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NUHOPSA President and Executive Members

Members of NUHOPSA

Special Invited Guests

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

It is indeed a privilege to grace today's 21st NUHOPSA Biennial Conference as Guest of Honour. It is equally an honour to heartily welcome you all to the evergreen University of Ghana campus, and to host this all important conference, more so as this is another opportunity for me to reconnect with alumni from my alma mater, Holy Child School, and to support a sisterhood, which has since my appointment as Vice-Chancellor given me unwavering support, and shown solidarity in so many ways than I could have envisioned.

Notwithstanding my busy schedules this week, I had to squeeze some time to attend this very important conference, the twenty-first in the series of biennial conferences organized by NUHOPSA. I always deem it a pleasure to attend events such as these, which not only provide opportunities for us to network and engage in stimulating discussions, but also provide avenues for

conversations that start the investment of our time and resources in noteworthy projects that go a long way to impact our lives and the lives of those associated with us, and so many others beyond our scope of daily operation.

The theme being considered for today's function is one that cannot be overemphasized. Indeed, it is apt, and sets the stage for us to engage in conversations which will birth actions that are vital for the growth and accelerated development of both our Association and our beloved alma mater- Holy Child School. Indeed ***'Celebrating 50 Years of Sisterhood- A Strong Association, A Strong Institution'*** is a thought-provoking theme that should be examined at length to result in the commissioning of impactful activities and projects geared towards the sustenance and continuous existence of all HOPSAN Associations all over the world and our mother institution as well.

Our HOPSAN sisterhood should not just be a name tag by which we are identified, it should deeply reflect the values of discipline and resilience instilled in us, while we were enrolled at the Holy Child School/College. Today, in Ghana and the world over,

HOPSANS have risen to take up positions of prominence in institutions, companies, and societies, and that is certainly an indication that our involvement, efforts, and inputs in our assigned roles are crucial in shaping, grooming, and transforming lives and livelihoods.

As we think about these, let's appreciate and accept the fact that the HOPSAN sisterhood comes in different forms. Year group organizations, for example, have been found to ignite strong bonds and this can be leveraged upon to provide much needed support for the school/college. Sometimes, the organization is effective at the house, town or country level.

Quite recently, I joined members of HOPSA UK virtually as they climaxed their 35th Anniversary celebrations with a Fire and Ice themed Ball, and I encouraged them to not to back bench the reason for the existence of their Association, which is the Holy Child School. Today, I would like to reiterate same. As we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of NUHOPSA, let us remember to keep our school as the focus of our discussion, decision making and execution plans. It is also relevant that we continually support her

by contributing our quota, and also keeping her at the forefront of all our affairs at all times.

Let us not forget our school's motto, Facta Non Verba which issues a clarion call for us to act now, and forge ahead so that our Association, and School, in the coming years, will reap the yields which we have worked hard to sow. This in turn means that a new generation will enjoy the benefits of our strong association and equally strong institutions.

That said, let me use this platform to commend NUHOPSA and all other HOPSAN Associations for their efforts and the contribution of their largesse and widow's mite to projects and initiatives that have been rolled out at the Holy Child School. These pockets of contributions have contributed and will continue to significantly contribute to the grooming of ladies who will someday stand in our place. I doff my hat in recognition of your consistent efforts and unwavering support to our alma mater. May the good Lord bless you immeasurably, and bountifully replenish your stock so that you can continue to tow this line.

Finally, I would like to commend the executives of NUHOPSA, both past and present, for organizing this conference. Indeed, such opportunities are golden, given that we seldom meet to discuss or share opinions on issues of mutual interest considering our very busy schedules. Let me note that the inclusion of a ***Business Bazaar and Food Festival*** is very brilliant, as it allows us to familiarize ourselves with HOPSA owned businesses, and this boosts our interest to invest and support each other in that regard.

Let me bring my address to a close by warmly welcoming you all to Ghana's hill of knowledge and learning, the University of Ghana. I trust that you will enjoy the evergreen ambience and make memories as you interact with each other, share ideas, discuss, and have some good fun, which you all deserve after a long tedious week of work.

On that note, I wish you fruitful deliberations.

Thank you.

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