

CITATION FOR THE OUTSTANDING SCHOLARLY AUTHORSHIP AWARD TO H.E. PRESIDENT YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI

Mr. Chancellor

Makerere University Council, together with the University community, have resolved to recognize H.E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni for his outstanding scholarly contribution by authoring the first ever Thesaurus in the sub-Saharan region, that is written in an indigenous African language titled *Katondoozi: A Thesaurus of Runyankore-Rukiga*. President Museveni is one of the few Africans that have championed the documentation of indigenous languages to ensure the survival of our indigenous languages and cultures that face global pressure. His authorship of the book of this magnitude (20,000) words is an eye opener to the entire African community that we can preserve our languages and cultures and promote African values. We have to note that there is no way you can preserve a language if it is not written.

Katondoozi is a complete granary for the Runyankore-Rukiga, that shows the richness of a language, by displaying a rich and unique vocabulary in ***Varieties of walking and running which are arranged as follow:*** okubandagira, okubundabunda, okubunga, okuceeeceba, okucokomba, okucumbagira, okufumaguza, okuguruka macere, okugyendesa ekisingaanyima, okuhaanyaguza, okuhenyera, okukiikirira, okukina, okukumba, okunyigimba, okunyimbanyimba, okunyimbuka, okurigita, okusangana, okushembuka, okusheneneka, okushooba, okushoobooka, okutabaguza, okutagaija, okutambuuka, okutangirira, okuteera emitsindo, okuteera entambwe, okuteerera, okutsibaaza, okuyaayuuka, okuzirimuka, okuzonga, okwehuuta, okwenjeera, okwetara, okwetooroora, and okwihaihana. When it comes to the varieties of seeing, each one has a message it expresses. The varieties include okuhwengyeza, okuhwerereza, okukanura amaisho, okukomya amaisho, okumagamaga, okumanguza, okumwaraguza, okureeba, okureebereza, okuringura, okuringuriza, okuroreera, okushamaara, okushwamirira, okuteera ekitsyori/okutsyoreka, okuteera ekitsigye, okuziimuura, okwerabwa, and okwitira eriisho are some of the few expressions in *Katondoozi* that shows its philosophical nature and richness of the language whose expressions are possibly not available in other languages.

Mr. Chancellor, this great and original publication was product of a team of scholarly coauthors, namely, Dr. Gilbert Gumoshabe, Prof. Manuel J.K.Muranga and Alice N. Muhoozi which is a norm in modern publications.

This publication can stimulate other writers to publish books in the indigenous languages and these books would be used as references in the education system in order to benefit the future generations. President Museveni has not only authored *Katondoozi*, but he has also published other scholarly books and articles. Some of the notable publications include the following:

- i) *Sowing the Mustard Seed: The Struggle for Freedom and Democracy in Uganda: 2016*
- ii) *What Is Africa's Problem: 2000*
- iii) *Fanon's Theory on Violence: It's Verification in Liberated Mozambique''*, from Essays on the Liberation of Southern Africa, and after 1971 several articles on topical issues in local papers.

One book has been authored on him, namely, **President Yoweri Museveni and Uganda, 2013**, in both Chinese and English. The book was edited by Mu Tao and Yu Bin

Because of his many significant attributes in serving Society he has received many awards by prestigious Institutions, the most notable ones include:

- i) Doctor of Laws, Makerere University, December 2010
- ii) Doctor of Laws, Mbarara University of Science and Technology, February 2003
- iii) Doctor of Laws, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, June 1994
- iv) Several awards on HIV/AIDS for his fight against HIV/AIDS.
- v) Global Peace Award in honour of his leading peace efforts and initiatives in the Great Lakes region and beyond, August 2018

Conclusion

Mr. Chancellor, in conclusion, because of his exceptional and outstanding scholarly contribution through authorship of the first ever Thesaurus in the sub-Saharan region, that is written in an indigenous African language titled *Katondoozi: A Thesaurus of Runyankore-Rukiga*, H.E Yoweri Kaguta Museveni is hereby recognized and be given **A SCHOLARLY AUTHORSHIP AWARD** of Makerere University. This recognition will inspire other Ugandans to document their languages in order to preserve their cultural heritage.

Mr. Chancellor, Sir also allow the coauthors be recognized and each be given **A CO-AUTHORSHIP AWARD**

Mr. Chancellor Sir, I have the pleasure and honour of presenting to you, H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni for the Scholarly Authorship Award on behalf the University Council and the entire Makerere University community. In the same spirit, allow me to present to you the Co-authors- Dr. Gilbert Gumoshabe, Prof. Manuel J.K. Muranga and Alice N. Muhoozi for the Co-authorship Award of the same Institution and Community.

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