

Vice Chancellor's remarks at the 10th Sheffield International Conference on Diagnostic Imaging, Saturday 9th October 2010, Department of Food Science and Technology Conference Hall.

- My colleagues in the University Management, Deans, Principals and Directors
 - The Team from Sheffield University led by Prof. Sameh Marcos
 - Researchers, Scholars and Professionals in the field of Diagnostic Imaging
 - Ladies and Gentlemen
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Before I make my remarks, allow me to wish you all a Happy 48th Independence Anniversary. It is indeed a day of National pride and I thank you all for taking time off to join us at this conference.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to the 10th Sheffield International Conference on Diagnostic Imaging, proudly organised by the Department of Radiology together with Sheffield University, and the Uganda Society for Advancement of Radiology and Imaging (USOFARI).

The Makerere University College of Health Sciences (CHS) is home to the oldest medical school in Uganda, conveniently located within the National Referral Hospital, which also houses the teaching hospital. Annually, CHS admits approximately 160 of Uganda's best performing students to train in medicine, surgery, pharmacy, dentistry, medical radiology and nursing. These students receive the best hands on training, thanks to the dedicated service of our colleagues at the College.

The Sheffield Teaching Hospitals' Radiology departments carry out around 340,000 examinations per annum encompassing a wide range of procedures. I would therefore like to commend Sheffield Diagnostic Imaging and Sheffield University for sharing their vast experience through the biennial International Conferences on Diagnostic Imaging.

During this intensive conference, scientific work will be presented and participants will get an opportunity to learn about what is happening on the international scene, through exposure to state of the art imaging techniques. I am confident that participants in the refresher course on Ultrasound conducted yesterday are already reaping the fruits of this conference. We would therefore like to thank the team from Sheffield, UK for addressing Internationalisation; one of the crosscutting issues that contribute to the global phenomenon that higher education has become.

The University, in its 2008/09 – 2018/19 strategic plan identified Quality Assurance, Internationalisation and Gender mainstreaming as issues that form the basis for investment in higher education. Makerere has therefore made deliberate efforts to integrate them into her core functions, and is proud that activities such as this Conference are providing the most conducive atmosphere for faculty and students from diverse national contexts to share experiences.

I'll now take this opportunity to thank you, Prof. Sameh Marcos. Partnerships such as these are a true testimony of first and third world countries coming together to enhance teaching and learning experiences for better global health.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Radiology Department for a job well done. USOFARI will not only help radiologists in this country to come together, but also be a reference point in terms of providing the very best health services in radiology and imaging.

Thank you.

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