Technical schools advised to teach communication skills

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Technical institutions should start teaching communication skills to their students so that they can handle their clients better, Akiiba Bataringaya, the head of assessment at the Directorate of Industrial Training (DIT), has said.

He was presiding over the sixth graduation ceremony for Mengo Youth Vocational Training Centre at Kayunga playground in Wakiso district, last Friday.

Over 100 students graduated with certificates and diplomas in various courses.

Bataringaya also warned technical institutions that are not registered with DIT against giving out unrecognised certificates to students.

“All technical institutions are supposed to do exams set and award certificates from DIT,” Bataringaya said.

He advised the graduates to and attain more technical skills in order to train others.

BETWEEN THE LINES

- The graduands were advised to attain more skills so that they are able to train others.

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Wakiso district development officer John Kyejusa advised the graduates to organise themselves into groups to access development funds from the district.

Kyejusa pointed out that since the Government encourages skilling Uganda in order to promote self-employment, it is vital to give the already skilled people money to start their own projects.

He said despite Wakiso district having money for youth development, many have not applied for it.

Kyejusa added that last financial year, the district got shs391m for development, but only 78m was given out.

The director of Mengo Youth Vocational Centre, Kennedy Nakibinge, asked the Government to support private technical institutions, saying they play a big role in skilling Uganda.

Nakibinge advised the graduates to use the acquired skills to start their own jobs and stop depending on their parents.