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# Monitor Publications, Makerere to partner

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Monitor Publications is to partner Makerere University to stimulate dissemination of research and promote the integrity of the 88-year old institution. The move, according to the MPL Managing Director Dr Gitahi Githinji is aimed at creating awareness about the institution.

“We have a lot of interest with the education in Uganda as a foundation for development,” Dr Githinji said.

He said the partnership will provide an opportunity for the exchange ideas with institutions of higher learning in countries which already have partnerships with Makerere University.

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Speaking during a courtesy visit to MPL recently, the vice chancellor Prof Venansius Baryamureeba said the partnership will promote the image of the institution which has been tarnished in the recent years.

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Makerere University and puts the institution where it is worth,” Prof Baryamureeba said.

“We want this university in the next five years to be a true world class institution. We are not just going to sell air to the people but quality products and research.”

He said a lot of quality researches have been done at the university but the problem has been disseminating it to the general public for consumption. Under the planned arrangements, MPL will be obliged to publish at least one education pullout from Makerere University quarterly. The information will also be transmitted electronically through MPL websites, NTV and Kfm.

Further, there will be exchange of programmes between Kfm and Campus FM for the purpose of offering a training ground for students offering Mass Communication at Makerere University before they are channeled to the competitive job market.

Prof Baryameeba defended the university’s decision to increase its intake, saying that the institution’s infrastructure has increased.

“Recently we talked of increasing the intake and people were questioning without asking the facilities we have,” he said, adding that the institution currently has enough infrastructural facilities especially with the construction of Faculty of CIT, Faculty of Technology and Faculty of Economics and Management.

The university plans to admit an additional 5,000 students.

