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#MAKING A DIFFERENCE

# THE NIGHT THE FLOOR SHOOK: CLUB CANVAS ELECTRIFIES CIU ROCK ARENA

Unmatched Energy at the Heart of the Campus
On the evening of April 11th, the atmosphere at Clarke International University (CIU) underwent a seismic shift as the CIU Rock Arena was transformed into a high-octane hub of music and urban culture for the Club Canvas event. Organized by the renowned Swangz Events, the night was a masterclass in production, featuring towering light rigs and a bass-heavy sound system that quite literally made the floor shake. The "Club Canvas" concept merged the raw energy of a club with creative, live art installations, creating a vibrant playground that resonated perfectly with the campus community and set a new standard for university social events.








The energy remained unmatched throughout the night as a curated lineup of performers and DJs bridged the gap between local campus talent and mainstream appeal. Beyond the entertainment, the Rock Arena served as a unique networking hub where students from diverse faculties ranging from Health Sciences to Business could connect and celebrate together. The seamless execution by Swangz Events ensured that despite the massive turnout, the focus remained on the immersive experience, with interactive segments allowing attendees to become part of the creative process rather than just spectators.

As the final tracks played, the consensus was unanimous: the event was a landmark moment for CIU's campus culture. Hosting such a high-caliber production demonstrates the university's commitment to a holistic student experience, balancing academic rigor with world-class engagement. For those in attendance, the memory of the electric atmosphere and the shaking floor of the Rock Arena will linger long after the stage is gone, marking April 11th as a definitive night in the university's history books.

# EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION: KAKUNGULU MEMORIAL SS VISITS CIU

We were delighted to host Kakungulu Memorial School at Clarke International University for an inspiring campus tour and career talk. This visit was more than just a tour; it was a platform for empowering the next generation to dream bigger and aim higher. The students engaged in an immersive experience that bridged the gap between secondary education and the professional world, reinforcing CIU's commitment to community engagement and academic mentorship.

The highlights of the day were the one-on-one sessions, which allowed students to seek personalized advice and have their academic queries answered directly by our team. This personal touch was complemented by a guided visit to our state-of-the-art laboratories, where the students witnessed firsthand the practical, hands-on learning environment that defines the CIU experience. Seeing the technology and tools used in modern healthcare and science gave them a tangible glimpse into their potential futures as professionals.

A cornerstone of the visit was the powerful career guidance session led by Dr. Margaret Kareyo, the Dean of the School of Business and Applied Technology (SOBAT), along with other senior faculty members. Dr. Kareyo shared invaluable insights into navigating the modern job market and choosing career paths that align with global trends. By the end of the day, the students left not only with a better understanding of university life but with the confidence to pursue their ambitions with clarity and purpose.







**KAKUNGULU MEMORIAL STUDENTS AT CIU**




# CIU PRIDE: CELEBRATING MS.FLORENCE GITHINJI'S NEW LEADERSHIP ROLE







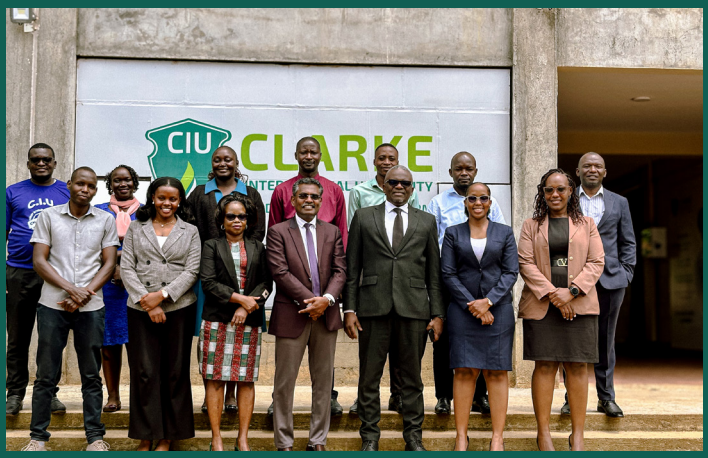


We are immensely proud to feature our Quality Assurance Manager, Ms. Florence Githinji, in this month's newsletter following her distinguished appointment as the Vice President of the Ugandan Universities Quality Assurance Forum (UUQAF). Florence has been a pivotal force at Clarke International University, consistently championing the high standards and academic integrity that define our institution. Her transition into this national leadership role is a testament to her deep expertise and unwavering commitment to "striving for excellence in higher education," reflecting the very values we nurture here at CIU.

