

SPECIAL CONGREGATION FOR CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREES

The Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology held a Special Congregation on Saturday, August 9, 2003 at the Great Hall, to honour five distinguished individuals. At this unique occasion the University formally showed her special recognition and appreciation for the exceptional contributions made by these distinguished personalities towards the developmental and other aspirations of the nation and society in general.

The distinguished personalities honoured at the occasion were: -

- *Dr. Louis Casely-Hayford - Former Chairman of Council KNUST*
- *Prof J. W. Powell - Founder of the Technology Consultancy Centre (TCC), KNUST*
- *Dr. Kwame Obeng - A distinguished alumnus, resident in the USA*
- *Mrs. Matilda Esi Fiadzibey - First Woman President of the Ghana Institute of Surveyors (GIS)*
- *Nana Otuo Siriboe - Omanhene of the Juaben Traditional Area and member of the Council of State.*

The occasion was graced by the presence of H.E. J. A. Kufuor, President of the Republic of Ghana. Other dignitaries present included Ministers of State, Members of the Diplomatic Corps and Members of the Council of State. By convention, the Chairman of the University Council, Prof Emeritus F.A. Kufuor; chaired the function.

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL, PROF. F. A.
KUFUOR AT THE SPECIAL CONGREGATION HELD IN THE GREAT
HALL ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 2003**

Your Excellency, the. President of the Republic of Ghana,
Representative of Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, Asantehene,
The Rt. Hon. Peter Ala Adjetey, Speaker of Parliament,
Your Lordship, the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice George Kingsley Acquah,
Hon. Ministers of State,
Vice-Chancellor,
Members of the University Council,
Members of Convocation,
Distinguished Honorary Graduands,
President and Members of the Alumni Association,
Staff and Students,
Distinguished Guests.

About this time in August last year, the University Council held a special Golden Jubilee Congregation in this very hall to climax the yearlong 50th Anniversary celebrations of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology.

As you are all aware, the University has passed through difficult times to achieve the successes which have made this University one of the Centres of Technological Excellence in Africa. It was for this reason that the University Council deemed it fit to honour a number of our friends, alumni and benefactors as well as some staff (past and present) with various awards during our jubilee celebrations last year. Unfortunately, however, some of the nominees, for various reasons, could not present themselves for their awards. It is also for this reason that we have gathered here today to do honour to the following distinguished personalities for their various contributions towards the growth and development of the University and the nations over the years.

They are:

- (1) Mr. Louis Casely-Hayford, former Chief Executive of the Volta River Authority and former Chairman of Council,
- (2) Prof. J. W. Powell, the founding Director of the Technology Consultancy Centre (T. C. C.), for his pioneering role in the transfer of appropriate technology in this country,
- (3) Dr. E. Kwame Obeng, an alumnus of the University for his initiatives in bringing resources to the University,
- (4) Mrs. Matilda Esi Fiadzigbey, first woman President of the Ghana Institute of Surveyors and the first Administrator of Stool Lands in Ghana and for her

contribution towards the development of the surveying profession in Ghana,
and

- (5) Nana Otuo Siriboe II, Juabenhene, an alumnus, a Member of the Council of State, a Distinguished State man and Industrialist.

Your Excellency Mr. President,

These are very honourable persons who have excelled in their chosen professions and distinguished themselves in the service of Ghana and of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology.

At the appropriate time, their detailed citations will be read to present to you the summary of the University's appreciation of them. The University salutes all you honorary graduands and congratulates you. It is our hope that you will continue to help the University to achieve its vision of technological excellence in the years ahead.

Your Excellency Mr. President,

Otumfuo's representative,

Honourable Ministers of State,

Vice-Chancellor,

Nananom,

Distinguished Guests,

Alumni,

Staff and Students.

These personalities have contributed their quota in helping to make this University and the World a better place to live in than they found it. The Questions to ask ourselves are: "What legacy can I leave to posterity? How can I affect the lives of others with all the talents and the resources which God has bountifully endowed to me? How can I help to improve our communities and the institutions such as Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology of which we are proud?"

I believe that if we can find answers or solutions to these questions, then we will have contributed to the quality of life of our people.

