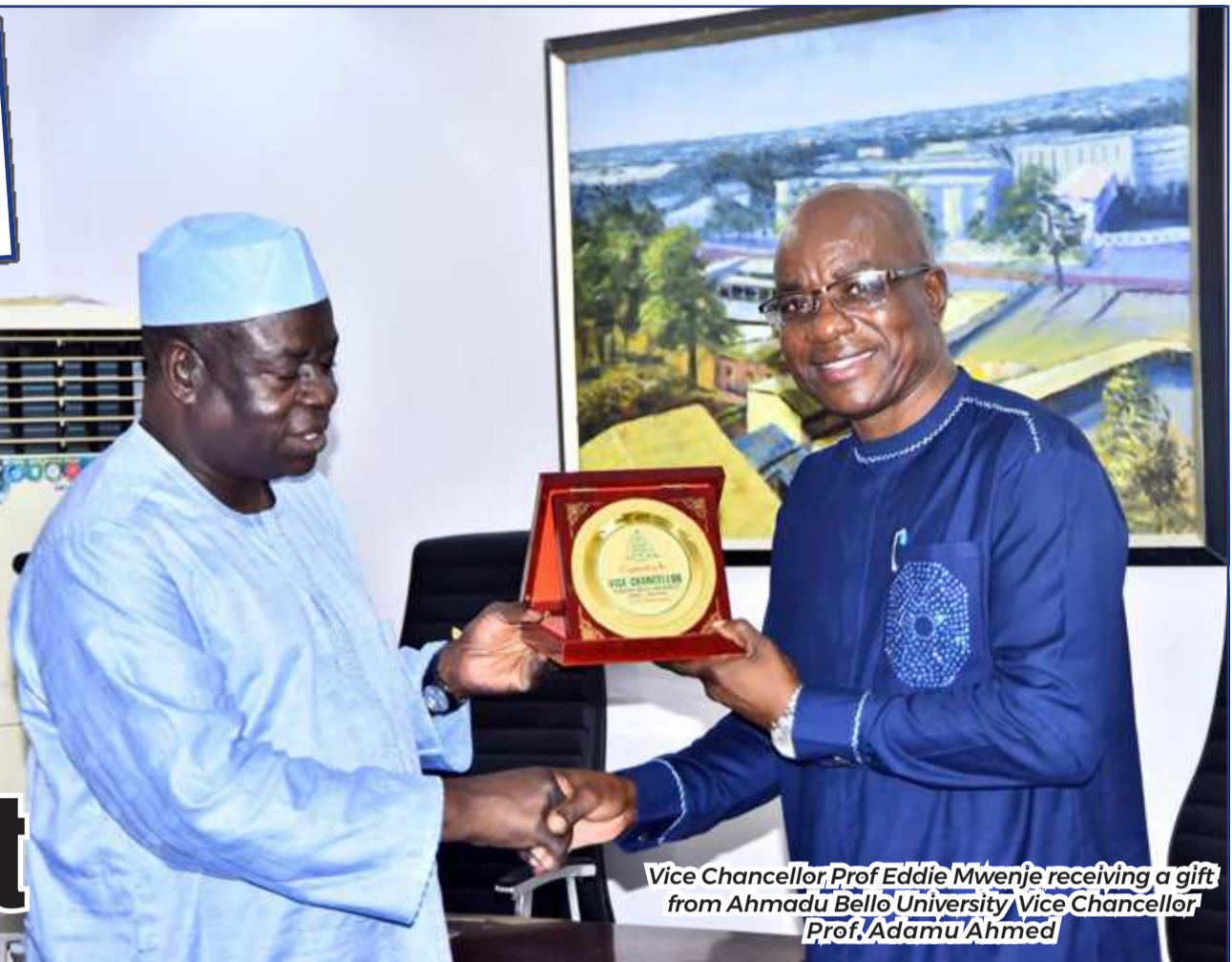
Their participation highlighted the university’s inclusive learning environment and demonstrated how cultural exchange within the institution enriches academic and social experiences.

