

Mr. Frank Kalimuzo - The First Vice Chancellor of the newly formed Makerere University

Mr. Frank Kalimuzo was the first Vice Chancellor of the Newly formed Makerere University in 1970. Mr. Kalimuzo fell victim to the insecurity of the Idi Amin era after he was picked by army men in 1972 and was never seen alive again. He was one of those Ugandans whose devotion to work and patriotism was truly remarkable. He married Esther Consullatta Rwabuhungu in October of 1958 and is survived by his widow and seven children.

Professional background;

1. Mr. Frank Kalimuzo started his career as a schoolmaster at King's College Budo.
2. On his return to Uganda, Kalimuzo joined the then protectorate civil service as an administrative officer, where he served as an assistant district commissioner in several districts in Uganda.
3. In 1959, the Governor appointed him secretary of the constitution committee that was mandated to seek views of Ugandans on the future constitution of Uganda and the form of direct elections to the legislative council.
4. After Uganda attained Independence on October 9, 1962, Frank Kalimuzo was appointed Permanent Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office.
5. His meteoric rise reached its peak when in 1963 when he was appointed Head of Uganda's Civil Service, Permanent Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister and Secretary to the Cabinet.
6. In 1970, Makerere was made a national university. President Milton Obote appointed Kalimuzo the vice-chancellor, on 1st July 1970.

Legacy at Makerere University

- Mr. Frank Kalimuzo was the first Vice Chancellor of the newly formed Makerere University, and one of the two substantive Ugandan heads of the University.
- During his tenure, Courses like Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Forestry, Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Technology were added to the University's Curriculum.
- He saw the introduction of Veterinary Medicine, which was being offered at Nairobi University at Makerere University.
- He also oversaw the introduction of Music, Dance and Drama as diploma subjects.
- During his tenure in 1972, the Main Library and Albert Cook Medical Library were extended.
- Today, The University of Cambridge offers an annual scholarship award called the "***Kalimuzo ODA Cambridge scholarship***" to a student from Uganda in honor of Frank Kalimuzo.

Lastly, as we honor his memory, The Central Teaching Facility 1, in Makerere University will be renamed, "***The Frank Kalimuzo Central Teaching Facility***".