

CITATION BY UNITY CLUB



"Towards a common goal"



For the Conferral of the UNITY AWARD TO YOUR EXCELLENCY PAUL KAGAME

*In Recognition of Your Outstanding
Commitment to the Promotion of Unity,
of Women, and of Family Values.*



Your Excellency, Mr. President Paul Kagame,

Resolute freedom fighter: your life has been dedicated to the pursuit of liberty and justice. You have made a mark on Rwanda's history through a cross-country run to liberate your people and set your wounded nation on course to reconstruction and unity.

Accomplished leader: you have earned national & international recognition as world leader whose principled leadership has earned you much respect from those who matter, and innumerable Rwandans, both young and old, continue to benefit greatly from your example.

Man of inspiring Vision: you set goals for Rwandans so they can rise above the horrors of degraded humanity and abject poverty, and your leadership leaves no stone unturned to have these goals realized. Your guidance and counsel continue to fortify the unity of Rwandans and to steer the nation towards greater prosperity.

Tireless advocate of women's cause: Under your fair leadership Rwanda boasts of the highest number of women in Parliament. Women's visibility at all levels has undoubtedly increased. Women's voices have found expression all over the country, and girls are enrolling in school like never before. What can be more unifying than this when improving women's lives is surely a faster means of improving a nation? Unity begins at home

Icon of Unity, Peace, and Social Cohesion: you committed to foster unity where there was discord, tolerance where there was impunity, and family values where little value was accorded to life itself. Rwandans of all ages are inspired by your efforts to bring them together. You nursed the wounds of a nation heavily bleeding from the sword of division and discrimination. Since its creation in February 1996, Unity Club's vision and mission were to promote among its members what you already exemplified: search for unity, peace, and social cohesion so that as Rwandans, we can move together in our diversity towards a common goal: supporting the development of this nation we all call home. Your leadership has opened the minds and hearts of aspiring leaders, young and old, girls and boys, men and women. It is little wonder most Rwandans heeded your call and went on to weave their fragmented identities back into one single strand: the "Ubumyarwanda".

Your commitment to excellence, to your discipline in management processes, to all what you stand for, have demonstrated that at this rate, the country can only be better and prouder. Your Excellency, without hesitation, Unity Club is truly proud to honor you with its first ever **UNITY AWARD**.