



THE OFFICE OF THE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT JIE COUNTY

Date: 05th December 2024:

Your Excellency,

The President of the Republic of Uganda

Your Excellency

The Vice President of the Republic of Uganda

The Rt. Hon Prime Minister of Uganda

Hon Ministers and Hon Ministers of State

The Hon members of Parliament

The UPDF Division Commander of the third Division

Officers and men of the UPDF, Uganda Police and Prisons

The RDCs of Karamoja Sub Region

The District Chairpersons of Karamoja sub Region

The Chief Administrative Officers of Karamoja Sub Region

Your Excellency,

It is my singular honour and privilege to welcome you to Kotido District for the Karamoja Regional Rally and Barraza for the Operation Wealth creation and Parish Development Model.

Your Excellency, on behalf of the people of Karamoja Region and the Ateker, I thank you for your candid support, focus and vision on making a prescription on the Karamoja problems namely: insecurity and cattle raiding, by initiating and providing financial support for the establishment of Karamoja Peace and Technology University (KAPATU Project).

Your Excellency thanks you so much for accepting, to be the founding Chancellor of Karamoja Peace and Technology University (KAPATU Project) and for fully supporting its establishment and for providing clear-headed leadership for this university. Your Excellency, the people of Karamoja cannot thank you enough. This university has all the answers our people have longed for in this region for centuries

Your Excellency we would like to thank you so much our beloved daughter, Her Excellency Maj. Jessica Alupo - the Vice President for accepting to serve as the Founding Deputy Chancellor of this historic University and for providing farsighted leadership for this University. Thank you so much.

Your Excellency, we thank her too for ably representing Your Excellency during the launch of KAPATU Project on 29/4/2023 by the Catholic Lawyers Society International at Uganda Episcopal Conference headquarters in Kampala.

Your Excellency, we further thank her too for providing financial support, institutional support, technical support and for officially launching the University by laying the foundation stone on Your Excellency's behalf on 28/7/2023 here at Losilang in Kotido municipality.

Your Excellency, we further thank her for leading the KAPATU Project team and for being granted the letter of Interim Authority by National Council of Higher Education.

Your Excellency, we are grateful to General Salim Saleh, CCOWC/SPAD for the institutional support and technical guidance to KAPATU technical team in designing the academic programs that will enable all the people of all the nine (9) Districts of Karamoja to change from nomadic/agro pastoral life to modern settled life and enter into the money economy.

Your Excellency, we are very grateful to His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Dominic Eibu MCCJ, the Bishop of Kotido Catholic Diocese on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church has made available more than 20,000 acres of land and physical infrastructure for providing a permanent home to this University. We are further grateful to him for bringing the Holy See and Uganda Episcopal Conference on board for the establishment of KAPATU Project.

Your Excellency, we are further grateful to the Catholic Lawyers Society International for providing technical support in the establishment of this University.

Your Excellency, on behalf of the 1.4 million Karamojong, I would like to let you know, publicly that Karamoja Peace and Technology University- is your Vision and thought to answer the question of insecurity and armed conflict in Karamoja and the entire Ateker once and for all. This is what all the Karamojong have been yearning for.

Your Excellency, allow me to introduce to you some of the Members of Parliament that are members of the University Governing Council:

1. The Hon Lokeris Peter Aimat – MOKA
2. The Hon Anyakun Esther Davinia MSGLS
3. The Hon Akello Rose Lilly-MSEI
4. The Hon Achia Remigio
5. The Hon Tubbo Christine Nakwang
6. The Hon Baatom Ben
7. The Hon Lokwang Philphs Ilukol
8. The Hon Lokwang Hillary
9. The Hon Komol Joseph Miidi
10. The Hon Komol Emmanuel Nataya
11. The Hon Aleper Margaret
12. The Hon Ismail Mohammed Lomwar
13. The Hon Lokii Peter Abrahams
14. The Hon Akech Janet Okrorimoe
15. The Hon Ocheri Norman Jimbrick
16. The Hon Nakut Faith
17. The Hon Ngoya John Bosco
18. The Hon Lochap Peterkhen
19. The Hon Loki John Baptist
20. The Hon Atyang Stella
21. The Hon Adome Frank
22. The Hon Lokoru Alber Ekorita
23. The Hon Awas Sylvia
24. The Hon Chalain Betty Louke
25. The Hon Lolem Micah Akasile
26. The Hon Aleper Moses