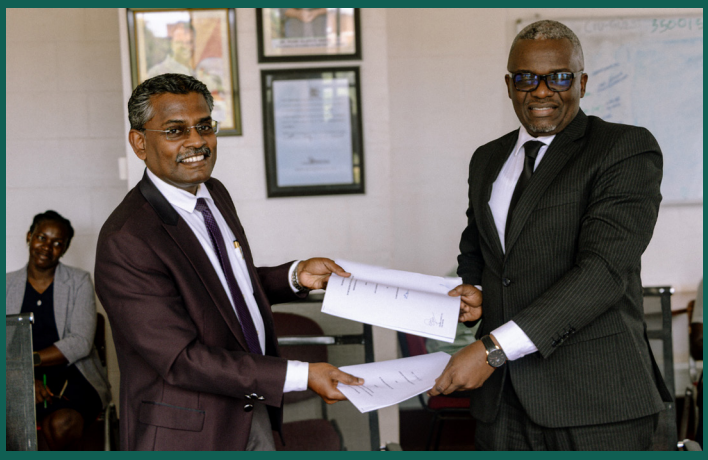
In her new capacity, Florence will collaborate with stakeholders across the country to strengthen institutional frameworks and inspire progress within the sector. While she continues to lead our internal quality initiatives, her role at UUQAF ensures that CIU remains at the forefront of national educational benchmarks. We congratulate Florence on this well-deserved milestone and look forward to the transformative impact her leadership will have on the quality of higher education in Uganda. Together, we continue to strive for excellence in all that we do.

# CIU AND ACN FORGE HISTORIC ALLIANCE TO COMBAT UGANDA'S COUNTERFEIT CRISIS

Clarke International University (CIU) has officially signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding with the Anti-Counterfeit Network (ACN), establishing a strategic consortium to tackle the "existential threat" of counterfeit goods. As a values-based institution with 16 years of excellence, CIU is the first academic body to partner with ACN, leveraging its recently chartered status and its prestigious Research and Ethics Committee (REC) to provide the academic rigor needed to fight this growing trade. The partnership aims to fill a massive data gap in Uganda, where current estimates suggest the country loses billions annually to illicit trade, yet lacks the "pre-operative evidence" required for effective government and public intervention.




The collaboration places a heavy emphasis on public health, investigating the "missing links" between substandard products and rising medical conditions such as cancer, leukemia, and reproductive health issues. Expert discussions during the signing highlighted the harrowing impact of fake anti-malarials on pediatric oncology and the presence of heavy metals in counterfeit cosmetics linked to fibroids. By utilizing CIU's strong leverage in the healthcare spectrum and its new PhD in Public Health program, the consortium will build a localized stock of knowledge to address these health risks, transforming CIU's campus into a hub for applied research that directly impacts the lives of Ugandan citizens.



Beyond research, the partnership offers significant institutional support and academic incentives, including a 50% scholarship for ACN staff and their sister organizations within CIU's School of Business and Applied Technology (SOBAT). This operational synergy ensures that the fight against counterfeits is integrated into the curriculum, with guest lectures and "Open House" events scheduled to begin in the upcoming August semester. CIU's innovation wing, The Foundry, will also work alongside ACN to explore technology-driven solutions in agriculture and supply chain integrity, fostering an environment where students can turn their research into actionable, grant-funded projects.



The leadership of both organizations underscored that this is not just an academic exercise but a monumental community partnership, as 58% of products consumed in Uganda are estimated to be counterfeit. By combining CIU's research infrastructure with ACN's legal and advocacy expertise, the alliance is set to drive a nationwide mindset change, ensuring that Uganda's economic and physical well-being is no longer undermined by the spread of illicit and dangerous goods.



# LEADING THE CHANGE: REFLECTIONS ON THE "BECOMING HER" IMPACT SESSION AT CIU

The atmosphere at the Clarke International University (CIU) Main Hall was electric on April 22nd, 2026, as we hosted the "Becoming Her: Women of Impact" edition. In a powerful collaboration with the CIU Manifest Association, the event served as a beacon of empowerment, bringing together students and professionals to explore the multifaceted journey of womanhood and leadership. The session was rooted in our core values to Lead, Innovate, and Transform providing a platform where wisdom was passed from seasoned trailblazers to the next generation of African leaders.

