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Students' Orientation

The third set of students reported to Muni University on the 6th August 2016, consequently an orientation was organized to provide information to students on career guidance, campus life and all the services and facilities available at Muni University. The orientation lasted for a week, from 8th to 13th August. A number of motivational speakers both guest and internal spoke to the students on different issues; - including academics, discipline health and security.

Security matters were addressed by SP Saida Ibrahim Regional

Police Commander and SP Josephine Angucia Police Public Relations Officer for West Nile Region. Seven banking institutions were present and the students were also entertained by Local traditional dancers.



Figure 2 Sp Saida Ibrahim, the Regional Police Commander talks to the first year students on security matters.



Figure 1 Samuel Ondoma, the Legal Officer Muni University addressing students during the Orientation.

Admission Ceremony

It is a tradition to formally admit new students into Muni University. Therefore the orientation of students ended with the University Vice Chancellor Professor Christine Dranzoa officially admitting the new set of students to Muni University On the 13th

of August 2016. The Vice Chancellor welcomed the students and congratulated them for their great achievement and gaining access in to the higher level of education. She urged them to pursue their vision with commitment to excellence, taking leadership and resilience as they are here for academics; the students took the oath of allegiance and were officially admitted to Muni University by the Vice Chancellor.

Officials present at the ceremony included the Hon. Sabo Kamilo (Chair, Students' Welfare), Assoc. Prof. Simon



Anguma Katrini (Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs) Mr. Nicholas Tumwebaze (Ag. Academic Registrar), Dr. Geoffrey Andogah (Dean, Faculty of Techno science), and the University staff.

Open Day Celebration.

The University open day is a day set aside for the public to come on campus to learn and interact with university students, lecturers and others. This year's open day was held on 20th August 2016 at the campus, the ceremony which should have taken place on the 9th of May 2013 had been postponed to August due to a number of commitments at that time.

The event saw a number of students showcase remarkable innovations like the traffic lights, electronic advertising board, clap switch among others and the guests were mesmerized by the level of innovation and skills displayed by the students.



Dr Rose Nassali Lukwaggo, the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Education and Sports graced this occasion too.

Hand Over Event.

The official handover of Muni University infrastructure was held on 20th August 2016, this took place at the University Main Hall.

The Guest of Honor Dr Rose Nassali Lukwaggo the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Education and Sports received the structures from Ambitious Works Company and handed over to the Governing Council who then handed over to Muni University.

In her speech, the Permanent Secretary made it clear that she had come to receive accountability of funds that her Ministry disbursed to the task force and also to receive the work that had been done.

She revealed that the Government is engaging in a ten year strategic plan of skilling Ugandans and urged Muni University to support this plan because she already saw some great innovations like the clapping method to switch power on and off. She thanked the lecturers for providing high quality education and said that there is great potential for Muni University who should plan to grow and utilize the land that has been availed.

The permanent secretary was accompanied by the Commissioner for Higher Education Dr.Robert Odok Oceng who thanked the PS for honoring the invitation. He said he expects the Science and Technology students to go in to innovations that will make us manufacture items that are currently being imported.

Other guests present were Dr Elizabeth Madraa vice Chair University Council, Professor Latin Okidi Chairperson Appointments Board who was representing Chairperson Estates and Works Committee, Hon Sabo Kamilo Chair Students welfare Committee,CEO Ambitious Works Company, District Education Officer Arua and Head teachers.



Figure 3 Dr Elizabeth Madraa,Vice Chair University Council receives the University keys from Dr.Rose Nassali Lukwaggo the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Education and Sports and hands them to the University Secretary Rev FR Dr Epiphany Picho Odubuker..

OFFICIAL COMMISSIONING OF MUNI UNIVERSITY AND INSTALLATION OF THE FIRST CHANCELLOR.



Figure 4/5 The president of the Republic of Uganda HE Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and the first Lady Hon Janet Museveni are received at the University by Dean of Students Ms Stella Wawa and the Vice Chancellor Prof. Christine Dranzoa while Left The president cutting the tape during the Commissioning of Muni University. Looking on his left is Hon Janet Museveni, the Minister of Education and Sports and on the right is the Vice Chancellor of Muni University.

For close to two years, preparations have been on going to receive HE Yoweri Kaguta Museveni to officially commission Muni University and install the first Chancellor of the University and finally on September 12th 2016 this long awaited event took place at the University campus at Muni Hill.

The President of the Republic of Uganda

HE. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni officially commissioned Muni University and installed Dr. Eric Adriko as the first Chancellor of Muni University in a ceremony witnessed by hundreds of guests. He congratulated Dr Eric Adriko on being appointed as the first Chancellor of Muni University and said this was a well-deserved appointment based on his academic records.



Figure 5 Dr. Erick Adriko being I capped by HE Yoweri Kaguta Museveni.

According to His Excellency, the academic programmes at Muni University are good and

there is sure market for these courses, however he said the next area to go in is engineering. Good enough Dr Eric Adriko is an engineer he recognized that this venture needs infrastructure to which he pledged support saying that the 15 billion UGX yearly appeal for support made by the Vice Chancellor Professor Christine Dranzoa during her speech which the president acknowledged was a good speech, is little money for the government.

His Excellency, the President of the republic of Uganda was accompanied by the first lady also the Minister of Education and Sports Hon Janet Museveni who revealed that the Ministry of Education and Sports is excited

about what has happened here at Muni which is the first Public University in Uganda built from scratch by the Government of Uganda funding without any other funds.

According to the Minister, the model of financing infrastructure should be replicated in other government projects and that the strategic location of Muni University in North Western part of Uganda bordering Congo and Sudan should be able to help our brothers and sisters in the spirit of Pan Africanism and the East African Community. According to the Minister, the University will transform lives beyond the east African region. She appealed to the Management to be good stewards of the University facility as stewardship calls for good maintenance.

Doctor Eric Adriko who was installed by the President as the first Chancellor thanked the Government for their support in establishing a university in West Nile and also for granting him an eternal gift as there will never be any other first chancellor of Muni University, he pledged to serve to the best of his ability to create an enabling environment for innovation. The function was well attended by hundreds of guests including Honorable Members of parliament and Ministers.

