

Family of the Late Prof Samuel Nunoo Woode lauds ILGS for Honouring His Legacies



29th August, 2025: The immediate family of the founding Director of the Institute of Local Government Studies, ILGS, Professor Samuel Nunoo Woode has commended the Governing Council and Management of the Institute for preserving the memories and legacies of their kinsman with the institutionalization of the Prof. S. N. Woode Biennial Memorial Lecture.

The daughter of the late Prof Woode, Mrs. Afua Woode Asmah, who spoke on behalf of the family seized the opportunity to express her heartfelt appreciation to all who gathered at the lecture to eulogize the exemplary life of her father.

“It warms my heart to see his life’s work in ethics remembered with such respect. May his legacy continue to inspire us to build a better Ghana and a better world, grounded in accountability, integrity, justice, and moral responsibility”, she said.

“My father often reminded us: *“Do the right thing, even when no one is watching.”* That is how we strive to live, and as we remember him today, may we all carry forward the spirit of good ethics in our homes, workplaces, and in our politics (or society), so that integrity and justice may guide our actions”.

The second lecture had assembled very important persons from academia, the judiciary, government functionaries, friends and family of the late Prof Woode as well as stakeholders and practitioners in the civil and local governance sectors.

In a message of solidarity, an astute statesman and a close acquaintance of Prof. Woode, Prof Yaw Au-Gyamfi, was elated about the decision made by the Institute to have Prof Kwamena Ahwoi serve as the Second Memorial Lecturer. A decision he pronounced as apt as the two had previously worked tirelessly in spearheading the establishment of the institute which hitherto was operated as a project of the then Ministry of Local Government. Aside this, they also shared similar passion and interest in ensuring a transformational local government system.

Prof. Adu Gyamfi also entreated guests gathered at the event to reminisce the ethos Prof Woode espoused, fostered and inculcated in Ghana’s public sector governance through his continual and unrelenting admonishments to public sector workers, to eschew malfeasance in their performance and conduct. In his own words, Prof Adu Gyamfi described his bosom friend as a humble, hardworking, punctual and passionate about his integrity. “I believe that he succeeded by becoming a living demonstration and example of all the virtues he espoused and canvassed” he said.