Makerere University

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, DESIGN, ART AND TECHNOLOGY (CEDAT)

BRIEFING BY THE PRINCIPAL TO FIRST YEAR STUDENTS ON 19TH AUGUST 2014

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

You are most welcome to the CEDAT. On behalf of the entire community of CEDAT, I wish to congratulate you for having been admitted to a programme in this prestigious University. It is your hard work that has enabled you to make it here and I believe you are joining us with the same determination to succeed even here.

The College of Engineering, Design, Art and Technology (CEDAT) is one of the nine colleges and one independent school that make up Makerere University. CEDAT was formed from a merger of two academic units: former Faculty of Technology (FOT) and Margaret Trowell School of Industrial and Fine Arts (MTSIFA). It has a student population of about 3400, academic staff population of about 150 strong, administrative, technical and support staff of 59, and 22 group employees.

Through the years, the CEDAT has produced outstanding graduates, who currently manage most of the engineering, technical and design related establishments in this country and beyond. Our graduates are managing important technical portfolios in ministries, including the ministries of Works and Transport, Energy, Water and Natural Resources, Lands and Housing, and many others. Others are working as district, city or municipal architects and engineers. Quite a number of alumni are self employed designers, fine artists, engineers, architects, surveyors, and construction managers. The Current and past presidents of the Uganda Institution of Professional Engineers, the Uganda Society of Architects, the Institute of Surveyors of Uganda are graduates of this College. Most of the members of academic staff of the College are also graduates of the College. The current college leadership is comprised of the alumni of the college. There are many members of parliament and ministers who graduated from this College.

MAKERERE UNIVERSITY VISION

To be the leading institution for academic excellence and innovations in Africa.

MAKERERE UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

To provide innovative teaching, learning, research and services responsive to National and Global needs

CEDAT MISSION STATEMENT

To promote advancement in engineering, design, art and technology through education, training, research, professional services and innovation for sustainable industrial development.

CEDAT ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

The college is headed by a Principal who are deputized by a Deputy Principal. Assoc. Professor Henry Alinaitwe is the Principal. Dr. Venny Kakazibwe is the Deputy Principal.

Schools and Departments

CEDAT is made up of three (3) Schools and each School is headed by a Dean as follows:

i. School of Engineering- Assoc. Prof. Umaru Bagampadde
ii. School of the Built Environment- Dr. Moses Musinguzi
iii. Margaret Trowell School of Industrial and Fine Arts- Dr. Kizito Maria Kasule is Dean elect

Each of the Schools has 3 departments. Each department is headed by a Head of Department, as follows:

School of Engineering

a) Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering - Mr. Martin Tumutungire (Acting)
b) Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering- Dr. Julius Butime
c) Department of Mechanical Engineering- Dr. Adam Sebbit

School of the Built Environment

a) Department of Architecture and Physical Planning-Dr. Stephen Mukiibi
b) Department of Construction Economics and Management- Assoc. Prof. Anthony Kerali
c) Department of Geomatics and Land Management- Dr. Anthony Gidudui

Margaret Trowell School of Industrial and Fine Arts

a) Department of Visual Communication, Design & Multimedia- Assoc. Prof. Phillip Kwesiga
b) Department of Industrial Art and Applied Design- Dr. Angelo Kakande
c) Department of Fine Art- Dr. Kizito-Maria Kasule (soon to be replaced)

Institute and Centres

CEDAT has one (1) Institute and four (4) Centres headed by Directors who report to the Principal. Centres are the base for service and knowledge-transfer partnerships.

- Institute of Heritage Conservation and Restoration- Assoc. Prof. George Kyeyune
- Centre for Research in Energy and Energy Conservation- Ms. Susan Abbo
- Centre for Research in Transportation Technologies- Prof. S.S. Tickodri
- Centre for Design and Technology Development- Dr. Bernard Kariko-Buhwezi
- Centre for Geographical Information Systems (GIS) - Dr. Richard Otukei

The key administrative and support offices of the College include:

Registry –	Mr Tom Otim; Ms Josephone Namubiru, Ms Faith Kasule
Bursar –	Mr. Steven Kayima
Human Resources Office –	Mr. Henry Mayega/Mr. Richard Okiror, Ms Madinah Namakula
Communications Office –	Ms Betty Kyakuwa
Procurement Office –	Ms Sarah Nakibuuka
Web Administrator -	Mr. Mark Rujumba (also doubling as Systems Administrator)
Custodian -	Mr. Yorokamu Mahungi

2. SOME IMPORTANT ISSUES

Please pay particular attention to the issues outlined below. This will enable you have an enjoyable and resourceful stay at the College and University.

a) Discipline

Discipline is the source of all success. Discipline means respect for self, peers, superiors, and for the rules and regulations that govern the University. You should at all times be clean and smart. Keep the premises in which you study clean. Do not litter. Avoid un-becoming behaviour and damage to the College equipment. Follow the study time-table strictly. Do not come to class after the lesson has commenced. Do not miss classes and labs unless you are ill. When ill, inform the Head of Department through a colleague and submit the doctor's report as soon as possible. Gross indiscipline may lead to dismissal from the University.

