

Kigezi High School alumni raise Shs300m

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KAMPALA. Old students of Kigezi High School (KHS), in south western Uganda, have contributed more than Shs300m to support the school's infrastructure projects as it prepares to celebrate 100 years of existence.

The alumni, under their umbrella body, Kigezi High School Old students Association (KHOSA), want the school to reclaim its past glory of being among the top 10 schools before the centenary celebrations slated for February 2022.

During an alumni and well-wishers dinner, attended by more than 500 guests last Saturday in Kampala, Prime Minister Dr Ruhakana Rugunda, who represented President Museveni as the chief guest, collected Shs106m from an auction of the school's emblem to support the Hall of Fame, a building that will be unveiled at the centenary celebrations.

Dr Rugunda, who doubles as patron of the association, indicated that President Museveni has contributed Shs50m to the school's infrastructure projects expected to cost about \$1m (about Shs3.5 billion).

"Kigezi High School has been committed to education and mentoring of great Ugandan leaders. Its reputation is far more reaching than just the name. From its humble but very significant beginning is among the old schools in Uganda. It was built in 1922 by the missionaries," President Museveni said in a statement.

The guest speaker, Prof Mondo Kagonyera, said the school was once an academic giant and needs support from alumni to be made "great again"

"We need to go back to the school and spend some time with the teachers and students, discuss the problems affecting the school and find what contributions we can make to make KHS great again," Prof Kangoyera said.

Mr Alfred Kabucu, the chairman of the steering committee for the various infrastructure projects at the school, said the dinner will be held annually.

Mr Kabucu noted that the KHOSA projects will include mentorship and career guidance for the students as a means of ensuring academic excellence and discipline.