

By Moses Mulondo

Luck is when an opportunity knocks and you open. This can be related to one Abdul Galiwango, a taxi operator at Mini Price in Kampala, who was among the lucky winners of *Bukedde* newspaper's promotion for a trip to Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The 42-year old resident of Makerere Kavule in Kawempe division, Kampala, was excited when organisers of the promotion called to inform him about his luck.

Galiwango is one of the 20 lucky *Bukedde* newspaper readers who won from a pool of 2.8 million entries on random basis.

The raffle draw was held at Vision Group head offices in Industrial Area, Kampala yesterday. Galiwango works in the welfare department of the taxi stage at Mini Price. "I invested a lot of money and made 50 entries. I am excited because I had never thought of boarding a plane. I thank *Bukedde* newspaper and Vision Group for giving us this opportunity. I thank God for this," Galiwango told *New*

Taxi operator wins trip to Abu Dhabi



Vision Group's Kabushenga (third-left) and Aref (fifth-left) with winners at Vision Group offices in Kampala yesterday. Photo by Ashraf Kasirye

Vision in an interview.

The winners will enjoy a fully-paid trip to Abu Dhabi, the capital of UAE. The trip is sponsored by Etihad Airways in partnership with Vision Group.

The winners will also be facilitated to watch a match in

the Club World Cup tournament slated for December.

To enter the draw, readers were required to buy *Bukedde*, a sister Uganda newspaper to *New Vision* and cut out coupons, which would then be filled and sent to Vision Group

offices.

Yasin Sendaula, 27, another winner, who operates a secretarial business at Nasser Road in Kampala, said he only made four entries and won. He said this was his first time to participate in such a promotion.

OTHER WINNERS

- Patrick Maseruka
- Dickson Kato
- Zuhurat Nanteza
- Haji Abu Bukenya
- Sarah Nabulime
- Abdu Mukiibi
- Hasan Yusuf
- Nowelina Namulindwa
- Oliva Namutebi
- Ali Sekayombya
- Vincent Mubiru
- Akram Kabazi
- Christopher Kizito
- Athanasius Kirigwajo
- Christine Nagawa
- Fatuma Hanan
- Yusuf Mutyaba
- Fiona Namubiru.

"I cannot believe it because my sister Shamin Namuyanja made about 30 entries but missed. She is even the one who filled these entries for me. This is going to be my first time to travel," Sendaula said.

The lucky winners were picked by Robert Kabushenga, the Vision Group chief executive officer; Ibrahim Aref,

the country manager of Etihad Airways; Moses Ssali alias Bebe Cool, a musician and Susan Nsibirwa, Vision Group's head of marketing.

Others are Geoffrey Kulubya, Vision Group's managing editor of vernacular newspapers; Moses Basena, Uganda Cranes acting coach and Gervase Ndyababo, Vision Group's deputy managing director.

Kabushenga thanked Etihad Airways for the partnership with Vision Group and providing the tickets. He also thanked the winners and all those who took part in the draw.

"This shows that you are our real readers and viewers. The English is little but you are now going to fly to Abu Dhabi. I also thank Etihad for giving us the tickets. I also want to thank other people who bought papers for others to participate in the draw," he said.

Aref promised to continue the partnership with Vision Group and urged people to fly Etihad on their trips to Abu Dhabi.

This is the third year Vision Group is organising the promotion in partnership with various airline companies.