

**SPEECH DELIVERED BY PROFESSOR WILLIAM OTOO ELLIS, VICE-
CHANCELLOR OF KNUST AS CHAIRMAN AT THE INAUGURATION OF
QUEEN'S HALL TENNIS COURT ON FRIDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 2011
AT 3.00PM AT THE TENNIS COURT**

Pro Vice-Chancellor

Marketing Manager – Latex Foam

Hall Master

Senior Tutor

Administrators

Fellows of Queens Hall

Invited Guests

Students

Members of the Press

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

I thank the Hall Master and his corps of administrators for inviting me to this afternoon's short ceremony of inaugurating your newly constructed tennis court and commission the refurbished students' market as well as a computer room. This follows an earlier failed attempt to have this ceremony on Friday, 7th October, 2011. I have been impressed with the

facelift the Hall is seeing recently and it is my hope that the momentum will be sustained to make the Hall, the envy of everyone.

The University has a mission to, among others, provide conducive environment for teaching, research and entrepreneurship training in science and technology for the industrial and socio-economic development of Ghana and Africa. In this respect, we in the helm of affairs of the University have been working tirelessly to provide an environment considered conducive for teaching, learning, research and enhance our community engagement drive. New constructions, rehabilitations, refurbishments, expansion etc of structures have been undertaken and others are being undertaken in an attempt to give a facelift to the status of the University as the finest science and technology university in Africa.

In tandem with the above aspiration, several constituent bodies of the University such as Colleges, Faculties, Schools and Halls of Residence have also been undertaking some projects in their

own corner; all in the interest of providing a better environment for teaching, learning and research on the campus. It is, therefore, not out of place that Queens Hall has constructed this beautiful tennis court to offer inhabitants of the Hall and the University community as a whole, the opportunity for recreation and exercise.

In addition to this tennis court, I am informed your student market has also been given some facelift in addition to the renovation of a room for use as a computer room in the Hall. It is my hope that students of the Hall will make maximum use of these facilities to facilitate their stay here.

I also hope all those who will be making use of these facilities will be decorous in their use to ensure their longevity. I think it is time to rehabilitate all our tennis courts; we need not be 50years to rehabilitate them. Thus, all the other Halls should take up the challenge with the support of the Sports Directorate. I also want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the continuous support of Latex Foam Ghana Ltd. to the University in general and Queens Hall in particular. Finally, I say kudos to

the Hall's administration. I thank you for the opportunity and accept to chair the function.