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GOOD AFTERNOON, TODAY MARKS YET ANOTHER LANDMARK IN THE HISTORY OF SCSC-KIMAKA.

THE IDEA OF THE SENIOR COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE WAS MOOTED BY H.E THE PRESIDENT AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES MUCH EARLIER BUT MADE PUBLIC IN THE YEAR 2000.

IN 2001, THE PRESIDENT WHO IS ALSO C-IN-C PLEDGED TO PROFESSIONALIZE THE UPDF. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, THE DEFENCE REVIEW WAS COMMISSIONED; THE OBJECTIVE OF DEFENCE REVIEW TRANSFORMATION WAS TO CREATE, TRANSFORM, MODERNISE AND PROFFESIONALISE THE NATIONAL DEFENCE CAPABILITY THAT CAN ACHIEVE THE DEFENCE MISSIONS DESCRIBED IN THE WHITE PAPER ON DEFENCE TRANSFORMATION OF JUNE 2004. UGANDA'S VISION FOR DEFENCE TRANSFORMATION IS BASED ON TWO PILLARS; A MODERN AND PROFESSIONAL DEFENCE FORCE; AND A STRONG CIVIL-DEFENCE PARTNERSHIP.

PURSUANT TO THESE PILLARS THE SENIOR COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2004.

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THE IMMEDIATE NEED THEN WAS TO OFF LOAD THE BACK LOG OF THOSE OFFERS THAT HAD ACQUIRED RANKS THROUGH THE NOBLE STRUGGLE TO LIBERATE OUR COUNTRY. SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT, AND IN PURSUIT OF ITS MISSION AND OBJECTIVES, SCSC HAS DEVELOPED AND MAINTAINS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AND TRAINING ASSISTANCE MOST ESPECIALLY AND CONSISTENTLY MAKERERE UNIVERSITY.

THIS BACKLOG HAS NOW EASED AND THE COLLEGE IS NOW RUNNING THE 10TH INTAKE OF A NEW BREED OF YOUNG, ENERGETIC AND WELL EDUCATED OFFICERS. THEREFORE THE SIGNING OF THIS MoU TODAY IS NOT ONLY AN ENHANCEMENT OF A STRONG CIVIL - DEFENCE PARTNERSHIP AS ENSHRINED IN THE DEFENCE REVIEW TRANSFORMATION BUT ALSO A LAND MARK FOR THE COLLEGE TO ACHIEVE IT'S MISSION AND OBJECTIVES. THE AWARD OF A MASTERS OF ARTS IN DEFENCE AND SECURITY STUDIES (MADSS) OF MUK PUTS THE COLLEGE ON THE SAME FOOTING WITH OTHER SISTER COLLEGES IN THE REGION AND BEYOND.

THIS MILESTONE EVENT WILL PROPEL THE ACHIEVEMENT OF COLLEGE MISSION WHICH IS "TO DEVELOP PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND UNDERSTANDING OF SELECTED OFFICERS TO PREPARE THEM FOR HIGHER RESPONSIBILITY IN COMMAND AND STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES." AND IT'S OBJECTIVES ARE;

- A. A HIGHER MILITARY EDUCATION.
- B. A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE POLITICAL, SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND MILITARY PROBLEMS OF UGANDA, THE REGION, THE CONTINENT AND THE WORLD AT LARGE THROUGH ANALYSIS OF CONTEMPORARY AFFAIRS,

C. METHODS OF CRITICAL AND INDEPENDENT THOUGHT PROCESS.

D. AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE ELEMENTS OF POLICY, STRATEGY, NATIONAL INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES.

E. A THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING AND APPLICATION OF THE KNOWLEDGE ACQUIRED FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE UPDF.

MY GRATITUDE GOES TO THE PS-MOD, THE CDF AND THE ENTIRE UPDF FRATERNITY FOR THEIR SELFLESS ENDEAVOR THAT HAS SEEN THIS VENTURE COME TRUE.

WITHOUT PREJUDICE IT IS WITH PROFOUND GRATITUDE TO THE VC MAK AND HIS ENTIRE STAFF BUT MOST SPECIFICALLY DR. SALIM SIMBA KAYUNGA FOR HIS VALUED TIME, ENERGY AND EFFORT HE PUT IN THIS VENTURE SINCE THE INCEPTION OF SCSC-KIMAKA IN 2004. DR. SIMBA THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

PS, CDF WITH YOUR PERMISSION, ALLOW ME TO SAY AGAIN THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR EFFORTS. FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY.