

Makerere University to Enroll 35,000 Students

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Makerere University is to increase student intake from the current 22,000 to 35,000 in the next five years.

Kibirige Mayanja, the director of planning at the university, said the planned increase is due to demand and additional income the university expects from fees paid by private students.

Mayanja was on Thursday speaking at the launching of the Makerere University Strategic Plan 2000/01-2004/5 at the University's Main Hall in Kampala. The university currently enrolls about 8,000 students annually for bachelors degree, diploma and certificate courses.

He said enrolment of more students would mean more fees from private students to be used for various projects like construction of buildings, provision of equipment and increasing staff salaries.

Mayanja said the university requires sh135b if the student intake is to be increased to 35,000.

He said during the five-year period, the university intends to lay more emphasis on priority areas which include information and communication technology, library services, research and science-based disciplines. Good governance, human rights and gender mainstreaming have also been identified as priority areas that the university will pursue to be able to respond to society's changing demands.

David Matovu, the chairman of Makerere University Council, officiated at the function.

Matovu said the university has to prepare itself for the challenges of the 21st century.

He urged the university administration to uphold high academic standards and integrity while pursuing the expansion of the university.