By sharing their traditions, perspectives, and experiences, the international students reinforced the carnival’s message that diversity is a powerful force for unity, collaboration, and sustainable innovation.

As the carnival concluded, delegates left with renewed appreciation for the role culture plays in fostering unity, innovation, and sustainable progress.

For BUSE, the event was not only a celebration of cultural identity, but also a powerful reminder that the future of innovation lies in the ability of people from different backgrounds to work together toward common goals.

Vice Chancellor Drives West African Engagement



Vice Chancellor Prof Eddie Mwenje receiving a gift from Ahmadu Bello University Vice Chancellor Prof. Adamu Ahmed

By Julia Ndlela

Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE) is set to revolutionize its industrial science curriculum following a high-level diplomatic and academic mission to Nigeria led by Vice-Chancellor Professor Eddie Mwenje.

The visit targeted three of Nigeria's leading technical institutions: Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) in Zaria, the Institute of Management Technology (IMT), and the Federal Polytechnic in Ebonyi State, Akanu Ibiam Federal Polytechnic.

The mission serves as a centrepiece of BUSE's internationalization strategy, focusing on 'Education 5.0' goals of innovation and industrialization.

A primary driver of the tour was the development of BUSE's nascent Glass and Silicate Technology program, recognizing Nigeria's advanced infrastructure in this field, Professor Mwenje sought to benchmark BUSE's initiatives against the established curricula at Ahmadu Bello University.

The VC had an opportunity to visit various faculties and departments and units in the university, and there were serious engagements between Bindura University represented by the Vice Chancellor and Ahmadu Bello University (ABU).

The way forward is the development of a draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for consideration and signing by both parties and implementation.

Beyond specialized

technology, the engagements paved the way for a comprehensive academic alliance.

The mission explored several critical pillars of cooperation that human capital exchange, joint research, shared infrastructure and funding.

The visit paved way for human capital exchange, establishing formal pipelines for both student and staff exchanges to foster regional knowledge sharing, as well as collaborating on academic publications and providing joint supervision for undergraduate and postgraduate dissertations.


The partnership will see the two have shared infrastructure, organizing joint symposia, conferences, and seminars to elevate the research profile of both nations as well as aligning efforts to secure international funding for technological research and training.

The visit concluded with a clear roadmap for implementation as negotiators from the participating institutions have begun drafting a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

This legal framework will codify the partnerships, allowing for the immediate facilitation of faculty visits and the launch of joint research ventures.

The engagement highlights Professor Mwenje's recent recognition as Zimbabwe's 'Best Performing Vice-Chancellor,' further cementing BUSE's reputation as a growing hub for science and technology across the African continent.





