

# Graduates urged to fight corruption

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Students graduating from colleges and universities have been urged to be ambassadors in the fight against corruption in the country.

The principal of the college of engineering, design, art and technology at Makerere University, Prof Henry Alinaitwe, made the call while officiating at the 26th graduation of Nile Vocational Institute in Bulwe district last week.

"As a country, we are deeply sinking into corruption. Corruption is abuse of entrusted power for private gain. It is a form of dishonesty taken by a person or authority often to acquire illicit benefits or abuse of entrusted power for one's private gain," Alinaitwe said.

The institute's director, Edison Ongerep, said the institute is expecting sh717m under the Skills Development Facility of the Private Sector Foundation of Uganda to promote practical training of students.

He thanked the Government for the support and asked the parents to keep sending in more students for skills development.

Perez Wamburu, the board chairman, said the institute still faces challenges of inadequate infrastructure. "The facilities at the school such as the classrooms and dormitories are small yet the number of students enrolled at the institute keeps increasing. We are forced to turn away students who come to enrol here," Wamburu said.



Ongerep, Alinaitwe, and Wamburu at the institute's 26th graduation ceremony on Friday in Njeru. Photo by Donald Kirya