

INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES, HON. KWAKU ASOMAH-CHEREMEH, AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GHANA SCHOOL OF SURVEYING AND MAPPING (GSSM) AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MINISTRY. JANUARY 14, 2020

Deputy Minister

Chief Director

Chairman of the Lands Commission

Executive Secretary and Management of the Lands Commission

Members of the Board of Directors of the Ghana School of Surveying and Mapping (GSSM)

Representatives of the GSSM

Members of the Press

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is my singular honour and privilege for the opportunity to perform the inauguration of this all-important Board.

I also wish to extend my appreciation to all who have made this occasion possible.

Ladies and gentlemen, the existence of a Governing Board is an essential structure required of any credible institution to ensure good governance.

Members of the new Board are expected to bring their individual and collective experience and expertise to bear on further development of the school.

Ladies and gentlemen, I have always held the belief that for our educational institutions to thrive and be relevant in the world, research and pragmatic innovative measures ought to be pursued at all times.

This Institution is no exception.

I am aware of the infrastructural challenges that the school currently faces. I wish however, to assure the Board that the Ministry will lend its unflinching support to every effort aimed at resolving all such challenges.

I have no doubt that this new Board whose membership is endowed with sterling qualities, will guide the staff and students to build on their capacity. As has already been mentioned, the following are the members of the Board and the institutions they represent:

1. Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources – Mr. James Ebenezer K. Dadson

2. Lands Commission – Mr. Jones Ofori-Boadu
3. Survey and Mapping Division of Lands Commission – Mr. Yaw Aboagye-Kyei
4. The Principal, (GSSM) – Mr. Daniel Adomako Agyemfrah
5. Geomatic Engineering Dept., KNUST - Dr. Anthony Arku-Adjei
6. Ghana Institution of Surveyors (GhIS) – Mr. J. C. Acquah
7. GSSM, Student Representative Council – Mr. Richard Kwaku Baah

At this juncture I wish to express my profound gratitude to members of the outgoing Board for their enormous contribution towards the development of the school. I also wish to thank both the teaching and non-teaching staff for their hard work.

Indeed to all other stakeholders of the school I say *Ayekoo* for their support over the years. I wish to encourage all of them to continue to do more for the school and to support the new Board during its tenure.

Thank you.