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BELIZE from Page 31 spoke of his vision for this national university of Belize and his priorities for its transformation, one that has already commenced.

Facing fragile economies

He spoke about national universities in small, developing countries, their role, the challenges they face in fragile economies, the opportunities and the imperative for such universities to be supported, to be creative themselves so as to enhance and sustain human and national development.

Sankat said to the gathering, “I hope to lead the UB on

the path to a renewed hope - one that creates new and wider educational opportunities for the young people of Belize to get a relevant, quality education; bringing the knowledge resident at the university to shape and facilitate Belize’s development pathway through leadership, research, creativity and innovation and all together bringing service to the people of Belize.”

Equally important, he spoke of a UB which would truly be a social partner by engaging “in problem solving, treating with national issues like poverty and crime, the economy, health care, education, the creative arts, the environment, energy, food

and agriculture, industry etc., thus shaping the possibilities for a better future”.

Sankat, an engineer by training, focused on “Building and Transformation” at UB.

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