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has now been shelved.

Prof Nawangwe stressed the need for government scholarships or loan

country out of poverty. If they are going to be self-sponsored, we are not going to achieve that."

76th graduation ceremony, graduate students, a figure expected to

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KAMPALA. After decades of service in Uganda's education sector, Canon John Fred Kazibwe has officially handed over leadership of the historic King's College, Budo to his former deputy, Mr Godfrey Kasamba, who is now the school's 15th headmaster.

The handover comes at a symbolic time, with the school preparing to celebrate its 120th anniversary on March 30, marking over a century of shaping generations of leaders.

Speaking to the media during the official hand over ceremony on Monday, Mr Kasamba said having worked under several leaders at Budo and in different capacities over the years, he is prepared to take on the new role.

"I started my journey at the school as a young teacher after completing my university studies. In fact, I first joined the school while still a university student during my teaching practice," he said.

Since then, Mr Kasamba has served in multiple roles, including teacher, sports master, head of examinations, and representative of teachers on the parents-teachers association (PTA).

"For all the headmasters I have served under, each one has placed a brick in shaping who I am today," he added.

Mr Kasamba pledged to build on the achievements of his predecessors while continuing the development projects already underway, including the construc-

Budo gets new head teacher as school marks 120 years



Canon Fred Kazibwe (right), the outgoing head teacher of King's College, Budo, hands over house keys to Mr Godfrey Kasamba, his successor, at the school in Wakiso District on Monday. PHOTO/MICHAEL KAKUMIRIZI

ABOUT THE SCHOOL

King's College, Budo was founded in 1906 on land donated by the Kabaka of Buganda. It was initially established to educate the sons of chiefs and royalty. Source: Budo website

tion of a new chapel for students, which began during Mr Kazibwe's tenure.

"We shall continue the projects that were started and ensure that they are completed without interruption," he said.

Mr Kasamba also expressed gratitude to the leaders and institutions that supported his appointment. He thanked Mr Kazibwe for mentoring him, as well as church and government leaders, including Bishop Moses Banja of Namirembe Diocese, Education Minister Janet Museveni, and leaders from Buganda Kingdom.

"To the parents and students, I promise that because I have been well prepared, I will continue serving Budo with dedication and commitment," he said.

Mr Kazibwe said this was the right time to retire after 34 years of service in the education sector. "I am sure that in

the process I may have annoyed some people, but leadership requires making difficult decisions."

Mr Kazibwe's association with Budo spans many years. He first served as deputy headmaster in 2007 for four years before leaving to head Mengo SS, returning later as the substantive headmaster for the past four years.

Reflecting on his tenure, Mr Kazibwe cited the pressure of managing high demand for places at the school, land management and protecting institutional property as some of the biggest challenges. "In 2026 alone, we received more than 6,126 applications from parents who wanted their children to join Budo, yet government allocation allows us to admit only about 200 students. Managing that expectation is one of the major challenges we face."

Mr Kazibwe highlighted several achievements during his leadership, including the construction of at least one new building every year, improvements in sanitation and water supply, and the introduction of modern toilet facilities.

The chairperson of the school's governing board, Mr Jim Rogers Katende, praised Mr Kazibwe for his contributions, noting that the timing of his retirement coincides with the school's 120th anniversary.