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# The PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Bandari Maritime Academy officially launched its new institutional bus in a ceremony held at the Academy on 28/10/2025. The event was presided over by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Eng. Lung'anzi Chai Mangale, alongside Board Member Captain Moses Muthama and the Academy's Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Eric Katana.



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# LETTER

*From the*

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
DR. ERIC KATANA

It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to all students of Bandari Maritime Academy as we unveil the first edition of our Academy Newsletter. This publication marks an important milestone in our journey of growth, communication, and shared purpose.

At Bandari Maritime Academy, our greatest strength lies in our people the vibrant community of students, trainers, and staff who continue to uphold the values of excellence, integrity, and innovation. As students, you are the heart of this institution and the future of Kenya's Maritime and Blue Economy sector.

Chief Executive Officer

This newsletter provides a platform for you to share your ideas, experiences, and achievements. It is also a space to stay informed about developments within the Academy and the wider Maritime industry. I encourage you to actively contribute and take pride in being part of a community that is shaping a sustainable Maritime future.

Let this first issue be a reflection of our collective ambition to learn, to lead, and to make a difference. Together, we sail toward excellence.

Wishing you continued success in your studies and future endeavors.

*Dr. Eric Katana*

# REGIMENTAL TRAINING.

Over 130 newly admitted Cadets at Bandari Maritime Academy officially took their Oath of Allegiance during a colorful mini pass-out parade, marking the successful completion of their regimental training. The event symbolized the transformation of the cadets into disciplined and focused individuals, ready to embark on their Maritime journey.

The regimental training, conducted under the guidance of Bandari Maritime Academy trainers in close collaboration with the Kenya Coast Guard Service, emphasized discipline, teamwork, and leadership key pillars in maritime service.

Speaking during the ceremony, Bandari Maritime Academy Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Eric Katana, underscored that regimental training is not merely a formality but a vital foundation for maritime discipline and leadership. He noted that the maritime profession requires individuals who are not only technically competent but also organized, dependable, and morally upright.



Dr. Katana also commended the strong partnership between the Kenya Coast Guard Service (KCGS) and Bandari Maritime Academy, noting that the collaboration has been instrumental in equipping cadets with a deeper understanding of maritime operational and behavioral standards.

“We celebrate not only the successful completion of regimental training but also the transformation of our Cadets into disciplined, focused, and responsible individuals ready to take on the challenges of the maritime profession,” said Dr. Katana.

On his part, Lt. Commander Rodgers Lusasi, Head of Training at the Kenya Coast Guard Service, applauded the Academy’s commitment to integrating regimental-based training into its curriculum. He emphasized that such training instills a culture of order, teamwork, and service excellence — values essential for success in maritime operations.

Echoing these sentiments, Chief Eng. Titus Kilonzi, Deputy Director of Maritime Education and Training at the Academy, noted that the maritime profession is not just a career but a way of life governed by hierarchy, respect, and responsibility. He reaffirmed the Academy’s dedication to producing not only skilled professionals but also disciplined mariners who embody integrity and leadership in all aspects of maritime service.

Bandari Maritime Academy CEO Dr. Eric Katana present an award to Cadets during the Mini – Pass Out ceremony held at the Academy.



Kenya Coast Guard Service officers during the Mini Pass-Out Ceremony held at the Academy.

Over 150 Cadets march past the Guest of Honour during the Mini Pass-Out Ceremony held at the Academy.

# STUDENT

# LEADERSHIP



# BMASA



## BMASA officials at the Academy in Mombasa.

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### **By Bandari Maritime Academy Student Association Chairman Vincent Kagachu**

As we continue to chart our course together at Bandari Maritime Academy, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the unity, support, and commitment that define our community. The Bandari spirit — of discipline, teamwork, and excellence — continues to inspire us as students to strive higher both in class and in service.

Together with the Student Association leadership, I reaffirm our dedication to fostering collaboration between students and management, ensuring that every voice is heard and every opportunity is seized to make our Academy a beacon of maritime excellence.

Our greatest strength lies in our unity. My vision is to see a year where we uplift one another, celebrate every success, and stand together through both calm waters and turbulent tides. I am deeply committed to ensuring that every voice within our Academy is heard, valued, and inspired to reach its fullest potential.

Let us keep sailing forward — together, stronger, and with purpose.

### **By Bandari Maritime Academy Student Association Vice Chairperson Phyllis Karuru**

Stepping into this role fills me with immense excitement and gratitude. To me, this position is more than a title — it is a promise to walk this incredible journey with each one of you. My mission is to help foster a year of growth, connection, and lasting memories that will define us long after we have left these shores.

Bandari Maritime Academy is not just a place for lectures and simulations; it is a vibrant community of future innovators, leaders, and captains of industry. Every challenge we encounter whether in the classroom, on deck, or at sea strengthens our resilience and prepares us to proudly carry the Bandari name across the globe.

Let us make this year truly unforgettable. Let us push boundaries, forge lifelong friendships, and embrace every opportunity that comes our way. The horizon is vast, and our fleet is ready — so let us set sail together toward excellence and shared success.

# PICTORIAL



## Bandari Maritime Academy Unveils New Bus to Enhance Student Mobility and Institutional Growth

Bandari Maritime Academy marked yet another milestone in its growth journey with the official launch of a new institutional bus at the Academy in Mombasa on 28/10/2025. The ceremony was graced by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Eng. Lung'anzi Chai Mangale, Board Member Captain Moses Muthama, and the Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Eric Katana, alongside members of staff and students.

The commissioning of the bus symbolizes the Academy's ongoing commitment to improving student welfare, operational efficiency, and overall learning experience. It is part of a broader effort by the institution's leadership to provide an enabling environment that supports excellence in Maritime education and training.

Speaking during the launch, Eng. Lung'anzi described the commissioning as a powerful symbol of progress, unity, and the shared commitment we hold toward excellence in maritime education and training." He emphasized that the bus is primarily for the students, terming it "an investment in your growth, safety, and mobility.

In his remarks, Captain Muthama expressed satisfaction with the acquisition, noting that for many years, students faced transport challenges, especially when attending educational trips, maritime career events, and community engagements.

Dr. Katana lauded the Board for its visionary leadership and dedication to the Academy's strategic growth. He noted that the bus will not only enhance the institution's logistical operations but also enrich student experiences through more efficient access to field training and industry exposure.

Representing the student body, Bandari Maritime Academy Students Association (BMASA) Chairman, Vincent Kagechu, expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Board and Management for prioritizing student needs.



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