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The Management late last year put in a place a special day of prayer aimed at bringing the staff closer to God and seeking His guidance as the lone government hospitality school embarks on transiting to a Centre of Excellence. The day which will be held every semester is now one of the most important calendar days and brings together students, staff and management of the Uganda Hotel and Tourism Training Institute. This semester's day of prayer was held on April 17th under the theme; 'For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord' derived from the book of Jeremiah 29:11.

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DANIEL KAZUNGU

Taking stock of the Institute's progress

The third edition of the UHTTI Crane newsletter is back with tantalising stories about the Uganda Hotel and Tourism Training Institute, the lone government hospitality school in the country. The newsletter, apart from giving important highlights, during the quarter usually delves into the institution's success on the road to the Centre of Excellence and the intricacies involved in achieving the same.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend every staff for their contribution to the mandate and vision of the institute. Establishing a Center of Excellence calls for concerted effort and we seem to be doing well in this endeavor. All we need to do is to keep the candle burning and avoid complacency because it is an enemy of progress.

I also want to take this opportunity to commend government through the Ministry

of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities and development partners for the tireless efforts put in to transform the institute. Training a holistic hospitality professional is not a walk in the park and calls for insurmountable resources such as grounded trainers, training kitchens, field trips to mention but a few.

The government and development partners have come in handy not only to address the training needs of our students but also upgrading the infrastructure at the Institute to match international standards. This is something we cannot take for granted.

Finally, our current students and alumni deserve a big round of applause for being good ambassadors of the institute. They have mirrored the Centre of Excellence so well and earned recognition from the community.

Bravo our students and alumni for the work well done.

Daniel Kazungu



NAMUGAYA REPLACES ERABU AS NEW



Aisha Namugaya (right) campaigns during the hotly contested guild race.



A team from UHTTI Management and staff following the campaigns.



The newly elected Guild Speaker Ali Nasser Kasolo (left) woos voters.

UHTTI GUILD LEADER



Supporters cheer their respective candidates. Inset, a candidate campaigns.

Aisha Namugaya was on April 5th voted Uganda Hotel and Tourism Training Institute (UHTTI) guild president replacing Emmanuel Erabu who has been at the helm of the students' leadership for the last one year.

Namugaya garnered 136 votes beating her closest challenger, Hessein Kisekka, by a mere two votes. Kisekka garnered 134 votes while Phionah Nakke trailed with 60 votes.

"I thank the students for entrusting me with the guild leadership. I pledge to serve everyone, including those who have voted for my opponent, with dedication," an excited Namugaya said.

The students also voted for the guild speaker where Ali Nasser Kasolo emerged victor with 157 votes beating Charles Oboli who garnered 97 votes while Zion Nyakato walked away with a paltry 65 votes.

While declaring the results at the Institute's tally centre, the electoral commission chairperson, Frederick Kalega, said the results reflect the actual choice of the students and commended the UHTTI Manage-

ment for facilitating the process.

"The students have spoken and we thank everybody who participated in the process and UHTTI Management for allowing students to exercise their democratic mandate," Kalega said.

He appealed to both the victors and those defeated to put the differences aside and work together for the good of the students' fraternity and the institute as a whole.

Kisekka petitions

Kisekka who lost the hotly contested by a mere two votes petitioned the Dean's office claiming the election was marred by irregularities. Kisekka, among others, faulted the electoral commission over failure to publish electoral guidelines, allowing students to vote in other people's names and failure to crumple down on Namugaya's supporters who campaigned beyond the official campaign period.

However, the Dean's committee ruled that the petition did not adduce enough evidence to warrant cancellation of the exercise and declared Namugaya the duly elected guild president of the Uganda Hotel and Tourism Training Institute.



