

OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR



SOD-CUTTING CEREMONY OF THE PH.D HOSTEL BUILDING

ADDRESS BY:

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2022

UNIVERSITY OF GHANA

Members of Senior Management present

Deans and Directors

Professor Yaa Ntiamoa-Baidu, Project Lead, BANGA 11 Dr.

Jemima Anderson, Director, PADA

Graduate Students

Other members of the University Community

It is indeed an honor to join you all at this sod-cutting ceremony, which for me is a very important milestone in our journey to addressing the accommodation deficit that has plagued the University of Ghana for several decades.

In line with the University's vision to attain a world class status, it has become very necessary for us to tackle existing infrastructural deficits while ensuring that we incorporate new technologies in our bid to create an intellectual climate that supports our vision of becoming a research-intensive University in the next few years.

As a university, our first strategic priority is Research. As Vice-Chancellor, my first KSO is to reinvigorate impactful research in the (applied) science and humanities. This is vital for the growth and development of our institution and nation. In order to attract more PHD candidates, it is very important that we focus on increasing the stock of residential facilities on our campuses thereby giving our students an opportunity to study in a congenial environment. Hopefully, this PhD residential building project would help the University of Ghana attract more PhD candidates upon completion. The project is supposed to be in phases. This is the first phase. It is my expectation that in subsequent phases, we will make provision for childcare and other gender-based amenities which fit the needs of the 21st century PhD student. This will in turn help us support the training and development of these students and provide opportunities for producing critical thinkers who are ready to proffer solutions for existing challenges.

Let me use this opportunity to applaud the efforts of all individuals and institutions who have invested time and effort to ensure that this project becomes a reality – Prof. Yaa

Ntiamoa-Baidu, Carnegie Corporation, Director of PADA,
Director PDMSD and his staff. I would also like to thank all
persons who have embraced my vision of tackling the student
accommodation challenge.

Thank you all for your attention.

Professor Nana Aba Appiah Amfo
Sod-Cutting Ceremony of PHD Building
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