Your Excellency, KAPATU Project is a game changer because it provides a two-pronged approach to bring an end to conflict among the people of the Ateker family in Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia and South Sudan. These include the following:

- a. A community-based skilling education:
 - (i) All the manyatas will be turned into the school and classrooms for Instructions.
 - (ii) Learning will be also in Ngakaramojong for those who have not been to school and are interested in learning.
- (iii) Academic Certificates will be awarded.
- (iv) Learners are open to study progressively to diploma, degree, masters and PhD levels.
- (v) The target learners will be karachunas, youth, warriors, elders, women, and street Children.
- (vi) The university academic programmes will start with primary education of all school-aged children targeting the estimated 500,000 learners from all the nine (9) Districts of Karamoja sub-region. This has been particularly designed to divert children from being recruited into warriorhood and cattle raids.

Your Excellency, the policy of compulsory boarding schools in Karamoja through universal Primary education will be perfectly delivered by KAPATU.

Your Excellency, KAPATU is your brainchild, and it needs your critical total support now.

Your Excellency, I am pleased to report to you that the KAPATU Project technical team led by Prof. Dr. Rev. Sr. Dominic Dipio PhD- under the guidance of H.E. Maj. Jessica Alupo the Vice President, His Lordship Dominic Eibu MCCJ -the Bishop of Kotido Catholic Diocese who is here with me, the President of the Catholic Lawyers Society International- Senior Counsel Twinobusingye Severino and the Rt. Hon. Amama Mbabazi SC and Gen. Salim Saleh have done all the required preparations and the KAPATU budget for the FY 2024/2025 is UGX 180 billion. On behalf of your people here present, we humbly pray Your Excellency to approve it today so that we can immediately begin teaching.

Your Excellency, on behalf of KPG and WALK, I moved a motion in the Gulu Parliament, that got overwhelming support from Teso, Lango, Acholi, and West Nile to recognize KAPATU Project and support the allocation of financial resources

to KAPATU Project. KAPATU Project focuses on bringing peace, stability, and harmony Karamoja and the neighboring districts. Above all, KAPATU Project gives PDM and wealth creation a chance to succeed.

Your Excellency, with the Roman Catholic Church as the lead implementer and her proven record, together with Your Excellency's proven record, KAPATU is without any doubt Project Success.

Your Excellency, the people of all the nine (9) Districts of Karamoja are here today to hear from you, your support and commitment to provide UGX 180 billion in the FY 2024/2025 to start the University even tomorrow.

Your Excellency, we are grateful to the Minister of Education and First Lady Mama Janet Museveni for guiding the National Council for Higher Education and for fast tracking the grant of the Letter of Interim Authority to KAPATU Project. This is evidence that she loves Karamoja and Karamoja's interest is close to her heart. Your Excellency, she has been a profound source of support and for this, we thank her immensely.

Your Excellency, all the people assembled here now would like to hear your commitment to provide the UGX 180 billion that the University needs urgently.

Your Excellency, on behalf of the Strategic Leadership of the University and the University Governing Council, Rt. Rev. Bishop Dominic Eibu MCCJ and I would like to thank you for your vision and commitment to transform Karamoja sub region and the entire Ateker Region.

The Hon Lokii Peter Abrahams,
MP Jie County-Kotido District / Member University Governing Council

AND

The Rt. Rev. Dominic Eibu MCCJ,
Bishop Kotido Catholic Diocese / University President

Delivered at Kotido District the 5th Day of December, 2024 – Anno Domino