

# Vocational graduates urged on priorities, integrity

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*A time for celebration. (Credit: Agnes Nantambi)*

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**LUWERO - Fresh graduates from vocational institutions have been advised to steer clear of graduation parties, and instead solicit funds from well-wishers to use as startup capital.**

Starting your own business is not easy, as very few people will be willing to help, said former presidential aspirant and veteran entertainer Charles Senkubuge.

He was officiating at the 3rd graduation of Fram Vocational

Institute in Wobulenzi, Luwero district.

Ssenkubuge said parents and guardians ought to help graduands look around for money for capital. He said the future of Uganda is technical institutions, such as Fram, because without them, young people are can hardly start up small factories.

"You start small and then expand because the future of this country belongs to institutions like Fram Vocational Institute. The public needs to embrace them to allow their children get technical knowledge."



*Charles Ssenkubuge delivering his speech while the institute's director Richard Kiwanuka (left) and other directors look on. (Credit: Agnes Nantambi)*

"When you eat, you end up dumping everything in the toilet, rotten and forgotten without any progress. But when you get the money, you can buy tools and start up a business," Ssenkubuge said.

On his part, Richard Kiwanuka, the director of Fram, advised the fresh graduates to maintain their integrity if they are to realise development in whatever they do.

"Integrity is the key to success. When you are trustworthy, your clients will help you to build your business," he said.

"This business of stealing from clients will not take you anywhere - instead, your business will shrink."

Kiwanuka asked Government to help in promoting vocational schools, given the current large number of unemployed youths.

"Without vocational schools, the country will not go further because all the countries that are developing today are doing so because of the industries."

He also underlined the need by the government to reduce on taxes for private schools to help them substitute on the government's role of ensuring an educated nation.

At the graduation, as many as 150 students were awarded certificates and diplomas in various fields of vocational education.



*The directors of the institute, visitors from Norway and some graduands cutting the grand cake. (Credit: Agnes Nantambi)*

The principal of the institute, Nathan Odie, particularly applauded the school directors creating a conducive environment for learners and instructors alike.

“This great achievement has pushed you to the high in the academic and professional ladder, but treat this as just the beginning of your academic career. This academic attainment should not be the end in itself, but should instead serve as a catalyst for greater skills aspirations, with the sky as the limit.”

He added: "I am very sure that you have been equipped with the current skills to meet the demand out there and be good

ambassadors of Fram. I once again remind you of our mission to produce job creators."

The LC3 chairperson of Wobulenze town council, Moses Sebalamu, hailed the directors of the school for considering his area, specifically Bukolwa village, saying the town council will offer all the necessary support required.

Sebalamu, however, warned students against HIV/AIDS, which he said is prevalent in the area.

Kasumba Richard, who did construction, applauded the school heads for the full bursary given to him to complete his studies.