**OPENING REMARKS by the MANAGER – MAKERERE UNIVERSITY PRINTERY, KIRABO JOSEPH EDMOND, 14TH JULY 2015, COUNCIL ROOM – Makerere University**

**Mr. Hashimoto Jin – The 3rd Secretary, Embassy of Japan in Uganda – The Head of Culture and Communication**

**Mr. Nakai – The 2nd Secretary, Embassy of Japan in Uganda**

**Mr. Iwama – Visiting Engineer from Japan**

**The Vice Chancellor**

**All members of the University Management Committee present**

**Makerere University Staff**

**Management and Staff Makerere University Printery**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

On behalf of the Receiving entity- the Makerere University Printery, I welcome you all, and I am happy to see you gathered in the Council Room today, 14th July 2015 to listen to Mr. Hashimoto, The Japanese Embassy 3rd Secretary announcing the support to the Makerere University Printery worth 2,480,700 Japanese Yens in form of machine spare parts, consumables and Technical support.

We are here today because the Makerere University Printery wrote a proposal to the Japanese Embassy requesting for assistance to sustain our production line performance. Consequently, the proposal was honoured and today we are here to receive the generous contribution including two (2) weeks capacity building. In light of this, I am pleased to introduce the team from the Japanese Embassy. With us we have Mr. HashimitoThe 3rd Secretary, Embassy of Japan in Uganda – The Head of Culture and Communication; Mr. Nakai – The 2nd Secretary, Embassy of Japan in Uganda and Mr. Iwama – Visiting Engineer from Japan.

Our dear envoy, the Makerere University Printery is now 46 years of age and 100% owned by the University Council. We value the support of our development partners. Our development partners have been key in supporting the Makerere University Printery to realize our mission of providing quality services to our clients. We therefore applaud the Government and People of Japan for their generous support to the Makerere University Printery. In the same spirit, allow me to commend other development partners namely: Norwegian Agency for International Development, European Economic Community now called European Union, Japan Cultural Grant (2007 & 2015) and, The Federal Republic of German.

I am happy to mention that in 2007, the Makerere University Printery received assistance from Japan worth 722,759,076 Ushs in form of Equipment that raised the production capacity by 100% and today we are happy to receive another generous support worth 2,480,700 Japanese Yens equivalent to 72,000,000 Ushs.

Allow me to reveal that in our Business plan, we envision building our own home, increasing our capacity from using Single color printing machines to 4 color machines in order to reduce our cost of production and increase on our competitiveness. We therefore appeal to the University Council, the Vice chancellor and entire University Management, the Makerere University Holdings Company and other well - wishers to continue supporting us.

We promise the Japanese Embassy and the entire University Management that we shall uphold the good culture of utilizing and maintaining the equipment for the Good of the entire University Community.

On that note, allow me to invite the Ag. Chief Executive Officer, Makerere University Holdings Company Ltd to address us.

**We Build for the Future**