

**Speech by Chief Guest, Uganda Civil Aviation Authority's Director General delivered by the Corporation Secretary, Mary Hellen Wenene at the Installation Ceremony of the 2nd President of Rotary Club of Garuga on Sunday, July 16, 2023 at Interservice Beach in Garuga.**

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The District Governor Rotary International District 9214, Mr Francisco Semwanga, Past District Governors Present, District Officials Present, Assistant Governors, the Incoming and outgoing Presidents of Rotary Club of Garuga, Distinguished guests, Rotarians, ladies and gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to join you all at this 2nd Installation Ceremony. First, I would like to extend my warmest congratulation to Rtn. Julius Muzira on his appointment as the next President of the Rotary Club of Garuga. I also extend sincere appreciation to Mr Benjamin Bwanika, the Charter President of the Club, for his sterling contribution and outstanding leadership throughout his tenure.

Secondly, in a special way allow me, thank your board and Rotarians of RC Garuga who felt it wise to invite the Director General of "Uganda Civil Aviation Authority" to be the Chief Guest on such a momentous day in the calendar of Rotary. He unfortunately had an official commitment elsewhere and delegated me to represent him and the Management of UCAA and I am happy to do so.

I understand that "Service above Self" has been the primary motto of all Rotarians. After more than 115 years of development, the Rotary has grown from a four-member club to an international service organisation of over 35 000 member clubs and 1.6 million Rotarians across 200 countries and regions worldwide. This is commendable.

The spirit of Rotary resonates well with UCAA's corporate social responsibility (CSR) vision of building a caring and inclusive society in Uganda and giving back to communities, especially in the vicinity of Entebbe International Airport.

Support for the disadvantaged are among the top priorities on our policy agenda, emphasising the areas of Health, education, religion and sports.

We are committed to creating more opportunities and providing more support for the next generation to unleash their potential.

In this regard, UCAA has previously partnered with almost all the Entebbe corridor Rotary Clubs, including RC Bwerenga, Lubowa, Bwebajja and Entebbe, among others in execution of different projects.

Governor, I can attest to the power and influence of Rotary. Permit me to share that a few years ago, UCAA made a modest contribution to the Rotary Club of Entebbe, which liaised with The Rotary Foundation through the Rotary District 9214 and secured very expensive Orthopaedic Equipment that was recently handed over to Entebbe Regional Referral Hospital. This is testimony to the power of Rotary, and I think it deserves a big round of applause.

I am also happy to learn that this years Rotary theme, is to create hope in the world, its encouraging and I applaud you for that great cause.

I have equally noted that you are involved in several projects, basic literacy and Education, Maternal health among others and that you did ground breaking for the construction of a 2-storey classroom block at Kitala SSS a few weeks back, UCAA is cognizant of the impact RC Garuga is making in our societies and we are proud to be associated with you on this journey. On that note, therefore and on top of the earlier modest contributions, UCAA will make a humble contribution of 3,000,000 (Three Million) to be deposited on Rotary Club of Garuga's account in the next few days.

Once again, I would like to express my warmest appreciation to Rotary Club of Garuga and your District 9214 for your untiring efforts in creating a caring, compassionate and harmonious way of delivering services to the people. I wish RC Garuga under the leadership of Rtn Julius Muzira another fruitful year ahead and all of you an enjoyable evening.

Thank you.