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A FORMIDABLE ACHIEVEMENT IN UGANDA ON BOTH FRONTS, BUSINESS AND PERSONAL

A Gargantuan scoop for Clifton Packaging Group Plc as they triumphantly return back to the UK from a State Level Visit from Uganda on both fronts, business and personal. Clifton Packaging have secured an exclusive deal with the Government of Uganda under the directive of His Excellency The President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, to set up BABA Packaging Centres of Excellence in partnership with U.I.R.I. (Uganda Industrial Research Institute) and packaged purified drinking water for the whole country.



Tahir Sheikh, Khalid Sheikh, Shahid Sheikh and Zed Sheikh with H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni the President of Uganda & Prof. G.Bukenya, Vice President of Uganda at State House

This meritorious initiative would forage closer ties with U.I.R.I., Clifton Packaging and the Government of Uganda and will be working under the auspices of the President in reaching into new and un-developed markets with a view to further establishing and developing the market potential of Ugandan products both at home and abroad, an unalterable course, with Clifton Packaging being the key player. There will be two major projects, one, will be to set up a Packaging Centre of Excellence and the second, will be to provide Safe, Clean Drinking Water to all of rural Uganda. This phenomenon will be the “rolling stone” and The President is keen to get the pilot projects up and running expeditiously. The implications for the Ugandan economy will be very good, and under the wings of the President, the projects will have positive impact, credibility and semblance of weight. A Presidential delegation will be shortly visiting Clifton Packaging to take this fundamental initiative to a decisive conclusion.



BABA Pure African Water packed in Shaped Stand Up Pouches at State House, Uganda

Khalid Sheikh the founder of BABA has been the driving force behind the creation of BABA Centre’s of Excellence in Africa.

With accumulation of 30 years experience and wealth of knowledge in the food processing and packaging industry, he feels that his experience would be of immense value to Africa, especially in Uganda with its wealth of agricultural produce.

On the personal side, this State Level invitation from His Excellency The President of Uganda was extended to the Sheikh family (all 16 members) the President promised that he would pay homage at the grave of their late mother who died in 1970 in a very serious car accident a year before the family had to flee Uganda during the reign of Dada Idi Amin. The Sheikh Family, were forced to leave Uganda on 28th of September 1972, like many other Ugandan Asians. Before their expulsion, the late Abdul Rashid Sheikh (Father) owned a clothing shop in Jinja called Anwari House.

Although the late Abdul Rashid Sheikh was born in India and his wife was of Pakistani origin, Khalid and his siblings were born in Jinja, Uganda. Uganda is where we were brought up, in a district rich in cotton-growing called Jinja.” Khalid says: this invitation by the President of Uganda is the greatest highlight for all members of his family”. We are proudly going back as sons and daughters together with grandsons and grand daughters to a land that is very dear to our hearts because this is the land where our late mother is buried and for us Uganda is our motherland. We want our children to forever remember their motherland and proudly tell the world about Uganda. No amount of money can ever buy a dream like this one, as we proudly look up to the heavens and pray for our late beloved parents.



The Sheikh Family were invited by the President of Uganda to pay homage to the grave of their late mother, buried in Jinja, Uganda