



## **African Gifted Academy Returns to Makerere**

### **Over 50 students from 6 countries gather for 2012 Academy**

Over fifty (50) gifted young African students attended African Gifted Foundation's 2012 Academy session in Kampala, Uganda in January. The Academy has returned to Makerere University for the second year running and is twice the size of last years event, with six countries and twenty four schools represented.

Student gathered to study subjects ranging from space science and satellites, computer encryption and the mathematics of financial trading in a unique programme in partnership with Makerere University and sponsored by Tullow Oil, Guaranty Trust Bank plc, a leading African bank, Czarnikow, a world leader in commodities markets and Miles Morland, Chairman of Blakeney Management, one of Africa's largest investors.

The fifty secondary school students, aged 14-16, from Uganda, Botswana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa and Zanzibar were hosted by the prestigious Mathematics Department of Makerere University with tutors flown in from the Space Academy in the UK, Bletchley Park, the birthplace of modern computing and Cass Business School, London, one of Europe's top business schools.

The group visited Kakira Sugar Factory to see large scale, world class operations in action and a visit to the Uganda Securities Exchange rounded off an in depth study of financial markets. Four brilliant young Ugandan trained engineers from Tullow Oil delivered an impressive presentation on opportunities in their industry, two executives from Czarnikow in the UK spoke on global markets and a Director of Mara Foundation also spoke to the group. The Chief Executive of Renaissance Capital (West Africa), a leading investment bank, flew in to address the students on the scale of the investment and growth opportunities across Africa.

Tom Ilube, Chairman of African Gifted Foundation, said "After last year's successful event at Makerere we promised to return to Uganda and we are back again with a group twice the size and a very powerful programme designed to stretch the brilliant young minds."

Professor Venansius Baryamureeba, Vice Chancellor of Makerere University commented "We are delighted to welcome back the African Gifted Foundation for their second Academy. To host such a large group of young people from so many countries is an honour and we look forward to welcoming some of these gifted students back as undergraduates in the not too distant future."

African Gifted Foundation's Academy ran from 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 and was hosted by the Department of Mathematics, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda. Dr John Mango, Head, School of Physical Science and Chair of the local organising committee commented "Our commitment to outreach and fostering excellence at Makerere University is clearly in evidence by the return of African Gifted's 2012 Academy to the University." The training was conducted in the outstanding facilities of Makerere University's Faculty of Computing and Information Technology.

African Gifted Foundation is supported by

- The Ilube Family
- Tullow Oil, the leading independent oil and gas exploration and production group
- Guaranty Trust Bank, a leading African bank with headquarters in Nigeria
- Miles Morland, Chairman of Blakeney Management, a major investor in African
- The Jackson Foundation, UK
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- A number of generous individual donors

In addition, African Gifted Foundation has received active support for its Academy programme from

- Czarnikow Group, a world leader in commodities markets, headquartered in the City of London, UK
- the Mara Foundation, the Ugandan based non-profit part of the Mara Group of companies
- Cass Business School, London, a leading UK business school
- Bletchley Park, UK based birthplace of modern computing and home of the WW2 codebreakers
- Space Academy, Leicester the educational arm of the UK's National Space Centre
- Uganda Securities Exchange
- Kakira Sugar, Jinja, Uganda, part of the Madhvani Group

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