JINJA HOTEL SCHOOL CLEANS AMBER COURT MARKET



MAYOR PETER KASOLO

Cleanliness begins with us. It is like poverty; no one can chase poverty from us, it is we ourselves. So I want to thank the students of UHTTI for this wonderful gesture and when they came to my office, I decided not only to approve but fully participate in this endeavour

the city's continued support to the Institute. "Cleanliness begins with us. It is like poverty no one can chase poverty from us, it is we ourselves. So I want to thank the students of UHTTI for this wonderful gesture and when they came to my office, I decided not only to approve but fully participate in this endeavour," Mayor Kasolo said.

The guild president of the Institute, Emmanuel Erabu, said it is the institute's role to support Amber Court market and surrounding areas.

"It is our role to contribute positively to the community because some of the people working in this market are our parents. We are doing this to give back to the community and we thank the market chairperson for giving us this opportunity," Erabu said.

Meanwhile Danstan Kawalya, the speaker for the UHTTI Red Cross Association, said as hospitality students, it is their role to ensure hygiene in the market since they (students) get some of the ingredients they use for training from the market.

Students of the Uganda Hotel and Tourism Training Institute (UHTTI) belonging to the Red Cross on Saturday, April 27th, cleaned Amber Court market as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility.

The students who were clad in their red attires were warmly welcomed by market vendors who commended the hotel school for leading by example.

In an interview with our reporter, the Amber Court market chairperson, Ayub Kitamireke, commended the students for remembering the traders in Amber Court market.

"I thank UHTTI for the good work done in the market. We have been chocking under filth and helping us do away with it is a good endeavor and we call upon the general public to support the institute because it is exemplary," Kitamireke said.

In a related development, the Mayor of Jinja city, Alton Peter Kasolo, commended the students' participation in helping to clean the city and pledged





UHTTI, MUBS share ideas on assessment



Assessment is one of the most important activities in an academic institution and ought to be handled with utmost care and professionalism, Makerere University Business School (MUBS) senior lecturer Freddie Semukono said.

Mr Semukono was speaking to UHTTI staff during a capacity building workshop organized at the institute under the theme; “Role of examination integrity in attaining a Centre of Excellence.”

He shared with the staff the different forms of assessment and the relevance of assessment to the learning process with emphasis on the MUBS experience.

“The role of the lecturer is to supervise students inside the examination room. The entry is usually manned by staff from the Academic Registrar’s office,” Semukono said.

He also called for a review of the curriculum to feed into the competence-based curriculum that the current Senior Fours are being assessed on.

“These students will be joining next year and this may call for a review of the curriculum to align with what they are being taught,” Mr Semukono said.



The Minister of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities, Col (Rtd) Tom Butime on Monday, April 29 inspected Tourism projects in Jinja city to assess the progress of the construction works.

In the company of the ministry Permanent Secretary Doreen Katusiime and commissioner Vivian Lyazi, among other officials, the minister was taken on a guided

tour of the multi-billion new Crested Crane Hotel that is nearing completion with installation works currently in progress and the state-of-the-art institute infrastructure that will house an administration block, lecture rooms, offices and multi-purpose hall, among others.

The development projects at the Institute are being funded by the World Bank and

government of Uganda through the Competitive Enterprise Development Project.

Richard Turyahabwe, the Arch Design project manager, revealed that the general construction of the UHTTI project, especially the training hotel has already achieved 90 per cent.

He added that construction of the additional second floor at the hotel is ongoing

MINISTER BUTIME INSPECTS TOURISM

Project



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with works at 80 per cent.

“We are also doing installation of various sets of equipment from seven different suppliers ranging from laundry, kitchen, bakery, furniture, interior décor and the general equipment for the hotel,” Turyahabwe said, adding they want the hotel to be fully functional on the day of its commissioning.

The Principal of the Institute, Richard Kawere, urged the contractors to fast-track the works so that the students can study.

“This is a landmark achievement for hospitality and tourism training in this country. I appreciate the progress of works in the recent past but my only worry is when do you give us the building because students have to learn,” Kawere said.

