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Makerere transcripts ready ahead of graduation

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Makerere University students who completed their studies last academic year can now pick their academic transcripts as they await graduation in January.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Venansius Baryamureeba, yesterday said the move is to help Makerere's graduates compete with students from other institutions of higher learning in the job market. He said more than 70 per cent

of the academic documents of students who have fulfilled the requirements for the award of degrees, diplomas and certificates in different disciplines are ready, adding that certificates will be picked on graduation day.

“We are trying to see that our products get the best out of us. No one should blame us for delays unless they have not played their part. We promised our students that they would be getting their transcripts on graduation day. But with my team, we have finalised the documents for those students going to graduate in January and they can now pick them,” Prof. Baryamureeba said yesterday at a media briefing in Kampala.

According to the academic registrar, Mr Alfred Masikye Namoah, over 13,000 students will graduate in a five-day ceremony starting on January 17. At this year’s graduation in January, at least 13,766 students received degrees and diplomas.

Ready faculties

Some of the ready documents are from faculties of Economics and Management, Computing and Information Technology, Law, East

African School of Library and Information Science, Margaret Trowel School of Industrial and Fine Arts, School of Public Health, College of Health Sciences and Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree programme.

Students have in the past complained of management's failure to process transcripts on time. But the university now says there is a backlog of unpicked documents although they could not specify how many. However, students are expected to have cleared with the university before they collect their documents.

Meanwhile, Faculty of Law will open a war memorial museum as part of the transitional justice in Northern Uganda. The Kitgum-based museum will house an archive documenting the war, live exhibitions and information technology centre. "The museum is intended to help the local people tell their story and serve as a reminder of what happened during the war," Mr Ben Twinomugisha, the faculty dean, said.