

**SPEECH DELIVERED BY PROF. J.S.K. AYIM ON THE OCCASION OF
RECOMMISSIONING THE GREAT HALL, KNUST**

Chairman and Members, University Council
Chairman and Members, GETFund,
Deans, Heads of Departments,
All Staff of KNUST,
Students,
Ladies and Gentlemen.

I am happy to welcome all of you to this simple but important ceremony to commission the refurbished Great Hall of this University. Early in the 60s the Great Hall of KNUST was built during the term of office of Dr. Robert Patrick Baffour, the first Vice-Chancellor of this University. It was a great monument admired by everyone who came in contact with this building. It was the centre of official university functions; with a student enrolment of about 1000 the Great Hall hardly got filled during functions. As the population on campus began to explode, the informal and unauthorised use of the facility increased rapidly. Maintenance of the building became a big problem as funding of the university dwindled while student and staff numbers exploded. The beautiful facilities in the building including the special blue coloured chairs broke down or vanished. In July 2002 the Great Hall had to be closed to the public indefinitely following a catastrophic drama:

15 minutes after a group of students completed a 2-hour paper and left the Hall, one of the ceiling members weighing over a ton dropped and smashed and flattened about 30 tables and chairs with steel frames.

Today, we are here to re-commission the refurbished Great Hall. The Great Hall of KNUST has been made safer and more beautiful. We are most grateful to the GETFund for providing the funds for the rehabilitation and furnishing; the floors are beautiful; the blue chairs are back but more comfortable and most importantly a new roof and ceiling more secure have replaced the old one. The electrical wiring, fitting and fixtures and also the plumbing have been replaced. The rotten floor has been replaced with ceramic tiles. The basic structure was however left intact.

The team which turned around this edifice are

1. Asafo Boakye and Partners Engineering Company
2. Consar Construction Company
3. Development Office, KNUST

On behalf of the entire University I thank Government through the Chairman and Members of the GETFund for such wonderful support which has made our golden jubilee celebration a process of renewal.

May the Almighty God continue to bless KNUST and all who work in it or come in contact with it.

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

PROF. J.S.K AYIM
VICE-CHANCELLOR, KNUST

**ADDRESS BY DR (MRS) SYLVIA AWO MANSAH BOYE, CHAIRPERSON OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GHANA EDUCATION TRUST FUND
(GETFUND) ON THE OCCASION OF THE COMMISSIONING OF THE
REFURBISHED GREAT HALL OF KWAME NKRUMAH UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, KUMASI**

Prof. F. A. Kufuor, Chairman of University Council
Prof. J.S.K. Ayim, Vice-Chancellor
Deans of Faculties and Heads of Departments
Senior Members and Senior Administrative Personnel
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,
Members of the Media Houses.

I bring you all kind greetings. It is with great pleasure that I and some members of the Board of Trustees are here today to commission the refurbishment of this Great Hall which until GETFund's intervention a year ago was in a sorry state of deterioration and had even become a death trap.

Every University takes pride in a 'great hall' or 'great foyer' on its campus. It is a place where important academic assemblies, such as a congregation, take place. In the past, this Great Hall, built in style and comfort, became the leading icon of the University and served as the centre for some international conferences but for the past several years the situation has unfortunately been different.

Today, we have gathered here to witness the commissioning of the refurbishment of this great edifice of KNUST. The message is that GETFund is determined to assist the Universities and the other tertiary institutions to adequately assume their status as centres of learning and knowledge. No nation can progress when her institutions of higher learning are in shambles.

The refurbishment of the Great Hall was entirely financed by the GETFund at a cost of ₵3.4 billion. Let me also say that it is the wish of the Board of Trustees of Ghana Education Trust Fund (GETFund) that an efficient maintenance system, including security, will be designed to protect this Hall so that we may not have to assemble here in the near future to witness another commissioning of a refurbished Great Hall. A total of ₵7.1 billion has so far been expended by GETFund on priority projects at KNUST. These include the completion of a hostel for the School of Medical Sciences, overhead water tank and the replacement of the Sewerage Plant. A little while ago, today I on behalf of the Board of Trustees handed over the keys to two 4x4 Pick-up vehicles to the Vice-Chancellor for use at the Administration of the University.

For the year 2002, the Board allocated a total of ₵ 12 billion to the University to finance a number of priority projects. In addition, KNUST will benefit from GETFund Hostels project

which seeks to build at each tertiary institution one good students hostel as part of GET Fund's investment programme.

May I take this opportunity to remind the institutions and the general public that GETFund is mandated to ONLY PROVIDE FUNDS TO SUPPLEMENT the provision of education in the country. It is not meant to take over the development budget for the institutions. In the coming year, the Board will request the various institutions/institutes/Centres of the universities to submit separate projects for funding by GETFund. The Board of Trustees of the GETFund is confident that in the not too distant future the GETFund activities will succeed in bringing visible impact in the education sector for the benefit of the entire populace of Ghana.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of GET Fund I wish, on this gracious occasion which coincides with the end of term of Prof J.S.K. Ayim as Vice-Chancellor of this University, to convey hearty sentiments to the Professor and to assure him that his rather close collaboration and strict adherence to the disbursement policies of the GETFund shall never ever go unnoticed. May God bless you in your future endeavours.