Meanwhile, minister Butime urged the contractors to ensure quality work and fast-track the project to save money government is spending on hiring infrastructure.

“We have seen that the work is between 80 to 85 per cent which is great progress. We are waiting and looking forward to the completion of the project so that it can be handed over to us,” the minister said.

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Director in the Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities, Mr Basil Ajer, hands over plaques to pupils who recited a poem about tourism.

EU IN PROCESS OF APPROVING SHS60B

The European Union is committed to supporting Uganda’s Tourism sector with \$20 million through tourism financing, visibility and fostering local participation in tourism development, the EU Ambassador to Uganda, Mr Jan Sadek, has said.

Ambassador Sadek was speaking during a panel discussion on the theme; Sustainable Financing for Tourism held on the sidelines of the ongoing Pearl of Africa Tourism Expo (POATE) at Munyonyo in Kampala. The panel discussion was moderated by the Principal of the Uganda Hotel and Tourism Training Institute (UHTTI) and tourism enthusiast Richard Kawere.

“I am happy to learn that government is committed to marketing Uganda. This is a positive development because most people in my country Sweden hardly know about Uganda. They can only mention Idi Amin and only know little,” Amb. Sadek said.

His comment followed Finance ministry Ramathan Ggoobi’s comment that government will invest in branding and market-

\$50b

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ing Uganda as a preferred tourism destination.

Mr Ggoobi said government has a policy of supporting sectors abbreviated as ATM, including Agriculture, Tourism and Mining.

He said tourism development is projected to generate \$50 billion in 2040 up from about \$2 billion in 2023.

Mr Ggoobi said he was aware tourism in Uganda was still faced with many challenges including limited marketing, inadequate workforce with limited skills and poor road infrastructure.

“Government is implementing interventions worth \$68 million under the Competitive Enterprise Development Project (CEDP), including upgrading both the infrastructure and skills at UHTTI in Jinja and Uganda Wildlife Research Training Institute and enhancing the capacity of the Uganda Wildlife Education Centre,” Ggoobi said.

He cautioned Ugandans to stop bad-mouthing their country which he said is affecting the growth of the sector.

“Tourism development is a business for every



Panelists during the tourism expo. Below, UHTTI Principal moderating one of the POATE conferences at Speke Resort Munyonyo.

SUPPORT TO TOURISM SECTOR



citizen and also every ministry, department and agency of government. It cannot be left alone to UTB,” Ggoobi said.

The vice-chancellor of Victoria University, Prof. Lawrence Muganga, in an earlier discussion urged UTB to adopt disruptive thinking strategy to market the country.

“At Victoria University, we organized a music battle between Sanyu Cindarella aka Cindi and Sheebah Karungi and the public was wondering what a university had to do with music but we managed to capture people’s internet and we didn’t pay them a single penny for moving the name of the university on their phones,” Prof. Muganga said.

Victoria University was also at one time on the spot for appointing Shanitah Namuyimbwa aka Bad Black as their brand ambassador.

The Pearl of Africa Tourism Expo is an annual tourism and travel trade show that is organized by the Uganda Tourism Board. The event brings together tourism chain actors and stakeholders who come together for networking opportunities and business deals.



GOOD STRIDES TOWARDS

BY UHTTI REPORTER

The Uganda Hotel and Tourism Training Institute (UHTTI) is the leading hospitality and tourism training institution in the country.

Established about 30 years ago, the Institute has trained over 5,000 graduates from across the region who continue to serve in the local and international hospitality and tourism industry.

The Institute opened its doors in 1994 as the Hotel and Tourism Training Institute (HTTI) and was re-established in 2015 by the UHTTI Act, 2015 as The Uganda Hotel and Tourism Training Institute (UHTTI) under the Ministry

of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities (MTWA), with its mandate expanded to include research.

