

SPEECH DELIVERED BY PROFESSOR KWASI KWAFO ADARKWA, VICE-CHANCELLOR OF KNUST AS THE CHAIRMAN TO THE 2010 NUGS/KINGDOM BOOKS' BOOK FAIR ON TUESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2010 AT THE ROYAL PARADE GROUNDS AT 9.00AM ON THE THEME “*KNOWLEDGE ACQUISITION, AN INDISPENSABLE KEY TO PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT: THE ROLE OF THE INDIVIDUAL, EDUCATIONAL AUTHORITIES AND THE GOVERNMENT*”

Salutation

Let me commend the Local Secretariat of the National Union of Ghana Students (NUGS) and the Kingdom Books and Stationery Limited for putting together this Book Fair to provide a one-stop shop for students, especially, fresh men and women to satisfy all their stationery needs.

I can imagine the frustrations one may go through when one is looking for a book or a reference material that may not be available at the University Library. Such fairs offer participants the opportunity to choose from a wide array of products, including exercise books, pencils, pens, callipers, writing pads, computer and accessories, office furniture, and other stationery needs. Another major advantage is that, one is able to, within proximity, choose from a wide variety of

products, compare prices and make a better choice rather than to move from one shop to the other at different and sometimes inaccessible geographical locations in town, with its attendant risks and cost.

Ladies and gentlemen, I would not want to bore you with the importance of knowledge acquisition to one's personal development. All patrons of this Fair, are at least, abreast with the need to be knowledgeable and that culminated in their acquisition of education in general and higher education in particular. In today's world where knowledge is power, the most valuable asset for any person is your level of knowledge and how you are able to use the knowledge you have to solve human problems. Within our current knowledge-based economy, competent and confident employees are the foundation for a successful business. It is, therefore, important that we continually seek knowledge to better position ourselves in this competitive world of ours.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, Kingdom Books and Stationery Limited has over the past 20 years, carved a niche for itself in supplying quality office essentials, equipment and furniture at affordable prices. As an academic institution, one of the key services to our enterprise of teaching and learning is an accessible bookshop that offers a range of products that will suit almost all stakeholders, especially, students and lecturers. With this in mind, Kingdom Books and Stationery Limited, with its track record, came on top when the University wanted to diversify its interest in the erstwhile bookstore for obvious reasons. Kingdom has been offering to the University community, various stationery and equipment for customers to choose from. They have also added the supply of furniture to their range of products and their brand of stationery and equipment are of relative high quality and at affordable prices with a one year guarantee for their equipment.

I have been very happy about the seemingly long lasting partnership between Kingdom Books and Stationery Limited and the Local KNUST Secretariat of the National Union of

Ghana Students in providing a platform to service all manner of needs of clients as far as books, stationery and furniture is concerned. It is my appeal that, Kingdom will consider the issue of reducing the prices of stationery and equipment during this six-day Book Fair to enable as many as possible participants, purchase their books, stationery and equipment at this Fair. I would also encourage all students, lecturers and staff alike to take advantage of this Book Fair to satisfy their stationery needs.

Ladies and gentlemen, with these remarks, I accept to chair this morning's function and solicit your maximum co-operation for a successful programme.

Thank you.