President Paul Kagame has urged Officer Cadets at Rwanda Military Academy in Gako to be ready mentally and physically to defend national interests at the highest level.

“We must build our capacity to defend our interests, our development, our people… do the best you can do. Do everything to the best level that you can, with precision and the way it should be done”, the Commander-in-Chief of the Rwanda Defence Force (RDF) told over 1000 Officer Cadets.

President Kagame during a visit at the academy reminded the Cadets that the rigorous training they undertake was to prepare them to handle challenging situations. “It teaches you to be aware, to alert you that life is not as smooth as everyone wants”.

The Officer Cadets who interacted with the President are in different intakes and faculties; Social and Military Sciences, Engineering, General Medicine, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics as well as the one-year Officer Basic Training intake.

The meeting was the first of its kind between the Cadets and President of the Republic and also their Commander-In-Chief, it was also attended by the Minister of Defence, Major Gen Albert Murasira, Chief of Defence Staff, Gen Jean Bosco Kazura, Security Advisor to the President, Gen James Kabarebe, Service Chiefs and the RMA Gako Commandant, Maj Gen Innocent Kabandana.