However, the history of the Institute dates way back in 1989 when it was established at Fairway Hotel in Kampala as a pilot project under the auspices of the International Labour Organisation/United Nations Development Program.

When the ILO/UNDP project wound up in 1994, the Centre was handed over to the Government of Uganda and transferred to Jinja with a broad mandate of providing education, training and research in disciplines of Hospi-





CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

tality, Tourism, Hotel Management and Catering.

The Institute produces the best graduates in hospitality and tourism. Our graduates are well trained, skillful and competent. We continually offer refresher and management development courses to the industry. These courses polish our graduates to make them better in the performance of their duties.

The Institute Principal, Richard Kawere, said the plan is to make UHTTI the best hospitality and tourism training school in the region and beyond.

Kawere who took office in August 2023 said his administration has already begun on repackaging the training cur-

ricula to align it with the current demands of the industry.

Progress and growth

The government in partnership with the World Bank are undertaking infrastructure development projects aimed at transforming UHTTI into a Centre of Excellence for hospitality and tourism training.

The infrastructure projects being undertaken at the Institute include the construction of an 82-room three-star training hotel valued at Shs24.5 billion as well as state-of-the-art training Institute valued at Shs13 billion.

The Institute will among others house an administration block, students multi-purpose hall, lecture rooms, computer

UHTTI CONTINUES TO MAKE GOOD STRIDES

laboratory and library.

In addition to infrastructure development, the Institute recently launched the research agenda that aims at fostering research and innovation in tourism and hospitality.

In line with this, several research projects have been lined up, including the Busoga Cookbook that is in its final editing and publishing stages and is expected to be launched during the 15th graduation ceremony later this year. The Public Relations Department has also introduced a quarterly newsletter which highlights major events of the Institute during the quarter.

The Institute has also represented the country in International culinary and hospitality competitions. In 2022, Husama Mugerwa competed in the World Skills Africa in Namibia where he scooped a bronze medal in restaurant service and a similar feat was replicated by Joel Makongo who also won bronze in the World Skills Competitions in Belgium in 2023. This year 2024, the school has once again been selected to represent Uganda at the World Skills Competition in France scheduled for September, 2024.

Furthermore, the Institute is currently organizing the National Hospitality and Culinary competitions slated for September, 2024. These competitions are expected to attract more than 100 competitors in various categories.

Partnerships

In order to fulfill its Vision of becoming a Centre of Excellence for hospitality and tourism training, the Institute has entered a number of partnerships and collaborations, both local and international, with the leading hospitality training institutions across the world and stakeholders in the industry.

Notable partnerships include:



The library is well equipped to facilitate students' research



Computer lessons are compulsory for all students. Below, Tourism students in a practical session



TOWARDS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE



Minister Butime inspecting the developments at UHTTI

ITH Salzburg Austria in the areas of capacity building, curriculum sharing, staff exchanges and sharing of best practices, Nooderpoort Hospitality School Netherlands (research and staff exchange), American Hotel and Lodging Education Institute (training and awarding AHLEI Certifications across a wide range of programs,

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1.	National Diploma in Hotel Management (NDHM)	2 years
2.	National Diploma in Tourism Management (NDTM)	2 years
3.	National Diploma in Pastry & Bakery Management (NDPBM)	2 years
4.	National Certificate in Hotel Operations (NCHO)	2 years
5.	National Certificate in Tour Guiding (NCTG)	2 years
6.	National Certificate in Pastry and Bakery (NCPB)	2 years
7.	Certificate in Culinary Arts (CCA)	2 years



The Institute has a good working relationship with the local leadership.

both professional and academic), Makerere University (Staff training and research), Uganda Hotel Owner's Association (implementing the national apprenticeship program), Busoga Kingdom (research and skills training for the kingdom subjects etc.

Students enrolment

The Institute currently has a population of 751 students with female comprising 66% of the total population while the males account for the remaining 34%.

