

**REMARKS BY THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AT THE HANDOVER OF THE
PHARMACY BUILDING, 22ND NOVEMBER, 2010
MAKERERE UNIVERSITY**

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Your Excellency, the Ambassador of the Royal Danish Embassy

The Chairperson Makerere University Council

The Vice Chancellor, Makerere University

The University Secretary

The Principal, College of Health Sciences

The Dean, School of Health Sciences

Distinguished Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

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It gives me great pleasure and honour to join you all at the handover of this Pharmacy building. I would like to also take this opportunity to thank Makerere University for tirelessly working to make this day a reality.

The Government of Denmark is one of our strongest partners with regard to promotion of health and health education in Uganda. Your Excellency, please convey our sincere gratitude to the Government and kind people of Denmark. I am confident that we will continue to work together for the growth and development of this country especially in health and health education.

It is important and significant to note that the pharmaceutical sector takes up over 45% of the Health Budget annually in Uganda. It is therefore not surprising at all that the Government of Uganda pays particular attention to these health cadres, who are vital to the effective management of the pharmaceutical sector.

Uganda has faced a very low supply of the Human Resource in this sector for a while now. However, with the establishment of this building, it is my hope that there will be an increase in the number of pharmacists trained in the country. It is on this note that the Government of Uganda, will increase the established positions at government pharmaceutical health units.

I therefore urge you my colleagues to work tirelessly to achieve a long lasting solution, so as to ensure that the Government and the citizens of Uganda benefit from this initiative.

I congratulate you all on this state-of-the-art facility, which will be fundamental to the generation and dissemination of health sciences knowledge.

On behalf of my colleagues, the Ministers of Health and Education, I wish to assure you of our continued support and encouragement of your health education agenda.

I do hope that we shall continue to work together in this long journey as we consolidate our gains and establish a permanent science education framework for sustainable development and management of this country's health sector.

For God and My Country.