Prof. Emeritus F. A. Kufuor
Chairman of University Council
9th August 2003

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS TO CONGREGATION

- Your Excellency, the President of the Republic of Ghana, John Agyekum Kufuor
- Representative of Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, Asantehene
- Chairman, University Council, Professor Francis Addo Kufuor
- Honourable Ministers of State
- Nananom
- Members of Council of State
- Members of the Diplomatic Corps
- Members of the University Council
- Chairmen and Members of Council of Public Universities of Ghana
- Members of Convocation of KNUST
- All Staff of KNUST
- President and Members of KNUST Alumni Association
- President of SRC and Junior Members in Statu Pupillari
- Heads of Corporate Institutions and Friends of KNUST
- Distinguished Awardees
- Ladies and Gentlemen

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The year 2002 stands very tall in the history of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, because that year marked the fiftieth year and the Golden Jubilee year. The year of Jubilee as described in the Bible in Leviticus 25:8-55 and enriched by custom normally falls on the following dates:

- The Silver Jubilee to mark the 25th year
- The Golden Jubilee to mark the 50th year
- The Seventy-fifth year to mark the 75th year
- The Centenary year to mark the 100th year

As a University, having celebrated the Golden Jubilee last year, we look forward to the Seventy-fifth Jubilee in the year 2027 and the Centenary in the year 2052. I should sensibly add if the Lord tarries, and I should also add that if we are to go along with the official statistics of Ghana that give the life expectancy of women to be 59 years and men 56 years, then only women in this assembly who are 35 years or younger and men who are 32 years or younger will see the Seventy-fifth year of our University. And definitely, none of us will see the Centenary. But, Mr. Chairman, as with most statistics of this nature, we must always read them with a pinch of salt. For I will definitely see the Seventy-fifth year of our University and the Centenary as well. All of us here have the same wish, I am sure.

The point I am making, Mr. Chairman, is that one must always count oneself lucky to live long enough to see a Jubilee Year. There was good reason to celebrate it and to honour those deserving it. KNUST intended last year to honour the five distinguished people assembled here this morning, but was unable to do so for several reasons.

2.0 FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY

As a University of very high repute, we have always honoured citizens of Ghana and the world. We shall continue to do so at our future congregations, if we find any who is so worthy to be recognised. Especially in these times when we are in need of facilities and funding to expand the infrastructure and procure state of art equipment to furnish our laboratories and workshops.

3.0 AMERICAN TRADITIONS: HONORARY DEGREES

As I travel across the campuses of American Universities, I cannot fail to notice how their Universities award honorary degrees. A typical University, California State University, has the following guideline: "degrees should be awarded to recognise excellence and extraordinary achievement in significant areas of human endeavour". Since the first honorary doctorate degree was awarded to President John F. Kennedy in 1963 - before the rules were amended to prohibit the granting of degrees to incumbent politicians - the California State University has awarded 60 doctorates. The list of recipients includes writers, musicians, inventors, business leaders and celebrities (Bill Cosby has been decorated by the California State University).

The practice of awarding honorary degrees in American Universities dates back to 1682 when the first one went to the President of America's premier university, Harvard president Increase Mather. He heeded the title "Doctor of Sacred Theology" for Harvard University to legitimize itself and chum out PhD graduates.

In 1954, Duke University voted down an honorary doctorate for the then Vice- President Richard Nixon. Although a 1937 graduate, Nixon had, long before his Watergate infamy, advocated intervention in Vietnam on behalf of France.

At the University of Michigan, the administrators' refusal to grant a degree to the then imprisoned South African President Nelson Mandela came to symbolise that University's inability to handle rising racial tensions on campus. The University later reversed its decision.

Awarding honorary degrees can bring many benefits to the University. It can be a useful fund raising tool, although we will deny that. The University of Southern California awarded an honorary degree in 1975 to the Shah of Iran (Reza Pahlavi), who made a one million dollar endowment. The one million dollars was used to endow a petroleum chair in that University. But to avoid being criticised, the University then appointed an Iranian born professor to occupy the chair.

4.0 KNUST INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. Chairman, I have given these examples to demonstrate the way our University wishes to expand in the face of Ghana's exploding population and our inability to absorb young brilliant men and women. This University has not seen any significant infrastructural expansion for 40 years. The last major hall of residence, Unity Hall, was completed in the mid-sixties and houses over 1,500 students. Some Ghanaians are reputed to have built close to one hundred houses before they left this earth. If they had built even one structure on our campus, their names would have lived on after their death. The University has made generous packages for investors to build hostels and halls of residence and reap their investment with generous dividends.