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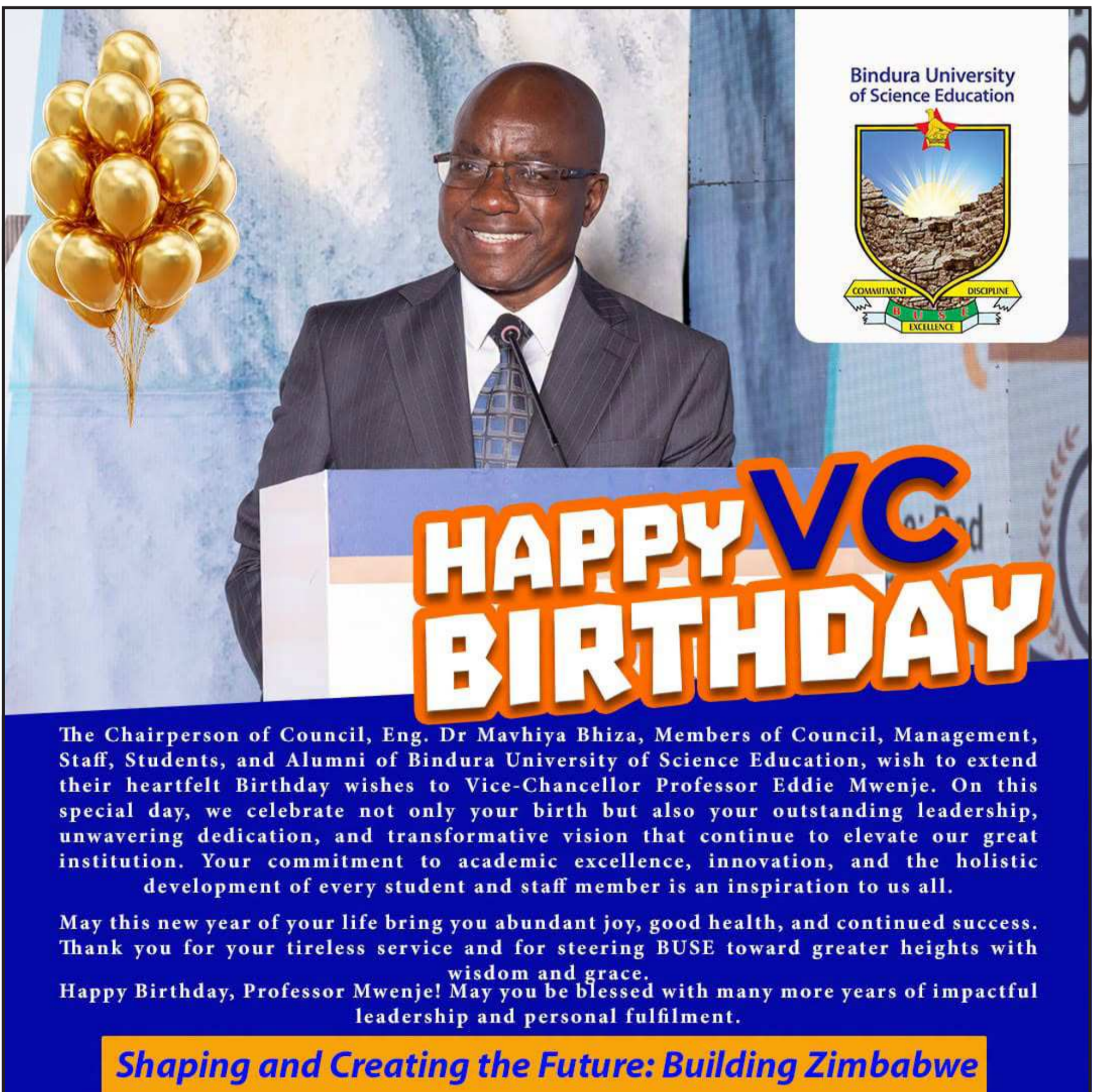
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HAPPY VC BIRTHDAY

The Chairperson of Council, Eng. Dr Mavhiya Bhiza, Members of Council, Management, Staff, Students, and Alumni of Bindura University of Science Education, wish to extend their heartfelt Birthday wishes to Vice-Chancellor Professor Eddie Mwenje. On this special day, we celebrate not only your birth but also your outstanding leadership, unwavering dedication, and transformative vision that continue to elevate our great institution. Your commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and the holistic development of every student and staff member is an inspiration to us all.

May this new year of your life bring you abundant joy, good health, and continued success. Thank you for your tireless service and for steering BUSE toward greater heights with wisdom and grace.

Happy Birthday, Professor Mwenje! May you be blessed with many more years of impactful leadership and personal fulfilment.

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BUSE hosts holistic health expo

By Anastasia Bango

Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE) partnered Health service providers on hosted a Health Expo open to students, staff and wider community.

The event brought together many companies and they gave free sessions.

The expo was timed to mark Mental Health Month this May, placing mental well-being at the forefront of campus conversations. Organizers used the occasion to highlight that health extends beyond physical ailments to include mind and identity.

This year's theme was "Holistic Health for All: Integrating mind, body and culture." The theme reflects a growing recognition that effective health interventions must address psychological, physical and cultural factors together.

Attendees explored health services that go beyond the physical, with a focus on nurturing mental well-being and cultural identity. All services offered during the expo were free of charge.

