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The CUHAS Newsletter has been established to serve as a vehicle to convey CUHAS news to our internal and external stakeholders, keep them informed of important events, activities and programmes that we as an institution are engaged in. It is our hope that the Bi-Annual issues of this Newsletter will keep our readers closer to CUHAS and get them excited and involved in what we are doing.

This first issue of the Newsletter focuses on the Change of Guard at CUHAS.

CUHAS bid Farewell to Prof. Paschalis G. Rugarabamu, who served as the CUHAS Vice Chancellor for 10 years, since 1st July, 2014.

Prof. Paschalis G. Rugarabamu officially handed over his office to the incoming Vice Chancellor Prof. Erasmus K. Kamugisha on 28/06/2024, in the Bishop Balina Boardroom, where Deans, Directors and Other Senior Officers of the University and Bugando Medical Centre bore witness to the occasion.



Pictured: Prof. Paschalis G. Rugarabamu handing over the Office of the Vice Chancellor



Pictured: Prof. Paschalis G. Rugarabamu, the retired Vice Chancellor

Prof. Rugarabamu's special message to the CUHAS Community;

"Between July 2014 and June 2024, I was blessed to lead Teams of Skilled, Committed, and Capable Staff within Schools, the Institute, Directorates and different departments of Administration that together form The Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences (CUHAS).

In close working relationship with our Sister Institution, Bugando Medical Centre (The Lake Zone Referral Hospital) and Local, Regional, as well as International Partners, we steered CUHAS through its second decade of existence in fulfilling its Vision and Mission with noticeable success in Training of Human Resources for Health, Research, Consultancy, and Service to the public.

As I depart CUHAS on the very first day of its Evaluation for Re-accreditation, I have no doubt in my mind that CUHAS is ready to Strategically Diversify for Sustainable Development.

I wish you well and the best of success in whatever you will do, as I Pray to The Almighty to protect and guide you always, and abundantly Bless the work of your hands".

Paschalis G.N Rugarabamu

Who is Prof. Erasmus Kamugisha?



Pictured: Prof. Paschalis G. Rugarabamu, the retired Vice Chancellor

Prof. Kamugisha is an Associate Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology focusing on Anti-Malaria Drug Resistance. He is well published academician and has held various Administrative Positions at CUHAS since 2006 and was Principal of SFUCHAS between 2021 and 2024.

Being a child of CUHAS and having spent a substantial part of his Academic career at the University, he is a colleague and mentor.

As a practicing Catholic, charged with the leadership of a Catholic University, Prof. Kamugisha took an Oath, specially prepared by the Tanzania Episcopal Conference to lead CUHAS. This Oath was sworn on 28/06/2024 in the St. Martin De Porres Chapel at Bugando, during the special Mass prepared to mark the leadership handover event. This Mass was presided by the Rt. Rev. Severine Niwemugizi, the Bishop of Rulenge-Ngara and Chairman of the CUHAS Council.

The New Vice Chancellor's message:

"CUHAS is home for me, therefore I have a unique vantage-point.

I come with a specific Vision for this fourth Phase of Leadership. Our driving theme will be **"Diversification for Sustainable Development"** and that's how we will walk together to take CUHAS to higher levels. Every key stakeholder for CUHAS will be involved at different stages in the dialogue about how to achieve our goals with that theme. I appeal to each leader to fully commit to the responsibilities of the office they currently occupy and support the stewardship of the new direction we are about to embark on".

Prof. Erasmus Kamugisha
Vice Chancellor
CUHAS

"Strategic Diversification for Sustainable Development" Is the driving theme for the next Phase of CUHAS Leadership...



Rt. Rev. Severine Niwemugizi, Bishop of Rulenge-Ngara and Chairman of the CUHAS Council

TEC's Message to the New Vice Chancellor and CUHAS Stakeholders:

The Chairman of Council, on behalf of the Tanzania Episcopal Conference thanked the CUHAS Community for their cooperation under the leadership of Prof. Rugarabamu and urged us to give the new Vice Chancellor the same level of cooperation.

He reminded Faculty about the importance of commitment and diligence in training Health Professionals, who are essential to the wellbeing of the community.

Major Upcoming Events

Long Vacation: 24/08/2024, CUHAS Convocation Day:12/11/2024,

Scientific Conference: 13-14/11/2024, Graduation Ceremony: 16/11/2024

Tree-Planting: 20/12/2024