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REMARKS BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR

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AT THE OCCASION OF THE LIBRARY DAY CELEBRATIONS

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2017

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES GARDENS, 2:00PM

- **The Chairperson of Council, Eng. Dr. Charles Wana-Etyem**
- **The University Librarian**
- **Members of Management**
- **Librarians and Members of Staff**
- **The College Leadership led by Prof. Charles Ibingira**
- **Distinguished Guests**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen:**

Good afternoon and thank you for joining us at this year's Makerere University Library Day celebration.

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I thank the Chairperson of Council for joining us as Chief Guest at this year's Library Day celebrations. Under your leadership, Makerere University has been able to undertake numerous infrastructural developments as evidenced by the progress at the Main Campus and the Sir Albert Cook Medical Library Extension.

I thank our Development Partners who have contributed to the Research Support Centre project, under which the Library Extension is housed. Allow me, Chairperson, to make special mention of the Wellcome Trust, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Netherlands Government, under the NACCAP Programme. We appreciate and acknowledge their generous contributions to this project.

In 2012, 8,000 square metres of space were added to the Main Library. We now have an additional 108 fully equipped research carrels for doctoral and post-doctoral students in the new Library Extension of Albert Cook. We are convinced that with such facilities, the prolific research profile and output from the College of Health Sciences will more than double.

Let me also take this opportunity to commend the College of Health Sciences for continuing to attract grants that have boosted Makerere University's research output and publications.

I am aware that the most published researchers in Uganda and the region are from this College.

University Management and Council are indeed very grateful to you. Thank you for making Makerere University more visible.

Ladies and Gentlemen, as we celebrate World Library Day 2017, we are proud as a University to be opening an extension of the Sir Albert Cook Memorial Library. This is in continuation of our efforts to achieve our core functions of *Teaching and Learning, Research and Innovations*, as well as *Knowledge Transfer Partnerships and Networking*.

It is such developments and many others that will not only make Makerere University succeed but also excel.

Once again, you are most welcome to this function and I take this opportunity to thank the Acting University Librarian and all staff of the Library for all your efforts. I also thank the College Leadership and all staff of the College

It is now my honour and duty to invite our Chairperson of Council and Guest of Honour to give his remarks.

I thank you.