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ADB-HEST Project Supervision Mission.



A mission headed by Dr. Jason Mchache, Chief Education Specialist and African Development Bank (ADB) Task Manager, was in Muni University on the 17th of March 2017 to carry out supervision of the ADB-Higher Education Science and Technology (HEST) project. The team toured the site where the construction of the Multi-purpose Health Science Center is taking place before convening for a meeting. The team was welcomed by the Vice Chancellor Professor Christine Dranzoa in the Vice Chancellor's board room.

Professor Christine revealed that this was the largest mission to the University since the project started at the new campus. She said she was privileged to inform the mission that the project that started without a home, without students and programs now has a home, students and four programs running, and a programme which started with three members has now grown in to 117 Academic and Administrative staff.

She said with the support of Ministry of Education and Sports, they have been able to move forward with the ADB HEST Project. She added that the vision that was shared is now being actualized and they want to push it to the next phase, however there are two critical issues of appeal nature, Muni University is in a hard to reach area, it is a challenge to get students from within the area and as the next phase is planned Muni should be prioritized as a young institution and a unique one.

Mr. Timothy Sejjoba, the Deputy Coordinator HEST Project revealed that the Honorable Minister of Education and Sports has taken a keen interest in the HEST Project and started on spot assessment of the project, she should be expected at Muni University at any point to ensure that the projects are moving especially the visible items which are taking a lot of money.

Dr. Jason Mochache, thanked the Vice Chancellor for the good work done on the institution, he said over four years ago they were thinking of a University and now they are seated in the University.

He said only 25% of the 100m US dollars has so far been spent yet the deadline for the project is 30th June 2018 and any money that is not spent will be forfeited, therefore the team will be doing supervision every three months to ensure that contractors don't go away to do other works in order to beat the deadline, however they have received good reports on the soft components which are going on.

According to Dr.Mochache, the ADB was supposed to withdraw the scholarship money from Muni at the end of March 2017 but this will not be the case now, he urged management to work closely to ensure that students are mobilized everywhere to study in this University, by the end of five years there should be 1000 students and all the scholarships in this University should be absorbed including the staff scholarships. He added that this is the university that gave a Strategic Plan early, and that led to a Master Plan unlike other universities that are forging through without Strategic Plan and Master Plan, he therefore advised that everything that is to be added should be on the Master Plan and if the plan is to be realized it should be done now otherwise every

plan should be within the Master Plan. “From ADB we will continue to support skills development in Uganda for employability, if you want to become partners with us, support skills, let’s address programs that are leading to employability” he concluded.

Students participate in Inter University Debate.



09 students of Muni University Human Rights club, joined the rest of the universities in the 10th Inter University Human Rights competition held on 10th to 11th March 2017 at Uganda Martyrs University Nkozi campus with a theme **“OUR RIGHTS,OUR FREEDOM:RAISING THE BAR”**.

The Inter-University Human Rights competition is a competition organized every year by the Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI) and is hosted by different Universities in which all Universities are expected to participate. The competition aims at producing socially conscious Human Rights activists within Universities and Uganda at large.

The event that was officially opened by the Chief Justice, Hon. Bart Katurabe was attended by a total of 30 tertiary institutions. Hon.Katurabe encouraged members to be advocates and activists of human rights in Uganda.

The students who were participating in the competition for the first time took the 14th position out of 30 after scoring 61% from the topic **“Land Grabbing a threat to National Stability and Development”** given to them to discuss and make a presentation from.

Outreaches to secondary schools.



A total of five outreaches were organized and carried out in the month of March 2017. The University Deputy Vice Chancellor Professor Simon Anguma Katrini who spearheaded the outreaches moved with a team of University Administrative and Academic staff to Warr Girls SS, Muni Girls SS (twice), Ediofe Girls SS, St Joseph's college Ombachi to provide career guidance to the students. Students were guided on choice of courses and combinations, how to

apply to the university and the necessary requirements to be admitted in a University, admission procedures among others. The students were also educated on principles that can make them achieve academic excellence.

[Orientation of Council/Heads of Departments on Public Finance and Management Act 2015.](#)

Members of Muni University Council and Heads of Department were on Thursday 30th March 2017, oriented on the reforms made in the Public Finance and Management Act by Mr. Stephen Ojiambo, Commissioner Treasury Inspectorate and Policy Department, Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development. The University Secretary/Accounting officer Rev. Fr. Dr. Picho Epiphany Odubuker, welcomed the Council members and Staff to the training and emphasized that government gives work to do and also how to do it in accordance with procedures hence there's need to understand the Law and to be accountable to the people of Uganda.



The commissioner Mr. Stephen Ojiambo said that he appreciated what he was seeing and that Muni University is the talk of the country. "You have a mission to pursue, a vision to achieve and a legacy to leave and you should not relax". He cautioned.

He thanked the leadership of the University who felt it important to have the orientation which he said was very vital for the Accounting Officer, Bursar, Head Internal Audit head PDU and the Planners.

Curriculum in Agronomy and Agricultural Entrepreneurship workshop held.



The Resident District Commissioner of Arua, Mr. Peter Dibebe has pledged continued support towards Muni University. This was during a one day workshop on curriculum in Agronomy and Agricultural Entrepreneurship. The workshop that attracted delegates from DR Congo, Nebbi, Zombo and Koboko districts was held on Wednesday 28th march 2017 at Muni University campus.

The Vice Chancellor of the University Professor Christine Dranzoa welcomed the guests to the first consultative meeting for developing a common purpose international cross boarder curriculum. She appreciated International partners like Lake Albert Foundation, Ecopolis Europa, and the Dutch Embassy for believing in the philosophy of solving regional socio-economic development challenges by adopting innovative strategies of cross boarder partnerships. She pointed that a society will continue to experience high levels of poverty and diseases when some segments of the population are left without quality and appropriate education, innovations platform and current production technologies. "Muni university will play a pivotal role in imparting the necessary knowledge, skills, traits needed across the borders and therefore the process of pulling community leaders, industry, private sectors, NGO, service sector, research institutions, cross boarder and international partners in this workshop is an efficient and effective method for quick and thorough analysis of the determinants of a Curriculum". She noted.

The topics handled at the workshop included, Competence Based Education: Concepts, principles and practical use, Muni University's ambitions and curriculum for Agricultural Entrepreneurship and ongoing projects activities under Muni University, Lake Albert Foundation and cross-border development in highland agriculture.