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VICE CHANCELLOR'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH – 24th FEBRUARY 2022

Prof. Jude T. Lubega

- **Chancellor**
- **Chairperson and Members of the Foundation Body**
- **Chairperson and Members of Board of Trustees**
- **Chairperson and Members of University Council**
- **Members of University Management and Staff**
- **Members of University Senate**
- **The Guild President and his cabinet**
- **Distinguished Guests**
- **My Dear Wife and family members**
- **All other Protocols Observed**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It is indeed a great honor and privilege to stand here at this historical afternoon to accept, with great humility to be the 5th Vice Chancellor of Nkumba University in Uganda. This is a great occasion not only to me but also to my family and Nkumba University. To all Nkumba University stakeholders I make this promise, together we shall steer this great institution to a new high level.

I wish, in a special way to extend my deepest respect and appreciation to the Nkumba University Foundation Body, BOT, Council, management, staff and all other stakeholders of this great institution for the confidence and trust vested in me as the latest Vice Chancellor of Nkumba University. Your appointment signals a humble gesture and the great hope that you have in me in being the head of this University. We will work together with this community to make Nkumba University as its envisioned in our Mission and vision. The foundation stone is in place. We shall move forward and fast in order to build on what my predecessors have done in the past.

To everyone out there, I am truly humbled by the many congratulatory messages that you sent me and continue to send congratulating me as a new Vice Chancellor. These messages have encouraged; stimulated; and given me the determination to take NU in a new direction.

Ladies and gentlemen, Nkumba University has a distinctive history that goes back 27 years. During these many years, a lot has happened and a lot has been achieved - of which we are proud as stakeholders. This history must echo in our minds at all times. It must inspire us to make notable contributions to the development of NU such that we may stand tall and proud of our accomplishments. The potential that lies here at NU is incredibly enormous and needs to be tapped into so that we can contribute to the nurturing of 21st century professionals. However, to achieve our goals, we need to start by understanding and comprehending that history.

In that spirit, I would like to pay tribute to the past Vice Chancellors and their teams for the contributions made to NU. They will be remembered for having sailed the institutions through challenging times and managed to keep it standing until today. A number of accomplishments were made which we should never take for granted. We shall ensure that all what was developed is never lost but used as a stepping stone for further developments in NU.

As we are aware, Universities are known to facilitate change within the World over through nurturing people into professionals. As Nkumba University, we will create value, we will enhance quality and we will transform our stakeholders into change agents for the 21st Century. All our stakeholders will be taught on how to **adapt** to the emerging trends within the world. Only then will they survive in this dynamic world.

Under my leadership for the period 2022-2026, my efforts will be put towards the restoration of Nkumba University's past glory. Great focus will be put on developing everlasting systems and structures, nurturing an innovative teaching, learning and research environment, developing a multi collaborative approach between NU and other organisations, growing students' numbers / enrollments, a well governed university; a university with self-motivated and innovative staff, a university that is ICT abled through all business processes and university that is financially sustainable through multiple resource mobilization avenues.

However, I accept this appointment well aware of the current challenges that the university is facing. Alleviating these challenges cannot be done by the Vice Chancellor alone. Therefore, I call upon all stakeholders to work together as a team in order to achieve the goals set. Let us be open and honest to each other for the good of our institution.

I pray and hope that the Almighty God will give me the wisdom, good health and knowledge to diligently serve this great institution. As Mathew 24: 45-47 says "A faithful, sensible servant is one to whom the master can give the responsibility of managing his other household servants and feeding them. If the master returns and finds that the servant has done a good job, there will be a reward. I tell you the truth, the master will put that servant in charge of all he owns". I look forward to the day when the quote will be a reality and steer this great institution to greater heights.

I pledge to work closely with you, Mr. Chancellor sir, the Board of Trustees, University Council, University Senate, University Management, University Staff and Students to transform challenges within our institution into opportunities. In particular, we need to work together to convince every stakeholder that infrastructural development such as university-owned student accommodation is key for my tenure.

Lastly, I thank so much my family including my mum who is unable to be here with us but would have loved every moment of this event. My wife, Ritah Lubega for always supporting me and even allowing me to eat up family time for the sake of work. You always fill the gap and am very grateful indeed. My Uncle, aunt, brothers, sisters and all my personal friends here today, you have nurtured me in what I am today. Thank you so much.

To all staff, do not let that fire go out just continue to fly the NU flag high up there as we build this great institution together - I thank you all.

I Owe You!