

Museveni advises IUIU graduates on business

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MBALE. President Museveni has advised graduates of Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU) to engage in entrepreneurship for job creation.

“Ensure that you enlist your entrepreneurial skills, intellectual acumen and insight so as to come up with new enterprises so that you create jobs not only for yourselves but others as well,” Mr Museveni said in a message read by First Deputy Prime Minister, Gen Moses Ali.

This was during the 25th graduation ceremony at the main campus in Mbale District at the weekend.

The President commended the 2,331 graduates of various disciplines for the “exemplary behaviour demonstrated in terms of work ethics and positive energy”.

The university rector, Dr Ahmad Kawesa Sengendo, said the institution awarded 128 certificates, 352 undergraduate diplomas, 1655 Bachelors’ degrees, 59 postgraduate diplomas and 137 Master’s degrees. Dr Sengendo said 119 students got first class degrees.

He said the university will start two online programmes as part of its wider plans to slowly transit into

a majorly online university.

“The university will launch two online programmes in early 2018; Bachelor of Information Technology and Master of Business Administration,” Dr Sengendo said.

The University Council chairperson, Dr Abdulaziz Alsebil, urged graduates to “continue to exemplify these splendid characteristics in your academic as well as your professional careers.”

Mr Alsebil said the university will be celebrating 30 years in February next year, adding that although it is still faced with a lot of challenges, there are many achievements to celebrate.

The Sultan of Sokoto Muhammad Sa’ad Abubakar, also the titular head of Muslims in Nigeria, warned the students against complacency, saying it is the beginning of making their contributions to society.

“Today is not the end of your struggles. It is actually the beginning, you have to go back to the drawing board to see how you can contribute to humanity,” Mr Sa’ad said.

Mr Muhammad Naeem Khan, the assistant secretary general of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, said with the OIC member states should review their curricula to address all facets of global challenges.