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THIRD CBAS BIENNIAL SCIENCE AND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

ADDRESS BY:

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**TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023
GREAT HALL, UNIVERSITY OF GHANA**



Chairperson,

Special Guest of Honor, Dr. Eugene Owusu (Special Advisor on SDGs, Office of the President),

Distinguished keynote speaker: Prof. Tsepo Tsekoa, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, South Africa,

Dedicated lecturers and presenters,

Students, Staff, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I warmly welcome you all to the 3rd biennial science and development conference of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences.

I am indeed very happy that over the years, the College of Basic and Applied Sciences has incessantly organized conferences of this nature to create an avenue for stimulating discussions and conversations surrounding science and technology in national development.

This year's conference is in commemoration of the University of Ghana's 75th Anniversary Celebrations and happens to be the 3rd in the series of biennial conferences organized by the College of Basic and Applied Sciences. The last two series have brought together seasoned personalities from academia and several institutions across the globe, and I am positive that this year's conference will be no

exception, particularly considering that the theme itself is a conversation starter. The theme, “*Leveraging Science and Technology for National Development*” is indeed thought provoking and its relevance to the critical times in which we live cannot be overlooked. The theme also sits well in the context of the University’s anniversary celebration on “*Nurturing Resilience, Adopting Technology, Embracing Humanism*.”

As we celebrate our 75th anniversary, we are mindful of the fact that the past serves as a guide for planning the future. Just like the proverbial “Sankofa” bird, “Go back and fetch it”, whose feet are firmly planted forward while its head is turned backwards carrying a precious egg in its mouth. Consequently, as 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 even 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.

I trust that this conference will not only be an avenue for discussions on the host of research activities conducted by the constituents of the College of Basic & Applied Sciences, but also serve as a platform for networking and socialization amongst students, lecturers, and other professionals in the field of academia. I urge you all to take advantage of the available opportunities to tap into the expertise of colleague

academics and students across the globe, since I believe this will be beneficial to your careers in the near future.

On this note, I wish you fruitful deliberations.

Prof. Nana Aba Appiah Amfo
Vice-Chancellor
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