5.0 KNUST TRADITIONS

As Ghana's only University of Science and Technology and the place to train most of our professionals to lead this nation into prosperity, we are ready to expand the student population to 50,000 in the shortest possible time. Our chief constraint is faculty and residential infrastructure.

This University has recognised special achievements of distinguished past citizens of Ghana and has awarded honorary degrees accordingly.

By the end of today's celebration, we would have honoured 44 men and women with honorary degrees for the past 51 years. They include:

- Traditional rulers
- Academics
- Engineers
- A musician
- Industrialists
- A member of the Clergy
- Artists
- Administrators

We await the likes of the Shah of Iran to make substantial donations to help us train more scientists, engineers, and technologists to lead Ghana into prosperity.

The University is proud of today's recipients of these prestigious honorary degrees being awarded to highly recognised people in our nation. The fact that we have frequently awarded honorary degrees to distinguished people of other nationalities indicates how much recognition this University has gained in international circles.

6.0 KNUST, THE BEST IN AFRICA

Mr. Chairman, I am delighted to inform this Congregation that the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology has achieved so much international recognition that in March 2003, the Vice-Chancellor was invited to the conference of the Alliance for Global Sustainability (AGS) in Tokyo, Japan. This forum was an elitist one like the G7 gathering of Heads of State of the world's top leaders. At the AGS in Japan were assembled the world's top four technical universities (the G4!). They consist of

- i) Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT representing the Americas)
- ii) Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich
- iii) Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden
- iv) University of Tokyo representing Asia

I am delighted, Mr. President, to inform you that at Tokyo, this year, the G4 was expanded to G5 to include the best technical university from Africa, which is the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology.

Mr. President, at Tokyo, I stood very tall with the likes of Professor Michael West (President of MIT) and the three other Presidents of the world's five best technical universities, the G5.

7.0 QUALITY AT ITS BEST

Mr. Chairman, we are well aware that the Prophet is without honour in his own country. KNUST has become so recognised the world over for two principal achievements:

- i. The quality of the lecturers. For example, of the teaching staff of the Department of Electrical & Electronic Engineering, there are 95% of the staff with doctorate degrees from:
 - University of Pennsylvania, USA
 - University of Grenoble, France
 - University of Oklahoma, USA
 - University of Southampton, UK
 - University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK
 - University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
 - University of Marseille, France
 - Et cetera, et cetera

This quality is not isolated, but runs throughout the University. It is a feature not very common in many technical universities of the world.

All the teaching staff of this University (made up of lecturers, senior lecturers, associate professors and professors) numbering about 600 in the fields of engineering, science, architecture, planning, agriculture, pharmacy, medicine,

mining, fine art, renewable natural resources, and social sciences are highly qualified and the best you can find. I must add that they are almost all Ghanaians.

- ii) The second reason why KNUST has become so popular is that our products are simply par excellence. As I travelled to America and Europe to visit our Alumni, the track record of their proven ability and achievements simply makes us proud.

8.0 KNUST TO LEAD GHANA INTO PROSPERITY

Mr. Chairman, Ghana is at the threshold of being promoted to play in the second division, which is what middle level income bracket means. Ghana has since independence been playing in the third division, which is what third world means.

Players that play in the second division are paid much better than those that play in the third division, because the gate proceeds are higher in the second division than in the third division.

Mr. Chairman, the experts to take Ghana into the middle level income bracket are here this morning sitting right here. They are the gurus of science and technology, the vehicle with which everybody says we need to apply to achieve our ultimate goal.

We are calling on the nation to resource this University sufficiently to pull Ghana out of disease and poverty and usher in prosperity. We are calling on the nation to take bold decisions, cease from paying HIPC wages to these lecturers. Science and technology, which this country needs at this stage is to be found in this University.

A professor at KNUST takes home the following:

- \$250 a month
- \$3,000 a year
- \$60,000 in 20 years

If the same professor migrates to the USA, he will earn that \$60,000 in one year. In other words, a professor who works at KNUST after gaining his doctorate at age 35 years will work for 25 years at KNUST and earn an aggregate of around \$61,000, an amount he could have earned in 13 months in the USA.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, I wish to congratulate the five who are about to receive honorary degrees from KNUST this morning. We regard you as friends and c, ambassadors of the University. Among the recipients of honorary degrees from KNUST last year was Mr. Kwabena Darko. In the last ten months that I have been in office he has paid his air fare to accompany the Vice-Chancellor to raise funds for the University in the USA on two occasions. We plead with you to consider yourselves now as ambassadors of KNUST.

