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**REMARKS BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR**

**PROF. JOHN DDUMBA-SSENTAMU**

**AT THE**

**VARSIY AWARDS DINNER**

**5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

**MAIN HALL**

- Our Chief Guest, the First Lady, Hon. Janet Kataha Museveni
- Capt. Mike Mukula, MP Soroti Municipality
- Members of the University Management
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- Ladies and gentlemen

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I welcome you to Makerere University and to this special event to award excellent performance at this institution.

In a special way, I welcome the First Lady, Hon. Janet Kataha Museveni, to Makerere University and to this event. I am delighted to host you during my term as Vice Chancellor, Makerere University. I particularly thank you for your passion and involvement with the youth. Indeed like you have said before, the youth are a critical composition of our nation and we should pay special attention to them. We at Makerere University will continue to do our best in ensuring that we train them to become responsible citizens and professionals. Through you, may I take this opportunity to thank Government for the continued support to Makerere University.

Our Chief Guest, these awards are in line with Makerere University's mission on knowledge transfer partnerships and networking. A lot of meticulous planning has gone into preparations for this event and for this I am grateful to all the organizers, especially the Student's Guild.

I congratulate all those who have been nominated and ask you to consider this as a motivation for greater works for the benefit of both Makerere University and the nation. May I also take this opportunity to thank all the event sponsors for finding this event worth your sponsorship. The Students Guild has informed me that they intend to hold this event annually. I ask you to continue partnering with us for the success of subsequent events.

As a leading academic institution, we pride in being relevant to our immediate society and beyond. This forms the basis of our restlessness with finding solutions to the most pressing needs in our midst and breaking new ground in innovations and research. I am happy to note that our students have continued to participate in research challenges both at a local and international level, and have in many cases come home with outstanding recognitions and awards. I urge students of Makerere University to continue being restless in the search for ground breaking research and innovations.

These awards, held under the theme "***Motivate to inspire,***" are one of the many ways to inspire students and researchers into doing more. I encourage the organizers to widen the scope of these awards in subsequent years, to take care of their key aspects of our life as an academic institution.

I thank all the award sponsors Coca cola, KCCA, Rwenzori, Brussels Airlines, United, Enterprise Uganda, 91.3 CAPITAL FM, Urban TV, Kampala Sun, SMS One, Centenary bank, MTN, NSSF, and UAP, for considering this a worthwhile venture and urge you to explore more options of working with Makerere University under the Public Private partnership arrangement as *We build for the Future.*