

**OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR**



**HANDING OVER CEREMONY OF A 33-SEATER TOYOTA COASTER BUS TO  
THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, LEGON**

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GREAT HALL, UNIVERSITY OF GHANA**



Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic and Student Affairs),  
Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research, Innovation and Development),  
Members of Senior Management present,  
Registrar,  
Chairman and Members of the Hospital Management Committee,  
Director of Public Affairs,  
Director and Management of University Health Services,  
Staff of the University and particularly the University Hospital,  
The Media,  
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen.

It gives me great pleasure to be back here to hand over the keys of this 33-seater Toyota Coaster bus to enhance the operations of the University Hospital. My understanding is that since 2016, the University Health Services has been clamoring for a bus. This is because the University Health Services, apart from the regular services provided, also provides regular health extension services to the adjoining communities.

I am excited that this has come to fruition under my tenure. I am committed together with the University's Senior Management Team to continue to strengthen operational efficiency across all units of the University through some of these interventions.

Permit me to share with you some of the pertinent reasons why the acquisition of this bus is very crucial:

The Public Health, and Reproductive & Child Health Units provide outreach services to communities such as Mempeasem, La-Bawaleshie, Shiashie, and Okponglo. These services include vaccination, routine checks, and counselling. Neighbouring tertiary institutions, such as Radford University College and University of Professional Studies, Accra also benefit from these outreach services.

Staff of the Dental Unit, for the past two years, have travelled as far as Eikwe in the Western Region to provide free dental care in that community. Occasionally, the Hospital Medical Team also travels to the University's Research Centres to examine the health of UG workers at the Centres. ***These initiatives, which involve providing free healthcare services to persons of all social standing bear testament to our institution's conscious effort to promote and support humanism, which is increasingly becoming important in the provision of healthcare both nationally and globally.***

***As Vice-Chancellor, I will continue to champion the cause of humanism by ensuring that stakeholders of the University of Ghana exhibit qualities of empathy, love, compassion, integrity as well as respect, while they endeavour to put on a human face in their dealings and interactions on a daily basis.***

The acquisition of this bus for the University Health Services is therefore timely and will significantly improve mobility and delivery of healthcare services. I therefore urge you all to put this vehicle to judicious use to benefit the UG family and its surrounding communities.

I entreat Management and staff of the University Health Services to take good care of the bus and adopt a good maintenance culture to ensure the longevity of the bus.

On this note, I shall invite the Director of the University Health Services or his representative to receive the keys.

Thank you.

***Prof. Nana Aba Appiah Amfo***  
***Vice-Chancellor***  
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