God Bless you all.

Professor Kwesi Andam
Vice-Chancellor
9th August, 2003

**ADDRESS BY H.E. THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA,
J.A. KUFUOR**

Chairman of Council,
Representative of Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, Asantehene,
Members of the Council of State,
Hon. Ministers of State and Members of Parliament,
Nananom,
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am delighted to be able to join you at this special congregation to honour these distinguished individuals for their contributions to this University and to national development.

It is proper that deserving citizens are given the honour due them and I hope that it will encourage others to emulate them.

Acknowledgement of deserving citizens is part of our heritage. This is often done in songs and with appropriate appellation in our cultural settings. This magnificent ceremony is therefore most appropriate.

Today I am here to pay homage to these distinguished citizens and to congratulate the University for giving honour where honour is due.

All of them are people who have distinguished themselves in their chosen fields of endeavour and have contributed immensely to this University. They are men and a woman of whom Ghana is justifiably proud.

Today is properly their day and I am glad to be part of this ceremony. Honorary Degree recipients, I congratulate you and your families who gave you the support to make your achievements possible. Ghana is proud of you.

Ladies and Gentlemen, let me also seize this opportunity to congratulate this University for the initiative introduced in this year's admissions. The report that the University has sought out students with good academic potentials from deprived schools around the country cheers my heart.

I am sure this will not in any way compromise excellence but rather expand the pool of talent and invigorate intellectual discourse in the University. This is very much in keeping with government's policy of upgrading deprived schools.

I hope the 59 young people selected in this scheme will justify the confidence reposed in them and make it possible for others to benefit from the scheme in the future and thereby, hopefully encourage other Institutions to institute similar schemes.

As I have said, today really belongs to the honour recipients and I am happy to join you all to salute them. Thank you and May God Bless Us All.

His Excellency Mr. J. A. Kufuor
President of the Republic of Ghana
9th August 2003

CITATION

MR LOUIS CASELY-HAYFORD DOCTOR OF SCIENCE (DSc) HONORIS CAUSA

Louis Casely-Hayford, patriot, scholar, management consultant and engineer *par excellence*. The university salutes and congratulates you on the occasion of honouring her illustrious servants on this Special Golden Jubilee Congregation.

Born on the 13th day of July 1936 in Takoradi, you had your early education at Adisadel College, Cape Coast. You continued your education in engineering in Dulich College, London (1952-1955) and in Manchester University (1956- 1960) for your BSc. Tech (Hons.) and MSc. Tech. degrees respectively.

Louis Casely-Hayford, between the years 1961-1962 you cut your teeth in engineering in a foreign land, precisely, in the UK. You later joined the VRA as a mechanical/project engineer and climbed the rungs of the engineering ladder to reach the high point of your professional career as the Chief Executive of the VRA in the years 1979-1990.

The scholar that you are, you have published several papers in the area of power generation and transmission relating to the Akosombo dam. You have received recognition from your peers and been honoured with such illustrious awards as Membership of the Institution of Engineers and others (UK), Institution of Engineers (Ghana), Fellowship of Engineers (Ghana) and Institution of Management (Ghana). You achieved another honour of becoming the President of the Ghana Institution of Engineers from 1980 to 1981

Louis Casely-Hayford, you travelled extensively as a member of several government delegations from Denmark in the north to Australia in the south and the USA in the west to China in the east. You served your nation at one time or other in several capacities including: member of the Government Technical Advisory Committee on Energy (1979), the Ghana Tourist Development Company, and Government Committee for the re-negotiation of the Volta Master Agreement and simultaneously the National Energy Board (1985-1989). You were also the Chairman on several Committees such as the Technical Audit Committee into Public Corporations (1981), the Special Committee appointed by Government to recommend re-organization of Petroleum Industry in Ghana (1987). You also served on several Private Sector Boards including Chairmanship of the CAL Merchant Bank, Ghana Leasing Company, Directorship of the UTC, Shell Ghana Ltd, SOS Children's Village Association of Ghana, ICON Ltd, and Signals and Controllers Ltd.

For us significantly, you became Chairman of the Council of the then University of Science and Technology between 1992 and 1996. You were also appointed to the position of Chairman of the National Council for Tertiary Education in 1993-1995. While in that

position, you demonstrated an extraordinary sense of duty through courageous decisions which earned you applause from the teaching staff of all Ghana's public Universities especially for your articulation of increased government support for improvement in the conditions of service for staff

Louis Casely-Hayford, you have served your nation and the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology of which we feel very proud and are pleased to honour you with the degree of Doctor of Science (DSc) *Honoris Causa*.

CITATION

PROFESSOR JOHN WILLIAM POWELL DOCTOR OF SCIENCE (DSc) HONORIS CAUSA

John William Powell, Mechanical Engineer and International Consultant in Technology Transfer and Project Planning, the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) acknowledges your services to her development.

You were educated in Cotham Grammar School, Bristol (1948-1956) and University of Southampton - both in England, where you obtained your BSc and PhD (1957-1963) degrees.

You first came to KNUST in 1971 on appointment as Senior Lecturer in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering. In January 1972, while still a senior member of the School of Engineering, you were appointed the first Director of KNUST's Technology Consultancy Centre (TCC), a position you held throughout your period of stay in the University.

Your invaluable expertise was so much in demand in the University that by 1978 you were combining three positions in your work schedule at KNUST. You were an Associate Professor of Engineering, Director of TCC and first Director of the KNUST's Bureau of Integrated Rural Development (BIRD). Although you relinquished your teaching position in the Department of Mechanical Engineering in 1975 and the directorship of BIRD in 1982, you stayed with the TCC till 1986 when you finally left the University for national service. From 1987 to 1990 you were the first director of the (GRATIS) Project established by the Government of Ghana to set up Intermediate Technology Transfer Units (ITTUs) in all the regional capitals of Ghana. Thereafter, between 1990 and 1992, you were technical advisor of the Ministry of Industries, Science and Technology for the GRATIS Project.

Throughout the 1990s, you placed your enormous expertise at the disposal of other countries in Africa and elsewhere. In 1992 till 1997, you were Chief Executive of Intermediate Technology, Ghana, a non-profit company dedicated to promoting industrial development in Africa. From 1997 to 2000 you were an international consultant to the Government of Hanoi on various development projects mostly under the auspices of the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO). In 1992, you were appointed Director of Midway Technology Limited of the U'K, a company providing consultancy services to industrial development projects in developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. You still occupy this position today.

Due to your meritorious service in the field of Technological Education, you, John William Powell, were honoured with the award of “Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British

Empire”. You have several scholarly publications to your credit, which have appeared in reputable Journals throughout the world.

John William Powell, the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology today honours you with the degree of Doctor of Science (DSc) *Honoris Causa*, for your distinguished services to the University and to humanity.

CITATION

DR. EMMANUEL KWAME OBENG DOCTOR OF SCIENCE (DSc) HONORIS CAUSA

Emmanuel Kwame Obeng, scholar, pharmacist, researcher and motivator, the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) honours you today as an alumnus of whom she is justifiably proud. Your association with the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology began in 1975 when you were admitted to the University to read the Bachelor's degree in Pharmacy. You successfully completed the programme in 1979 and, in recognition of your intellectual promise, the Faculty appointed you a Teaching Assistant for the *1980/81* Academic year. You left the shores of Ghana in 1982 for the United States of America to seek further education at the College of Pharmacy, University of Georgia, Athens where you obtained the Master's and Doctoral degrees in 1984 and 1987 respectively.

Kwame Obeng, your leadership qualities were noticed very early. As an undergraduate student, you were elected General Secretary of the Ghana Pharmaceutical Students Association and later its President in 1977 and 1978 respectively. You later became the first black African to be elected to the Executive Committee of the International Pharmaceutical Students Federation (IPSF) and you served as Chairman of the Development Fund in 1979, and again, Chairman of Information and Education in 1980.

Your working life in the USA has taken you from academia as an Assistant Professor in Pharmaceutics in the School of Pharmacy, Campbell University in North Carolina, USA in 1988 to Solvay Pharmaceuticals at Marietta Georgia, USA in June 1990 as a Research Scientist in formulation and process development. In 1996, you joined Merck and Co. Inc. in West Point, Pennsylvania, as a Senior Regulatory Scientist responsible for worldwide chemistry, manufacturing and control. You joined your current company, Schering- Plough Research Institute in October 2001 as Associate Director in the Worldwide Regulatory Affairs Department where you- manage a group responsible for worldwide chemistry, manufacturing and controls, and regulatory information for Investigational New Drug products and marketed drug products. Since 1998, you have been adjunct Professor of Regulatory Affairs at Temple University School of Pharmacy, Philadelphia, USA.

