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**FIDELITY TO CONSTITUTIONAL
VALUES: KEY TO NATIONAL
SURVIVAL**

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Vice President, Arts Section, GAAS



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ABOUT THE SPEAKER
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Prof. Kofi Quashigah is a Professor at the University of Ghana School of Law, University of Ghana and a former Dean of the School (2008-2019). He has also served as the Vice Dean of the Faculty of Law of the University of Nigeria between 1991 and 1993. His teaching and research interests include Constitutional Law, Jurisprudence, Human Rights, International Humanitarian Law, Governance and Alternative Dispute Resolution.

He was a Fulbright Scholar at the Harvard Human Rights Program between 2001/2002 and a McArthur Foundation Visiting Scholar at the University of Wisconsin in 1992. He was adjudged and honoured as the 2005 Best Teacher in the Humanities at the University of Ghana. In collaboration with Prof. Obiora Okafor of the Osgode Hall, Law School, Canada, he promoted and edited the classical book titled “Legitimate Governance in Africa,” published by Kluwer Publishers in 1999.

Prof. Quashigah has served as the Director of the Human Rights Centre of the University of Ghana School of Law, University of Ghana. He has undertaken a number of Consultancies for UNICEF and others; these include, UNICEF/Ministry of Education, consultancy work on the Legal Framework for The Right to Pre-Tertiary Education in Ghana – 2001; and another study for UNICEF – Ghana on “Legislative Reform Initiatives, Institutional Development and Policy Changes in Favour of Children: Ghana National Study.” – June/July 2004; Consultant to National Governance Programme (under the UNDP Consolidating Democratic Governance Programme) – he was contracted to write a comprehensive but concise assessment of the Human Rights environment to be integrated into the Governance Component of the Country Assessment on Ghana – June 2004; Research into HIV in Ghana for Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, South Africa – 2005; Consultant assisting Ministry of Education in the Drafting of a Bill for a new Education Law for Ghana – 2005.

He has undergone extensive training in Alternative Dispute Resolution Skills and Labour Management techniques and also coordinated many training sessions in Alternative Dispute Resolution. Prof. Quashigah is a qualified Mediator and Arbitrator. He was a former President of the Ghana Association of Certified Mediators and Arbitrators. He was the Ghana National Reporter on the Constitution of Ghana for the Oxford Project on Constitutions of the World and is currently a member of the Stellenbosch Team on Constitutional Law in Africa.

He was for several years Member of the General Legal Council. He has served on other Boards including the Advisory Board of the Ministry of Justice, the Law Reform Commission and the Securities Exchange Commission. He currently serves as Board Member of the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) Ghana. He is a Member of the International Consortium on Law and Religion Studies and the President of the African Consortium for Law and Religion Studies.

He enjoys farming and was adjudged the best citrus farmer in Akwapim North District for 2006.

SYNOPSIS

FIDELITY TO CONSTITUTIONAL VALUES: KEY TO NATIONAL SURVIVAL

This lecture highlights the values underlying the 1992 Constitution and discusses their importance as guides to policies and actions of governments and every individual citizen. It draws attention to the fact that the Constitution is not just pure law, but also expressly and inherently an expression of the aspirations and values of the people. It is only if it is appreciated as such and strictly operated according to its values that it would have the desired impact on the lives of the people.

It is the failure to appreciate and operate the Constitution according to its values that often lead to citizens' despondency. The consequence is calls from time to time for constitutional amendments to hopefully change our behaviour and therefore our political and economic circumstances.

5:30 PM

■ **Welcome Address and Introduction of Chairperson**

Prof. Helen Yitah, FGA,

Honorary Secretary, GAAS

■ **Chairperson's Remarks and Introduction of Speaker**

Prof. Kofi Opoku Nti, FGA

Vice President, Arts Section, GAAS

■ **Lecture Begins**

■ **Chairperson's Closing Remarks**

■ **Honorary Secretary's Remarks**

■ **Closing [Guests to pick up bagged refreshments in the foyer]**

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- **Recognize** outstanding contributions to the advancement of the arts and sciences in Republic of Ghana;
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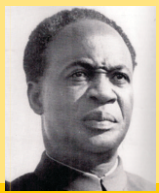
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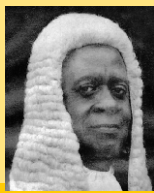
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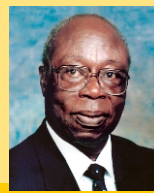
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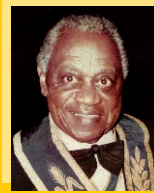
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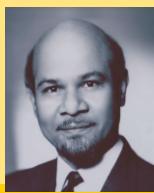
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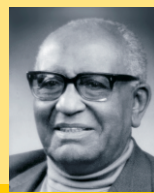
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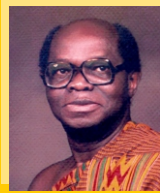
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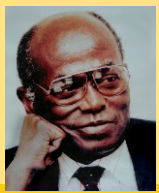
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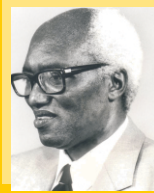
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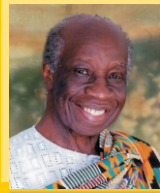
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