

◆ **Institution:** **Mzumbe University**

◆ **Country:** Tanzania

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◆ **Introduction of the institution:**

Mzumbe University was established in 2001 and is found in Morogoro region, Tanzania. Before attaining the university status, it was an Institute for Development Management training professionals in various fields especially on management and leadership at an Advanced Diploma Level. Upon attaining the university status it expanded its programmes and started offering various programmes from certificate to PhD level. Some programmes being offered are Public Administration, Human Resource Management, Local Government Management, Accountancy Programmes, Entrepreneurship, Bachelor of Economics, Bachelor of Laws, ICT degrees, procurement programmes, Education programmes, public health management, statistics, library education, project planning, and records management. Apart from having academic programmes, the university engages in various research projects and consultancy services. It also takes part in publication of various works ranging from journal articles, books and teaching manuals. It has a publishing centre that publishes works from various authors from both in Tanzania and outside the country.

The vision of the university is “Mzumbe University to be recognised as a leading institution in Africa for demand driven knowledge generation, application, preservation and dissemination for socio-economic development by 2015.

The mission of the university is “To provide opportunities for acquisition, development, preservation of knowledge and skills through training, research, technical and/or professional services.

The university has three campuses and three centres. The campuses include: The main campus in Morogoro, Mvomero District, Dar es Salaam Campus College, and Mbeya Campus College.

The university has various collaborations with various universities in Tanzania, Denmark, China, Belgium, England, Finland, South Africa, Kenya, Canada, Norway, India and South Korea. It is also a member of the A-A dialogue network.

## ◆ A-A Dialogue related research or activities in your institution:

As far as A-A Dialogue Activities are concerned the following were undertaken:

First, three members attended an A-A dialogue that was held at Kenyatta University, Kenya in 2010. They presented their research proposal on maasai girl's education in Tanzania. This research got funding from Mzumbe University and was completed in 2012. Later, a workshop for university members that were expecting to take part in the A-A dialogue activities was held in Morogoro, Tanzania. The purpose was to provide training on research and writing skills. The workshop was well attended and the topics focused on pertinent issues related to research.

Second, one member attended the research training for one month in Hiroshima that was organised jointly by JICA and CICE. The training took place in 2011 and it entailed visiting various places in Japan including the Ministry of Education and other institutions. During training, the participants presented research experiences from their own countries and later discussed various emerging issues.

Third, in 2013 one member attended a one week A-A dialogue in Penang Malaysia. The conference entailed various discussions related to the network. Presentations on various themes were also made.

Also, the research team managed to present research findings on maasai girls' access to education in Tanzania at the conference that was held in Japan at Waseda University. After receiving the comments, the team managed to publish a paper in the CICE journal.

This year, in July one member attended an annual general meeting that was held at Hiroshima University in Japan. This went hand in hand with writing for renewing our membership in the A-A dialogue network.

## PHOTOGRAPHS



Mzumbe university members and research resource persons from Tanzania, Canada and Pakistan posing for a photo after the opening of the research training workshop in Morogoro, Tanzania. The workshop was opened by the then Mzumbe University Vice Chancellor, Professor Joseph A. Kuzilwa.



A-A dialogue conference participants in the conference hall at Waseda University in Japan. The conference took place in June, 2012.