Emmanuel Kwame Obeng, though you left KNUST in 1981, you have not forgotten your Alma Mater. You have on many occasions since 1984, personally donated books to the Faculty of Pharmacy. In 2001, you facilitated a donation of medical reference books worth over \$1000.00 by Merck and Co to the Faculty of pharmacy and the University Library. In September 2000, you initiated a visit by the Vice Chancellor, Prof J.S.K. Ayim to the University of Pennsylvania resulting in collaboration between the University of Pennsylvania School of Engineering and Applied Science and the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science

and Technology. You also coordinated a joint proposal from the two universities for a Hewlett Packard Digital Village grant, the objective of which was to train IT specialists as well as establish Community Technology and Learning Centres (CTLCS). This resulted in the provision of computers, equipment and services, worth over \$1 million to the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology by Hewlett Packard and the establishment of a Hewlett Packard Village in the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology - the first of its kind in Africa, making KNUST the most "wired" university campus in West Africa

Your interest in community development has led you to found Community Services Foundation, an NGO, which is coordinating and monitoring the HPDigital Village Programme (CTLCS) in Ghana. Your continuing work with the University of Pennsylvania, the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology and Hewlett Packard has led to the establishment of five CTLC Centres in Ashanti and Eastern Regions of Ghana, further bridging the digital divide between even rural Ghana and outside world.

Emmanuel Kwame Obeng, in recognition of your untiring efforts in creating fruitful international linkages for your Alma Mater, the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology honours you today with a Doctor of Science (DSc.) *Honoris Causa*.

CITATION

MRS. MATILDA ESI FIADZIGBEY DOCTOR OF LAW (LLD) HONORIS CAUSA

Matilda Esi Fiadzigbey (nee Sepenu), staunch Christian woman, distinguished alumna of whom Kwarne Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) is proud, your Alma Mater honours you for the honour you have brought to her through the many positions of responsibility you have held in the country.

After graduating with a BSc in Land Economy in 1972, you joined the then Lands Department in the Public Service as an Assistant Lands Officer and rose to the grade of Principal Lands Officer. In 1986, when the Land Valuation Board was established, you opted to join the Board as Principal Valuer. By dint of hard work, you rose to the position of Director of the Board's Training and Research Department in 1990, a position you held till your appointment as the first Administrator of Stool Lands in October 1996.

You are a Fellow of the Ghana Institution of Surveyors (GIS), the recognized professional institution for Land Surveyors, Quantity Surveyors and General Practice Surveyors.

Esi Fiadzigbey, you have been a serving member of the Governing Council of the GIS since 1987 and have held various positions in the Institution, including Honorary Secretary of the Institution, and Chairperson of the General Practice Committee. You have also served on a number of national Committees, and currently, you are a member of the Lands Commission

You have attended several local and international conferences. You led Ghana's delegation to the joint Technical Conference of the Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy and the International Federation of Surveyors held in Harare, Zimbabwe in August 1995 where you also presented a paper. You have contributed to the Department of Land Economy in this University through motivating visits and delivering of lectures. You have an interest in promoting the emancipation of women, the cause of children and the development of the rural communities.

Matilda Esi Fiadzigbey, distinguished alumna, First Administrator of Stool Lands in the country and First and only Female President of the Ghana Institution of Surveyors, the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology salutes you today and confers on you the degree of Doctor of Law [LLD] *Honoris Causa*, for your distinguished service to the University and the nation.

CITATION

NANA OTUO SIRIBOE II DOCTOR OF SCIENCE (DSc) HONORIS CAUSA

Barima Yaw Boakye, Peter Amponsah, Nana Otu Siriboe II, Juabenhene, industrialist and statesman, the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology salutes you and makes bold to claim you as one of her prominent alumni.

A member of the Electrical Engineering graduating class of 1969, you were responsible for the design and installation of the electrification systems for the following towns: Anloga, Hohoe, Wenchi, Berekum, Ejisu, Apam and Sefwi Wiawso.

On your enstoolment, in order not to be an absentee Paramount Chief in Accra, you decided to stay with your people and actively took to farming. In 1978, you were adjudged the Best Farmer in Ashanti. In 1984, to add value to a primary commodity, you installed a palm oil mill to process fruits for your plantation and other out-growers. In 2001, you installed a Shea Butter Factory at Juaben which was commissioned last year by His Excellency, J.A. Kufuor, the President of Ghana.

