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# Chinese firm sponsors more Luyanzi students

Henan Guoji Group, a Chinese real estate developer, has joined other Chinese companies to sponsor Ugandan students of Luyanzi College in Bweyogerere, Kampala to study in Uganda and abroad.

A total of 155 students are benefiting from the Chinese enterprises scholarship programme, which started in 2013 at Luyanzi College, a secondary school owned by Chinese businesswoman Wang Lihong.

Henan Guoji Group will pay for four students to study in Uganda, from Senior One until Senior Four.

The beneficiaries received the four-year scholarships during an event held at the school recently.

Henan Guoji country boss Windy Shen, said: "We decided to give back to students in Uganda by supporting them to stay in school. We are part of a bigger group of Chinese companies helping students stay in school."

"There are many Chinese who are passionate about helping the local people in the education sector. We will continue doing all we can to support Uganda's education sector," she added.

The other support to Luyanzi College is from the Chinese government and Chinese companies, such as Chamber of Commerce, China Communications Construction Company, Huawei, China Railway Seventh Group, China Railway No.3 Engineering Group and Hima Cement.

Betty Nakyobe, a Senior Three student at Luyanzi College, is one of the latest beneficiaries.

"I know that with several companies and individuals willing to help Ugandans, we can all make a difference. There are several students out there, who need education support like me," she said.

The awards ceremony for the scholarship was attended by Prof. Hong Yonghong, the director of Confucius Institute at Makerere University and Zhao Xiufen, economic and commercial



The signing of the Luyanzi College-Chinese partnership. Photos by Abou Kisige

counsellor of the Chinese Embassy in Uganda.

Ismail Mulindwa, the commissioner for private schools and institutions at the education ministry, also attended.

He applauded the Chinese companies for investing in Uganda.

"You have done a lot by supporting social activities, such as the education of our children in the country, and we appreciate," Mulindwa said.

He added that the scholarships will also strengthen the relationship between Uganda and China.

**Four students of Luyanzi College have received sponsorship from Chinese company Henan Guoji Group**



Beneficiaries of previous sponsorships at the school