The facilitators delivered a masterclass in intentional living, beginning with Dr. Lydia Esther Buzaalirwa, who emphasized that true growth is a disciplined process rather than a destination. She urged the audience to be protective of their influences and to shun the temptation of shortcuts, a sentiment echoed by Dr. Murungi Charlotte, who focused on the holistic development of the self. Dr. Charlotte highlighted that resilience and mental clarity are the engines of success, reminding participants that staying teachable and accountable is the only way to remain grounded in an ever-changing professional landscape.

Adding to the depth of the discussion, Evelyn G. Ayot and Miriam Matovu spoke on the pillars of character and faith. Evelyn reminded the ladies that diligence and the way we treat others regardless of their status are the ultimate determinants of our destiny. This was beautifully complemented by Miriam's practical wisdom on maintaining a resilient mindset and trusting in divine guidance. As the event concluded, it was clear that "Becoming Her" is not just about professional titles, but about building a legacy of integrity, hard work, and unwavering hope. At CIU, we are proud to foster such life-changing conversations that equip our students to make a tangible impact on the world.









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# TEAM LEAD TRIUMPHS: A SPECTACULAR DISPLAY OF SPIRIT AT THE 2026 CHANCELLOR'S CUP

Clarke International University recently vibrated with athletic prowess and school spirit during the annual Chancellor's Cup, held on April 16th and 17th. The tournament brought together four formidable teams Lead, Innovate, Transform, and Make a Difference each embodying the core values of our institution. The atmosphere was electric as students and staff cheered on their respective sides, but ultimately, the yellow jersey reigned supreme. We extend a massive congratulations to Team Lead, our official Chancellor's Cup Champions, whose coordination and determination on the field were truly unmatched.



While Team Lead took home the trophy, the competition remained fierce until the final whistle. A huge shoutout goes to Team Transform for securing a hard-fought second-place finish, showcasing incredible resilience and skill. We also recognize Team Innovate and Team MakeaDifference for their spirited participation and the high level of sportsmanship displayed throughout the two-day event. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the incredible energy of the tournament; events like these continue to strengthen the bond of the CIU community and remind us of the power of teamwork and healthy competition.









# #LEAD

# THE BATTLE FOR THE GUILD: A VISIONARY DUEL AT CLARKE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

The atmosphere at Clarke International University (CIU) was electric yesterday as the student body gathered for the highly anticipated Guild Presidential Debate. Two formidable candidates, Khamis Alhaj Rabbi and Kirumira Frank, took to the stage to present their competing visions for the future of student leadership.

While both candidates agree on the urgent need to address student welfare, health, and academic accessibility, their strategies offer distinct pathways for the university's growth over the next year.

**Healthcare and Welfare: A Shared Priority**

Both Khamis and Kirumira have placed student health at the forefront of their campaigns. Khamis emphasizes "Qualified and Trusted" services, focusing heavily on the screening and professionalism of sickbay personnel to build student confidence. Kirumira takes a systemic approach, proposing a "Professional and Equipped" facility that isn't just well-staffed, but also better stocked for emergencies.

On the issue of student feeding, both candidates recognize the rising cost of living. Khamis plans to focus on vendor engagement for balanced nutrition, while Kirumira proposes a creative supply-chain solution: connecting vendors directly to farmers to drive down meal costs.

**Academic Access and Financial Advocacy**

The "80% tuition policy" remains a significant talking point. Khamis is advocating for a firm policy change to allow students who have reached this threshold to sit for exams, supplemented by the promotion of loan schemes. Kirumira similarly supports the expansion of loan schemes but frames it as a "practical solution" to prevent academic exclusion, ensuring no student is left behind due to financial hurdles.

**Accountability: Digital vs. Structural**

One of the sharpest contrasts lies in their approach to transparency:

- Khamis Alhaj Rabbi proposes a Digital Revolution. He envisions a real-time digital portal where every guild expenditure is published instantly, making the "misuse of funds" nearly impossible under a policy of open access.
- Kirumira Frank leans into Structural Governance. His plan involves the creation of budgeting committees and mandatory monthly financial reports to ensure that every shilling spent is aligned with parliamentary approval and student-driven needs.

