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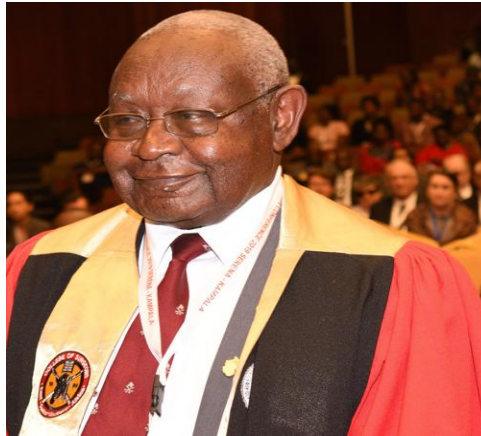
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**THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EAST, CENTRAL, AND SOUTHERN AFRICA
(COSECSA) JOINS THE SURGICAL FRATERNITY OF UGANDA IN MOURNING THE
PROFOUND LOSS OF PROF. IGNATIUS KAKANDE**



A distinguished General Surgeon, **Professor Ignatius Kakande** played a pivotal role in the establishment of COSECSA in 1999, served as a member of the Governing Council and Executive Committee of the college for more than 15 years, and made a huge contribution to the establishment of the college as an academic institution. Professor Kakande served as the Founder of ECAJS, Editor-in-Chief (1995-2016), Board Chair (2014-2018), and Programme Director at St. Francis Hospital, Nsambya.

Serving as a general surgeon and educator across the region, notably in Kenya, Rwanda, and his mother country, Uganda, he has trained, mentored, and supported numerous surgeons. Numerous lives have been touched.

In this time of sorrow, **we extend our deepest condolences** to his family, the **Republic of Uganda**, the community at **St. Francis Hospital Nsambya**, the **Association of Surgeons of Uganda (ASOU)**, **COSECSA Fellows**, and **the entire surgical fraternity**.

May the Almighty God grant Prof. Ignatius Kakande eternal rest and give strength to those he leaves behind. His memory will forever remain in our hearts.

 **Rest in Peace, Prof. Kakande. Your legacy lives on.**

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