

- July 2014 Congregation

Welcome Address at the Afternoon Session by His Excellency Kofi Annan Chancellor of the University of Ghana

Chairman and Members of the University Council,
Vice-Chancellor,
Guest Speaker,
Members of Convocation,
Staff and students,
Alumni,
Graduands,
Invited Guests, Distinguished ladies and gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure, that I welcome all of you this afternoon. This is the first of two congregation ceremonies planned for 2013/2014 cohort of students, the next of which would take place in November. It is an honour to take part in these ceremonies and to celebrate the notable achievements of all our graduands. Let me extend my sincere congratulations on the successful completion of your degrees and wish you the very best on this memorable day. I also look forward to the customary report from our Vice-Chancellor on developments within the past year about the University. It is always encouraging to see the many ways in which our University, the oldest in Ghana continues to evolve into a thriving vibrant community.

Distinguish guests, ladies and gentlemen; I am therefore delighted to declare this assembly duly constituted for the awards of degrees, diplomas and certificates of the University of Ghana to successful graduands and also to receive the report of the Vice-Chancellor. I now invite the Vice-Chancellor to present his report to Congregation.

Thank you.”

Closing Remarks by His Excellency Kofi Annan
Chancellor of the University of Ghana

Dear friends, as we end today’s ceremony, I would like to express my appreciation to all who worked so hard to make today’s Congregation such a success. Let me also thank our Guest Speaker Prof. Adewole, all invited guests, alumni, and friends of the University whose presence and participation in these events is always welcome. Let us also acknowledge all the proud parents, families and friends who have travelled far and near to join the celebration.

To our new graduates and fresh alumni: congratulations to you on your achievements. Not only have you successfully completed your degrees, you were the first cohort to do so under the new four year

degree programme. This is no simple feat and you deserve all the laurels you have received.

On behalf of the University, let me express my gratitude to the teachers and administrators who worked so hard to implement the new system. You have had to both teach and learn this is a new Programme and to teach and learn at the same time is not easy. Without your dedication and commitment our graduates could not have succeeded.

Today our graduates move on to take up new challenges. As you do, I call upon you to constantly remember, the University's motto, *'Integri Procedamus'* or let make progress with integrity. I wish you every success in your future endeavors and I am sure that you would prove to be worthy ambassadors of your Alma Mater. I am sure you would cooperate and work together and remain friends and support each other as you demonstrated that this afternoon by giving yourselves the greatest applause.

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, it is now my privilege and duty as Chancellor of the University to declare today's Congregation dissolved.

Thank you."