BUSE has consistently positioned itself as a centre for innovation and community transformation. The expo aligned with the University's vision of producing graduates who impact the world and build



Zimbabwe.

The University's clinic already operates on a vision of providing holistic individualized and affordable health care through active participation of students and staff in their own health care. Services available at BUSE's clinic include health assessments, immunization, reproductive health services, counselling, and free medical tests for malaria, blood sugar, pregnancy and HIV.

SRC President Trevor Ncube, addressing students at the expo said, "Health is not a privilege for a few. As students, we must take

ownership of both our mental and physical health, and this expo shows BUSE is creating that space for us."

The SRC President added that student leaders would continue pushing for accessible health services on campus, noting that free screenings and counselling remove barriers that often stop young people from seeking help early.

Dean of students Dr Mazodze, in his remarks emphasized, "Our role is to ensure students thrive academically and personally. Integrating mind, body and culture in health services means we are looking at the whole student, not just the classroom."

Dean emphasized that partnerships with external health providers strengthen the University's capacity to offer comprehensive care, especially during Mental Health Month when awareness is critical.

Community members who attended also benefited from the free checks. One of the residents who received a free blood pressure said, "I came thinking this was only for students and staff, but I was welcomed and checked for free. It makes me feel part of the BUSE family."

The community member added that the cultural aspect of the theme made the expo feel inclusive, saying that health discussions often ignore identity and tradition but this event did not.

BUSE's commitment to health also reflects the University's Education 5.0 philosophy, which links teaching, research, innovation and community service. Health engagement is one way BUSE brings research and service directly to people.

As Mental Health Month continues, the University hopes the expo will spark ongoing conversations and encourage students, staff and community members to seek support early, use available services, and view health as holistic and collective.

Championing Development in Muzarabani



By Julia Ndlela

Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE), led by Vice-Chancellor Professor Eddie Mwenje, recently visited Muzarabani to explore strategic partnerships and community-driven projects aimed at promoting rural industrialisation and sustainable development.

The mission aligns with the Government's vision of leaving no one and no place behind by harnessing local resources to drive economic growth in marginalized communities.

Faculty Deans presented project proposals tailored to the area's needs, focusing on both low-cost, high-impact initiatives and long-term industrial ventures. A key highlight is the near-complete Masawu Production Plant, a flagship project expected to create employment, promote resource utilisation, and advance the Education 5.0 agenda. Professor Mwenje emphasized BUSE's commitment to supporting rural development through science, technology, and innovation, positioning the university as a catalyst for community empowerment.

BUSE Empowers Future Financial Leaders Through Olympiad



By Annastasia Bango

Bindura University of Science Education's (BUSE) department of Banking and Finance hosted a Financial Literacy Olympiad, a programme designed to sharpen secondary school learners' money management skills and promote practical economic knowledge.

This programme brought together many Mashonaland Central schools to participate. Beyond the trophies and medals, the Financial Literacy Olympiad signals a deeper shift in how BUSE is reimagining its role in the Provincial community. The department is not only crowning the Champions, but also laying groundwork for a generation that treats financial literacy as a core life skill.

Opening the event, Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Commerce Dr Mauchi, said the University initiated the programme to bridge the gap between classroom theory and real-world financial decision-making. She emphasized that Financial literacy is critical to moving with the Zimbabwe Vision 2030.

The competition tested learners on budgeting, savings, investment



Chipindura Technical High School won the Financial Literacy Olympiad

basics, banking services, mobile money, taxation, insurance and fraud prevention. Questions were set by BUSE lecturers in collaboration with other local bankers.

Judges included lecturers from BUSE, and officials from CBZ bank. Judges scored teams not just on technical accuracy, but on how convincingly learners applied concepts to Zimbabwean realities from budgeting, saving, and spending.

After a day of intense competition, Chipindura Technical High School

emerged as the overall winner of the 2026 Financial Literacy Olympiad. The school impressed judges with consistent performance across all rounds.

The Banking and Finance Chairperson said the Olympiad will be an annual event. The goal is to create a pipeline of financially savvy youths who can make informed decisions and avoid debt traps.