With these sentiments, it is my pleasure to inform you that this refurbished Great Hall is duly commissioned

Thank you.

(MRS) SYLVIA AWO MANSAH BOYE
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GHANA EDUCATION
TRUST FUND (GETFUND)

STAFF CHANGES
POST-RETIREMENT CONTRACT APPOINTMENTS
SENIOR MEMBERS

NAME	FROM	TO
Mr. J.B.K. Dankwa	1/10/02	30/09/03
Dr. D.K. Bedele	1/10/02	30/09/03
Dr. D.K. Nyamah	1/10/02	30/09/03
Mr. T. Opoku-Agyemang	1/10/02	30/09/03
Mr. L.A. Mensah	1/10/02	30/09/03
Prof. F.O. Akuffo	1/10/02	30/09/03
Dr. (Mrs) Olivia Aku Glime	1/10/02	30/09/04
Mr. E.A Ofori	1/10/02	30/09/04
Mr. J. Marmon Halm	1/10/02	30/09/04
Dr. N. Yao Fiagbe	1/10/02	30/09/04
Mr. J.K. Asare-Tettey	1/10/02	30/09/04
Dr. F.A Ofori	1/10/02	30/09/04
Dr. S.K. Amenuke	1/10/02	30/09/04
Dr. L. Addae-Mensah	1/10/02	30/09/04
Dr. M. Adu-Ampofo	1/10/02	30/09/04
Mr. AA Amoako	1/10/02	30/09/04
Mr. Kofi Boateng	1/10/02	30/09/04
Dr. Alexander Twum	1/10/02	30/09/04
Dr. F.O. Ofosu-Barko	1/10/02	30/09/04
Dr. D.M. Obeng	1/10/02	30/09/04
Mrs. B.M.S. Hemeng	1/10/02	30/09/04
Dr. E.A. Kwarpong	1/10/02	30/09/04
Dr. E.C. Nyarko	1/10/02	30/09/04
Mr.I.T. Arthur	1/10/02	30/09/04
Dr. V.K.A. Kpodo	1/10/02	30/09/04
Mr. G. E. Afari	1/10/02	30/09/04
Mr. A.O. Anakwah	1/10/02	30/09/04
Mr. J. A Hammond	1/10/02	30/09/04
Mr. Y. Amponsah Agyei	1/10/02	30/09/04
Mr. A. Osei-Bagyina	1/10/02	30/09/04
Mr. Moses Opoku	1/10/02	30/09/04
Mr. A. Komla Dzata	1/10/02	30/09/04
Mr. J.K. Taylor	1/10/02	30/09/04
Dr. S.A. Geke	1/10/02	30/09/04
Mr. S.A. Gyimah	1/10/02	30/09/04
Dr. Osei A. Kufuor	1/10/02	30/09/04
Mr. E.A. Turkson	1/10/02	30/09/04
Dr. F.B. Attobrah	1/10/02	30/09/04

Mr. K. Amponsah Sarpong	1/10/02	30/09/04
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NEW APPOINTMENT

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	DURATION
Prof. K. Dzigbodi-Adjimah	Deputy Provost WUC Tarkwa	1/10/02	2 Years

PROMOTIONS - SENIOR MEMBERS

NAME	FORMER POSITION	PROMOTED TO	EFFECTIVE DATE
Dr. Alhaji Y.S. Peligah	Lecturer	Snr. Lecturer	1/10/98
Dr. J.A. Bakang	Lecturer	Snr. Lecturer	1/10/01

TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENT

NAME	STATUS	DEPARTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Alexandria A. Akoto	Admin. Asst	Registrar's Office	1/10/02

DISMISSAL

Kwadwo Frimpong	Head Cleaner	Estate Org.	26/09/02
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**DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST STUDENTS
RUSTICATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ALLEGED ASSAULT**

In accordance with the Disciplinary Rules of the University under Statute 35, the Vice-Chancellor has directed that the following students should be rusticated from the University for an assault on a fellow student:

NAME	FACULTY	DURATION
Mr. Ebenezer Adarkwah	Social Sciences	2 Semesters
Mr Benjamin Quarcoo	Planning	2 Semesters

RUSTICATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY ON EXAMINATION MALPRACTICES

In accordance with the Disciplinary Rules of the University under Statute 35, the Vice-Chancellor has directed that the following students should be rusticated from the University on Examination malpractices:

NAME	FACULTY	DURATION
Mr. Kofi Mawuto Azalekor	Science	2 Semesters
Mr Satiana Ahmed	Science	2 Semesters

Mr. Kwame Elolo Ahiahonu Science 2 Semesters

**DISMISSAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY ON GROUNDS
OF IMPERSONATION**

NAME	FACULTY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Miss Millicent Barnes	ILMAD	27/00/02

PARDON

The Vice-Chancellor has pardoned and commuted the under mentioned student's dismissal to suspension.

NAME	FACULTY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Mr. Richard Clottey Annang	Science	1 year (2001/2002)