Additionally, 71% of the students are privately sponsored while the remaining 29% percent come through the Ministry Education and sports JAB admission system and are partially sponsored by the Government.

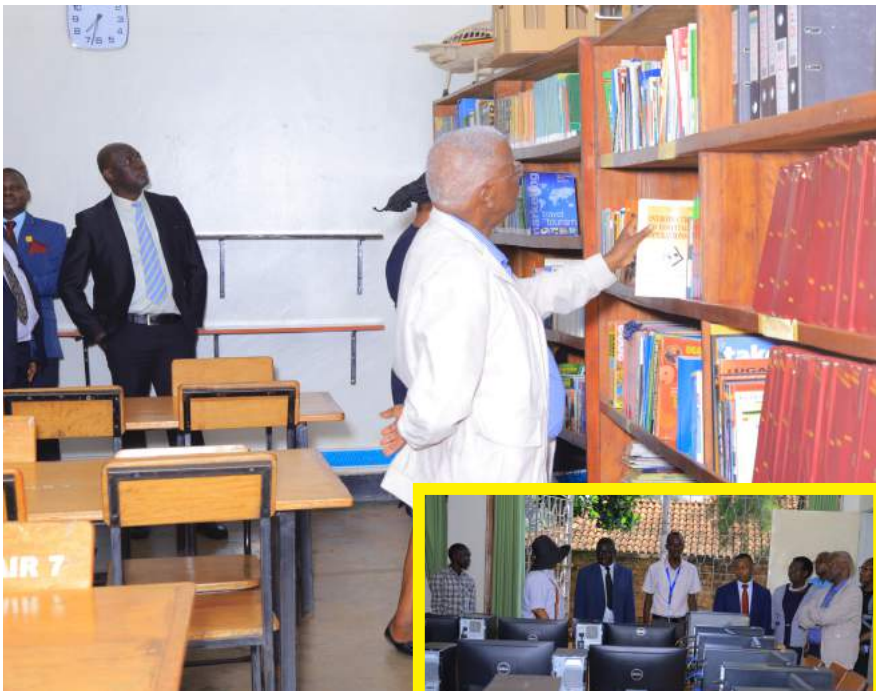


IN PICTURES

The Uganda Hotel and Tourism Training Institute (UHTTI) is mandated to train skilled labour force for the budding hospitality sector. The Institute, therefore, has professional staff grounded in the industry and all the tools needed to train a complete hospitality professional, including a fully fledged three-star training hotel that gives the trainees a proper feel of what it takes to work in the hospitality industry.



Hotel Management students showcasing their bakery skills.



One of the students showcasing her barista skills.



Tourism PS Doreen Katusiime during projects tour



Tourism minister Col (Rtd) Tom Butime during a visit to the library.

Tourism minister Col (Rtd) Tom Butime tours the computer lab



Tourism students using binoculars to view and identify bird species.



Hospitality students during a practical session.

HOSPITALITY SCHOOLS COMMIT TO STRONGER TIES



Association members pose for a group photo.

Inset, UHTTI Principal Richard Kawere addressing participants.



Hospitality training institutions in the country under their umbrella body Association of Uganda Hospitality Travel Tourism Training Institutions (AUHTTTI) have committed to strengthening their partnership as a way of navigating the emerging challenges in the hospitality industry.

In a meeting held at the Uganda Hotel and Tourism Training Institute (UHTTI) on June 20th, the association members pledged to work together to address the

skills gaps in the industry.

“Over 1,000 students graduate from tourism training institutions every year but the manpower gap continues to widen. What can we do to ensure that the graduates we train fill up this space,” the Principal of UHTTI, Richard Kawere, said.

“We lack a common forum to address the challenges before us and we also lack a common voice as regards to training and capacity building,” Kawere, who also doubles as the executive secretary of the

association, added.

He said co-operation can foster access to a pool of resources, including staff and students exchange schemes, business ventures and joint research projects, among others.

