

**GOODWILL MESSAGE TO THE KNUST ALUMNI ASSOCIATION –
NORTH AMERICA CHAPTER BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR,
PROFESSOR WILLIAM OTOO ELLIS**

It is really a happy occasion for me to write this goodwill message to the KNUST Alumni Association – North America Chapter. This is premised on the fact that the North America Chapter is one of the most active Chapters of our Alumni Association, if not the most across the world. We at the KNUST are very proud of your achievement and persistent generous contributions to the course of the University.

The Alumni of every institution constitute one of the institution's major strategic assets. In addition, present day Universities are making their mark in the comity of universities through their research activities and community impact as well as the level of impact their alumni are exerting on society. The latter is premised on the reason that, the Alumni of any University serve as ambassadors for the University through several platforms including the provision of places for vacation training for students, taking up teaching appointments, endowing property and funds to the University, seeking project funding for their alma mater, donation of books, equipment, vehicles, and so on.

It is on the above premise that I want to commend the North America Chapter of our Alumni Association for their tremendous support in diverse ways to the course of the University in the mobilisation and donation of hospital equipment, visit by seven Professors for teaching purposes in 2005 and several other support the University has and continue to enjoy from you. We are, therefore, proud that our alumni in North America are playing critical roles abroad and at home and I urge you to continue with your good works.

We all realise that, in our attempt to develop the University in these times of dwindling resources, we need to collaborate and synchronise our energies as stakeholders. It is in this direction that I would want to establish what I term as “the KNUST Alma Mater Fund” to mobilise funding from alumni together with Alumni Association to support University business. In addition, I would want to strengthen Alumni/University linkages through enhanced participation of the alumni in University affairs through the institution of joint programmes such as Institution of an Annual

alumni public lecture, distinguished alumni award, distinguished young alumni award and alumni chair.

It is our pleasure to see how active the North America Chapter of the Association is and the role you are playing towards the development of your alma mater and I urge you to continue with your good works and encourage you to explore more avenues to exert your influence on your alma mater.

I wish you all the best.

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