

**AN ADDRESS OF WELCOME PRESENTED TO THE VICE
CHANCELLOR, PROF. C.C. ASIABAKA ON THE OCCASION OF HIS
VALEDICTORY VISIT TO FUTO FARMS LTD ON THE 4TH OF MAY,
2016.**

The Vice Chancellor
DVC academic and administration
The registrar
The bursar
The librarian
Other principal officers,

On behalf of the entire staff of FUTO Farms LTD, I most respectfully welcome you and your entourage to our unit, and felicitate with you as you get ready to a safe landing in your stint as the 6th substantive Vice Chancellor of FUTO. Vice Chancellor sir, your visit to this unit today will go down in history as the first Vice Chancellor to visit staff in this unit to ascertain the challenges they face in the discharge of their duties. We sincerely appreciate the visit to FUTO Farms Ltd.

Since the establishment of FUTO Farms Ltd some years back, the unit is yet to make positive impact in the university and thereby fulfill the dreams of the founding fathers. Records show that since inception the unit has had up to four (4) managing directors. Each of these directors made efforts to place the unit on a sound footing but all the efforts have not yielded much fruitful results. Institutional commercial outfits of this nature are meant to take the lead in IGR profile, but that will only be possible if it is properly positioned and funded. There has been request for proper documentation of this unit to enable it explore the potentials of the expanse arable land in FUTO. I believe that if the unit is properly positioned, FUTO has the manpower and know how to make it work.

The unit as a limited liability company is yet to be incorporated by the corporate affairs and there is no Board of Directors. The unit is no longer captured in the university's budgetary provisions and at the same time no take-off grant has been given to it and the unit is also poorly staffed. The unit requires a befitting

accommodation. The unit is also requesting that approval for our yearly farming activities which is on the vice chancellors table will receive attention before the farming season is over. It is our plea that the staff situation be improved alongside other requests.

Inspite of this scenario, the entire unit is grateful for the assistance we have so far received from your administration, and hope and pray that the incoming administration will improve on this.

Mr. Vice Chancellor Sir, once more we are happy to welcome you to FUTO Farms limited and believe that your visit will mark a turning point in the progress and relevance of this unit. Your enviable achievements in FUTO speak volumes, and I believe that our unit will be a part of this success. While thanking you for the interest you have shown to this unit, we also pray that the few days remaining will be properly utilized for capping the already success story of your tenure, as the 6th substantive vice chancellor of FUTO.

Thank you sir, and may God bless Us all, Amen!!



Prof. G.A ANYANWU

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