

OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR



**SOD-CUTTING CEREMONY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF HOTSPOT
COMFORT ZONE SPONSORED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF GHANA ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION**

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Pro Vice-Chancellors,

Registrar,

Other Members of Senior Management,

Chairman and Members of the University of Ghana Alumni
Council,

Deans and Directors,

Faculty, Staff and Students present,

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen.

I am filled with overwhelming joy as we gather here today to cut sod for the construction of the first hotspot comfort zone to kickstart the Hotspot Comfort Zones project, initiated under the Vice-Chancellor's programme for enhancing the UG Student Experience through Digitalisation.

I am also very excited that our distinguished alumni under the leadership of the able Chairman and honourable members of the University of Ghana Alumni Association have set the pace by sponsoring the construction of this hotspot comfort zone, the first

of fifteen others envisioned to be constructed across various campuses of the University of Ghana. I heartily commend and congratulate them for walking the talk and being the first to cut sod for the construction of the hotspot comfort zone. This is indeed a demonstration of the loyalty, dedication, and commitment of our distinguished alumni, who ensure that they remain supportive of the visions and goals of their alma mater, the prestigious University of Ghana despite the hurdles and the challenging economic season.

The Hotspot Comfort Zones project is one of the three sub-programmes of the Vice-Chancellor's programme for enhancing the UG Student Experience through Digitalisation, which was launched in April 2022. The other two phases of the programme, which include the One Student One Laptop (1S1L) and Modernisation of Classroom initiatives have already commenced, with the disbursement of about 170 laptops to needy students, the donation of ten (10) high performing desktop computers for the Department of Computer Science, the refurbishment of some lecture theatres and halls, and some facility facelifts around the various campuses of the University of Ghana. Before the end of

this academic year, about 240 more laptops will be distributed to needy students. Processes are well advanced for credible companies to partner with the University to sell laptops to our students and staff, and to eventually assemble laptops right here on campus.

Finally, the Hotspot Comfort zones project is about to take off with this sod cutting, and I feel very fulfilled. These comfort zones, once completed, will provide students with comfortable and reliable spaces across the University campus equipped with Wi-Fi where students can access the internet in between lecture periods, interact, work in groups, unwind and make good use of their free periods. To this end, the University's vision of creating an enabling environment that makes the University increasingly relevant to national and global development through cutting-edge research as well as high-quality teaching and learning will not be compromised.

I would like to express profound gratitude to the Association, and all its members, for the continuous support they have given me since I became Vice-Chancellor. Indeed, their contributions to initiatives, projects, and programmes rolled out under my tenure

have not gone unnoticed and I pray that the good Lord will reward them handsomely for their unflinching support and generosity.

I cannot overlook the tremendous support I have received from the various internal and external stakeholders who have made significant inputs to see all these projects to fruition. I therefore count myself fortunate to have the support of students, staff, faculty, alumni, institutions, and stakeholders, who have contributed their widow's mite and largesse, to the realization of my dream and shared in my goal of training critical thinkers who are technologically adept, humane, culturally sensitive, and ready to provide leadership for the country and the continent. Consequently, I will endeavour to remain resolute in my commitment to engage both our internal and external stakeholders and mobilize other individuals and institutions to support our University in her quest to embrace technology, as part of our journey to becoming a world-class research intensive educational institution by all standards.

I would also like to thank everyone present for making time despite their busy schedules to join in this historic sod-cutting ceremony for the construction of the first hotspot comfort zone sponsored by the University of Ghana Alumni Association. It is my earnest prayer that our cherished students will make good use of these comfortable out-of-classroom workspaces which will provide them with a thrilling and fulfilling experience.

Thank you. God bless you all.

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Vice-Chancellor

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