During the same meeting, AUHTTTI chairperson, Geoffrey Ssewakiryanga, enumerated the achievements registered by the association since its inception in 2019, including the formulation of the constitution.

He decried the Covid-19 pandemic which he said sent the association into a three-year hiatus and almost brought it to its knees.

“There was a three-year hiatus that quashed whatever had been set following the launch of the association in 2019,” Ssewakiryanga said.

He commended UHTTI for the immense sacrifice towards the survival of the association.

“All we have been able to do is because of this Institute and it is our plea that UHTTI continues supporting the association until it gets its proper footing,” Ssewakiryanga said.

The meeting brought together officials from more than 30 hospitality training institutions in the country.



UHTTI'S MAKONGO EXCELS IN INTERNATIONAL SKILLS COMPETITION

Joel Makongo, a second year student of Uganda Hotel and Tourism Training Institute pursuing a Diploma in Pastry and Bakery, has emerged 5th in the 2nd Belt and Road International World Skills Competitions that have just been concluded in China.

A total of 60 countries from across the world participated in the competitions that featured various categories, including the Industrial Robot System Operation where 15-year-old Tumelo Rabolin-yane walked away with the gold medal.

Makongo, last year's bronze medalist from Belgium, competed in the Patisserie and confectionary trade that featured 12 competitors. The winner was from Hong-kong with China scooping silver while Russia walked away with a bronze medal.

In an interview with the Crane newslet-

ter, UHTTI Principal Richard Kawere congratulated Makongo and instructor Miiro and pledged to continue using such platforms to advance the Institute's agenda.

"Joel's star continues to shine and flagging the UHTTI brand on the world stage.



Joel Makongo in China for the 2nd Belt and Road International World Skills Competitions

We are proud of the competitor and the technical team led by Chef William Mi-iro," Kawere said.

Instructor Miiro who had the opportunity to interface with the president of Chongqing Business Vocational College, said there are avenues for UHTTI to collaborate with the Chinese-based college in the areas of students and staff exchange.

The Uganda Hotel and Tourism Training Institute was established by an Act of Parliament and given the mandate to train skilled manpower for the hospitality sector.

The Institute is currently undertaking giant strides towards becoming a Centre of Excellence and representing the country on the international stage is just one of the many strides the Institute has embarked on.





HOSPITALITY SECTOR IS UGANDA'S GOLDEN GOOSE



SLIVERSTRI MUZOORA
Senior Lecturer of
Tourism and Hospitality

Uganda's Tourism and Hospitality sector continues to show significant signs of growth and resilience, with positive prospects ahead.

Tourism and hospitality stakeholders and actors across the country are optimistic about the future of the industry, with hotel and tourism market revenue in Uganda predicted to reach more than US\$5 billion by 2028 looking at areas like MICE business, tour operations and tour arrangements, among others.

The Government continues to show commitment to developing the sector through enhanced resource allocation to the Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities. Funding the Uganda Tourism board (UTB)

which is mandated to promote and popularize destination Uganda has greatly improved the country's competitiveness as an international tourism destination and ultimately increased the sector's contribution to the Gross Domestic Product.

Government has also worked closely with partners to develop the capacity of the Uganda Hotel and Tourism training Institute (UHTTI) which is mandate to churn out skilled manpower for the industry as well as carry out research into the sector.

The manpower and infrastructure development endeavours at UHTTI are a move in the right direction and the country can

only anticipate the best from the only government hospitality school in the country.

Tourism product development is another key area that needs to be

tackled. Tourists would love to try out something new in a tourist destination. If destination Uganda is to top the East Africa Tourism chart, more new tourism products need to be developed.

The future of the tourism and hospitality sector in the country in the next six years is very promising. Sustainable practices at the tourism destinations, refresher training of frontline staff, managers and supervisors in the tourism and hospitality enterprises countrywide needs to be carried out alongside embracing technological advancement, recruiting qualified and skilled workforce and developing new tourism products.

