



MAKERERE UNIVERSITY



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Centenary Group also owns Centenary Rural Development Bank; the bank with the largest customer base in Uganda. Centenary Bank has over 2.5 million customers including 12,000 SACCOS and over 46,000 Village Saving & Lending Associations (VSLA) based in rural areas. The bank has an extensive branch network of 80 branches covering all regions of Uganda supported with 189 Automated Teller Machines and over 5,200 bank agents' country wide making the largest footprint in the country. The Group also owns Centenary Technology Services Limited (Cente-Tech), the Group technology company, with a combined professional ICT experience of over 75 years. As the group technology company, Centenary Technology Services provides technology leadership to the group subsidiaries to enable them grow and provide meaningful services to the rural poor.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, of Makerere University, Professor Barnabas Nawangwe lauded the Centenary Group for its support, noting that the Group's dedication to supporting youth in Uganda was of mutual interest to the institution.

"Makerere University welcomes Centenary Group's support through this partnership that will benefit both the students at Makerere University and the youth in Uganda as a whole. This donation is especially special owing to the presence of my predecessor, former Vice Chancellor Prof. John Ddumba-Ssentamu, at the helm of Centenary Group. Our continued success as a University is owing to the legacy of leadership of Prof Ddumba and the previous leaders we had,' he said.

'Makerere University and Centenary Group are both in the business of giving the youth a platform to achieve their full potential. This partnership will therefore inspire our

students and the youth, in general, to innovate and contribute significantly to the transformation of Uganda," he added.

Commenting during the handover, Centenary Group Executive Chairman, Prof John Ddumba-Ssentamu said, 'I am particularly proud about this event owing to the close relationship between Centenary and Makerere University. All the executives at the helm of the Centenary subsidiaries are all alma mater of the university, namely; Fabian Kasi – Centenary Bank Managing Director, Dr Grace Ssekakubo – Cente Tech Chief Executive Officer and myself.'

'The partnership between Uganda's largest indigenous business entity, Centenary, and Uganda's largest indigenous university, Makerere will only grow stronger. I pledge the support of all Centenary subsidiaries towards the success of the Makerere centenary celebrations,' he added.

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About the Centenary Group

Centenary Group sets out to use financial services and innovative business solutions to improve standards of living among the poor and promote environmental conservation.

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About Makerere At 100 Celebrations

Makerere University's celebrations of 100 years of service to Uganda, Africa, and the world commenced in October 2021 and will climax in October 2022. Opening its doors to 14-day students in 1922, Makerere University has grown to become one of the most prestigious Universities in Africa.

This celebration marks the end of a century of excellence, and offers a chance to look beyond, and see how to participate in ***"Leveraging the 100 Years of Excellence in Building a Transformed Society"***

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