



# MUNI UNIVERSITY

## NEWS LETTER

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#### Muni University signs Contract with RENU



Muni University on Friday 3rd February 2017 signed a contract with Research Education Network of Uganda (RENU) for supply and installation of last-mile Internet connectivity via fiber optic cable. The senior Procurement Officer Mr. Richard Anguyo on behalf of the Accounting

Officer welcomed the team from RENU to the University and said he was happy that finally they were putting pen to paper as this has been a long process. According to the CEO RENU Mr Isaac Masana, this has been a journey of faith to imagine that Arua could get connected to RENU. He said that the key benefit for this connectivity is that Muni University will be able to collaborate with many other universities in Uganda and other research institutions worldwide because this is a global network and Arua will become part of the National and International network through Muni University. He said they were dumbfounded by what they have seen at the university and appreciate the progress and commitment to what the university is doing for the communities. The CEO RENU was accompanied by Mr. Nicholas Mbonimpa, RENU Chief Technical Officer.

### Students organize health day Campaign



The Muni University students' guild through the office of the Dean of Students organized a health day campaign event as a community outreach activity to create awareness and sensitize the community members of vital health issues. The theme for the day was "Your health, your wealth. Live a healthy life." The event that took place on Saturday 4th February 2017 was

organized in partnership with the Blood Bank Uganda and Reproductive Health Uganda (RHU).

The following activities were carried out during the event by both the students and the partnering bodies; cleaning of the environment by the general student's body that attended the event at Arua hill and later were assisted by the District Engineer who organized the garbage truck to collect the rubbish heaps that had already been collected by the students, the cleaning started right at Arua Hill and went out to town through the Police ground and to the streets of Arua town. This was closely followed by HIV /AIDS testing and counseling, family planning and

reproductive health education done by Reproductive Health Uganda and then blood donation done by Blood Bank Uganda. A number of the students led by the University Guild President HE Mr Felix Okoth donated blood.

### 3rd Vice Chancellor's Assembly.

On 13th February 2017, the Vice Chancellor of Muni University Professor Christine Dranzoa held a special general meeting with the students' body and staff to address pertinent issues within the university.

The Dean of Students, Miss Stella Wawa welcomed the Vice Chancellor, Management and students to the meeting and thanked the Vice chancellor for availing time to come and interact with the students and also thanked the students who had turned up to listen to the Vice Chancellor. She said this was a rare opportunity to interact with the Vice Chancellor, however in Muni University, we do not allow students to demand to talk to the Vice Chancellor but instead grant the opportunity for interaction.



In her opening remarks, the Vice Chancellor congratulated the students upon joining Muni University and thanked God for the opportunity to serve at the University.

She said this year is a very special year just like last year and 2015 for the pioneer students who are going to graduate. It is a very important year in the history of Muni University, this region and country.

“We want to see all of you succeed, this is a strategic goal first of all in your academics, and it is my desire to see quality outputs and successful graduates from Muni University”. Said the Vice Chancellor.

## Staff training on Financial Management and Procurement



The Management and staff of Muni University were on 14th February 2017, trained on financial management skills. The training that lasted for one whole day took place at the university campus, council hall.

The training was meant to, instill the discipline of accountability and understand the basic tenets of financial management and to

appreciate the roles and functions of internal Audit in financial management. The University Secretary/Accounting Officer Rev Fr Dr Odubuker Picho Epiphany, who opened the training thanked God for the opportunity to undertake the training which is part of implementation of capacity building initiative and effective service delivery as it would enable staff to perform their respective duties in the right way. He said Government is so particular about financial management, government employs people to work for her to deliver services and avails resources to this effect. He urged staff to work as a team towards the achievement of the purpose for which Muni University is established.

The training topics included Planning and Budgeting, Budget Implementation, Reporting, Monitoring and Accountability, handled by the University Internal Auditor Mr Bosco Asega and Mr Lapai Nicholas Odong, the Deputy University Bursar.

The Vice chancellor of the University, Professor Christine Dranzoa who also was part of the training together with the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic affairs Professor Simon Anguma katrini, thanked the University secretary, Human resource and Finance departments for organizing the training.

In a similar development, staff were also trained on public procurement and contract management to impart knowledge to participants and enhance compliancy on matters of Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets (PPDA). A number of topics that included the PPDA Act 2003, procurement methods and

contract management were handled by the Senior Procurement Officer Mr. Richard Anguyo, the Procurement Officer Mr. Francis Nyeko and Procurement Assistant Miss Beatrice Avako.