Guest of Honour, Secretary for Youth Affairs, Engineer Ryan Dokwani, commended BUSE for putting young

people at the Centre of Zimbabwe's financial future. The Financial Literacy Olympiad is exactly the kind of innovation we need; it takes money matters out of textbooks and puts them into the hands of our learners.

He added, "I want to thank the organisers of this occasion; it really helped me as a Science person. Now I have a clear understanding of how to manage my finances."

He went on to say, am looking forward to collaborating with BUSE and making this initiative go far for our Youths. To the winners, you have not just won a trophy; you have set an example for every teenager in Mashonaland Central and beyond.

By turning budgeting, saving, and fraud prevention into a competitive sport, BUSE has shown that financial education can be both practical and inspiring.

As the Department of Banking and Finance prepares to take the programme to other Provinces in 2017, the real victory will be measured not in trophies, but in thousands of Zimbabwean youths who leave school knowing how to make their money work for them.

In that sense, the journey to Vision 2030 just gained 200 new ambassadors.

Walkathon Inspires Students

By Lawrence Chitumba

Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE) alumnus Mr Muronzi challenged students to rethink their role within the university and in national development.

Speaking passionately to the students during the University's Student Engagement Walkathon, Mr Muronzi turned an ordinary walk into a powerful statement about student empowerment and academic purpose.

Drawing from his own journey as a BUSE graduate, he reminded students that the institution had equipped many alumni with critical thinking skills, technical knowledge and leadership abilities that continue to shape industries across Zimbabwe and beyond.

"I am here today not to speak about quality as a concept. I am here to speak about quality as I have lived it, as a BUSE graduate navigating a demanding world, and to share what



that experience reveals about the choices you are making right now, in these very corridors," he said.

"The quality of your education, therefore, is not measured at the time of graduation. It is measured months and years later, in the relevance of your thinking, the depth of your problem-solving and the integrity of your professional conduct. BUSE prepared me for that test. But I was not fully aware, while I was here, of

how much agency I had in shaping that preparation. That awareness is the gift I want to give you today.

He encouraged students to maximise every opportunity available at the university, including mentorship programmes, innovation projects and networking platforms.

His message strongly resonated with students because it shifted the focus from simply obtaining a degree to becoming innovators, leaders

and problem-solvers capable of transforming communities.

Mr Muronzi also emphasised the importance of engagement between current students and alumni. He noted that alumni networks can open doors for career development, mentorship and professional growth. By interacting with graduates who once walked the same corridors, students can gain practical guidance and inspiration for their own futures.



Prof Mwenje celebrates Prof Simbi on retirement

By Anastasia Bango

Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE) Vice Chancellor Prof Eddie Mwenje joined Zimbabwe's academic community in celebrating the retirement of Prof David Jambgwa Simbi as the Vice Chancellor of Chinhoyi University of Technology (CUT), marking the end of an illustrious era in higher education leadership.

The farewell and conferment ceremony was held at CUT's Great Hall, drawing Government officials, Vice Chancellors, academics, and captains of industry from across the country.

The event was both a retirement celebration and the formal conferment of Prof. Simbi as Professor Emeritus.

Prof. Mwenje, representing BUSE, stood alongside fellow academics to honour a man whose career has become synonymous with institutional transformation and academic excellence in Zimbabwe. His presence underscored the deep respect CUT and BUSE share as sister institutions.

For two decades, Prof David J. Simbi has been the driving force behind massive institutional growth at Chinhoyi University of Technology. Under his stewardship, CUT evolved from a fledgling institution into a technological powerhouse renowned internationally.

His tenure saw unprecedented infrastructure development across CUT's campuses. Lecture theatres, laboratories, student hostels, an innovation hub and a state-of-the-art administration block were constructed, creating

an environment where teaching, learning and research could thrive.

Beyond brick and mortar, Prof Simbi championed a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship. He believed universities should not only produce graduates but also job creators, problem solvers, and inventors who could transform Zimbabwe's economy.

