

CHAIRPERSON'S SPEECH ON THE RELEASE OF THE UBTEB MAY/JUNE 2018 END OF PROGRAMME EXAMINATION RESULTS

*Hon. Minister of Education and Sports,
Hon. State Ministers,
Permanent Secretary,
Members of the Technical Team of the Ministry,
Members of the Board of UBTEB,
Executive Secretary, UBTEB,
Executive Secretaries of Sister Boards,
The UBTEB Secretariat Staff,
Heads of Institutions Present,
The Press,
Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen*

Hon. Minister, Ministry of Education and Sports, on behalf of the Uganda Business and Technical Examinations Board (UBTEB), I take the honor to thank you for accepting to officiate and grace this occasion for the release of the May-June 2018 end of programme examination results. Hon. Minister, this is the 12th ceremony for the release of UBTEB end of programme examinations results to the public. UBTEB continues to register greater and continuous improvement in the conduct of Competence Based Assessment over the last 7 years. Hon. Minister, UBTEB remains strongly committed to executing her mandate of streamlining, regulating, coordinating and conducting credible national examinations and award of Certificates and Diplomas in Business, Technical and Vocational Education. We appreciate each one of you who is here to witness this occasion as we release the May/June 2018 end of programme results.

On behalf of the Board Hon. Minister let me bring to your attention some key highlights regarding UBTEB: -

- i. The Board has continued to grow in its operations as exhibited in the growth of students' enrolment, staff and linkages with international organizations. The number of accredited examination centers has also grown from 184 in 2011 at the inception to the current 511. This year alone, UBTEB has accredited a total of 118 training institutions as examination centres.
- ii. The Board is working with relevant agencies of the Ministry of Education and Sports to ensure that there is greater compliance with the circular issued by the MOES in November last year on streamlining accreditation and assessment of

Post O'Level and A 'Level programmes. The Board would wish to exceptionally appreciate the Ministry's effort in redirecting the course of BTVET assessments and Awards at certificate and diploma levels.

- iii. The Board is presenting to you a total of 7,588 Candidates that registered for the May-June 2018 End of Programme Examinations. The Board registered a 22.3% increase in the number of candidates registered for the May/June 2018 examinations in the 135 examinations centres in this particular series of examinations.
- iv. In these End of Program Examination results, the Board is recommending cancellation of results of specific papers for 26 candidates for having been involved in Examination Malpractices. The Board shall continue working with heads of centres to handle the malpractice cases including focus on thorough preventive measures.
- v. Hon. Minister, the Board approved a new Strategic Plan for the period 2018/2019-2020 with a focus on; enhancing regulation, conduct and coordination of Competence Based Assessment for credible awards, strengthening institutional capacity for efficient and effective service delivery, and strengthening partnership and collaborations.
- vi. The Board has continued to make efforts aimed at obtaining assistance from Education Development Partners to complement government funding. UBTEB has received assistance from Enabel in areas of staff capacity building. The Board still welcomes partners to join it in building its headquarters following the allocation of land at Kyambogo hill for this purpose by the MOES.
- vii. The Board values all efforts towards building the capacity of instructors/lecturers in all BTVET Institutions since it is critical to ensure that lecturers teach and assess according to the Competence Based Education and Training (CBET) principles as provided for in the reviewed curricula. As Board, we are pleased to indicate to you our efforts in training of selected staff from BTVET institutions as reported by the Executive Secretary. When more resources are secured from our partners and MOES, we will do more capacity building for this cause since it is a pre-requisite to align human capital to the reviewed curriculum implementation for proper implementation.

- viii. The Board is going to sign an MOU with Moi University to leverage the UBTEB graduates in upward career progression at regional level. A similar partnership has been built with a local partner, the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Uganda (ICPAU) to relinquish the assessment of Accountants Technicians Diploma Programme in accounting, leaving UBTEB with the leverage to do so. It therefore infers that this programme formally assessed by ICPAU will be assessed by UBTEB going forward.
- ix. The UBTEBs innovation of Real Life projects has made significant contribution in the students' understanding of the conceptual and applied areas of the curricula taught. The Real life projects also contribute towards infrastructural development at institutional and community level. This is a lucrative venture that Government should take advantage of especially in rural areas. This is cost-effective, adds real value to TVET systems in a developing country like Uganda and we appeal that more funding be geared towards supporting real life projects because of their associated benefits.
- x. In the same spirit, Hon. Minister, the Board has continued to monitor the supervision of industrial training by the BTVET Institutions. Many voices have emerged from this exercise that the calendar for industrial training and student attachment for technical diploma programmes be reviewed to include January-March period to minimize congestion in industries.
- xi. The Government boosted the UBTEB Budget in previous years though the funding is still inadequate for both development and recurrent budgets given the constant curriculum reviews that are competence based. The Board therefore request for additional financial support.
- xii. UBTEB has continued to make efforts towards improving assessment to produce graduates who are highly demanded by the world of work. In this regard, the board has maintained membership to global bodies like International Vocational Education and Training Association (IVETA), Association of Education Assessment in Africa (AEAA), and The Eastern African Association for Educational Assessment (AEAEA). The Board has attended and presented papers at the international conferences organized by these associations.

xiii. The Board has continued to enjoy good working relations with sister agencies. I am happy to report that on the issue of assessment of Post O'Level Certificate programmes, the Board organized a consultative meeting with all Tertiary institutions and Universities and to date majority of Universities and tertiary institutions have been accredited by UBTEB as examination centres. As UBTEB, we are always available to partner with any departments and institutions to have the gospel of vocational education taken to another level.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity to thank the Ministry of Education and Sports, the Board members with whom I perform the Board duties, Secretariat Staff, Sister Boards and Agencies, all other stakeholders and the media for the endless support offered to the Board. I also commend all those that have been involved in the entire examination management process of the May/June 2018 Examinations.

Last but not least, I congratulate all the Parents and Guardians for supporting these candidates. In the same vein I congratulate the candidates for their enormous efforts towards obtaining these certificates and diplomas.

“Setting Pace for Quality Assessment”

For God and May Country

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Venansius Baryamureeba', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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BOARD CHAIRPERSON