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TPO handover

Muni University has finally acquired the Trans-cultural Psycho-social Organization (TPO) Resource Centre in Arua as one of the facilities to be used for enhancing service delivery and skills development towards societal transformation.

The facility which is located at Block 3 plot number 169 at Euata, Ayivu County in Arua measuring approximately 1.3110 Hectares, was officially handed over by the TPO Management to Muni University Management on Tuesday 6th June 2017.

The Resident District Commissioner Arua, Mr. Peter Dibebe who was the Guest of Honor at the handover function thanked the tax payers and the Government of Uganda. He said the property has been bought by cumulative tax payers' money to which the university has a vote. He thanked the 'three man' team instituted to establish Muni University consisting of the Vice Chancellor Professor Christine Dranzoa, The University Secretary Rev Fr. Dr. Odubeker Picho Epiphany and the former Academic Registrar for doing a great job.

The RDC also thanked the members of Muni University Council whom he said are people of high substance and whose intelligence he doesn't doubt, otherwise they would not have approved such an expense if there were no genuine reasons for acquiring the facility. He urged the students to maintain the property well and the structures should be left intact for the future generation to use.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor, Professor Anguma Simon Katrini revealed that the facility will host the school for postgraduate training and the center for running short courses for specialized skills development across professions.

He appreciated the Management of TPO for making it possible for the university to acquire this property. He said the University intends to start community capacity building programme in the first phase of the initiative covering mainly short courses and business services for revenue generation and to achieve the university mandate of community engagement for transformation. The postgraduate programme shall be launched in the second phase and there are plans to identify and implement business ventures which the university will undertake for generating additional revenue. Some of the revenue sources will include training fees, accommodation for female and male students, cafeteria, open space for events and supermarket

Library training

Muni University Library, in collaboration with the Good Steward Global Initiative (GSGI) and the National Library of Uganda, hosted a Librarian Training programme from 6th to 9th June 2017.



The Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs, Professor Simon Anguma Katrini welcomed the team from GSGI to Uganda and to West Nile region and particularly to Muni University together with the team from National Library of Uganda.

He gave a background as to how the University was established and said that National Council for Higher Education which regulates higher education in the country puts library at the center of academic institutions, it uses the library to clear a university for license.

He said the organization of the workshop was timely and also vital as participants would enrich their knowledge and experience. He thanked the team from the National Library of Uganda whom he said have always been available and appreciated the contribution of GSGI.

The GSGI was led by its President, Mark Cotham, and Librarian Training Programme Coordinator, Kevin Dubose. The GSGI has, for some years, been involved in opening school and community libraries, and training librarians in the West Nile Region. This year they opened the 5 libraries, 3 in secondary schools, 1 community and a Women Empowerment Library in Arua Municipal Hall on 12th June, attended by the University Librarian and some library staff:

The GSGI Team expressed gratitude to Muni University for hosting the workshop, and the library staff for providing the training. The workshop participants also expressed gratitude to the University for providing the good premises for the training.

The participants requested the Library staff of Muni University to follow them up and guide them in overcoming the challenges faced in their respective work places.

The GSHI requested for further collaboration in future. They also asked to work with the University Library staff in preparing grant applications to significant Foundations to support a library ICT network throughout the West Nile Region.

Some of the areas handled during the training include; How libraries are set up, Cataloging and Dewey Decimal System, Marketing Libraries, checking reference

books, How to organize fiction books, helping someone find a book, among others. The participants were awarded certificates at the end of the training.

Staff orientation.

The academic staff of Muni University were on 19th June 2017 oriented with the Human resource manual at the newly acquired capacity building center.

The Vice Chancellor Professor Christine Dranzoa who officially opened the orientation workshop urged the academicians to pursue academic excellence and exhume absolute commitment to service as that will steer growth. She further called upon the academicians to practice good practices that will endear the university adding that team work is key, they should work together.

“Our difference as a university should be created by what we do, quality work, teaching and learning, research, supporting communities. You must step up whatever your mandates are, step up your activities, and continue to support your Head of Departments and Deans. We are continuously improving the system, we shall put in programs for your growth, and the university will also grow”. Added the Vice Chancellor

The two day orientation was concluded with the academicians taking oath of allegiance and oath of secrecy after which they received their letters of confirmation to the service of Muni University.

In a similar development, the university support staff were equally oriented for two days on 20th to 21st of June 2017 at the University guest house after which they took oath of allegiance and oath of secrecy and also received confirmation in to the University service.

