



REMARKS BY

ENG. DR. CHARLES WANA ETYEM, CHAIRPERSON, MAKERERE
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, ON THE OCCASION OF
HIS EXCELLENCY Dr. Gen. YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI, THE
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA'S VISIT TO
MAKERERE UNIVERSITY

ON

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2011

- Your Excellency, The President of the Republic of Uganda, Dr. Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni
- Your Excellencies, The Ambassadors
- Honourable Ministers
- The Chancellor of Makerere University Council
- The Vice Chancellor of Makerere University
- Principals, Deans and Directors of Makerere University
- The Private Sector and Business community
- Distinguished Delegates
- Makerere University Staff and Students
- Ladies and Gentlemen.

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I would like to officially welcome H.E. Dr. Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni to Makerere University and to this innovations exhibition in particular. I would also like to thank Mr. Paul Isaac Musasizi for that brilliant demonstration of Uganda's first electric vehicle, proudly designed and produced by the staff and students of the College of Engineering, Design, Art and Technology (CEDAT), Makerere University.

Your Excellency, the rate of evolution and advancement of technology the world over is rising by the day. This advancement has created a new world of learners whose demands and preferences call for practical application of whatever information you share with them. Uganda, let alone Makerere University have not been spared.

I am proud to inform you that Makerere University, guided by her 10 year strategic plan 2008/9 – 2018/19, has shifted from the teacher centered instruction to learner centered pedagogy in order to produce graduates with problem solving skills and reflective ability. We have also placed more premium on research so as to focus on knowledge creation, and remain relevant of the needs of the society we exist to serve.

The Vehicle Design Project therefore is not only proof of our shift of focus from teacher centered to the learner-centered approach, but also an avenue to apply contemporary technologies towards developing sustainable transport solutions for Uganda and Africa.

The Kiira EV is the 2-seater flagship innovation of the Vehicle Design Project and plans are underway to produce 7-seater and 36-seater versions, with the hope of making them commercial. It therefore gives me great honour and pleasure to officially invite Your Excellency, to ride the zero emission Kiira Electric Vehicle, to our next destination, the School of Food Technology, Nutrition and Bio Engineering.

We Build for the Future.