

**SPEECH BY THE CHAIRMAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE  
OCCASION OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADUATION CEREMONY AT IBANDA  
UNIVERSITY CAMPUS**

The Chancellor, Ibanda University

The Guest of Honour

The Vice-Chancellor, Ibanda University

The Visiting Vice-Chancellors from Sister Universities

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Ibanda University

The Governing Council, Ibanda University

The Administration and Management, Ibanda University

The Academic and Non-Academic Staff, Ibanda University

The Invited Guests

The Parents and Guardians

The Graduands

Ladies and Gentlemen

Greetings from the Board of Directors and we welcome you all to this 3<sup>rd</sup> graduation ceremony At Ibanda University.

As the Board of Directors, we are exceedingly humbled and honoured to receive your Excellency the President of Republic of Uganda as our Guest of Honour. We thank you for accepting our invitation.

You, on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2014, inaugurated Ibanda University. Since then, Ibanda University has grown tremendously to contribute enormously to the human resource development

of the country and beyond. Hence the theme of the 3<sup>rd</sup> graduation “***producing graduates of integrity who are competitive, innovative and self motivated***”

We are grateful to all who have stood by us over the years especially the NRM government, local leadership, parents, guardians and the entire community.

Your Excellency sir, Ibanda University is a non- denominational, community, private and non-for-profit institution. It is licensed by NCHE and presently in the process of obtaining a charter soon as per our roadmap.

Being a private institution, we have some challenges that need your guidance. First we thank you for the bus you pledged when you were here in 2014. However this bus has not been received and we humbly remind you of this pledge as transport is a challenge.

Secondly, we are putting up a 3 storeyed science block to house laboratories for which is estimated to cost Ugs. 6.5 Billion. Presently we have managed to complete the ground floor. We still have a lot to do in order to complete it. We humbly request for your assistance towards this noble cause.

Last but not least, the number of students is on the increase, and the computers we have are not adequate to cater for all. We therefore request for your assistance in this regard. Thank you.

Challenges notwithstanding, Ibanda University is well known for having an upper hand in the teaching of teachers both primary and secondary, it is second to none in the region. Ibanda University has an obligation to the community around and concerted efforts have been made to improve and increase the infrastructure of the University. As the saying goes, “***a continuous improvement is better than a delayed perfection.***”!

To the Graduands, we congratulate you upon completion of your studies at Ibanda University. Take what you have as a valuable gift. For nowhere in the world has sustained development been attained without an educated populace. Today we are

sending you out there. Go and apply the knowledge you have acquired from Ibanda University.

To the Staff, Academic and Non-Academic you have done a great job. Benjamin Joweth said, "***To teach a man how he may learn to grow independently, and for himself, is perhaps the greatest service that one man can do to another.***" You have done it, thank you.

To the community, one of the Chinese proverbs says, "***If you are planning for a year, sow rice, if you are planning for a decade, plant trees. If you are planning for a lifetime educate people.***" Therefore I urge you to educate your children and Ibanda University is awaiting to receive them.

Due to its commendable image and academic excellence, Ibanda University attracts students from all corners of Uganda and beyond.

Ibanda University has managed to produce informed graduates, who think critically, communicate effectively and act responsibly in an increasingly competitive nationally and global environment.

In conclusion, as Ibanda University celebrates the 3<sup>rd</sup> graduation ceremony, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Guest of Honour H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, Parents, Partners, Community and Graduands for the continued support.

Ibanda University is committed fully to contribute to development of human resource in the region and beyond.

Thank you

***HARD WORK FOR EXCELLENCE***

***FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY***

Jeeb Rwomushana

Chairman Board of Directors