There is also need to adopt a forward thinking hospitality mindset essential for hotel and tourism businesses to thrive. Focus should be put on responsible tourism and producing of qualified and skilled workforce to man the hospitality sector for the benefit of all the stakeholders in the sector.





UHTTI TO HOST NATIONAL SKILLS

BY SIMON MBAGO

Uganda Hotel and Tourism Training Institute (UHTTI) will on September 18th to 21st host the national skills competitions featuring various trades in the field of hospitality and tourism.

The competitions shall feature cookery, bakery, and restaurant service, among others, with competitors coming from different hotel and tourism institutions across the country.

The competition, the first of its kind in Uganda, aims at assessing the skills and abilities of competitors entering the field of hospitality.

Candidates shall be showcasing good knowledge of all aspects of a modern kitchen and restaurant along with significant cookery and presentation skills.

The competition is open to students from different hospitality institutions across the country who will converge at UHTTI to showcase their culinary skills and share best cookery and modern kitchen management practices. Only 10 participants

below 23 years of age will be allowed to participate in each of the trades.

Chef Ivan Kalule, leading the organizing committee at UHTTI, says the competitors will be verified upon submission of a valid identification documents, including the institution's identity card, and birth certificates.

Under cookery, participants will be expected to prepare, cook, and present a three-course menu in a sequence of three units of competition, each taking three hours. Each participant will produce three portions of the dish in equal quantities for assessment and media coverage.

Intense preparations

In the Bakery category, participants will be required to prepare, bake, and present six artillery pieces that will be accompanied by two bakery pieces as described by the test item.

Under restaurant service, participants will be required to prepare and serve different styles of service such as, Napkin folding, Bar/Barrister making signature coffee, Casual dining, Fine Dining, Banquets and fruit Selection and curving as guided by the description.

Each of the trades will have its technical description that details the procedures, assessment strategy and specifications, competition rules, tools, ingredients list, equipment lists, roles of the judges, working methods, occupational standards and other related competition information.

Mr Kalule says test items have been developed to ensure an all-round representation of each trade guided by the national trends and seasons.

"Ingredients to be used shall be representative of the country's classical fresh items from different regions having at least six mystery ingredients from the regions of Busoga," he said.

Institutions willing to participate in this inaugural competition are already undertaking intense preparations and equipping their students with relevant knowledge and skills to strengthen their capabilities ahead of the revered competitions in September.

"We are in the process of organizing internal competitions from which we will choose the best from among our students to participate in the competitions," Kalule said.



FINALISTS URGED TO FLY UHTTI FLAG HIGH



Finalist students have been urged to fly the UHTTI flag high and represent the Institute with distinction. This was in a message delivered to them by the Dean of Academics, Emmanuel Kaweesi, during a final briefing at the Institute. “We expect you to be at your internship places by Monday, June 10th, 2024. Make sure you do your best and represent the Institute well,” Mr Kaweesi said. Mr Ronald Sekitto urged the finalists to submit their reports on time so as not to miss out on graduation. “As you train begin working on your report and follow the Institute format and remember to submit on time,” Sekitto said. He urged the finalists to keep a soft copy in PDF format which they will submit on the email address they will be given. Ivan Kalule briefed the finalists on life after the Institute. He urged them to keep time, work hard and mind less about money during this period in their career. “We have given you the best we could but we urge you to remain open to learning and always defend the name of your Institution,” Kalule said.



CEDP WANTS ROKO TO EXPEDITE PROJECT

The Competitive Enterprise Development Project (CEDP) that is implementing World Bank-funded projects in Uganda has urged ROKO construction company to expediate works on the new Crested Crane Hotel and the Institute before the World Bank winds up its projects in Uganda. During a guided tour of the projects on June 10th, 2024, CEDP and WB representatives were visibly peeved by the slow progress of works, especially on the hotel side and urged ROKO to speed up the works or risk handing over unfinished works. “You should use the remaining three months to finish pending works so that the President can commission it, hopefully in October,” Tourism Permanent Secretary Doreen Katusime said. Works on the multi-billion Crested Crane hotel began in April 2018 but up to date, the hotel is still under construction, something that has left many stakeholders baffled.



