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AT

THE RELEASE OF THE NOV/DEC 2018 EXAMINATIONS RESULTS FOR

UGANDA COMMUNITY POLYTECHNIC CERTIFICATE AND

ADVANCED CRAFT

AT

UBTEB SECRETARIAT

TUESDAY, 5 TH FEBRUARY, 2019

The Hon. Ministers of State for Education and Sports,
The Chairperson of Parliamentary Committee on Education & Sports,
The Permanent Secretary, MoES,
The Ministry Officials,
The Chairperson and Members of the Board of UBTEB,
The Executive Secretaries and Directors of Education Agencies,
Representatives of training Institutions
The UBTEB Secretariat Staff,
Members of the Press,
Ladies and Gentlemen.

I welcome you all to this function for the release of the November/December 2018 Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate (UCPC) and Advanced Craft end of programme Examination results. Before I release the results, I wish to make some remarks on the Government's commitment to boosting Business, Technical, Vocational, Education and Training as one of the pillars for socio-economic transformation and national development.

Following the BTVET Act 2008, the Government of Uganda in 2012, launched the BTVET Strategic Plan 2011 – 2021 popularly known as the Skilling

Uganda Strategy which emphasized a paradigm shift for skills development in Uganda. Among the objectives of the strategy is to increase equitable access to skills development.

Recently Government embarked on Education Sector reforms and developed the TVET Policy. With this policy and the TVET council in place, regulation of curriculum content, quality assurance of BTVET curriculum delivery and assessment, certification of skills training, and harmonization of financing mechanisms for the whole BTVET sector will be addressed. The Board's call for National Qualification framework is timely and will be handled by TVET council.

I have hope that its implementation will yield tangible results in making Ugandans skilled for self-employment and employment of others.

Over the years, I have been following the public debate on career progression after the release of PLE results by UNEB whereby the majority of the public think that joining senior one is the sole alternative. Others perceive candidates that enroll for post Primary vocational career training as least performers. Recently the trend has improved that we have students applying to join Community Polytechnics after their PLE with very good grades.

As Government we have provided a scope for Technical, Vocational Education and Training and the requisite skills for socio-economic development in the National Development Plan II and Uganda Vision 2040.

I therefore appeal to all Head teachers to offer sufficient career guidance to students so that they make informed career choices. I will also at an appropriate time consider joining public awareness efforts on this matter.

I have learnt that the number of BTVET Institutions accredited as UBTEB Examination Centres has increased from 184 in 2011 to 539 in 2018. This is very good because it has increased accessibility to BTVET Programme in line with Government commitment to have a Technical Institution in every District.

I also note the big enrollment of 668 girls compared to 55 boys for Uganda Community Polytechnic Certificate in Garment Design and Construction. This programme feeds directly into the society needs because more girls will be empowered with jobs.

It is my sincere hope that the District Inspector of schools will encourage more of the girls to be brave and enroll for the BTVET programmes.

The 80.4% completion rate reported by the Executive Secretary is proof that these children can now concentrate to finish their studies so that they begin to be mentored in practice as they await to progress in their skills.

I have also noted that there were no reported cases of Examinations leakages and malpractices. I thank the Candidates, Heads of Training Institutions, the Board and other stakeholders for doing a commendable job. As I have said before, the Ministry will not tolerate any form of Examination malpractice and will continue to work with UBTEB and all the other Examination Boards to stamp out such vices.

My Ministry has been encouraging Ministries, Departments and Agencies to donate Motor vehicles to training institutions to be used by students during the practicals, we will extend this practice to ICT equipment and integrate the private sector donors. I therefore ask the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Sports to collaborate with fellow Permanent Secretaries and heads of Agencies like the Uganda Communication Commission to give support to computer related equipment to these training institutions. I exceptionally recognize the donation of Motor Vehicles by the Judiciary extended to the Training Institutions through my Ministry, for learning purposes.

Whereas, the Ministry has deployed 840 Instructors in the BTVET Institutions, the gap still exists. However, the Sector will continue to prioritise the recruitment of teachers and Instructors in BTVET Institutions to reduce the human resource capacity gap in the FY 2019/2020.

Today I am impressed that the training Institutions have benefited from the real life projects. These projects are the manifestation of hands-on skills training because by the time the student is graduating, he or she can start-up on his/her own a production initiative reflected during the development project. We need to sit together and establish the real cost which government should consider to support the assessment of a candidate.

I wish to congratulate all the candidates and their families for this great achievement of completing their studies evidenced by the results I am releasing today. I also congratulate the Board upon the successful release of the 14th UBTEB results.

To all those who played their part in ensuring the successful administration of the examinations, I thank you most sincerely for a job well done. My appreciation further goes out to Uganda Police who ensured security of examination materials.

I commend the Board and the entire team at the Ministry and/or other Agencies of Government who have been working closely to ensure smooth conduct of the examinations and timely release of results. In the same vein, I also wish to appreciate the media for the continued coverage of education sector programs, including this particular event.

It is now my pleasant duty and honor to **officially release the results for the November/December 2018 UBTEB End of Programme Examinations for Uganda Community Polytechnic Certificate and Advanced Craft Programmes.**

For God and My Country

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