

Makerere issues first transcripts on graduation day in 86 years

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Whereas Makerere University has for long been revered in Africa as a centre for academic excellence, its reputation over the years has been waning. This has been partly due to its failure to move with the times. Students would take a year or probably years to get their academic transcripts after graduation among a myriad of problems. During the university's 60th graduation something that had never happened in 88 years of the institution did happen. Graduands were able to

walk away with their academic transcripts. Graduands could be seen streaming to the Senate building to collect their transcripts and their respective faculties.

This week's event signifies the opening of a new chapter in the university's history. The Vice Chancellor Prof. Venansius Byaryamureeba said at the beginning of the graduation week on Monday that this will now become the norm.

Previously, graduands would take years to get to do this as bribery became the order of the day for one to get their transcripts quickly. Graduates who had secured scholarship or job offers and needed transcripts had to bribe the officials in the Transcripts office for expeditious processing of their academic papers. This phenomenon prompted the university to institute an investigation into the academic registrar's office to establish the cause of the delay in issuance of transcripts. As a result of the investigation, many implicated officials were sacked.