



REMARKS BY THE MAKERERE UNIVERSITY VICE-CHANCELLOR,

PROFESSOR JOHN DDUMBA SSENTAMU,

**DURING THE LAUNCH OF THE COLLEGE OF COMPUTING AND
INFORMATION SCIENCES OPEN DAY AT THE COLLEGE OF
COMPUTING AND INFORMATION SCIENCES ON 27TH FEBRUARY,
2014 AT 2:00PM**

- **The Rt. Hon. Prime Minister of Uganda, Hon. Amama Mbabazi**
- **Your Excellency the American Ambassador to Uganda**
- **Members of the Diplomatic community**
- **Representatives of Government Departments and Agencies**
- **Members of Staff of the College of Computing and Information Sciences and Makerere University**
- **Students**
- **The Media**
- **Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen:**

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On behalf of Makerere University, I thank you all for gracing this occasion and making it very meaningful to our students as well as the entire Makerere University community. I warmly welcome our Chief Guest, the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister of Uganda, Hon. John Patrick Amama Mbabazi. Thank you for loving Makerere University and accepting our invitations whenever we call upon you.

In a special way, we welcome the American Ambassador to Uganda, His Excellency Scott DeLisi. Thank you for the financial support you provided to enable this event. We are most grateful.

I recognise the presence of other dignitaries. Your presence shows the passion you have for young people in Uganda.

Today, we are gathered here to celebrate the achievements of our students and staff members who work tirelessly to develop innovative solutions that can overcome some of the challenges in this country. The innovations being displayed today are in the fields of health, education, agriculture, climate change and business.

These innovations are in line with our strategic core function of Research and Innovations whose goals are to consolidate and enhance the research profile of Makerere University and to enhance transformation and utilisation of knowledge, research and innovations.

The theme of this event is **Achieving Vision 2040 through ICT: Innovations to Accelerate Uganda's Social-Economic Transformation.** Makerere University

fully supports the Government in its attempt to attain the social transformation and development of this country.

We have focused on availing high quality learning and teaching resources, and are trying to improve the quality of the learning environment and services to all our stakeholders. This will go a long way in improving the research status of our nation.

Today, we are also using this opportunity to mentor the youth, especially the females still in secondary school so that they can be inspired to become innovative as well as participate in the development process of this country.

The spirit of innovation and resilience exhibited by the students and staff today highlights their entrepreneurial expertise. Makerere University strives to instil in the students the ability to be able to create employment for themselves.

Rt. Hon. Prime Minister, we appreciate Government's support to Makerere University through the Presidential Initiative for Science and Technology. We hope this support can also be extended to this College, which has demonstrated its capacity to come up with several innovations that are relevant to our needs.

Once again, our Guest of Honour, ladies and gentlemen, thank you for honouring our invitation. It is now my pleasure and honour to invite His Excellency Scott DeLisi, the American Ambassador to Uganda to give his remarks.