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### NOMAD TO RICH COMPANY OWNER

# French CEO donates 3,000 books to MKU on his journey from a rough childhood

Mt Kenya University has received books worth Sh5 million from French businessman Mohed Altrad.

He donated 3,000 copies of the world's first English version of *Badawi*, an autobiographical novel that is part of the literature curriculum in French schools.

It tells the story of a nomad boy born in the desert in Syria, his journey to earning a PhD in Computer Science, and becoming one of the richest men in the world.

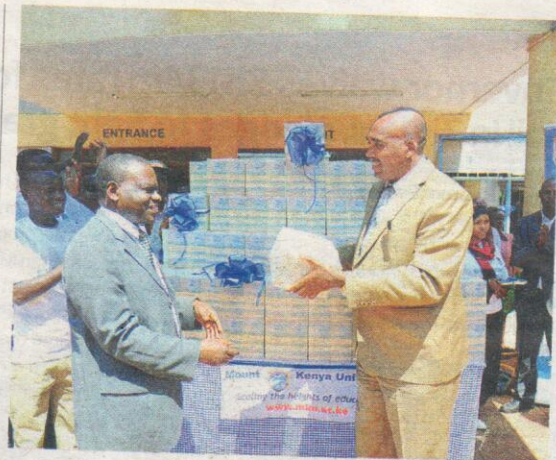
VC Stanley Waudo said the book will impart in students the values of persistence and hard work.

*Badawi* reflects the life of Altrad, the CEO and Founder of Altrad Group, Europe's biggest dealer in scaffolding and an assortment of construction materials.

He was born to a single mother and struggled to go to school. He got a scholarship to study in France then ventured into entrepreneurship.

Mt Kenya University VC Stanley Waudo receives books from chairman Simon Gicharu in Thika on Tuesday. The donation was made by French businessman Mohed Altrad

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