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Fourth set of Students admitted to Muni University

The fourth cohort of students admitted to Muni University for the various programs reported to the campus on 4th August 2018 and were oriented for a week from Monday 6th to Friday 10th August 2018.

The students were officially admitted to the university on Saturday 18th August 2018 in an admission ceremony, by the University Vice Chancellor Professor Christine Dranzao.

According to the Academic Registrar, this year a total of 102 students were admitted to the university of these 102 were admitted on Government scheme whereas 99 on private scheme.



The Vice Chancellor welcomed the students to Muni University and congratulated them upon making it to the university and particularly Muni University.

She said Academics and Discipline is paramount

while here in the university. She urged the students to make every effort to study and complete their programme timely and take their academics very serious because it is what has brought them to the university adding, Success in academics cannot come without discipline.

"Endeavor to participate in any co-curricular activity of your choice. Be part of the community outreach. Do not limit your learning to the campus environment, be able to explore and reach out to learn more I wish all of you a profitable and enjoyable stay here in Muni University. she concluded.

M/s Coil Limited hands over Muni University Multipurpose Health Sciences building.

M/s. Coil Limited, the contractor for Muni University Multipurpose Health Sciences building handed over the structure at the site on Wednesday 29th August 2018.

The construction that was commissioned in June 2016 was funded by the World Bank through the African Development Bank (ADB) under the Higher Education, Science and Technology (HEST) project at the tune of US\$ 2.6 Million US Dollars.

The Vice Chancellor, Muni University, Professor Chritine Dranzoa appreciated the Ministry for waving off a number of conditions that could have hindered the youngest university from benefitting from the project.

"How beautiful the facility that you contributed to in the construction", She said to the Contractors, Consultants and Muni University Staff.

"This is a home for all of you who have participated, I know most of you here are younger



than me and you will send your children or grandchildren to study from here ",

She also expressed gratitude to the Government and appealed to the Ministry of Education and Sports to construct another similar building that can accommodate specialized laboratories for biomedicine and Virology.

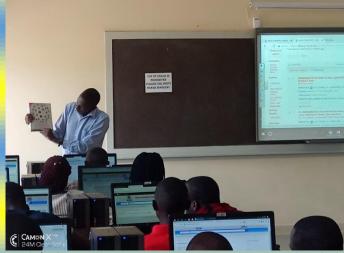
The Principal Education Officer, Ministry of Education and Sports, Timothy Ssejjoba says despite having some issues that need to be rectified, he cannot deny that the contractor did a good job. He equally emphasized the need to maintain the building so that many Ugandans can have access to higher education.

The Multi-Purpose Health Science building comprises of a fully equipped state of the art Information Communication Technology (ICT) and Science Laboratories.

Electronic Resources Training.

Muni University Library Staff organized a training for the library users (students and Staff) on how to search, retrieve and use electronic resources that the University Subscribes to, on Saturday 25th August 2018. The training attracted 74 participants.

"Electronic Resources" refer to



those information resources (materials) that require computer access, whether through a Laptop, Desktop computer, or handheld mobile device like Kindle

Fires, Tablets and Smartphones. They may either be accessed remotely via the Internet or locally.

Academic Libraries play critical role in the achievement of the functions of the University in teaching, learning, research and community outreach. Electronic Resources represent an increasingly important component of collection building activities of libraries.

Muni University is a member of the Consortium of Uganda University Libraries. This membership created an opportunity for Muni University to have access to vast Electronic Information Resources. The university currently has access to up to over 50,000 online journals and 20,000 e-books and also over 45,000 journal titles via Research4Life (AGORA-Agriculture, Forestry, Fishers, Climate & Food security; HINARI-Health; ARD-Innovation & Technology; OARE-Environment; GOALI-Law) and other schemes. The specific objectives of the training were to;

- Sensitize the University Community about the available E-Resources
- Learn how to search for information using a variety of information retrieval tools.
- Learn how to develop search strategy
- Use the various search techniques available to broaden or narrow a search
- Conduct a search on e-book and e-journal search platforms
- Search for items in the Library Catalogue (OPAC) if given the author, title, or keywords (subject) and locate the item on the shelf using the appropriate call number

Electronic Information resources are very important in supporting the blended learning approach that the university adopted for learning and teaching. There are already scheduled plans to have a similar training targeting teaching staff. The rationale of targeting teaching staff is that once they become familiar and

comfortable with the resources, they will advocate for their use by their students and also include the e-resources in their reading lists.

Fish Harvested from Muni University Fish Pond.





Over 70 Tilapia fish were harvested from the University pond on Thursday 30th August 2018 and sold out to members of the community.

According to one of the coordinators of the Project Isaac Kikoyo, total of 85 fingerlings were placed in the pond and more will be harvested on Thursday 20th September 2018.

This is a research based project where sampling was done to monitor and evaluate the performance of the fish with the prevailing condition at Muni University Fish Pond. So far the results are great.

URA Sensitisation on policy changes.



Uganda Revenue Authority under the Public sector office carried out sensitization on the new policy changes that were passed in the recent budget and have been effected this financial year 2018/2019.

During the workshop held at Muni

University on Tuesday 28th August Mr Danield Mugabo, URA Compliance Tax Officer revealed that Muni University is a highly compliant tax payer and therefore should be a bench mark for tax compliance in the region.

Muni University was first runner up for the vintage award, non-individual category 2016/17 at the 13th Tax payers' appreciation Awards 2017.