This vision shaped CUT's curriculum and research agenda. The University became known for cultivating creative minds, with students encouraged to develop prototypes, register patents and launch start-ups before graduation.

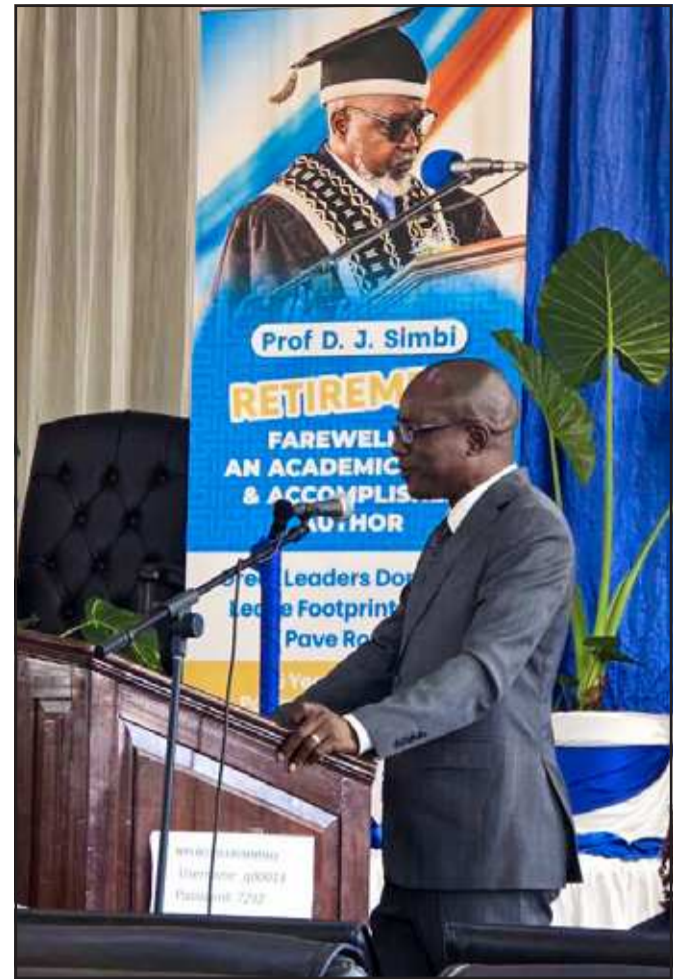
Addressing the gathering Prof. Eddie Mwenje described Prof. Simbi as a "pillar of Zimbabwean academia" whose influence extends far beyond Chinhoyi. He noted that Simbi's hard work had raised the standard for all state Universities.

"Prof. Simbi's visionary guidance has not only built CUT, it has helped shape the future of higher education in Zimbabwe," Prof. Mwenje said.

"His commitment to excellence challenges all of us to aim higher."

Prof. Mwenje thanked Prof. Simbi for his "unparalleled service" to the nation. He emphasized that retirement was not an end, but a transition into a new role as a mentor, advisor and Professor Emeritus.

In his congratulatory remarks, Prof. Mwenje said BUSE remains committed to the ideals Prof. Simbi advanced; building institutions that produce graduates ready to solve real-world problems. Your legacy is safe with us," he affirmed.



New Book Elevates Mbira as Cultural Powerhouse

In a world where cultural identity is increasingly shaped by global influences, author and Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE) Graduate School of Business (GSB) scholar Charles Mavhunga believes Zimbabwe's greatest strength lies in embracing its roots.

That conviction forms the foundation of his newly launched book, "Mbira Virtuosos: Stories of Zimbabwe and Mbira Legends", a work that goes beyond music to tell the story of Zimbabwe's heritage, identity and cultural diplomacy.

Launched recently at the Mbira Festival held at Baradzanwa Cultural Village, and officiated by First Lady Dr Auxillia Mnangagwa, the book seeks to document the lives and contributions of legendary mbira players while positioning the instrument as a national brand and tourism product.

