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## EQUUSaT Hosts Youth Empowerment Program



### + Highlight

“Students and Staff Enjoy Eid Al-Adha Festivities”



### VC Visits Male & Female Hostels



By our Reporter

Male students at @equsat were thrilled to receive the Vice Chancellor Prof. Mouhammad Mpezamihigo at their hostels in Kirumba B, Masaka city.

The meet-and-greet session was organized to understand the students' challenges and seek solutions.

Talking to students, Prof. Mpezamihigo promised immense change in service delivery highlighting the need to put more focus on student affairs.

He was accompanied by several other administrators, making the event an important opportunity for dialogue and connection. In response, the Equsat students' team adopted a more energetic approach to defend against the relentless attacks of the Hospital staff team, relying heavily on counterattacks. Just before the whistle blew to end the first half, the Equsat students' team was awarded a penalty kick, which was successfully converted into a goal by Abdullahi, a first-year medical student.

### President of the Association of African Universities Hails EQUUSaT for Good Facilities.



### VC Calls for the creation of Students' & Staff SACCOS

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# EQUaT and HHRD Collaborate to Empower Youth with Skills in Mental Health, Leadership, and Financial Literacy

**“At EQUaT, we are committed to nurturing these skills to ensure a brighter future for our students and our community.”**

Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT), in collaboration with Helping Hands for Relief and Development (HHRD), hosted a youth empowerment program on June 13, 2024.

The event aimed to equip students with essential skills in mental health, leadership, and financial literacy, aligning with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including the eradication of poverty, ensuring good health and well-being, and providing quality education.

Held at the university premises in Kasijagirwa, Masaka City, the program attracted a large number of youth from the region. Attendees had the opportunity to learn from a distinguished panel of speakers, including Dr. Bint Juma Luwedde, a renowned psychiatrist; Solomon Mudanya, a financial literacy expert and EQUaT bursar; and Eng. Kasagga Usama, an information technology expert and seasoned leader.

Addressing the participants, Dr. Luwedde emphasized the significance of self-reflection and deliberate decision-making.

“In mental health, engaging in self-reflection before making decisions is crucial. This is why it is advised to think before you act. It is also essential to concentrate on your



initiatives would continue at the university, supporting its vision and contributing to the achievement of the SDGs.



own affairs rather than becoming preoccupied with others,” she advised.

Solomon Mudanya encouraged the youth to prioritize saving money over indulging in ventures that may not yield future financial benefits. He urged them to save for profitable investments to enhance their financial stability.

Eng. Usama Kasagga called on youth leaders in Masaka to reflect on their leadership approaches, emphasizing the importance of sympathy and empathy in serving the community humanely.

The university's Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mouhammad Mpezamihigo, expressed gratitude to HHRD for their collaboration with EQUaT in making the program a reality. He pledged that such ini-



## Association of African Universities President Hails EQUaT For Good Facilities

The President of the Association of African Universities and the President of Sudan International University (SIU), Professor Bakri Osman Saeed, praised Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) for its top-notch facilities and conducive learning environment.

During his visit to EQUaT on June 6, 2024, Professor Bakri highlighted that the university is well-equipped with modern facilities capable of accommodating a significant number of students from around the world.

“The university's laboratories, libraries, and other facilities are of good

quality, and the ambiance is ideal for education. It has all that is required,” he told The EQUaT Post.

Professor Bakri also interacted with some of the medical students during their lectures, urging them to believe in themselves and to persevere in their practice on rats and cadavers. He emphasized the importance of taking the time to thoroughly understand their course.

“You may feel weary of practicing on rats and eager to start working soon, but remember that this involves human lives, so you need ample practice and time. Very soon, you will be out there saving lives,” he said.

Professor Bakri Osman Saeed's delegation included Prof. Ishraqa, in charge of Academic Affairs, and Dr. Esam. Their visit aimed to discuss hosting some SIU students at EQUaT due to the current political unrest in Sudan.



## Students and Staff Enjoy Eid Following Beef donated IQRA Foundation



Students and staff of Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT) celebrated with joy and happiness during the Eid Al-Adha festivities on Sunday, June 16, 2024, following donation of beef from **Iqra Foundation** and various humanitarian organizations and individuals.

At the EQUaT premises in Kasijagirwa, Masaka City, the students received a whole cow, while the staff received two and a quarter cows. Additionally, staff from Masaka Hospital and other community members received about one and three-quarters of a cow.

The meat was received by the **Dean of Students**, Yusuf Kisebe, and the **Head of the ICT Department**, Ibrahim Kamoga, who helped distribute it to the staff, students, and community members.

**Student leaders**, including the guild speaker Nicolas Guma and the Minister for sports and Entertainment, Ahmed Ali, accepted the meat on behalf of the EQUaT guild government.



# EQUaT VC Calls For The Formation Of Student And Staff SACCOs

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Speaking at the youth empowerment program held at EQUaT on June 13, 2024, at the university’s premises in Kasijagirwa, Masaka City, Prof. Mpezamihigo encouraged students and staff at EQUaT to take the lead. He proposed that students could save up to UGX 10,000 monthly, while staff could save UGX 40,000 each.

and operation. He told The EQUaT Post that these Saccos would help elevate the financial statuses of students and staff and contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, including “No Poverty,” “Zero Hunger,” “Quality Education,” and more.



“Let’s not talk about saving without action. Let there be a Student’s Sacco where students can save about UGX 10,000 per month and, after about six months, sit together and decide on which business to start. And if the students can save money, what about you, the staff?” he stated.

Prof. Mpezamihigo pledged to support these Saccos once established to ensure their successful implementation



## Message from the Academic Registrar



At Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUaT), we champion the values of hard work and a deep love for learning. Your dedication to your studies not only propels your future success but also enhances the prestige of our university. Embrace every challenge as a stepping stone to greatness, and let your passion for knowledge be your guide. Together, we can achieve remarkable things and make a lasting impact. Your commitment to excellence today

will shape a brighter tomorrow for all.

I urge you to take full advantage of the resources and opportunities available at EQUaT. Engage with your professors, collaborate with your peers, and immerse yourself in the vibrant academic community we have cultivated. Remember, the pursuit of knowledge is a lifelong journey, and your time at university is a crucial chapter in that journey.

Let us not forget the importance of balance in our lives. While academic

success is vital, it is equally important to nurture your well-being. Participate in extracurricular activities, prioritize your mental health, and build meaningful connections. A well-rounded student is not only academically accomplished but also emotionally and socially fulfilled.

As we continue to strive for excellence, I encourage you to remain focused and determined. The hard work you put in now will open doors to countless opportunities in the future. Believe in your potential, persevere through difficulties,

and always aim high. Your success is our collective success, and we are here to support you every step of the way

**Eng. Kasagga Usama,**  
Academic Registrar, EQUaT

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