

Kole gets sh11b technical school

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The First Lady and the Minister of Education and Sports Janet Museveni is expected to officiate at the commissioning of a sh11b National Technical Teachers college in Kole district tomorrow.

The National Instructors College, Abilonino, formerly Abilonino Community Polytechnic Instructors Institute located in rural Ayer sub-county, Kole district, was constructed with funds from the Kingdom of Belgium (Belgian Development Agency BTC).

The construction work by Tirupati Development (U) Ltd started in May 2015 and was expected to be completed in May last year.

James Erimu, the registrar of the college, said the school offers a two-year diploma in technical

teacher education and is the only provider of pre-service training for technical teachers and instructors for the Business Technical and Vocational Education and Training (BTJET) system.

Some of the facilities at the college include workshops, classrooms laboratories, a library, offices, and staffrooms, dining facilities, multi-purpose hall, student dormitories and a small demonstration school.

Erimu said the new infrastructure, which also comes with equipment, has motivated the students, with the dormitory allowing them to increase on the enrolment.

The registrar said the second graduation ceremony is scheduled to take place on October 6 for the students who successfully completed their diploma in technical teacher education and DITTE study programmes of Kyambogo University in the

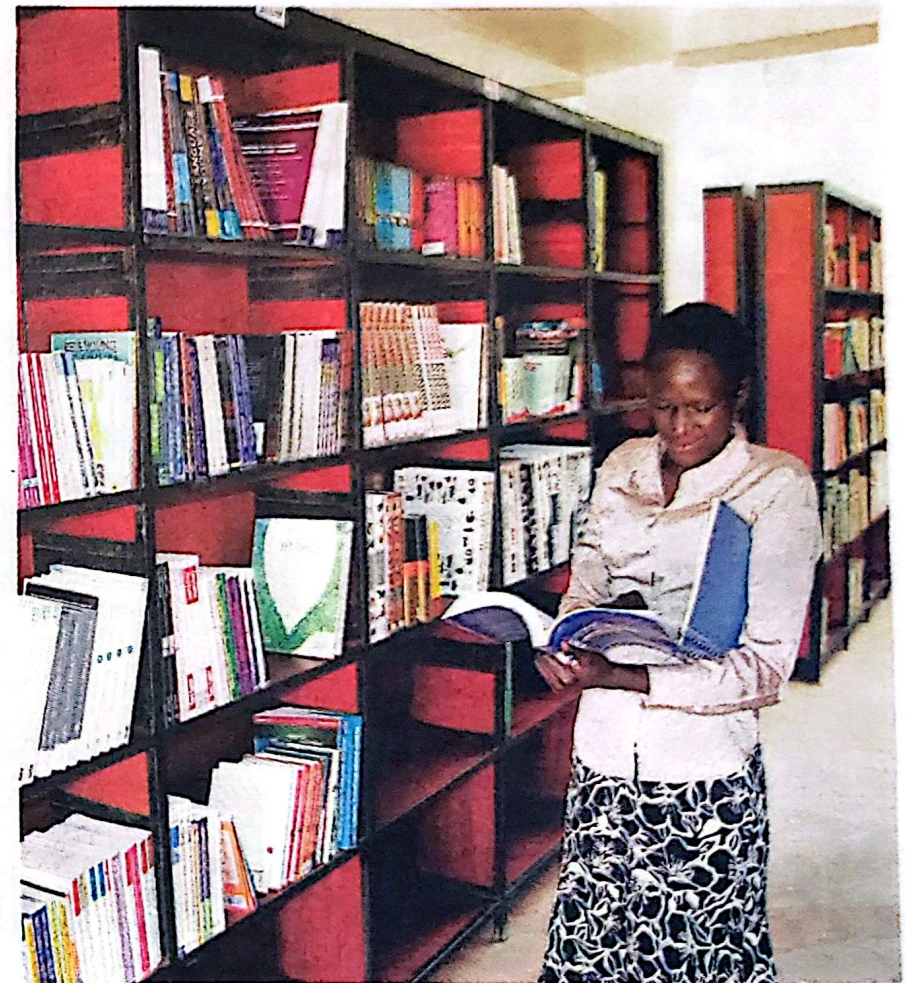
academic years 2013/2014, 2014/2015 and 2015/2016. The total number of graduates is 291 male and 93 female.

Anna Adikin, a teacher in Gomba district, said the school is good and lecturers are caring. She said when she joined the school, on the first day she arrived, she was shocked at the old dilapidated structures which looked bad.

Alex Nasasira from Kamwenge district who is studying leather tanning and leather goods production, said he is happy to be in Abilonino. He said the relationship with the community is good.

Prossy Aturinda from Mbarara district a student of civil pumbing, said: "We are enjoying the place because of the new structures."

Geoffrey Oyet from Nwoya, who is studying agriculture, said the local communities are welcoming and the school is good.



The school has a well-stocked library. Photo by Hudson Apunyo