Avoid sexual relationships and alcohol as much as possible as they can easily derail you from your studies.

Avoid extremism in religion and politics. Makerere is a secular institution. Be a good believer in your religion but be prepared to bend religious norms in a few instances. e.g. during examinations. Be moderate in playing politics.

Avoid participating in strikes. Remember that when there are strikes, the students suffer most. We thank the continuing students of CEDAT for not actively participating in strikes.
Avoid and guard against acts of terrorism. Watch your neighbor and report as soon as you notice strange things.

b) Payment of Fees

Privately sponsored students are strongly advised to pay fees according to the schedule in the joining instructions. Please note that failure to pay fees as stipulated in the joining instructions may lead to denial of attending classes, submitting coursework, tests and end-of-semester examinations.
Do not divert funds to other activities. Avoid money lenders.

c) Registration

All students are required to register at the College. Please register with the College Registrar as soon as you complete payment of fees. Government-sponsored students should register without delay. The Registrar will give you the time-table for registration.

d) Examinations

There are continuous assessment tests and end-of-semester examinations. Examinations are conducted with the highest integrity at Makerere University. You must avoid any temptations to engage in examinations malpractices. Students found to have engaged in any kind of examination malpractices are subject to disciplinary action including suspension and dismissal from the University. Please note that this applies to homework and tests, which are part of the examinations.

e) Other University Regulations

You must read and understand all the other University regulations. Please pay special attention to regulations concerning discontinuation from the programme, withdrawal and re-joining, minimum graduation requirements, examination irregularities and malpractices, etc.

f) Extra Curricula Activities

You are strongly advised to engage in extra curricula activities. These include participation in games and the activities of professional organizations. CEDAT holds a sports gala every year. All students are encouraged to participate.

The Faculty also holds an annual exhibition of student works. These events are organized jointly by the five students' professional organizations. The five students' organizations are:

- Makerere Fine Art Students Association (MAFASA)
- Makerere Engineering Society (MES)
- Makerere Architecture Students Association (MASA) and
- Makerere Association of Surveying Students (MASS)
- Makerere Association of Construction Management students (MAC)

The students' organizations also organize educational trips annually. You will get more information from the leadership of these organizations.

g) Special Faculty, Industrial Training and Project Allowances

The college has been supporting continuing students while on industrial training. This support is only subject to availability of funds.

h) Change of Programme

Students who wish to change programme must do so within the first two weeks. Forms for this purpose are obtainable from the Admissions Office of the Academic Registrar's Department in Senate Building.

i) Respect for University Property, Colleagues and Staff

I wish to urge all of you to use the University property with care. Protect this property, it belongs to you and future generations.

Please respect yourself, your colleagues and the members of staff while at the University. This will surely make your stay at Makerere and CEDAT pleasant and resourceful.

j) Don't over celebrate your passing A-level. Concentrate on the future

Do not take it for granted that because you excelled at A – level, you will always excel. Concentrate on your studies. Get a copy of the time table and appear in class on Monday 25th August 2014 without fail. Attend to all class activities and meet deadlines set by the lecturers.

At the University, the examinations by set by the people who teach you. Start now accumulating good grade points.

k) Information

Check the websites, emails and notice boards for more information. In case of doubt, ask your class captain. In case the class captain cannot handle the issue, go to the class tutor and in case the tutor cannot handle the matter, go to the Head of Department or other concerned officer. Be courteous in your dealings and other people will easily reciprocate.

Class captains should inform the Heads of Departments in case lecturers do not appear for the lectures. There is a form for monitoring class attendance. In addition, help us to improve the quality of service delivery by participating in the evaluation of course delivery.

3. CONCLUSION

Work hard to excel in your respective professions. Makerere University has a very good reputation. Recent ranking put it at 7th Best in Africa. You have been admitted to one of the premier universities in Africa and make your contribution for it to shine even more.

Welcome to Makerere University and enjoy Your Stay as "We Build for the Future"!