UHTTI BOARD LAUDS ERABU 'S LEADERSHIP

Uganda Hotel and Tourism Training Institute (UHTTI) Board of Directors has commended outgoing guild president Emmanuel Erabu for presiding over a peaceful reign.

“On behalf of the Board of Directors, we thank you for doing great work. How you managed to calm students during the change over is commendable,” Ms Florence Naduk, the Board vice chairperson, said.

Ms Naduk was speaking as chief guest during the official handover of the guild leadership to new office bearers at the Institute on May 5.

During the colorful event graced by Benard Okello, an advocate of the High Court of Uganda and commissioner of oath, Namugaya officially took over from Erabu and will now represent the students on the UHTTI Board of Directors.

“We will not be perfect but we will do our best. To the administrators, treat me as your daughter. I promise to walk the talk and do what I promised in my manifesto,” Namugaya said in her maiden speech. Erabu in his emotional speech thanked God for the opportunity to serve UHTTI as guild leader and urged his successor to use her power well.

“Use the power you have to bridge the gap between the students and administrators,” he said, adding that his administration has achieved a lot but also left a lot in the pipeline.

Meanwhile, counsel Okello urged the new leaders to keep the political ambition alive and aspire for bigger offices.

“Let these offices ignite your future leadership opportunities. What you have started today, continue with it,” Okello said as he advised the new leaders to avoid acting contrary to what they swore.

The UHTTI Deputy Principal, Moses Kaneene, urged the new leaders to work closely with the administration.

“Our offices are open because you have come to bridge the gap between the students and administrators and not to break it,” Mr Kaneene said.





Meet UHTTI Alumni

DOROTHY BASEMERA

GUEST RELATIONS AND PARTNERSHIP OFFICER AT CHIMPANZEE SANCTUARY AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST

joined UHTTI in 2011 for a Diploma in Tourism Management. The solid foundation and skills I obtained at UHTTI turned me into an astute

tourism professional with deep understanding of the industry's intricacies and mode of operation.

My dedication, innovation and impact on the conservation and tourism industry have been acknowledged both nationally and internationally and I have been a recipient of several awards, including the prestigious Norm Rosen Leadership Development award by the Pan African Sanctuary Alliance 2019 thanks to the practical and theoretical knowledge I obtained from UHTTI.

The Institute inculcated in us the spirit of success, resilience and leadership that have in turn helped us to raise the UHTTI flag high and excel just like the Institute's motto, 'Skills Excel' states.



JOSEPH OJATUM

DEPUTY MINISTER OF TOURISM AND DOCUMENTATION, TESO CULTURAL INSTITUTION

I owe what I am to the training and grooming I received at the Uganda Hotel and Tourism Training Institute. I joined the Institution in 2014 for a Certificate in Tour Guiding and Driving and later on upgraded in Tourism Management.

I can confidently testify that the knowledge and skills that UHTTI imparts in the students is unmatched and it is no wonder that the institution's products are on high demand in the job market.

My first job was at Bwindi National Park where I was retained after my internship and the skills and expertise I demonstrated at work far outmatched my colleagues, including those who had graduated from Makerere and other universities thanks to the holistic training the institute offers.

Right now, I am working at the Deputy Minister of Tourism and Documentation in the Teso Cultural Institution and what I am doing is amazing. Actually right now, I am working on the Teso Tourism Symposium that aims at identifying and documenting the tourism potential of Teso region.

I urge the people of Teso and the country to enrol at UHTTI and tap the amazing skills the Institute is giving to Ugandans.



ABDALLAH BUKENYA

CHEF AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY

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