



# MUNI UNIVERSITY NEWS LETTER MAY 2017 (ISSUE # 11)



*Figure 1 the Vice chancellor professor Christine Dranzoa and the University Librarian Dr Frederick Mukungu receive 10 kindle fires from the KCB head marketing and communication and the Arua Branch Manager.*

KCB has donated 10 kindle fires to Muni University, these were officially handed over during the Breakfast meeting organized by the university management on Tuesday 23rd May 2017.

The breakfast meeting is an annual event organized at the university to provide a common platform for the common entities that serve as think tanks to raise issues that are very current within the region but hitched on higher education which is

the mandate of the university. This year's theme for the breakfast meeting was "Integrating refugee issues in to higher education; a common agenda".

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Christine Dranzoa warmly welcomed the guests and thanked them for turning up for the meeting. she said it is because of such close collaboration that Muni has come to be, it was at such a meeting that challenges affecting Muni university were discussed and as a result 20 computers were donated by Stanbic Bank and when National Council Higher Education came to assess the university resource base, they were able to recommend the accreditation of Muni university.

The guest speaker at the meeting, Mr. Solomon Osakan, the Refugee Desk Officer Arua, presented a comprehensive report on status of refugees in west Nile, challenges affecting the refugees and appealed to the university management and other partners to intervene to address some of the challenges raised.

Partners present included Bank of Africa, Stanbic, KCB, Equity, DFCU Banks, UNHCR representative, Uganda Red cross society representative, NFA among others.

### Student shares experience on Huawei "seeds for future" programme.



kigozi Jonathan is a third year student of Muni university pursuing a Bachelor of science degree in Information Technology. Born to Rt.Rev.James and Mrs Tezirah, Jonathan went to Seeta parents' school for his primary, Ndejje s.s for O'level and Mengo s.s for A' level. He joined Muni University in 2014 as a pioneer student from where he participated in a competition involving students from the 9 Public Universities in Uganda and behold! Jonathan emerged one of the winners. In his own words-----

It is indeed a great privilege to be a part of Muni University because of the awesome opportunities and inevitable transformation of life through the appropriate and motivating experiences while at campus.

It is of great honor and pleasure to share my astounding involvement in the Huawei programme of "SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE" that turned out to be an eminence with an indescribable but educative exposure, with ignited ability and innovativeness. This is a programme that came up in

form of a competition amongst public Universities in which students were required to write proposals on how to improve Uganda's economy through various sectors Education, health, transport and Agriculture, to

mention but a few.

As a great concern due to the poor performance of schools in most remote areas with a case study of Arua schools, the observed cause being a patchy education where students in such areas do not get effective exposure to study resources, academic seminars for interaction with performing schools and the inability to access the updates in the evolving question, answer and grade structuring in all core subjects as compared to the schools in Urban areas. I and my colleagues inclusive of Male Paul, Kazibwe Julius Junior and Kiseka Marvin thought of a viable solution to see to it that there is a credible increase in the performance of rural schools and institutions falling victims.

By virtue of the course being offered we expounded on how to effectively solve this problem with the use of technology, and thought it wise to come up with a web based mobile application that can be installed on computers and would require creating schools' accounts so as to relish the privilege of the system hence allowing information sharing, tutorials, Mocks, question, marking guides amongst all schools in the country, and recent improvements in the academic sector altogether run circles around equal exposure to all academic necessities, thereby aggregating to a transcended performance over the years.

With the need for participation in the opportunity granted to Muni University, I was assured it is the right time to drive out my concern and let out my view to the "SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE" group and with the conviction that if equal education be achieved, the number of qualified and acquainted graduates will increase hence an utmost economic growth of Uganda.

So breath-taking it was, having successfully qualified for a 2 weeks program to China and hoping to turn this idea into a reality having had a thorough divulgement in the recent technology trends throughout this session, with maximal effort put together for the efficiency of Uganda's education and economic sectors.

My sincere acknowledgment to Mr Oling Josephat, Lecturer Information Technology and all the support staff/team of Muni University for the ceaseless endeavors in this accomplishment, and to all students always aim beyond the sky, expectations are limitless, ambition is priceless, and it's within you.

## Staff sensitized on Employee Relations.



On 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017, a team from the Ministry of Public Service visited the university to sensitize staff on issues of employee relations, the existing negotiation machinery and the procedure for formation, functions and composition Consultative Committees.

The University Secretary, Rev Fr. Dr Odubuker Picho Epiphany welcomed the guests to the university and informed them that Muni University is a new university and systems are yet under various formation in various aspects.

He said the university is supposed to have associations of teaching and non-teaching staff and support staff, there's an association for teaching staff already, and the one for non-teaching staff is underway.

“It is timely that you are here with us, this will make us aware of our mandates and scope and provide guidance to us. I urge the staff to pay attention as the knowledge and information received from the training would help us in forming our association” he added.

The facilitators were Mr Sseremba Mark, Assistant Commissioner/HRM Civil Service College and Mr.Turyareeba Milton, National Chairman University Professional and Academic staff union and member of National Negotiating and Consultative Council- Ministry of Public Service.



*Figure 4 Team from Stanbic Bank providing financial literacy to staff of Muni University on 18th May 2017 at the University Council Hall.*