



### Olivaint Conference of Belgium visits NUR



A delegation of 18 postgraduate students and two officials of Olivaint Conference of Belgium have visited the National University of Rwanda (NUR) this Monday, 15th July 2013. This delegation was led by the president of Olivaint Conference of Belgium Mr. Jean Marsia and Mr. Marc Tonnon who is the administrator of that organization.

According to Mr. Jean Marsia, this visit is part of the regular program of Olivaint Conference of Belgium to make study tours whereby students visit different areas in the world to discover the reality in comparison of theoretical lessons they learn in class. In this perspective, Great

lakes region countries specifically Rwanda and Burundi were selected to be visited and the visit at NUR came after the delegation completed their visit in Burundi. The delegation is composed of students from different universities of Belgium who are on their master's studies and one Phd student majoring in different areas such as Law, Economics, Applied Science, Medicine, military training among other areas.

At NUR, Olivaint Conference of Belgium members of delegation were introduced on the historical background of NUR such as its date of creation, existing faculties and the current students' population. Thereafter, the delegation made a tour in different NUR departments such as the Main Library, Centre for Information, Communication and Technology (ICT), Faculty of Agriculture sites of fish and swine farming as well as Arboretum forest. In the view of being informed on what really happened in the Genocide against Tutsi, Olivaint Conference of Belgium paid a visit to the NUR Genocide Memorial site whereby the Coordinator of Genocide Students survivors Association (AERG in French acronym) presented a brief of history of Genocide against Tutsi generally in Rwanda and particularly at NUR.

Speaking to the Public Relations Office of NUR, Mr. Jean Marsia expressed his appreciation vis-à-vis NUR's efforts in line with the three main objectives of the university which are Education, Research and service to the community.

The Olivaint Conference of Belgium is an independent leadership organisation whose aim is to provide extra-curricular education on governance issues to graduate students of Belgian universities and professional schools. Its overall objective is to prepare young university students for the exercise of professional responsibilities at the highest level while keeping a genuine concern for the public policy implications thereof.



Guests at NUR's main library.



Guests at Rwasave practice site of fish and swine farming.



An agent of the Faculty of Agriculture explaining to Mr. Jean Marsia about the farming of fish and swine.



Guests visiting NUR Memorial site.

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