

SALEH PROMISES RAPID INDUSTRIALISATION IN NAKASEKE

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The overall co-ordinator of Operation Wealth Creation (OWC), Gen. Caleb Akandwanaho, aka Salim Saleh, has lauded the people of Nakaseke district for warmly welcoming investors and embracing the growing wave of industrial development in their region.

He also pledged to support the transformation of Namunkekera Industrial Park into a one-stop industrial and commercial hub that will attract shoppers from Kampala and beyond.

"It is good news that a place which was once a war zone has now transformed into an industrial park. I am committed to supporting the development of this park into a one-stop Kapeeka industrial hub, where people will no longer need to travel back to Kampala for shopping," he said.

His remarks were delivered during Labour Day celebrations held at Namunkekera Industrial Park, within the premises of the China-Uganda Development Exchange Club.

Akandwanaho was represented by Robert Mukiza, the director general of the Uganda Investment Authority.

The event was hosted by Shen Zhong Yuan, the vice-chairperson



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L-R: Wei Lusheng, Chen Chao, Cao Min, Shen Zhong Yuan, Mukesh Daryanani, Leviticus Amos Sekyanzi and Kayiza Fred during Labour Day celebrations held at Namunkekera Industrial Park, within the premises of the China-Uganda Development Exchange Club, in Nakaseke district on Friday

of the China-Uganda Development Exchange Club.

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Akandwanaho commended Yuan for his generosity, noting his spending of over \$2.7m to gazette and prepare the land for industrial use. Akandwanaho said Yuan's efforts have created

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over 21,000 direct and indirect jobs, significantly improving livelihoods in the area.

"With the many industries we now have in Kapeeka Industrial Park, things are about to change. People will begin moving from Kampala to Nakaseke for shopping because we are building a fully-fledged industrial

hub; a true one-stop centre. We must continue setting up more large-scale industries," Akandwanaho said, saluting the contribution of workers nationwide.

On his part, Yuan said he invested \$2.7m to transform 1,600 acres into productive farmland.

"At first, we planted cassava for two years and maize for eight years. During this time, we also supported farmers in Nakaseke district to improve agricultural practices," Yuan said.

He explained that his investment journey in Uganda began after an invitation from President Yoweri Museveni in 2016, who encouraged him to take advantage of Uganda's vast land for agriculture and industrial development.

During the celebrations, a resident of Kapeeka presented Gen. Saleh with an art piece bearing his portrait as a token of appreciation. This was received on his behalf by his Maj. Herbert Ndiwalana.

The event was attended by several government dignitaries, including the Minister for Kampala, Hajjat Minsa Kabanda, as well as musicians, such as Dr Jose Chameleone, Willy Mukabya and Hassan Ndugga, who entertained the guests.

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