**Inclusion and National Branding**

Both candidates are eager to see CIU shine on the national stage. Khamis looks to "Unity Through Engagement," using sports and cultural events to build a cohesive community that reflects the university's excellence across Uganda.

Kirumira, meanwhile, focuses on the physical and institutional environment, advocating for better infrastructure specifically for students with disabilities and improving learning conditions like ventilation and power supply to match the standards of top-tier global institutions.

**The Choice Ahead**

As the election approaches, the student body is faced with a choice between two distinct leadership styles:

- Khamis Alhaj Rabbi offers a leadership rooted in fairness and transparency, promising a student-centered environment where every voice is heard through direct engagement.
- Kirumira Frank offers a system-driven and solution-oriented approach, focusing on long-term structural efficiency and institutional branding.

Regardless of the outcome, the debate proved that the future of CIU is in capable hands. Both candidates have demonstrated a deep commitment to the #CIUThrive spirit, ensuring that the next Guild President will be a champion for progress, inclusion, and excellence.

**Who will lead the next chapter of the CIU legacy? The ballot is in your hands.**











# CIU AND PARTNERS CHART A NEW COURSE FOR HEALTHCARE EXCELLENCE AT THE 2ND NATIONAL SOFT SKILLS CONFERENCE

As Clarke International University (CIU), we are proud to stand as a lead partner in the wake of the successful 2nd National Soft Skills & Self-Care Conference 2026. This landmark event, hosted by the Little Winnie Foundation at the Pope Paul Memorial Hotel, brought together hundreds of professionals under the vital theme, "Soft Skills & Self-care at the Heart of Quality Care." With the endorsement of the Ministry of Health, represented by Dr. Joseph Okware, the conference cemented the reality that technical medical expertise must be balanced with human-centered competencies like empathy, resilience, and effective communication to truly transform Uganda's healthcare system.




The two-day deliberations delved into critical subthemes that CIU is deeply committed to, including nurturing caregiver resilience, mastering clinical communication, and fostering emotional intelligence in patient care. Through plenary sessions and panel discussions, we joined forces with esteemed partners like the Uganda Heart Institute, WHO Uganda, and Makerere University to address the systemic gaps that lead to compassion fatigue. This collaboration emphasizes our shared belief that a health worker's wellbeing is the foundation upon which quality patient outcomes are built, moving the conversation from theoretical advocacy to practical, systemic integration.




The conference culminated in the **Ndeeba Declaration**, a bold roadmap featuring six concrete commitments to ensure accountability beyond the event. Among these is the activation of the LWF Fund to subsidize training for frontline workers, the rollout of accredited regional roadshows starting in July 2026, and the development of a practical Soft Skills Toolkit. Furthermore, the establishment of the Soft Skills Leadership Awards and a dedicated Policy Advocacy Working Group ensures that compassionate care is not only recognized but also protected through continuous dialogue with the Uganda Nurses and Midwives Council and other regulatory bodies.



Looking forward, CIU remains at the forefront of this movement as we prepare for the 3rd National Soft Skills Conference, scheduled for **22nd–23rd April 2027.** The upcoming theme, "From Policy to Practice: Soft Skills as Standard Care," will challenge us to review the progress of our current pledges and deepen our impact across all districts. We invite all stakeholders and healthcare professionals to join us in this journey, as we work tirelessly to ensure that empathy and self-care become the non-negotiable standards of healthcare excellence in Uganda.

# CIU JOINS HESFB: YOUR BRIDGE TO AN AFFORDABLE, WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION

At Clarke International University (CIU), we have always believed that financial constraints should never stand in the way of ambition. It is with great pride that we officially announce our partnership with the Higher Education Students' Financing Board (HESFB) under the Students' Loan Scheme.

In collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Sports, CIU is opening its doors wider than ever before. Whether you are aspiring to lead in Healthcare, innovate in Technology, or excel in Business, your dream degree is now financially within reach.

**Eligible Programs at CIU**
The loan scheme covers a wide array of our most prestigious programs. If you have a passion for any of the following fields, you can now apply for funding:

**Health Sciences**
- Bachelor of Nursing Science (Direct & Top-Up)
- Bachelor of Midwifery Science (Top-Up)
- Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Sciences (Direct & Top-Up)
- BSc in Public Health
- Diploma in Pharmacy
- Diploma in Clinical Medicine and Community Health
- Diploma in Public Health

**Technology & Business**
- Bachelor of Information Technology (BIT)
- Bachelor of Applied Computer Technologies
- Bachelor of Tourism, Hospitality, and Events Management

**How to Apply: A Step-by-Step Guide**
To benefit from the HESFB loan, you must first secure an Admission Letter from Clarke International University. Once you have your admission in hand, follow these steps to complete your loan application via the Integrated Loan Management Information System (ILMIS).

