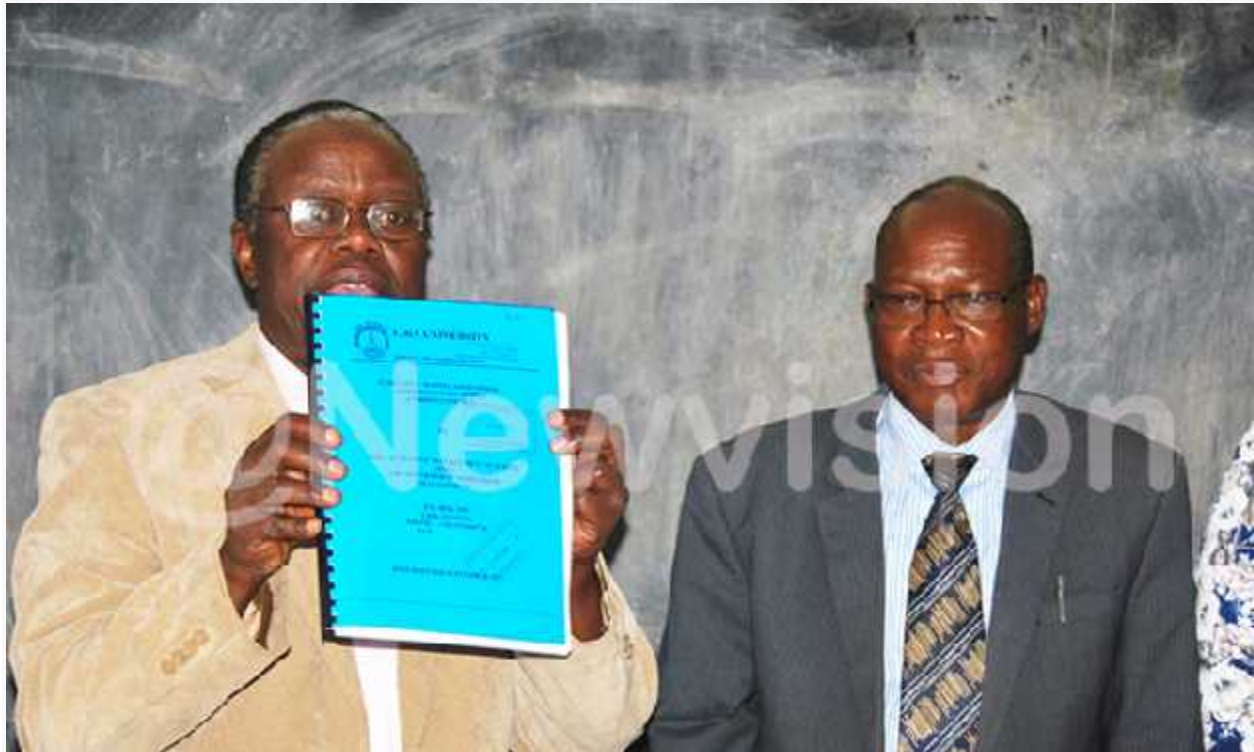


Lira University starts master's programme

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Prof. Balunywa launching programme at Lira University recently. Right is Prof. Ogwal Okeng the university vice-chancellor. (Credit: Patrick Okino)

EDUCATION

LIRA - As the demand for higher education increases across the country, Lira University, a public institution, has launched a master's programme in business administration.

The course, which is accredited by the Uganda National Council for Higher Education, was launched by Prof. Waswa Balunywa, the principal of Makerere University Business School (MUBS) recently.

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According to Prof. Jasper Ogwal Okeng, the university's vice-chancellor, the course will run for two years and that management is determined to produce quality human resource.

"This is the beginning of good progress at Lira University and I urge people to utilise the opportunity," he said.

Prof. Balunywa said 80% of people in Uganda produce for self-consumption and that the business class in

the country is still small.

He added that many people in Africa have not understood business; that is why they cannot compete with the Western countries such as Japan, Italy and Germany.

The education ministry granted Lira University autonomy on July 1, 2016.