

**MANIFESTO DELIVERED BY HARUNA ZEEDA ABDUL-MUMIN, A UDSMSA EXCHANGE OFFICER
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The strongest factor for success is self-esteem, believing you can do it, believing you deserve it and believing you will get it.

EC Chairperson, colleague aspirants, fellow students, ladies and gentlemen, all protocols duly observed. Good evening. I am Zeeda Haruna Abdul-Mumin, a member of the PBL 5 class, a conscientious member of this noble association and an MSA Exchange Officer aspirant.

I stand before you to present and prove to you why you should endorse me as your next exchange officer. Having had various interactions and conversations with past Exchange officers as well as the student body, my team and I have put up very feasible and workable policies that will address the problems of the exchange office. This manifesto is tagged "3B3FA" Manifesto.

Before I set the ball rolling, I will like to commend the fruitful activities of the incumbent MSA Executive board and all past executive boards for bringing the association this far.

It is rather unfortunate we find ourselves in an era of a marauding pandemic which has significantly hampered the smooth running of the exchange office and merely turned it into an office-to-be-occupied.. However, with new developments like the vaccine roll-out, I strongly believe normalcy will be restored so things can get off running again in the coming months.

To start with, the major problem faced by the exchange office is coiled around we not getting enough slots for students to go on exchange and the issue of sponsorship for students going on exchange. To increase slots, I intend on hosting more international students in UDS and use it as a leverage to make a case at the exchange officer's meeting for allocation of more slots. I also intend to be in frequent contact with the International Relations Department of UDS to get slots when their annual slots are allocated to them. I also promise to work socks off to collaborate with lecturers and doctors with well-established links in medical schools outside to assist in getting slots. This is something which is becoming a norm for some years now. And I believe with all these harnessed together under my abled leadership, we will have a significant number of students going on exchange each year.

To increase scholarships, I plan on getting in contact with as many pharmaceutical companies and NGOs as possible.

The idea is to let them know the significance of exchange and how we end up acquiring knowledge and skills to give back to society as we serve as doctors. We can also take advantage of social media. We are in a global village and the internet is a very effective tool to use as young people. Imagine a scenario where if not all most MSA students *like* and *retweet* a post from our official social media pages showing appreciation to a company for sponsoring us. This will actually sell that brand out with a good image and I believe any company will buy these ideas.

I also intend on collaborating with the other Exchange Officers under FGMSA to introduce a local

exchange program(something which has never happened before). Here, we get to have students going to other local medical schools and others coming here to experience and have a feel of how our clinical studies is enrolled. Lets not forget that in the long run, we all are not going to be at TTH after school. So aside learning,we have the advantage of familiarizing ourselves with facilities where we can potentially work and also gain exposure on how other health sectors run their stuff.

As per the UDSMSA constitution,when elected as Exchange Officer. I double up at the chairperson of SCOPE and i intend on organizing seminars/webinars and a symposium to educate students about exchange programs and the benefits it brings to the table.

I also intend on collaborating with SCORE to bring to UDSMSA research exchange. This is something our colleagues from Legon and KNUST are enjoying and its very unfortunate we are not. As the recently rife saying among the youth goes -“follow who know road” we will surely tap into their experience on how to secure slots for that. However ,the success of this policy will end up having preclinical students go on exchange for the first time.(Since they are well equipped with knowledge from block 1.7 and 2.5

Fellow students,in the tone of finality, these are policy projections that will lift the face of the exchange office and they indicate that there is work to be done and not ordinarily a position to be occupied. I am here for genuine service.

Believe ZAMA, ZAMA dey for you!!!!

Vote Energy, vote Excellence, vote Enthusiasm

Vote ZEEDA HARUNA.

Thank you.