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REMARKS FROM THE HEAD OF SCIENCE DEPARTMENT ON THE HANDOVER CEREMONY OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUYENGA ON 10/3/2026.

INTRODUCTION:

The President Rotary Club of Muyenga, distinguished members of the Club, the Clergy, Board of Governors, the Headteacher, fellow teachers, parents, and dear students. Good morning.

Today is a day we will remember for years to come. We are standing at the threshold of a new beginning. Behind us is a past of struggle and limitation. Ahead of us is a future filled with possibility and standing with us, making this future possible is The Global Uplift Project. I have been asked to speak before the symbolic handover of the laboratory equipment you have generously provided. I want to use these few minutes to tell you what this moment truly means.

To understand our gratitude, you must first understand our journey. In the Science Department at our school, we have the will to teach. We have the passion. We have students who are hungry to learn. But for too long, we have lacked the tools. This is what our reality has looked like. In Biology, it is a fundamental lesson to observe the cell under a microscope. But we have had one microscope for every fifty students. Imagine fifty young people waiting their turn. By the time the last student looks, the magic is gone. In Chemistry, we have been forced to teach using drawings on a chalkboard. "Imagine this test tube turns blue," we say. But imagination is not the same as experience. In Physics, students memorize formulas but have never built a circuit. They have never seen electricity come alive with their own hands. This is not just an inconvenience, it is a barrier to academic excellence. Our students can score well in theory, but they enter national practical exams with fear. They lack confidence and that fear closes doors to careers in medicine, engineering and technology. That has been our reality until today.

And now, The Global Uplift Project, you have changed everything. Today, you are about to hand over to us a comprehensive package of science equipment. Let me tell you what this includes. You are giving us microscopes. Real microscopes. For the first time, our students will work in small groups and actually see the hidden world of cells. They will believe in science because they have seen it with their own eyes. You are giving us chemistry glassware; beakers, test tubes, burettes, and pipettes. These are the tools of discovery. Our students will finally mix real chemicals. They will see real reactions. They will learn the precision required for titration. You are giving us physics apparatus; rheostats, ammeters, voltmeters. Our students will build real circuits. They will measure real current. They will see the laws of physics come alive. You are giving us biology models; hearts, skeletons, plant cells. These make learning accessible for every student. And you are giving us safety equipment; goggles, gloves, first-aid kits. This tells our students that they matter. You are not just giving us equipment. You are giving us a fully functioning science department.

The Impact on Academic Excellence

What will this mean for our students? Let me be clear. First, it means improved examination results. Our students will practice regularly. They will develop confidence. We expect to see more outstanding results and more students qualifying for university courses in medicine and engineering. This also means deeper understanding. When a student performs an experiment themselves, they never forget the lesson. Your equipment will replace cramming with genuine comprehension. More still, it means inspiration. Every great scientist started with a simple experiment. Perhaps the next great Ugandan innovator is sitting in our classroom right now, just waiting for the tools to bring their idea to life.

Our Pledge to You

We understand that a gift of this magnitude comes with responsibility. Thus, on behalf of the Science Department, we promise;

- ❖ To be careful stewards by maintaining the equipment, store it properly and make it last.
- ❖ To ensure equity. Every student will have access to the Science equipment.
- ❖ When you come back, you will watch our students experiment and appreciate the difference you have made. We hope to do more exhibitions.
- ❖ To teach our students to give back. We will encourage them to embody the Rotary spirit of "Service Above Self."

Conclusion

Our distinguished Rotarians of Muyenga, the handover of science materials today will change the future of this school forever. The equipment you are giving us is made of glass and metal. Some of it may eventually break, but the impact of your gift will never break, it will multiply. Every student who uses this equipment and goes on to become a doctor, an engineer, or a researcher carries your generosity forward. They will tell their children about the day the Rotary Club believed in them.

The Global Uplift Project, we want to thank you for your kindness and investing in the future of Uganda. Your donation of essential laboratory equipment and materials will provide our students with the resources they need to thrive. We are deeply grateful for your vision and dedication towards enhancing practical education in our school.

I remain,


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