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**AT THE VISIT OF H.E KIM YONG NAM, PRESIDENT OF
THE PRESIDUM OF THE SUPREME PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY
OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA
(DPRK)**

FRIDAY, 31ST OCTOBER, 2014,

COUNCIL ROOM

- The President of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, H.E Kim Yong Nam
- The Foreign Affairs Minister of Uganda, Hon. Henry Oryem Okello
- The Chancellor of Makerere University
- Honourable Ministers and delegates from DPRK
- Honourable Ministers and government representatives from Uganda
- Officials from the Korean Embassy
- Makerere University Management and Principals
- Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the Makerere University Management and Staff, I take this opportunity to warmly welcome the President of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, H.E Kim Yong Nam on this your maiden visit to Makerere University.

Your Excellency, the timing of your visit couldn't have been more appropriate, especially now that Makerere University seeks to enact more partnerships with both local and international entities.

As the leading academic institution in the region, Makerere University is passionate about innovations generated through knowledge transfer partnerships and networking. We are keen to use every opportunity available to us, to embrace new frontiers of innovation and as such, our academic programmes are constantly being sharpened by the partnerships we enter into with both local and international universities and entities. We are particularly hopeful, that partnerships with universities and research institutions in the DPRK will enable us leverage the rich experience of those institutions, as we search for solutions for our national development. We also believe that such partnerships will help further cement the friendly relations between the people of Uganda and the DPRK. It is therefore my sincere wish that your visit will facilitate these partnerships.

I am pleased that you will be visiting some Colleges in Makerere University particularly the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, CAES; the College of Computing

and Information Sciences, CoCIS; and the College of Veterinary Medicine Animal Resources and Bio-security, CoVAB. Your Excellency, these selected Colleges, as you will witness during your visit, are a source of ground breaking innovations that have made Makerere University proud. Through innovation, we focus on providing solutions to challenges in our immediate community. For instance, you will learn that students in CoCIS developed a mobile application, Matibabu, which makes it possible for someone to test for Malaria without pricking the skin. Since Malaria is a leading cause of death in our country, by facilitating faster detection and diagnosis, this application will save countless lives, especially the more vulnerable expectant mothers and children. I am therefore confident that your visit to Makerere will be worthwhile, especially as you tour the Colleges and interact with our Staff and Students. Due to lack of time, we are unable to show you innovations in all the other colleges.

Your Excellency, we sincerely thank you for taking time off your busy state visit to Uganda to visit Makerere University, and we look forward to fruitful collaborations and partnerships with North Korean institutions in areas that we will both identify. I thank you all for your kind attention as *We build for the future*.