

MAYIGA COMMISSIONS SH9B BLOCK AT KING'S COLLEGE BUDO

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Katikkiro Charles Peter Mayiga has commissioned a sh9b classroom block at King's College Budo. The new block comprises 32 modern classrooms fully equipped with advanced technology to enhance teaching and learning. Facilities include smart television screens and an e-learning infrastructure designed to enable students to compete effectively at a global level.

Speaking at the commissioning ceremony, the headteacher, Canon John Fred Kazibwe, noted that traditional chalkboard teaching has become a thing of the past at Budo. He said the introduction of digital learning tools has eased teachers' workload and improved lesson delivery.

The commissioning ceremony was preceded by a thanksgiving service in appreciation of Kazibwe's four-year tenure as headteacher. The service was led by the Archbishop of the Church of Uganda, Stephen Kaziimba Mugalu, assisted by the bishop of Namirembe, Moses Banja and others.

King's College Budo was established on 29 March 1906 on land donated by the Kabaka



Mayiga (left) with Archbishop of the Church of Uganda Kaziimba (centre) and Kazibwe arriving for the commissioning ceremony of sh9b classroom block

of Buganda, Daudi Chwa II. The land, located on Naggalabi Hill, was provided to the Anglican Church Missionary Society to establish a school for the sons of chiefs and royalty.

In his remarks, Mayiga said Buganda Kingdom continues to prioritise education, including offering land for the establishment of reputable schools across Buganda. He said naming the new building after Ssekabaka Daudi Chwa II serves as both remembrance

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and inspiration.

"School infrastructure plays a critical role in shaping learners' academic journeys and building resilient minds,"

Mayiga said.

He urged parents to invest in quality education for their children, describing it as a fundamental responsibility. The Katikkiro also commended Kazibwe for his exemplary leadership and wished him a peaceful retirement.

Kazibwe, who assumed office on November 29, 2021, thanked the Church for entrusting him to lead the school. He expressed special gratitude to his wife, Dr Anne

Kazibwe, and all stakeholders who supported him during his tenure.

He revealed that student enrolment had increased from 1,780 to 2,600 during his leadership, attributing the growth to improved infrastructure, expansion of dormitories, better welfare for teachers and enhanced learning facilities, including the newly commissioned Ssekabaka Daudi Chwa II block.

Kazibwe further noted that the school secured a 99-year lease extension after the Kabaka's approval last year. He thanked the Kabaka for his continued support, including intervening to resolve persistent water shortages at the school.

He added that the school's revenue base had improved and that he leaves office with the institution financially stable, free from debt and having cleared the liabilities he found in place.

In his sermon, Kaziimba praised the Katikkiro for his wise counsel and dedication to service. He also commended Kazibwe for leaving a visible legacy at Budo.

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He said Kazibwe has been

a unique leader who has managed to carry out his duties effectively, understanding how to relate with the Church, Buganda Kingdom, the Government and parents. He commended him for being truthful and fair.

He urged all leaders who are given responsibility to begin working immediately after assuming office instead of waiting until their term is about to end.

Kaziimba also encouraged people to appreciate the work done by those they succeed and to build on it. He appealed to whoever will succeed Kazibwe to strive to continue and improve on what he has already established.

He thanked the Buganda Kingdom for standing together with the Church and for donating land for Church-founded schools, including King's College Budo.

Bishop Banja praised Kazibwe and his team for steering the school's development and encouraged leaders of church-founded schools to embrace progress and ensure they leave strong foundations behind.

The event attracted several religious and civic leaders, including retired bishops Wilberforce Kityo Luwalira and Hannington Mutebi.