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## **TALKING POINTS FOR PS FOR THE CLOSING CEREMONY FOR THE ICT BUSINESS TOUR**

- Our distinguished guests from Japan
- Hon. Chris Baryomunsi, Minister of ICT and National Guidance
- Hon. Joyce Ssebugwawo, Minister of state for ICT
- Hon. Kabbyanga Godfrey Baluku, Minister of state for National Guidance
- Heads of Departments
- Chairman BPO and Innovation Council
- The Chief Executive Officer, Centenary Technology Services
- Chief representative JICA – Mr. Inoue Yoichi
- Senior representative JICA – Mr. Fukuhara Ichiro
- The media
- Ladies and Gentlemen
- All protocol observed

Good morning

You are most welcome to the closing ceremony for the Uganda ICT Business Tour. This initiative sprouted from the Record of Discussion of “ICT Industry Promotion Project” that was signed between the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in November 2022. This business tour was planned to captivate the interest of the Japanese companies in the ICT business in the country.

I would like to thank the Japanese CEOs for heeding to the call that was made to join this tour to discover the numerous investment opportunities in Uganda and also experience our beautiful country Uganda.

With this tour, we are most certain that you have been able to build a connection with the Uganda ICT- related companies, government agencies and private sector and we hope that these engagements will yield potential growth of the ecosystem in order to

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understand and appreciate the BPO and Innovation landscape which is part of the business support program under the “ICT Industry Promotion Project. Our goal is to promote locally homegrown innovations that can help solve societal challenges within our country and across the world.

This call for investors was a deliberate effort by the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance to create jobs and place Uganda at the frontline of the new wave of technologies and support ICT companies to accelerate the transition into a digital economy.

I hope you had fruitful discussions during your visit to other tech hubs like Innovation village, Refactory and Hive Collab and I also believe that you enjoyed that engagements with the different companies that pitched to you.

Finally, I am confident that this tour is a fraction of the wider government engagement with key partners that are intended towards uplifting government’s ability to deliver services to the citizens of Uganda as envisioned in the Digital Uganda Vision.

Thank you very much  
For God and my Country