

**SPEECH BY THE ACTING MANAGING DIRECTOR OF HFC BANK GHANA, MR. ANTHONY JORDAN AT
THE MOU SIGNING WITH UNIVERSITY OF GHANA – 5TH OCTOBER, 2017**

The Vice Chancellor of University of Ghana, Professor Ebenezer Oduro Owusu

Scholarly members of the Academic Community

Management and Staff of HFC Bank, Ghana

Invited Guest

Ladies and gentlemen

Good Morning

I am happy to see this day of signing an MOU with the University of Ghana on a beautification project come to light. This initiative started last year when the Management of HFC Bank had discussions with the leadership of the University on how the Bank can have a more holistic approach to support the University of Ghana. Ladies and Gentlemen, permit me to recognise the effort of our former Managing Director, Mr. Robert Le Hunte for championing this discussion. I would also want to thank the leadership of this University led by the Vice Chancellor Professor Ebenezer Oduro Owusu for the time and partnership on this agreement.

Ladies and Gentlemen, The proposal for this beautification project of selected boulevards on the premises of the University came as welcoming news to us. As the global consciousness about the preservation of the environment is rising, the importance of landscape architecture is also increasing rapidly. Re-planting and regular maintenance is a positive step towards making our neighbourhood more attractive, tackling climate change and the maintenance of Nature. This proposal of the University beautification project clearly shows

the importance of nature and a green environment to the University. I must say that I am very impressed about the landscaping and beautification of this intellectual community. An air view of this university testifies that University of Ghana is a well planned and beautiful community. I therefore congratulate University of Ghana for your sense of nature, serene learning environment and orderliness.

Ladies and Gentlemen, this year, one of our main CSR objectives is to create awareness of a Cleaner Ghana. As you may have heard in the media, HFC Bank in partnership with Infanta Malaria Prevention Foundation, a foundation chaired by the First Lady of Ghana organised a 688 kilometre cross country cycling tour to create awareness of a cleaner Ghana and Malaria Prevention. Initiative Such as this beautification project has a direct relationship to a Clean Environment. Therefore, the adoption of this project at this University deepens our commitment and campaign towards a Cleaner Ghana. Moreover, it also strengthens our CSR Mantra as a Bank with a Big Heart.

We assure you, Vice Chancellor and other members of the intellectual community that HFC Bank Ghana will do a good job in the beautification for selected boulevards on the premises of the University. We will work with you and other well experienced hands and horticulturalists to manage these places.

Ladies and Gentlemen, there is a saying that anybody who wants to rule the world should try to rule a garden first. This is because maintaining a garden demands passion and dedication. You must first of all have the patience to see it grow; you must nurture and even if it looks blossom and beautiful, maintenance is very key. That is the kind of relationship HFC Bank wants to have with you. We want to build and nurture a blossoming relationship with the University. We have all it takes to be your financial partner. As a subsidiary of the Republic Financial Holdings Limited, HFC Bank Ghana Limited continues to remain strong.

So members of this intellectual community, anytime you see a very beautiful horticultural landscape on the campus do remember that HFC Bank is your financial partner.

We thank you for the opportunity to be part of the development of this highly placed learning institution.

Thank you

