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Makerere starts online admission of students

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There is reason for students intending to join Makerere University to smile because the institution will this academic year begin online admissions. According to the Academic Registrar, Mr Alfred Namawa, applicants seeking to join the university and its affiliate colleges and schools will no longer queue to hand in their application forms but apply online.

"The university is in the final stages of completing the new software that will be used to register applicants for the academic year 2010/2011," Mr Namawa told Daily Monitor yesterday. "This system is efficient and will reduce congestion and end the old system where students travel from upcountry to Kampala to pick application forms but at the end some are not considered."

Congestion

The increasing number of students seeking to further their education at the 87-year-old institution has created congestion making the manual system of receiving application forms and registering students a nightmare. While presiding over the 60th graduation ceremony in January this year, the university Vice Chancellor, Prof. Venansius Baryamureeba, said parents of students studying at Makerere would have access to information about their children's performance through the Internet.

Prof. Baryamureeba said students' registration numbers would be given to their parents to enable them log onto the university website and view the performance of their children including financial status and regular updates from the university. Parents will also be able to request for

instant information about their children via e-mail or SMS.

The university has completed recording e-mail addresses and mobile numbers of parents that will enable it send them information about their children. Some students have previously duped their parents, claiming they are pursuing studies at the university.

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