

PRESIDENT PROMISED TO HELP THE UNIVERSITY IN ITS EFFORTS TO SET UP ITS TEACHING HOSPITAL

Islamic university graduates first batch of doctors

MBALE

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President Yoweri Museveni has described the first batch of medical doctors from Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU) as "fruits of the National Resistance Movement (NRM)". This was during the university's 27th graduation ceremony on Saturday, where he was represented by the Second Deputy Prime Minister, Ali Kirunda Kivejinja, who is also the Minister for East African Affairs.

Museveni commended IUIU medical school for starting on a strong local and international foundation – with recognition from Uganda Medical and Dental Practitioners Council, the East African Medical Council and the National Council for Higher Education.

Museveni said by starting the faculty of medicine and surgery, the university was making a contribution towards implementing the NRM manifesto which, among

others, highlights the need to reduce deaths of mothers and children by training more professionals to fill human resource gaps in the health sector.

The President called on the new medical doctors to always work and cherish the university values and demands of the profession by upholding high ethical standards.

President Museveni appealed to member states of Organisation of Islamic Co-operation (OIC) and other university development partners to prioritise the development of the land given to the institution by the Government.

"The Government of Uganda, as a member state of OIC, would like to thank the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Islamic Solidarity Fund, the Islamic Development Bank, Federal Republic of Nigeria and Egypt for their support to the university," Museveni said.

The President promised to offer government assistance to the university in its efforts to set up its own teaching hospital

- 2,261 graduands
- Female – 1,130
- PhDs – 6
- Masters – 217
- Bachelors' degrees – 1,516
- Post-graduate diplomas – 47
- Undergraduate diplomas – 307
- Certificates – 168
- First class degrees – 187

THE NUMBERS

and an engineering faculty to ensure quality, affordable and accessible education for all.

Museveni challenged graduands to effectively use the knowledge and skills acquired to serve and improve humanity.

The President told the graduands that the NRM had created an enabling environment for job creation,



A procession of IUIU guests and academics during the recent graduation ceremony in Mbale last week. Photo by Paul Watala

urging young people to take advantage of the Youth Livelihood Programmes where funds have been set aside for innovation and creativity.

The university council chairman, Dr Abdulaziz Alsebil, said in the coming

years, the university that first admitted students in 1988, will unveil more science and technology programmes critical for socio-economic development of Uganda and the world.

The institution's rector, Dr.

Ahmad Kawesa Sengendo, told the congregation that included First Deputy Prime Minister Moses Ali that the university had set up an ICT incubation centre to help students further their research and innovative capabilities.