

OPENING REMARKS OF THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL DURING THE JULY 2019 CONGREGATION CEREMONY.

Members of the University Council,
Vice-Chancellor,
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Deans and Directors,
Guest Speaker,
Members of the Advisory Board of the College of Humanities,
Members of Convocation,
Staff and Students,
Alumni,
Graduands,
Invited Guests,
Members of the Press Core,
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen.

I have the greatest pleasure in welcoming you all warmly to this morning's ceremony. On behalf of the Chancellor of the University, Mrs. Mary Chinery-Hesse, I extend her greetings and best wishes to all of you gathered here on this occasion.

Congregation ceremonies are very important to the University of Ghana because of the opportunity they afford us to reflect on how well we doing in terms of providing the needed agreement services and corporate support to ensure that students graduate and do so on time.

Management of the University remains committed to improving upon graduation rates and students' satisfaction and will continue to do all in its power to provide students with a memorable experience at all time.

You graduands have played your part by working extremely hard and doing so with great discipline. Your presence here this morning is proof that your efforts have not been in vain. I take the opportunity to wish you all who are being presented today the best wishes on this important occasion.

We share in you joy on the successful completion of your programme of study. We are very proud of you. As you go out into the world, we count on you to give the University a reason to take delight in what you do outside the University and that you will not let the University down. We believe that you would uphold the good name of this University always.

The degree being awarded you today is a precious and powerful gift. Please do remember that no one can take it away from you unless on legal grounds. We count on you today to make the differences in the world, always bear in mind that to whom much is given, much is expected. You have the trained mind leaving these walls, but you are going to go into a world of people without the benefit of your education but have a lot of talents and have contributed a lot to the development of this country. Be very modest and know that they are also an important part of this country, remember, it is very well known that nobody has the monopoly of wisdom in the world.

In our time when we left this University, these were very easy times, we could look forward to a job waiting for us in the civil service or anywhere else. Times are much tougher now and we recognize that no job is waiting for you and that even the Premiere University, University of Ghana, this is a problem for the graduate. In spite of all this, we feel a sense of hope, that the government is putting in place measures that will hopefully yield results and drastically reduced the risk of unemployment after all your hard work. My hope is that you will meet a world of work which is a much kinder place.

Hearty congratulation ones again.

It is important to recall that you have not done this alone, you perused this degree, you've been successful but you've enjoyed the support of your parents and guardians, entire family and friends and very loved ones. All of them are proud of your accomplishments which is why some have turned up in their numbers to celebrate with you, we welcome all of them.

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am extremely happy to declare this morning's assembly duly constituted for the awards of degrees and diplomas of the University of Ghana. It is customary for the Vice-Chancellor to give a report at Congregations on the Developments in the last academic year, so I now invite the Vice-Chancellor Professor Ebenezer Oduro Owusu to present his report to the Congregation.

Thank you very much.

CLOSING REMARKS

Members of the University Council,
Vice-Chancellor,
Guest Speaker,
Members of the Advisory Board of the College of Humanities,
Members of Convocation,
Staff and Students,
Fresh Graduates,
Invited Guest,
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen.

As we come to the end of this ceremony, I will like to thank all of you who have worked so hard to ensure that we have a very successful event, especially those who played a variety of roles in the planning and organization of this morning's ceremony. Our new graduates have also worked hard as stated earlier over the long period as students of this University and they deserve all the laurels for what they have acquired over the years. You have been part of the changes that have taken place at this University and we look forward to receiving some of you back very soon as faculty, graduate students or administrators to spread the University's drive to become a first-class University.

I congratulate you all on your achievements and urge you to be worthy ambassadors of your alma mater, wherever you may be and wherever you may find yourselves. This year, as we conclude the 70th anniversary celebration of the University with an Alumni Home Coming from 9th to 11th August, 2019, I hope that the fresh alumni who have just graduated will participate to the fullest in these and show what they achieved over the years. The invitation also goes to all University of Ghana alumni gathered here who are parents and well-wishers and friends of the University.

The University is also grateful to all the teachers, faculty, the management team and managers of the various units who have worked hard together to ensure that your stay in the University had been very fruitful. The University appreciate the efforts that everyone has put in this enterprise. We are delighted that so many parents, guardians, family and friends were able to join us in this celebration.

To our guest speaker for today, our Invited Guest, Alumni, and Friends of the University, let me assure that we appreciate your presence and participation in this ceremony, I hope and pray that your journey back home would be as safe and pleasant as the outward journey of this ceremony. Thank you all very much for coming.

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, it is now my privileged and duty to declare today's congregation officially dissolved, thanks for your attention.