

OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR



VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS AT THE SWEARING - IN OF THE REGISTRAR

ADDRESS BY:

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UNIVERSITY OF GHANA

Lady Chancellor

Members of Council,

Distinguished Members of Convocation,

Members of the University Community,

Invited Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Good morning.

Today marks another important moment in the life of the University of Ghana as we formally swear into office our new Registrar, Mr. Michael Opare Atuah.

The office of Registrar occupies a unique place in the governance architecture of our University. As Secretary to Council, the Academic Board, Business and Executive Committee, and as Chief Operating Officer, the Registrar is central to ensuring that the University's academic, administrative and governance systems function effectively, efficiently and with integrity.

This is, therefore, not simply the assumption of another new office. It is the assumption of a profound institutional responsibility.

Mr. Atuah assumes this responsibility at an exciting time in the University's history. Our Strategic Plan 2024–2029 sets an ambitious course - to achieve global impact through innovative research, teaching and learning using a technology-driven and people-centred approach. We are pursuing transformative improvements in the student experience, strengthening our research enterprise, investing in our people, deepening partnerships, and ensuring sustainable stewardship of our resources.

The Registrar's Office sits at the centre of translating these aspirations into operational reality.

I have read Mr. Atuah's vision statement with great interest. I am particularly encouraged by his commitment to **"consolidating the gains and setting the stage for continuous improvement."** That is a thoughtful and appropriate vision for a University that has made significant progress and is determined to build on that progress rather than lose momentum. So Mr. Registrar, I am sorry but there will be no

honey moon, there's no time for that. You have to hit the ground not running but galloping. I am equally pleased that his vision aligns closely with the University's own strategic direction, particularly its emphasis on governance excellence, technology-enabled administration, operational efficiency, partnerships and, above all, a people-centred approach.

The University community has high expectations of our new Registrar. Unfortunately, your predecessor has not made it softer for you. The only option you have is to improve on the standard she has set. We expect leadership that is principled and accountable. We expect administration that is efficient, responsive and innovative. We expect governance that is transparent and fair. We expect collaboration that brings together faculty, staff, students, alumni and partners in pursuit of our shared mission.

And we expect an unwavering commitment to excellence in service. Fortunately, Mr. Atuah comes to this office well prepared. For nearly three decades, he has served this University with distinction across a range of increasingly responsible positions. From

the University of Ghana Medical School to the College of Health Sciences, from the School of Graduate Studies to several key institutional assignments, he has accumulated not only extensive administrative experience but also a deep understanding of the University's culture, systems and values. I remember that he assisted the then Registrar, who served as Secretary for the Search Committee that recommended my appointment to Council. Throughout his journey at this University, he has earned the respect of colleagues through his professionalism, commitment and quiet but effective leadership.

Lady Chancellor, permit me to address Mr. Registrar directly.

Today, you inherit a strong institution built through the vision and dedication of many who have gone before us. Your responsibility is to preserve what has served us well, improve what can be better, and prepare the University for the opportunities and challenges of the future.

You will find in me not only a Vice-Chancellor, but a partner in this important work. I am committed to creating an enabling environment

that fosters mutual respect, open communication and collaboration among the University's leadership, so that together we can realise our shared vision for the University of Ghana.

To members of the University community, I ask that we extend to our new Registrar the cooperation and support necessary for him to succeed. Leadership is never a solitary endeavour. The effectiveness of any Registrar depends not only on personal commitment but also on the willingness of the entire University community to work together in a spirit of trust, professionalism and shared purpose.

Mr. Opare Atuah, on behalf of Council, management and the entire University community, I congratulate you on your assumption of office.

We wish you wisdom in decision-making, courage in leadership, humility in service and every success as you take up this important responsibility. May your tenure strengthen this great University and position it for even greater impact in the years ahead.

Thank you.

Prof. Nana Aba Appiah Amfo

Vice-Chancellor

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