



# LIRA UNIVERSITY

## End of Year Message from the Vice Chancellor



**HE. Yoweri M. Kaguta**  
President of the Republic of Uganda



**HE. Maj. Alupo Jessica R.E. (MP)**  
Vice President of the Republic of Uganda



**RT. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja**  
Prime Minister & Leader of Government Business in Parliament



**Hon. Janet Kataha Museveni**  
First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports



**Assoc. Prof. Joel Okullo Odom**  
Chairperson Lira University Council



**Prof. Dr. Jasper Ogwal Okeng**  
Vice Chancellor Lira University

As we close yet another remarkable year, on behalf of Lira University, and on my own behalf, it gives me great pleasure to convey warm greetings and felicitations to His Excellency the President of the Republic of Uganda, Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, the Vice President Hon. Jessica Alupo, Rt. Hon. Prime Minister Hon. Robinah Nabbanja, First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Kataha Museveni, and all organs and institutions of government for providing effective guidance and leadership to government and the entire people of Uganda. My best wishes for your personal health and well-being, and for the continued progress and prosperity of the people of Uganda.

As indicated last year, I wish to report that Lira University remains committed to promoting its core mandates of teaching, research and innovation, and community outreach. I would like to emphasize that this university is not the proverbial ivory tower disconnected from the concerns of ordinary citizens, but a university on the frontline, dedicated to advancing national and community transformation through its cutting edge programmes, innovations, community interventions, and collaborations nationally and internationally.

Lira University was established in northern Uganda and in the Lango sub-region for a reason; to make higher education more accessible to the communities in the region, and to promote applied, problem based knowledge inquiry through strategic research and, training of skilled personnel for a more improved service delivery and management of public resources.

Indeed, we are in the right direction, with meagre funding from the Central Government and small research grants, our staff and students have continued to engage in research and innovations, and are publishing and disseminating their findings to all over stakeholders and partners.

The University has made much success during the last few years. Special appreciation to the University Council, the University Senate, staffs and students for making great things happen amidst very limited resources.



(Left Right): University Council Chairperson, Assoc Prof Joel Okullo Odom, Vice Chancellor, Prof Dr. Jasper Ogwal Okeng and Chancellor, Hon Justice Benjamin Odoki at the 4th Graduation ceremony



VC, Prof Dr Jasper Ogwal Okeng hands a portrait of the First Lady Mrs Janet Kataha Museveni to State Minister for Higher Education Dr John C. Muyingo at the 4th Graduation Ceremony

I am happy to note that as we close this year, Lira University has established 6 faculties to date with several academic programmes including Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) launched this year. We are thrilled, motivated and encouraged by the steadfast growth and improved ranking of the university.

### Obituary

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that the Management of Lira University informs the public of the death of our staff, a lecturer, Mr Oryang Chono Alex, who passed away on 12th December, 2023, at around 4PM. Mr Oryang Chono passed away unexpectedly beside his parked car, near Lira City Main Market from where he had bought food stuff for family use. He was a lecturer at the Department of Public Administration and Management(PAM), Faculty of Management Sciences. We will all miss him more than words can express!!

the recognition.

### Top Management and other Staff

I want to thank the entire team for this wonderful achievement in the year 2023. Congratulations! I am proud to have such a hardworking team. I am grateful to everyone for your positive thinking and hard work. You truly embraced the meaning of teamwork. Thank you all!

My fellow employees, family, and friends: I believe nothing is more rewarding than having a well-spent and memorable time together with loved ones. Take time to spend time with your family this festive season and recharge your batteries for the next 12 months. We have many targets and set goals to achieve next year (2024), and all these require our relentless efforts.

May you free yourselves from any worry you had at work and enjoy celebrating the year-end holiday with them. You deserve nothing less than a refreshing vacation. I give you permission to let loose this holiday season!

### Students

To our wonderfully model students, you have shown dedication and enthusiasm for learning. Your curiosity and eagerness to explore the world around you have been truly inspiring. You have overcome challenges, discovered new talents, and demonstrated kindness and empathy toward your peers. Your accomplishments, both big and small, have made us immensely proud.

May your journey through academia be marked by unwavering determination and boundless curiosity, propelling you towards the heights of knowledge and wisdom. May you find reward in your struggles, solace in your lowest moments, strength in your setbacks, and inspiration in your achievements, for it is through these trials that you will forge your true character and leave an indelible mark on the world.

As the holiday/festive season looms, I want to take a moment to wish all of you a joyful and magical time. May your days be filled with laughter, love,

and endless moments of happiness. Embrace this break from your studies to create beautiful memories with your loved ones, explore new adventures, and recharge your spirits. Remember, you are all capable of achieving greatness, and I cannot wait to see what the new year (2024) brings for each and every one of you. Happy holidays, my amazing students! But TAKE CARE, AIDS kills!! Your health is your wealth!

### Parents, Guardians and other Stakeholders

I cannot forget the invaluable support of our parents, guardians and other stakeholders. Your involvement, encouragement, and partnership have played an instrumental role in the success of our teaching and learning processes. Your trust in our university and dedication to their education is appreciated. Together, we have created a strong foundation for our students' future.

In conclusion, as we look to the future, I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. There is much work to be done, but I am confident that with our strong foundation and unwavering commitment, we will continue to achieve great things. The coming year is ripe with opportunities for further growth and improvement. Let's continue cooking up success and serving excellence. Thank you for making our chain a beloved stop for so many.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

**Thank you**  
**Prof. Dr Jasper Ogwal Okeng**  
**VICE CHANCELLOR**



Vice President Jessica Alupo joins members of the University Council for a group photo at the 4th Graduation Ceremony

Lira University graduates have exhibited excellence in their placements and job fields due to our strict and consistent adherence to quality and zero tolerance to complicity. The University continues to work closely with the National Council for Higher Education to ensure that all our academic programs are run with strict adherence to quality assurance standards.

### University Council

I would like to thank the University Council led by Assoc. Prof. Joel Okullo Odom for being supportive to Management in doing its oversight role. Thank you all members of the Council for your excellent work! This year's achievement was possible because of your hard work and determination. You all deserve



Members of the University Council touring the Education Block during a Council meeting