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**COMMISSIONING OF UNIVERSITY OF GHANA'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY
SECRETARIAT**

THEME:

***“NURTURING RESILIENCE, ADOPTING TECHNOLOGY, EMBRACING
HUMANISM”***

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75TH ANNIVERSARY SECRETARIAT, UNIVERSITY OF GHANA



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Invited Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

A very good morning to you all.

I join the Chairperson in welcoming you all warmly to the University of Ghana for the commissioning of the 75th Anniversary Secretariat.

Following the successful launch of the anniversary in August this year, Management thought it prudent to establish this dedicated workspace to coordinate the programmes and administrative processes of UG's 75th Anniversary.

While appreciating support received from all our partners, we would like to single out Grace-Filled Ventures for special mention. They have been instrumental in setting up this office by donating beautiful and durable furniture to the tune of sixty two thousand, six hundred and eight Ghana Cedis (Ghc 62,608), befitting the status of an institution in its diamond jubilee. The items include executive desks and chairs, sofas and table for the waiting area, cabinet and magazine rags among others. The set-up is visually appealing and aesthetically breath-taking to give the Anniversary Planning Committee a great ambiance for the arduous task ahead.

Through the anniversary celebration themed: "*Nurturing Resilience, Adopting Technology, Embracing Humanism*", we reflect on the gains we have made over the past seven and a half decades as pacesetters in higher education in Ghana. We are energized to do more and to create an enabling environment that makes University of Ghana increasingly relevant to national and global development, and to achieve the vision of becoming a world-class research-intensive university.

The Planning Committee under the guidance of the Chairpersons have outlined a broad range of programmes targeting both internal and external stakeholders. Highlights of these programmes have been catlogged in the programme brochure. I am particularly excited that the University of Ghana

through its Basic School decided to contribute to resolving the very topical issue of saving the environment and contributing to the Sustainable development Goal 13 which focuses on taking urgent actions to combat climate change and its impact.

On Friday, pupils and staff of the Basic School together with other senior officers of the University and external partners, in all pomp and pageantry, collaborated to plant four hundred (400) trees at various locations on campus.

Come Friday, 2nd December (Farmers Day holiday), we will be witnessing the biggest gathering of UG alumni, staff, students, friends and associates in a health walk dubbed "***A Walk with UG Alumni and Friends***" on Legon Campus. At this juncture, I would like to specially acknowledge our media partners particularly The Multimedia Group and Citi FM/TV for the publicity the Alumni Walk is receiving through your esteemed platforms.

I extend a special invitation to you all, come let's exercise, have fun and network. You can't afford to miss it. Please mark the dates for other intellectually-stimulating lectures and Home Coming among other exciting programmes planned to commemorate the anniversary.

Ultimately, it is our desire that this anniversary would be acclaimed as the most impactful through a legacy project centred on giving students, one of our most valued stakeholders, a memorable experience. Details of which will be announced later.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, I am happy to announce that Anniversary Planning Committee has proposed the construction of a **Students' Experience Centre as legacy project.** This is a multipurpose ultramodern facility with state-of-the-art equipment which will serve as a one-stop shop for a variety of students' needs. A leadership training centre is included to provide the platform to nurture our younger ones to become "better citizens". Additionally, it is proposed that the Centre will house Offices that provide student services and respond to student needs such as the Offices of the Dean of Student Affairs, Students with Special Needs, Students Financial Aid Office, Careers and Counseling Centre and a satellite Academic Affairs Office. Finally, to enable the project to be self-financing, it would have multipurpose meeting rooms, spaces for commercial activities such as banking and a food court, well-kept washrooms for income generation.

While expressing my utmost appreciation to institutions (*listed at the bottom of the order of proceedings*), who have partnered us for the anniversary celebration, I entreat corporate bodies and individuals to support us in our quest to make this anniversary celebration, an experience of a lifetime.

On this note, I declare the University of Ghana's 75th Anniversary Secretariat duly commissioned.

Thank you for your attention.

Prof. Nana Aba Appiah Amfo

Vice-Chancellor

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