

UNIVERSITY OF MINES AND
TECHNOLOGY,
TARKWA

60th Anniversary

Address

by

Vice Chancellor

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Date

Thursday, 16th Feb., 2012

Addressing of Invited Guests

- ⊗ Municipal Chief Executive
- ⊗ Chairman and Members of the University Council
- ⊗ Past principals of the Tarkwa Technical Institute, Tarkwa school of Mines and KNUST School of Mines
- ⊗ Provost of the Western University Colleges
- ⊗ Past and Present Pro Vice Chancellors of the University
- ⊗ Colleague Vice Chancellors of Sister Universities
- ⊗ Registrar of the University and Registrars of Sister Universities
- ⊗ Finance Officer of the University and Finance Officers of Sister Universities
- ⊗ Omanhene and Nananom of Wassa Fiase Traditional Area

Addressing of Invited Guests

- ⊗ Members of Convocation in loco parentis
- ⊗ Junior Members in statu pupillari
- ⊗ Alumni
- ⊗ Priests and Imans
- ⊗ Members of the Press
- ⊗ Distinguished Invited Guests
- ⊗ Ladies and Gentlemen

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- ✚ It is gratifying to see all of you gathered here this morning to participate in the launching of the 60th Anniversary of the University of Mines and Technology.
- ✚ Your presence is a manifestation of your interest in this University and we are very grateful for this interest.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- ✧ I particularly want to acknowledge the presence of the Municipal Chief Executive, Mrs Christina Kobbinah, who is the Government's representative.
- ✧ I would also like to acknowledge the presence of the Omanhene of the Wassa Fiase traditional Area, Osagyefo Kwamina Enimil VI, who has shown extremely keen interest in the development of this University.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- ✉ The presence of the following colleague Vice Chancellors gives me a sense of warmth and companionship. They are:
- ✉ The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ghana, professor Ernest Aryeetey;
- ✉ The Vice Chancellor of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Professor William Otto Ellis;

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- ✧ The Vice Chancellor of the University of Cape Coast, Naana Jane Opoku-Agyemang;
- ✧ The Vice Chancellor of the University of Education , Winneba who is also the Chairman of Vice Chancellors Ghana, professor Akwasi Ameyaw-Asabere;
- ✧ The Vice Chancellor of the University for Development studies, professor Haruna Yakubu.

WELCOME



On behalf of the University, I welcome all of you present here and thank you for finding time, despite your heavy schedules of work, to come to participate in the launching of the 60th anniversary of the University.



Ladies and gentlemen, against the background that this University was established in 2004, barely 12 years ago, I may have to explain why we are celebrating the University's 60th anniversary so that all those who require explanation can understand.

THE METAMORPHISM

- ✘ The following are the facts.
- ✘ The University started as the Tarkwa Technical Institute in 1952.
- ✘ In 1960, it metamorphosed, through the initiative of the Ghana Chamber of Mines, to become the Tarkwa school of Mines.
- ✘ In 1976, it was affiliated to the Kwame Nkrumah University of science and Technology (KNUST) and given the name KNUST School of Mines

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- ✘ In 2001, it was re-organised to become the Western University College
- ✘ The on the 12th of November, 2004 AD, at exactly 11:30 Hrs GMT, it was by Act 677 of Parliament established as a full-fledged University of Mines and technology.
- ✘ Now, having been born in 1952, that is 60 years ago as the Tarkwa technical Institute, it becomes clear why this young University is justifiably celebrating its 60th Anniversary. The purpose of this gathering is to launch the celebration of this 60th Anniversary

APPRECIATION

- At this juncture, I would like to thank the Ghana Chamber of Mines, the Government of the Republic of Ghana, the Omanhene of the Wassa Fiase Traditional area who for the significant roles they have played in nurturing this University to maturity.
- It is also appropriate to pay tribute to the following persons who at various periods served as Principals and Provost and steered the affairs of this institution from its birth to its maturity.

PAY TRIBUTE

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They are:

- ✘ Mr. P.W. Philpott, Principal, (1952- 1974)
- ✘ Mr. M.T. Kofi, Principal, (1974-1994)
- ✘ Dr. J.K. Borsah, Principal, (1994-1998)
- ✘ Prof D. Mireku-Gyimah, Principal, (1998-2001)
- ✘ Prof D. Mireku-Gyimah, Provost,(2001-2004)

FINALLY

- Finally, I would like to thank all the staff, students and alumni whose hard work has brought the University thus far
- I thank you for your attention and God bless us all.