Speaking in an interview after the launch, Mavhunga said the book was inspired by research undertaken during his doctoral studies in management with the GSB, where he examined



Charles Mavhunga (L) presenting his book to Prof. Jennifer Jyker from Rochester University, and Tute Chigamba (R)

the relationship between branding and tourism performance.

"My research highlighted that there are products in Zimbabwe that have not been properly branded, and one of those products is the mbira," he said.

"Many people associate the instrument with evil

spirits and misconceptions. That motivated me to conduct deeper research and produce this book."

Far from being a mere academic exercise, "Mbira Virtuosos" is based on extensive fieldwork involving interviews with 21 mbira players, who voluntarily shared their

experiences and insights.

Among the personalities featured are internationally acclaimed musicians and cultural ambassadors whose influence stretches far beyond Zimbabwe's borders.

Mavhunga groups them into global legends, internationally recognised

players and emerging talents.

"We had legends such as Ephant Mujuru, Tute Chigamba and Wilfred Nyamasvisva. We also looked at upcoming musicians because the list had to capture different generations," he said.

One of the most fascinating discoveries, according to the author, was that some mbira players have become attractions in their own right, drawing visitors and scholars from around the world.

"There are tourists who come to see Victoria Falls and Matobo, but there are also those who come specifically to see a mbira player such as Samson Mvurume," he said. "That means the mbira player himself is a tourism product and should be treated as such."

Mavhunga reveals that several Zimbabwean mbira masters have taught at prestigious institutions abroad, including universities in the United States.

He cites renowned musician Tute Chigamba, who taught at a number of American institutions, including Harvard

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New Book Elevates Mbira as Cultural Powerhouse

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"How many of us can say we have taught at Harvard University? Yet, a mbira player from Zimbabwe has done that," he said.

"These musicians are producing lecturers and professors abroad. Before we rush overseas to learn about African culture, we should recognise that some of the teachers being studied there come from Zimbabwe."

The book also seeks to preserve knowledge for future generations.

In Mavhunga's view, documenting the stories and achievements of veteran musicians ensures that younger Zimbabweans appreciate the significance of the instrument.

"The new generation must understand why the mbira is important. The legends have done tremendous work and the book provides information that young people can draw from," he said.

He describes the mbira as one of Africa's most original instruments and believes it has remained remarkably resilient, despite historical attempts to suppress indigenous culture.

"Mbira has remained original. Other cultures have failed to change its identity. That is why it remains uniquely African," he said.

Throughout the book, Mavhunga presents the instrument as an important tool of cultural diplomacy capable of strengthening Zimbabwe's image internationally.

He points to performances by Zimbabwean musicians on



Charles Mavhunga

prestigious global platforms and says such achievements demonstrate the universal appeal of the instrument.

"Nyamasvisva performed at the G20. How many people have attended such a gathering? Yet through the mbira, Zimbabwe was represented on that stage," he said.

The publication also reflects the growing role universities can play in promoting practical research and innovation.

Mavhunga credits Bindura University of Science Education for creating an environment that

encourages scholars to produce solutions and knowledge with real-world applications.

"The environment at the University promotes innovation. We are encouraged not to produce volumes of research with no meaning, but research that generates value and income," he said.

Mbira Virtuosos is a BUSE printing press product with all editorial work being done under the supervision of the Director, Research and Innovation Prof Jabulani Gumbo with Prof Charles Pfukwa and Dr

Sagiya contributing.

He revealed that international demand for the book has already emerged from countries such as the United States, Japan and the United Kingdom, with plans underway to publish translations in Chinese and Japanese to broaden its reach.

While "Mbira Virtuosos" celebrates the instrument and its custodians, the book's greatest contribution lies in its broader message: that culture is not merely a relic of the past but a resource for national development.

Mavhunga argues that institutions should identify and nurture innovations rooted within their communities rather than measuring success solely by student numbers.

"Universities must boast about innovations and not just the number of students they have," he said. "There are many innovations within communities, and institutions must capture them and build from there."

More than a chronicle of musicians, "Mbira Virtuoso: Stories of Zimbabwe and Mbira Legends" is a celebration of identity and a reminder that culture remains one of Zimbabwe's most valuable assets.

