

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Here it is at last – the 70th Doctoral Conferment Ceremony 2020.

To the Graduands, **Congratulations on your accomplishment.**

Today's ceremony is both the destination you have been working toward and the launching pad for your future research careers. I am genuinely proud and delighted to report that you have worked so hard to hone and perfect your skills, learning from and inspiring one another, in your diverse fields of study.

In this summary book of citations, you will find information on the key results from the different research projects undertaken. The common thread running through all of these research projects is that they apply incisive analysis to ongoing problems and unresolved issues, yielding fresh evidence and proposals for resolution. I am sure that these theses, grounded as they are in reliable data and deep analysis, will serve as important guideposts for the future. There are many studies with enticing titles that made me want to read on and learn about Makerere's research agenda. I am awed by the diversity of the fields covered, and positive that such diversity, creativity, and vision will lead to world-changing concepts and innovations.

My message to the graduands is the same: As your doctoral study programme comes to an end, it is wonderful to go down memory lane, remembering the first day you entered the gates of Makerere University, remembering all your accomplishments, remembering your Supervisors, remembering how your family stood by you, and most importantly all the wonderful friends you made through the PhD@Mak Forum!

One final thought – graduation should never mean goodbye. As alumni, I sincerely hope you will remain connected to Makerere University in some way. However, should you need further research mentorship, please do not hesitate to contact the Director via email: director@rgt.mak.ac.ug; Alt: buyinza@rgt.mak.ac.ug.

On behalf of all Alumni colleagues, I extend my very best wishes and warmest congratulations.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Buyinza', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Professor Buyinza Mukadasi
DIRECTOR