



Prof. Vincent Kakembo (second-right) and other officials after the hand-over ceremony. Photo by Dismus Buregyeya

Muteesa Royal University gets VC

MASAKA

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Muteesa I Royal University has appointed Prof. Vincent Kakembo from the Nelson Mandela University in South Africa as its new vice-chancellor.

Kakembo replaces Prof. Arthur Sserwanga, who was dropped last year.

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Kakembo, who started his duties yesterday, after the handover ceremony presided over by the Buganda kingdom education minister, Prosperous Nankindu, promised to revive the university's glory.

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be upheld," he said.

Kakembo, who has a vast experience of 30 years at the Nelson Mandela University and others in Europe, said he will focus on agriculture courses, a community engagement strategy, research innovations to build capacity and modern technology learning, among others.

He thanked Kabaka Ronald Mutebi for providing an enabling education environment for the university.

Nankindu noted that the university is facing some challenges that must be addressed immediately. He said securing a university charter is among the issues in the final stages. A charter is the final accreditation stage of private universities.

The minister said Buganda Kingdom and Kabaka Mutebi have high expectations given the experience of Prof. Kakembo.

She said the university is expected to produce development-oriented and skilled graduates, who will transform Buganda and the nation. The delegation from Mengo government and the university council members led by Prof. Ddumba Ssentamu last week toured the university campus at Kirumba and held closed-door meetings with the guild council and lecturers.

Kabaka Ronald Mutebi is expected to visit the university today.