

**REMARKS OF THE ACTING VICE CHANCELLOR, DR. OKELLO
OGWANG, DURING THE COURTESY VISIT TO MAKERERE
UNIVERSITY OF THE AMBASSADOR OF THE ROYAL KINGDOM OF
SAUDI ARABIA TO UGANDA**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015, COUNCIL ROOM

- **Your Excellency Dr. Jamal Rafah, Ambassador of the Royal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Uganda**
- **Members of University Management**
- **The Principal and Staff present from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen, in your respective capacities:**

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I greet you all and take the honour to warmly welcome Dr. Jamal Rafah to Makerere University. Your Excellency, you are most welcome and we are privileged to have your presence at this ceremony where you will present to Makerere University a cheque worth US\$ 90,000 towards the teaching of Arabic Language in the Colleges of Humanities and Social Sciences and Education and External Studies.

As Acting Vice Chancellor, I extend the sincere gratitude of Makerere University for this generous support aimed at supporting our core functions, particularly, teaching and learning. Another core function of Makerere University is to foster partnerships and networking. We therefore greatly value the relationship we have built with the Royal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It is through our collaboration that we acquired linkages with the King Abdul Aziiz International Centre of Arabic Language, which has granted Makerere University the US \$ 90,000 donation.

Your Excellency, I am informed that it is on your personal recommendation that the King Abdul Aziiz International Centre of Arabic Language offered to sponsor twenty [20] students to study Arabic at Makerere University over a three-year period. For this kind gesture, we are extremely grateful to you.

Through you, Your Excellency, we wish to thank the Centre for taking interest in the teaching of Arabic at Makerere University and offering assistance to address the existing needs and gaps. We hope that this is the beginning of a lasting relationship that will lead to further progress of Arabic as a taught language at Makerere University.

Thank you.