



REMARKS BY

PROFESSOR J. DDUMBA-SSENTAMU, VICE CHANCELLOR
MAKERERE UNIVERSITY, ON THE OCCASION OF
OPENING THE CRANE BANK, MAKERERE BRANCH,
SENATE BUILDING, MAKERERE UNIVERSITY

ON

WEDNESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2012

- The Managing Director, Crane Bank Limited
 - The University Secretary, Members of Management
 - Members of Senate
 - Members of Staff
 - Students, Ladies and Gentlemen
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I wish to congratulate Crane Bank Limited upon opening their latest branch at the Senate Building, Makerere University. Congratulations and welcome to Makerere University. Your establishment is the third of its kind, joining Stanbic Bank and DFCU Bank in bringing services closer to the Makerere community.

This Makerere community has at minimum a 40,000 strong population consisting of Staff, both Academic and Administrative, and Students, both Ugandan and international. In joining Stanbic and DFCU Banks, we look forward to the expanded provision of quality and timely financial services to both our staff and students, not to mention the surrounding populations.

Crane Bank started by establishing an ATM presence in Makerere, therefore, the creation of this branch is testament of your long-term commitment to supporting service delivery at Makerere University. As you open the branch, we pray that you will not only settle in quickly but also examine ways and means of improving the delivery of not only the financial services but also the welfare of your community.

As a financial establishment, you are familiar with Corporate Social Responsibility. Looking at the needs of the University community, I pray that Crane Bank will come up with a sustainable Corporate Social Responsibility programme to benefit Makerere University students, staff and the wider university community; contribute to the development of research and laboratory infrastructure; as well as partnering with the University to commercialize her research outputs.

On Saturday 4th August 2012, H.E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni officially launched the year-long celebrations to mark the 90th anniversary of Makerere University. Dfcu and Stanbic bank respectively are lined up as key partners who have pledged support towards specific aspects of the year-long celebrations. Allow me to take this opportunity in my capacity as Vice Chancellor of Makerere University, to officially invite Crane Bank to take part in any of the activities lined up

in this year-long celebration. I also look forward to the participation of other banks in the year-long celebrations.

As you undertake your financial operations, always remember that Makerere University is an academic institution and I strongly appeal to your Marketing team to be cautious of this as they develop the numerous marketing and promotional campaigns. It should be a win-win situation for Crane Bank and Makerere University. Your operations environment consists of students, scholars and researchers; plan to reach out to them, but without disrupting university lectures, examinations and critical thinking processes.

In addition, the use of the Makerere University name and logo in any of your engagements should follow the prescribed standards and authorization by the relevant offices and organs.

On financial matters, I have a resourceful team comprising the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Finance and Administration), the University Secretary and the University Bursar, please engage them. I am happy to note that the University Secretary, Mr. Kahundha Muhwezi has provided key insights on tapping into the available financial opportunities.

Learning is two way; the University Management will also be extremely pleased if Crane Bank came up with special financial management systems and training sessions aimed at improving financial management at the University.

I once again welcome you to Makerere University and wish you a great stay, as **We build for the future, FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY.**