You have rendered meritorious service to Asanteman. In 1981 you were a member of the delegation to open an exhibition in London on 'Ashanti, Kingdom of Gold'. Between 1984 and 1985, you were Chairman of the Committee on the Golden Jubilee of the Restoration of the Asante Confederacy, and for your efforts, you received a special commendation from the Head of State.

Nana, your considerable experience and commendable leadership style led to recognition outside your traditional area and Ashanti for that matter. You have been a member of the National House of Chiefs since 1975 and represented the august House in the 1979 Constituent Assembly and in the 1991 Consultative Assembly to draw up Constitutions for the return to civilian rule. On the latter occasion, you were Chairman of the Business Committee. Between 1994 and 2001, you were the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital. You have been an invaluable part of Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, Asantehene's drive to improve education in the country.

Your selfless devotion to duty and industry has not gone unnoticed and on the occasion of your Silver Jubilee on the Juaben Stool in 1996, Otumfuo Opoku Ware II predicted: "Nana Otu Siriboe's achievements and contributions to the development not only of Juaben, his traditional area, but also of Ghana, his country, will no doubt earn him a most worthy place in the history of Juaben and Ghana".

In 1997, The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in conjunction with The Ghana Investment Promotion Centre (GIPC) adjudged your company the most successful and innovative small scale industry in Ghana.

In 2001, you were elevated to membership of the Council of State, the pinnacle of national achievement.

Nana Otuo Siriboe, the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, your Alma Mater names you as one of her honourables and invites you to receive the degree of Doctor of Science, (DSc) *Honoris Causa*.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY NANA OTUO SIRIBOE II,

JUABENHENE

Your Excellency the President, Hon. J.A Kufuor,
Nana Mamponghe, representing Otumfuo the Asantehene,
Colleague Members of the Council of State,
Hon. Ministers of State,
Chairman and Members of the University Council,
Vice Chancellor of KNUST,
Vice Chancellors of Sister Universities,
Nananom,
Members of Convocation,
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen.

On behalf of my fellow recipients of honorary degrees, and on my own behalf, I thank KNUST for the honour done us by the conferment of these degrees. We are delighted to note that our little endeavours have been recognized by you.

We deem it a big privilege to be numbered among the roll of the immortals like Otumfuo Sir Agyemang Prempeh II, Dr. A.A Y. Kyeremateng and Busumuru Kofi Annan who have been similarly honoured by KNUST.

It is with a sense of gratitude and humility that we thank you, Your Excellency the President, for finding time to grace this morning's ceremony, despite your numerous engagements.

We thank Otumfuo Dr. Dr. Osei Tutu II, Asantehene, whom we may on this occasion take the liberty to refer to as the Senior Prefect of the honorary graduands of this University, for delegating Nana Mamponghe to represent him to witness the initiation of new recruits into his class. Speaking as an alumnus of this institution, I am particularly grateful for the training I received from KNUST before I embarked on the difficult and tortuous journey of life. KNUST gave us not merely information but a way of learning that we could use for the rest of our lives.

KNUST taught us the secret of how to learn by discovering things on our own. It is no wonder, therefore, that the alumni of the University are excelling not only in their own professions but in other areas as well. That Engineers trained in this University are currently holding the positions of Vice-President of Ghana, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning and Press Secretary to the President is a testimony of the quality training KNUST has been offering.

I congratulate the entire staff of the University who, over the years, have sacrificed a lot to maintain the enviable standards of this University. I see around me some professors who

taught me nearly four decades ago. I salute you for your patriotism, a patriotism which is not frenzied outburst of emotion but a tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime. The dedication of a lifetime - these are words easy to utter, but this is a mighty assignment. After all, it is easier to fight for principles than to live up to them

The half-century of the University's existence has been marked by a worldwide explosion in scientific and technological advancement. The University has skillfully managed the change but a lot still remains to be done so that it would play a leading role in the industrial and social transformation of our dear country. We pray that the University will receive its fair share of the country's scarce resources to enable it to play this role.

My colleagues and I promise to support KNUST in mobilizing resources to execute its programmes and also to put our individual experiences at the disposal of the Council.

Mr. Chairman, your Excellences, distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, we the graduands thank KNUST again for this honour and also thank all of you present for sharing with us the joy and pleasant excitement of this occasion.

May God bless us all.

Nana Otuo Siriboe

Juabenhene and Member of Council of State