***Phase 1: Online Registration***
1. Access the Portal: Go to http://ilmis.go.ug.
2. Create an Account: Click "Apply Now" and register with your basic details (Name, Email, Mobile No., and Password).
3. Verification: Check your email for an acknowledgement message to activate your account.
4. Login: Use your new credentials to access the online application form.

***Phase 2: Filling the Form***
Fill in the mandatory sections. You can save your progress and return later:
- Personal and Parent's details.
- Admission & Loan details (Specify CIU and your chosen program).
- Recommendations & Payment.
- Applicant's checklist and Declaration.

***Phase 3: Physical Verification & Recommendations***
1. Submit & Print: Once you click "Submit," the system generates a Partial Submission Report.
2. Get Endorsed: Print this report and take it to the following officials for signatures and stamps:
   - o Local Council 1 (LC1) Chairperson.
   - o Headteacher of your previous school/ institution.
   - o Sub-County Chief or Town Clerk.

***Phase 4: Payment & Final Submission***
1. Bank Payment: Take your report to any Centenary Bank branch and pay the application fee as defined by the Ministry of Education.
2. Upload Documents: Scan and upload the signed recommendation form and your bank payment slip back into the ILMIS portal.
3. Final Submit: Click submit to send your application to the Ministry for processing.




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# CIU ALUMNI INVITED TO THE 3RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Clarke International University (CIU) is pleased to invite all alumni to the *3rd Alumni Annual General Meeting (AGM), scheduled to take place on Saturday, 9th May 2026, starting at 10:00 AM at the CIU Main Campus.

The AGM is one of the most important gatherings on the alumni calendar, bringing together graduates from different cohorts, professions, and locations to reconnect with the University and actively contribute to the growth of the alumni community. It serves as a platform for engagement, networking, accountability, and strategic planning for the future of the CIU Alumni Association.

This year's AGM will feature key discussions on alumni affairs, progress updates, future programs, and opportunities for members to participate in strengthening the alumni network. A major highlight of the event will be the *official launch and engagement on the Alumni Constitution*, an important milestone aimed at strengthening governance, structure, and long-term sustainability of the Association.

Attendees will also enjoy a campus reconnect experience, networking sessions, refreshments, and entertainment, making the AGM both productive and memorable.

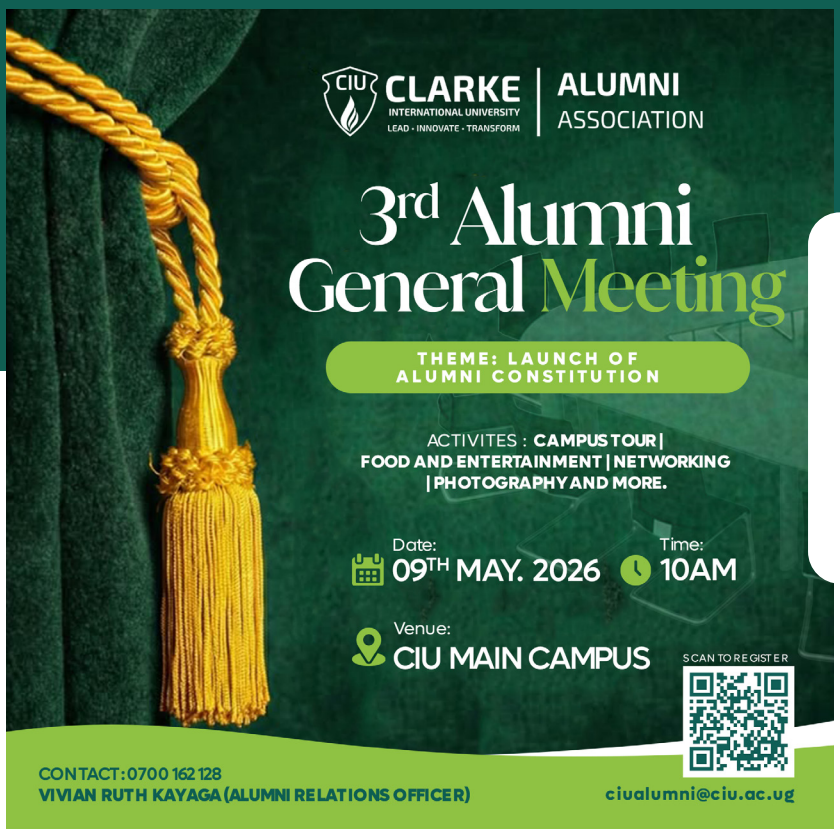
All CIU alumni are encouraged to attend and take part in shaping the next chapter of the Association. Your presence, ideas, and voice matter as we continue to build a vibrant and impactful alumni community.

