



### MEET OUR VICE CHANCELLOR

Rev. Fr. Prof. J. A. Turay

"Universities should be at the forefront of our world's technological disruption. In modern knowledge economy, there is a constant need to utilize diverse technologies and, in particular, digital worlds for growth, long-term development, and the creation of a brighter future for our students and community.

Our Newsletter presents a variety of perspectives on our interactions with the world, communities, and role in fostering a just and respected society. We believe that by using our Newsletter platform, we will be able to deepen and expand our interaction with students, communities, and the rest of the globe.

We welcome friends, prospective students and all those interested in knowing and engaging with the University of Makeni (UniMak) to enjoy their time as they explore and read through our Newsletter."



### UNIMAK BEGINS ITS ACADEMIC YEAR WITH A PUBLIC LECTURE

The University of Makeni hosted Honorable Kandeh Kolleh Yumkella ahead of the United Nations 26th Climate Change Conference to speak on the theme "The urgency of the global energy transition in a post COVID -19 world order" at its Fatima Campus Auditorium. The Vice Chancellor Rev Fr Professor Joseph Alimamy Turay said, the event was in fulfilment of the University's quest to address issues around the global climate crisis. Professor Turay maintained that, as a University they have continued with frantic efforts to address such a critical crisis.

### MAINMAN: The Confessions of a Thug



THE THULLAS book "Mainman : The Confessions of a Thug captures the interest of academics.

The Novel, "Mainman : The Confessions of a Thug" is written by Philip Foday Yamba THULLA a lecturer at Njala University and Joseph Ezekiel THULLA Jr a lecturer at the University of Makeni, has been officially published by Amazon.

The Novel is a fiction that draws profusely from history as it captures the character of Abayomi alias Mainman, a fearsome seven foot Assassin hired by the Party as a Thug. When the story opens, he is in Confession to the Holy Father, something he has never done before. He then kills as a party thug before beating up a female school teacher who had punished his daughter physically. Mainman's father suddenly dies in mysterious circumstances, allegedly from a heart attack and during the funeral he learns from a stranger, known as Morfie, that his father had been murdered by the Party. After being imprisoned, Major Kare orders him to eliminate the President of Liberia, but decides not to take out the target, as he realises that he's been helping his bosses to destroy Salone. He takes refuge in the jungle. Meanwhile, Lieutenant Santigie and his boys take over power in Freetown.

The book is slated to be officially launched at the University of Makeni soonest.

### UNIMAK HOLDS ORIENTATION FOR NEW STUDENTS

The University of Makeni holds orientation for newly admitted students on the 6th November, 2021 at the University auditorium at 10:00 am.

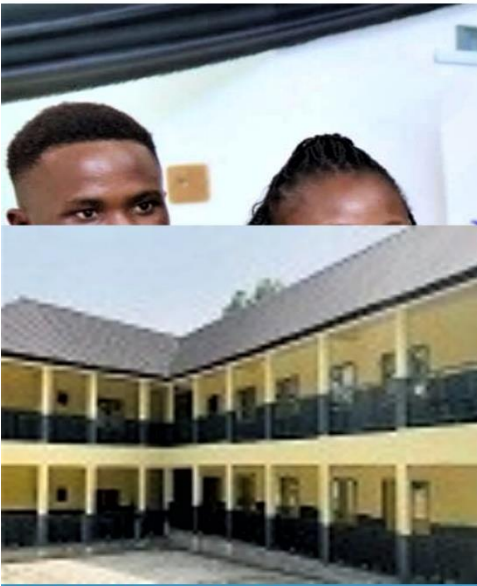
The Vice Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Professor Joseph Alimamy Turay, in his welcome address expressed gratitude to the students and staff of the University who continue to uplift the name of the University. Professor Turay said, " Starting a college can cause much anxiety in the heart of a new college student because of all the unknowns-' What should my major be? Will I make any friends? How will I find all of my classes? Whom do I ask if I have a question?'

The Vice Chancellor further revealed that, new student orientation programs are designed to guide students in answering all of these questions. Prior to the beginning of classes, students are given an overview of the complete realm of university life, from academic to social activities, through a period of days referred to as orientation, he continued.

The Registrar, Mr Foday Augustine Bangura, intimated students to remain dedicated as UNIMAK is a university that believes in hard work in order to archive academic excellence.

Mr Bangura further said that if students did not become socially integrated within the first few weeks of their arrival, they were less likely to stay at that institution [ UNIMAK]. As a result, there is a blend of both academic and social activities in UNIMAK. He further revealed that about 700 students were expected to orientate 2021/2022 academic year.





**UNIMAK COMPLETES THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ULTRA MODERN BUILDING.**

The University of Makeni administration has recently completed the construction of a story building at its Fatima Campus.

The move is to salvage the much needed desire for spacious and smart classrooms with a view to promoting academic excellence.



**SIERRA LEONE: UN RESIDENT COORDINATOR SUPPORTS UNIMAK'S PHDS IN EDUCATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

United Nations Resident Coordinator (UNRC), Babatunde Ahonsi, has congratulated the University of Makeni (UniMak) on having elevated education and sustainable development at the highest echelon of academia in Sierra Leone.

He was speaking at the virtual launch of the doctoral programmes in Education, and Sustainable Development for which UniMak recently received the license from the Tertiary Education Commission.

The RC said that the added doctoral courses to the university's curriculum demonstrate the ability of UniMak to adapt to new trends and understand gaps and opportunities in the development of the country.



**UNIMAK WINS THE INTER-COLLEGIATE MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

The University of Makeni (UNIMAK) has won the Edmond Labid Michael Inter-Collegiate Moot Court Competition, which was organized by the Institute for Legal Research and Advocacy for Justice (ILRAJ), at the Fourah Bay College (FBC) multi-purpose hall on Friday 26th November, 2021.

Team Njala and IMMAT could not make it to the finals, thus leaving team UNIMAK as the applicant, head-on with Team FBC as the respondent in a legal Clash of the Titans argument. However, after a heated legal debate, Team UNIMAK carried the day, with Le 8 million in cash prize. Runners up FBC bagged Le 5 million. All participating teams also received Le2 million each. The five-day tournament, named after Late Edmond Labid Michael, the father of Sierra Leone's distinguished lawyer Martin Michael, aims to familiarise student participants with what happens in the courtroom while also debating concerns of human rights and other hypothetical scenarios provided are to them.



**UNIMAK EMERGES AS THE BEST REGIONAL TEAM- AFRICA IN THE ICC MOOT COURT COMPETITION.**

Students from the University of Makeni Law department have emerged as the best Regional Team-Africa 2021 in an international moot court competition organized by the International Bar Association and the International Criminal Court.

The event hosted Law students in over 80 Countries. The Unimak's team due to its impressive performance, emerged as the Best team in Africa.

The Head of Department , Mr Abubakar Koroma who also served as Head of delegation expressed hopes as he said the University of Makeni continues to give a facelift to legal education in Africa.