For readers interested in music, tourism, heritage and the future of African knowledge systems, Mavhunga's work provides both a compelling narrative and an invitation to rediscover the sound that has long defined Zimbabwe. -

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BUSE participated in the Provincial Clean Up Campaign which was led by Minister C. Magomo's wife on behalf of First Lady Dr. Mnangagwa



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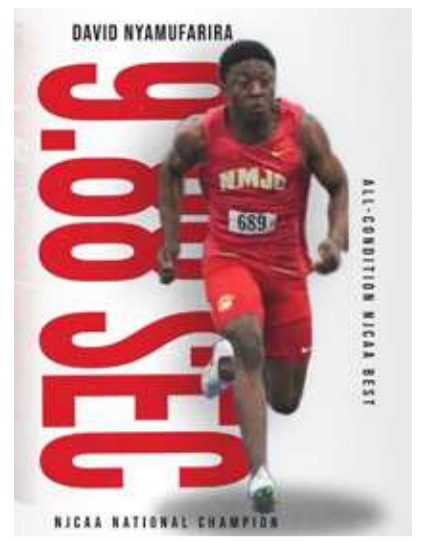
Aerial view of the Students Residence Complex



Scenes from the BUSE Health Expo



SPORT



BUSE's rugby team won gold to assert themselves as the most dominate team in collegiate sports

BUSE Dominates ZITS

By Julia Ndlela

Bindura University of Science Education (BUSE) has once again solidified its reputation as a sporting powerhouse, securing a massive haul of 33 medals at the recently concluded 2026 Zimbabwe Tertiary Sports (ZITS) games.

The university's performance, marked by dominance in athletics and Paralympics, has paved the way for several athletes to represent Zimbabwe at the CUSCA games in Gaborone next month.

The BUSE contingent delivered a balanced and clinical performance across multiple disciplines, finishing the tournament with a total of 17 Gold, 9 Silver, and 7 Bronze medals.

The Athletics Main team led the charge on the track and field, contributing 10 medals to the overall tally, Polite Moyo was the star of the track, securing a triple crown of gold medals in the 400m, 800m, and 1500m events.

Martin Magumeni and Valentine added to the gold count in the 400m and 200m sprints respectively, while Benson dominated the field with a gold medal in the Triple Jump.

The Paralympics team proved to be the backbone of the university's success, bringing home a staggering 16 medals including 8 Gold, 4 Silver, and 4 Bronze

BUSE also showed its versatility in ball games and martial arts, securing 7 medals in the categories, Rugby Men who claimed

a prestigious Gold medal, Karate the team fought their way to 2 Gold and 1 Silver medal while ladies pool and handball secured silver medals.

SRC Sports Minister Nicole Masamha commended the athletes for their exceptional performance at the tertiary games leading to the selection of athletes to represent Zimbabwe at the CUSCA games.

"They have done an excellent job and have proudly raised our university flag high through their dedication, discipline, and teamwork.

"Their achievements are a true reflection of hard work and commitment to sporting excellence. I am proud of the team and the entire university community for this remarkable accomplishment.

"I wish them all the best in their upcoming competition in June and encourage them to continue striving for greatness and making us proud," Masamha said.

Following this exceptional display of discipline and excellence, a group of BUSE athletes has been officially selected to join the national squad for the Confederation of Universities and Colleges Sports Association (CUSCA) games

The regional tournament is scheduled to take place in Gaborone, Botswana later next month. These athletes will look to carry their winning momentum from the ZITS games onto the international stage as they represent both their university and their country.



Polite Moyo won 3 gold medals

ZITS GAMES IN PICS



BUSE Karate won gold in the women's heavy weight category



BUSE was crowned the best institution in track and field



In paralympics BUSE won several medals including shotput



Martin Magumeni



Valentine lead the women's 4x100m to gold



BUSE Cricket



BUSE won gold in the men's table tennis



In table tennis BUSE ladies fell just short of a medal

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