

**SPEECH DELIVERED BY PROFESSOR WILLIAM OTOO ELLIS, VICE-  
CHANCELLOR OF KNUST AS CHAIRMAN TO THE 42<sup>ND</sup> HALL WEEK  
CELEBRATION OF UNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2010 AT  
THE FORECOURT OF THE HALL AT 2.00PM ON THE THEME “THE GRADUATE  
UNEMPLOYMENT; THE ROLE OF THE CONTINENTAL”**

Members of the Hall Council

Hall Master

Senior Tutor

Guest Speaker

Guest of Honour

Hall Administrators

Hall Fellows

The Hall President and Other Executive Members of the JCR Committee

Other Distinguished Invited Guests

Members of the Unity Hall Fraternity

Conti – Power!!!

Yes, indeed Conti is power and it will forever be. I thank the organisers of this 42<sup>nd</sup> Hall Week celebration of Unity Hall for inviting me to chair this afternoon’s function. Since my assumption of office a couple of weeks as the 9<sup>th</sup> Vice-Chancellor of this great University, this is my first Hall assignment and I deem it historical and a great honour to be offered this opportunity.

Let me seize this opportunity to thank the Council Members of this great Hall for the goodwill and congratulatory message I received from the Hall a couple of weeks ago and the several gifts of memorabilia of the Hall. In fact, I am happy to inform you that, the Hall was one of the first organisations to have sent me a congratulatory message. It really makes me feel like a real member of the Hall.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, I am also particularly happy to be part of this afternoon's ceremony which in my opinion, is a rare one. I remember putting across the idea of the Hall organising communal labour, where students would clean the nearby communities of the University and the Hall forming what I termed as "Reading Clubs" in the various Schools of nearby communities as part of making our Hall Week celebrations have a societal focus and thereby impacting our society positively through projects that would develop the society. I am very happy that through the Hall's Inter Basic School Quiz competition dubbed "Giving Back to the Community", we have all gathered here to present prizes to winners of the quiz competition. This activity of ours is definitely putting something substantial back to the society and would thus, make an indelible imprint of the Hall and what it stands in the minds of several people including basic school children.

I heartily congratulate the Hall Master, Senior Tutor and other Hall Executive Members for dreaming about and nurturing this noble idea. It is only my hope that others would also emulate this great feat and make their hall week celebrations have a societal focus. I also congratulate all prize winners for a healthy competition and urge them to keep the fire burning.

As a true member of the Conti fraternity, I promise to hold high the Conti torch of integrity, great display of leadership and a genuine love for the KNUST and its people. I solicit your utmost support by letting decorum and tranquillity permeate every action of yours. I wish you a happy hall week celebration and accept to chair this afternoon's function.

Thank you.