

## **Linking Industry with academia (LIWA): ESA Talk**

Engineering Students Association, University of Nairobi organized a Linking Industry with Academia Talk to Engineering Students on Wednesday, October 07, 2015 at CELT, Civil Block, University of Nairobi.

Some of the companies that presented to the students included:

- Centurion Systems- Dr. Kevit Desai
- Viscar Industrial Capacity Ltd.
- AKAD Africa Education Group.

Also represented was Kenya Engineer Magazine by their Editorial assistant Ms. Mercy Nduati.

### **The Presentations**

#### **1. Centurion Systems**

##### **Presenter profile**

Dr. Desai is the owner and managing director of Centurion Systems Ltd., a member of IEEE Kenya, and holds a Ph.D. in Robotics Systems Engineering from Shibaura Institute of Technology in Japan. He serves as Governor of Kenya Private Sector Alliance and is a former Commissioner of the Commission of Higher Education. As a Task Force Member of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Dr. Desai was responsible for the development of the University Act; Science, Technology and Innovation Act; and Technical, Vocational Education and training (TIVET) Act of Parliament.

Dr. Kevit introduced Centurion Systems to the students and the various services that Centurion Systems offers to engineering graduates. He emphasized the need to keep abreast with PLCs, Pneumatics, Robotics and Industrial Automation techniques that will continue being useful even as the country becomes more industrialised.

#### **2. Viscar Industrial Capacity Ltd.**

##### **Presenter profile**

##### **Eng. David Mulongo**

Eng. David Mulongo, registered with the Engineers Registration Board of Kenya (ERB) is the Chief Trainer of Viscar Industrial Capacity Ltd. He holds a Masters in Business Management (Strategic Management) from the University of Nairobi in 2008, and a First degree in B.Tech. Electrical and Communication Engineering (1996) Moi University. Eng. Mulongo's career in Telecommunication spans over ten years. He has worked with Systems Reliability Ltd. as a Customer Engineer, Subscriber Radio Communication Kenya Ltd as a Project/Systems Engineer and, with Safaricom Ltd. where he was a Lead Engineer in several microwave transmission projects. Besides managing Viscar Eng. Mulongo is a senior consultant in planning, deployment and operation of transmission systems.

Eng. Mulongo presented an inspirational and challenging story of his own journey since he graduated with engineering in 1996. He challenged our engineering students to stand out and not join the pack

that keep dropping their cvs around companies without having developed skills that would make them useful in the industry.

### **3. AKAD Education Group**

AKAD Africa Education group was represented by Dr. J. Weche and Dr. Ron Sibert from GMAC. The two made presentations on the GMAT test i.e. Examination fees, Preparation for the tests etc. This was particularly useful to those who wanted to get into MBA programs in Universities across the world. In conclusion, the talk organized by ESA on was very informative to engineering students.