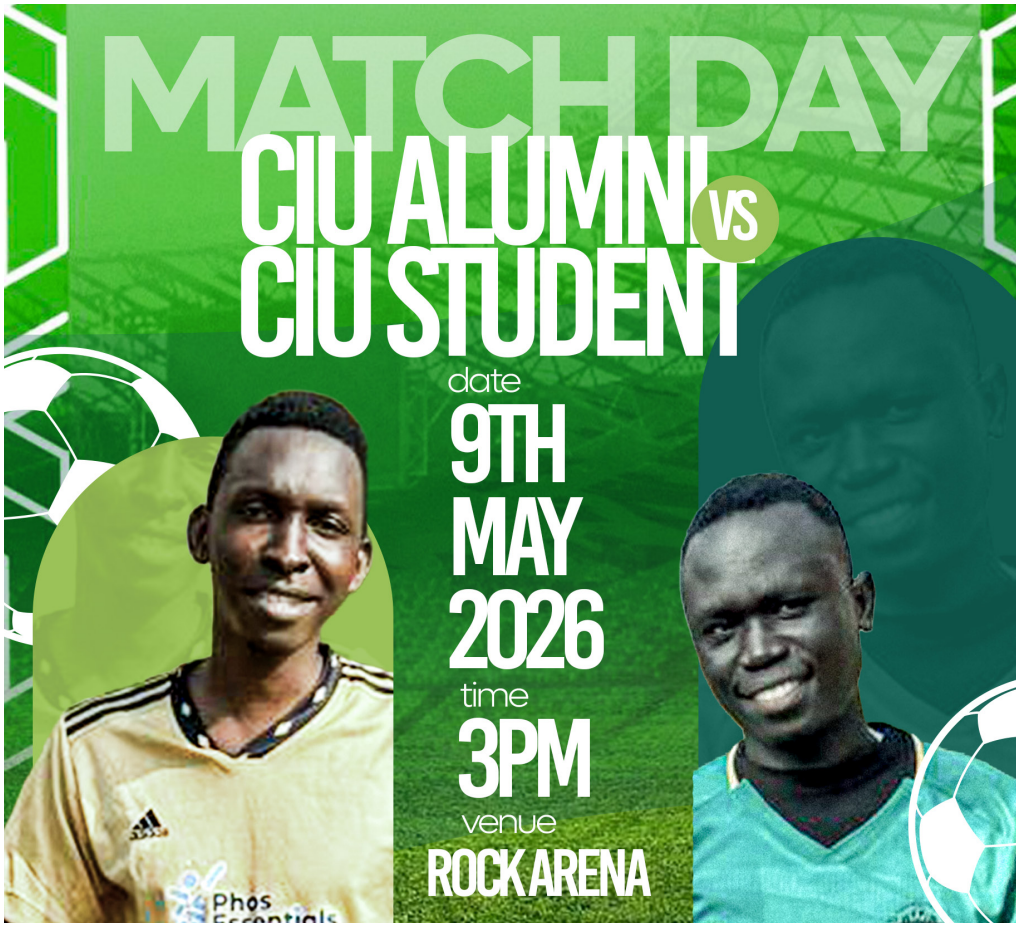
Event Details:
Event: 3rd CIU Alumni Annual General Meeting
Date: Saturday, 9th May 2026
Time: 10:00 AM
Venue: CIU Main Campus

Who Should Attend: All CIU Alumni
To confirm attendance, alumni are encouraged to register in advance using the official registration link or by scanning the QR code provided on the event flyer.

For inquiries and further information, please contact the Alumni Relations Office.

We look forward to welcoming you back home to CIU.




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