

Kasamba is new Budo headteacher

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The outgoing headteacher of King's College Budo, Canon John Fred Kazibwe, has officially handed over office to his former deputy, Godfrey Kasamba, who has been appointed to succeed him.

Kasamba, who has served as deputy headteacher for the past four years, formally took over the office during a modest handover ceremony on Monday. The event was attended by a few invited guests, including Ven. Canon David Mpagi, head of the education department in Namirembe Diocese, and the chairperson of the school's governing board, Jim Rogers Katende.

During the ceremony, Kazibwe symbolically seated Kasamba in the headteacher's chair, before handing over key instruments of office. These included the school account book, keys to the stores and offices, the headteacher's official vehicle and its keys, as well as the keys to the headteacher's residence, which he also showed him around.

Kazibwe has officially retired from government service after 4 years in the education sector. He first served at Budo



Kazibwe (left) officially handing over office to Kasamba at King's College, Budo yesterday. (Scan photo using Vision Digital Experience to watch video)

as deputy headteacher in 2007 for four years before leaving to become headteacher at Mengo Senior School. He later returned to Budo as substantive headteacher, serving for four years until his retirement.

"This is the right time for me to retire from government service after 34 years and I thank God, who has enabled us to serve," Kazibwe said.

He noted that leadership had

come with several challenges, especially regarding land issues.

"Many people desire land belonging to institutions such as schools, churches and mosques. As a headteacher, you must have the courage and strength to defend what God has entrusted to you," he said.

Kazibwe also highlighted the growing demand for

admission at the school as one of the biggest challenges.

"King's College Budo is a large and highly sought-after school. This year, 2026, more than 6,126 parents applied for their children to join the school, yet we could only admit about 200 students because that is the number allocated by government. This shows the need to expand existing schools and build new ones,"

ABOUT KASAMBA

Godfrey Kasamba becomes the 15th headteacher of King's College Budo.

He joined the school while still a university student during his teaching practice and was retained as a teacher in 1993.

Kasamba began his career under former headteacher Samuel Busulwa for seven years, then worked under Dr George Ssemivule for another seven years, followed by service under the late Patrick Baka Male. He later served as deputy headteacher under Canon John Fred Kazibwe for four years before being appointed headteacher.

Kasamba noted that during Kazibwe's tenure, a project was completed every year, and promised to continue the momentum, including completing the ongoing construction of a school chapel.

He assured parents and students that with the training and experience he has received, he will continue to advance the school's mission.

Kasamba has served in several roles, including teacher, sports master, examinations officer and teachers' representative on the Parent Teacher Association.

He has also received various professional assignments. At one point, he spent a year teaching in schools in Norway. Later, under Patrick Baka Male, he was sent to assist schools in Dar es Salaam.

Upon returning, he briefly served as deputy headteacher at Bukomero Secondary School for three months, before moving to Luwero Secondary School as deputy headteacher.

he explained.

Kazibwe urged Kasamba to remain faithful and trustworthy in the leadership entrusted to him.

Katende commended Kazibwe for strengthening the foundation he found at the school and restoring several aspects, including students'

discipline, infrastructure and other operations.

"Many of the facilities had grown old, but the school now has several new developments. He is leaving at the right time, as one of the few government employees who retire honourably and with dignity," he said.