OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

COMMISSIONING OF THE ALEX A. DADEY CENTRE
UNIVERSITY OF GHANA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (UGAA)

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Mr. Felix Addo, Chairman of the UGAA Council,

Members of the UGAA Council and past Council members,

Ms. Doris Kisiwa Ansah, Immediate Past Chairperson of UGAA Council,

Mr. Alex Apau Dadey Jnr., Sponsor of the Centre and Chairman of the KGL Group of Companies,

Pro-Vice-Chancellors, Registrar, Provosts, Deans and Directors

Alumni of the University of Ghana,

Members of the media,

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and gentlemen.

Good afternoon.

It is a great pleasure to join you this afternoon for the commissioning of the Alex A. Dadey Centre, the Event Centre of the University of Ghana Alumni Association. I thank the Chairman and Council of the Association for the

kind invitation to be part of this historic occasion.

Today is a day for celebration. It is the day a long-held vision becomes a building we can see, enter and use. It is also a day for gratitude, and I would like to begin here.

To Mr. Alex Apau Dadey Jnr., a proud alumnus of this University and Chairman of the KGL Group of Companies, I say thank you. Your generosity in sponsoring this Centre is a lasting contribution to your alma mater. Many of us speak warmly of the University that shaped us. Far fewer turn that affection into something that will serve generations of alumni to come. You have done exactly that, and the University of Ghana is deeply grateful.

Your gift reflects the spirit of philanthropy, commitment and service that we hope every alumnus will carry from this campus into the world.

Ladies and gentlemen, a project like this is rarely the work of one season. The Alex A. Dadey Centre is a landmark

achievement, and it stands on the efforts of successive Councils of the University of Ghana Alumni Association. Each of them added a layer to the foundation, so that today's Council could bring the vision to completion.

I therefore commend Mr. Felix Addo and the present Council for seeing this project through. I also wish to recognise, with equal sincerity, all the Councils that came before. They worked, planned and sustained the dream through changing times. Today's milestone is also their legacy.

The growth of the Association, like the growth of the University, depends on partnership. Cooperation between the Association, the Vice-Chancellor and University Management is essential to continued progress. When alumni and the University pull in the same direction, we achieve more, and we achieve it faster.

It is in that spirit that I stand before you today. This Centre

is a fruit of that relationship, and I look forward to continued collaboration in the years ahead.

A facility of this calibre is a significant investment, and we must ensure that the Association derives its full value. This Centre should generate income to support UGAA programmes, projects and operations. A well-managed, well-patronised Event Centre can help the Association fund its own ambitions and reduce its reliance on one-off appeals. That is how a gift becomes a lasting resource: it keeps giving long after the ribbon has been cut.

But a building does not sustain itself. The success of this Centre depends on alumni participation, patronage and responsible management.

To my fellow alumni and friends of the University: use this Centre, host your events here, recommend it to others, and be proud of it. To the Council and all who will manage it: please safeguard it with care, transparency and good

stewardship. Together, let us make sure that this Centre serves the Association well for generations.

I once again congratulate the UGAA Council on this achievement, and I thank Mr. Dadey once more for his remarkable generosity. May this Centre become a vibrant home for the University of Ghana alumni family: a place for reunion, celebration and renewed commitment to our alma mater.

It is therefore my pleasure to join in commissioning the Alex A. Dadey Centre, for the use and benefit of the University of Ghana Alumni Association and the wider alumni community.

May it serve its purpose and remain a lasting symbol of the generosity, unity and service that define the University of Ghana family.

Thank you, and God bless us all.

Prof. Nana Aba Appiah Amfo

Vice-Chancellor

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