

Makerere, Kyambogo push intake deadline

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MAKERERE and Kyambogo universities have extended the deadline of receiving applications for private admission to Friday. The deadline was supposed to be June 7.

"The number of applicants is overwhelming. So many of them could not have their applications captured. We think it is fair to give them more time," Kyambogo vice-chancellor Prof. Omolo Ndiege explained.

Kyambogo University had by yesterday registered over 20,000 applicants, but only 8,000 will have a chance to be admitted.

The university officials said there could be students with better grades who have not yet applied.

Meanwhile, Makerere has this year received the highest number of applications for the private sponsorship programme. The university began receiving applications two weeks ago.

A total of 29,840 students had applied by yesterday, but the university is expected to recruit only 16,973.

Officials said the figure might shoot up to about 40,000 since the university has extended the deadline for submitting applications.

"There are hundreds of students who are still queuing up to apply," vice-chancellor Prof. Venansius Baryamureeba said.

A total of 60,370 candidates who sat A'level last year qualify to join universities.

But only 4,000 of these will be sponsored by the Government in the five public universities. Makerere this year increased its private intake by 4,200 students, but the high number of applicants might shoot up the cut-off points.

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