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GES MARKS 7TH INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE



7th International Day for Women and Girls in Science

The Ghana Education Service (GES) in collaboration with the United Nations Education Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) celebrated the international day for women and girls in science at the premises of the Science Education Unit, Cantonments in Accra.

This day which was equally marked in all the schools across the country, saw various stakeholders in the science fields of study and some agencies of the United Nations take turns to give fraternal messages and statements to amplify the need for women and girls to challenge themselves and venture into the study of science.

Mrs. Patty E. Assan, the Director for Schools and Instructions at GES, welcomed the people to the event and gave the purpose of the gathering. She said girls' participation in science and science-related activities in the schools has increased but hinted there is still room to do more.

The Deputy Director-General for Quality & Access of the GES, Dr. Kwabena Bempah Tandoh who represented the Director-General at the event and doubled as the chairman for the occasion, said the Service had made progress in its attempts at attaining gender parity at the basic school level. "More girls have been enrolled at the pre-school and lower primary

level than ever before".

Guest speaker for the occasion, Prof. Yvonne Loh, a hydrogeologist spoke on the importance of girls taking up courses in the STEM fields, especially the science of water, focusing on the theme for the celebration Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Water Unites us. Prof. Loh further underscored the need for Ghana to develop local scientists to solve local problems.

There was an exhibition of science activities, a poetry recital, and a drama sketch by school children all depicting how to protect the environment to prevent the incidence of climate change.

A panel discussion with women working in the environment and water sectors brought experts who are women from UNESCO, Water Resource Commission, CSIR-Water Research Institute, UNICEF, and the Environmental Protection Agency and they shared their knowledge and experiences with the school children.

When the girls at the event finally realized that the current Director for the Science Education Unit at the GES was a woman, Mrs. Olivia Opare, under whose auspices the event was being organized, they could not but felt encouraged that they can also do it. Mrs. Opare told them that "science is no longer a myth or a puzzle, as a girl child, you can equally unlock it.

Students from the Dzorwulu Special School gave the event a very colourful choreographic performance which left the audience thrilled and excited, compelling some dignitaries from the dais to join them in the display.

VALCO TRUST FUND CONSTRUCTS 17 SCHOOLS



One of the 17 schools VALCO Trust Fund funded, being commissioned by Hon. Rev. Fordjour, at Abomosu, Atiwa West Municipality

The Volta Aluminum Company Limited (VALCO) has constructed seventeen (17) basic schools for the Ghana Education Service (GES) at various locations spread across the country.

The GES and VALCO jointly commissioned these schools which were previously under trees for use at Abomosu in the Atiwa West District of the Eastern region.

The project was solely funded by the VALCO Trust Fund, a subsidiary of VALCO Ltd in support of the GES' policy of eliminating all schools under trees.

The project was first launched in June last year at Karaga in the Northern region as part of the corporate social responsibility of VALCO Ltd with a target of building about five thousand schools. These schools which comprise of KGs, Primary

and Junior high schools are located in sixteen different districts and regions and come with state-of-the-art facilities.

The Minister for Education, Dr. Yaw Osei Aduwum, who was represented by the Deputy Minister for Education, Rev. John Ntim Fordjour, said VALCO is noted for its' long-standing relationship with the education sector dating back to the 1970's where schools were built, buses supplied, science laboratories and their equipment as well as halls of residence built in some public universities.

The Minister for Energy, Dr. Matthew Opoku Prempeh, who was represented by his Deputy, Hon. Mohammed Amin Adam, said the Ministry of Energy has connected all the schools to the national electricity grid to give uninterrupted power supply to the schools.

Mr Kelvin Kwaku Yeboah, the Chief Executive Officer of VALCO, in presenting the keys to the Director General of GES, who was ably represented by the Deputy Director General in charge of Management Services, Lawyer Anthony Boateng, said plans are far afoot to equip all the schools with air conditioners and computers but cautioned against theft by community folks.

School kids from the Abomosu Presbyterian Primary gave the audience a colourful choreographic display to bring the event to an end.

PRESIDENT AWARDS BEST BECE CANDIDATES

President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo presented awards to 36 students who excelled with distinction in the 2021 Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE) at a colourful ceremony to mark this year's President's Independence Day Awards.

The award winners were two students each from the sixteen regions across the country including additional two students with special learning needs.

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EDITORIAL

7th Ghana Education Service Council. 2022



**Dr (Mrs) ANGELA TENA MENSAH
nee MUSSEY** (Secretary GES Council)

There is an Akan proverb which says a person clearing a path may not know whether it is straight or crooked, rather the person behind him or her can prompt a correction because he is in a better position to identify the crookedness or straightness of the path. It is in this light that the Ghana Education Service Council was established as an oversight body of the Ghana Education Service.

The Ghana Education Service Council (GESC) is the Governing Body of the Service (GES). The Council has a general control over the management of the GES.

The Council seeks to i) advise the Minister on policy formulation and the coordination of approved national policies, programmes and standards relating to basic and Senior High Education; ii) ensure effective and efficient implementation of basic and senior high education system; iii) submit to the Minister policy recommendations for basic and senior high education programmes and standards; iv) collaborate with the Local Government Service on matters of basic and senior high education; v) ensure the effective and efficient performance of the functions of the GES; and vi) advise on any other matters relating to basic and senior high education that the Minister may request.

The National Redemption Council established the GES in 1974 with a Governing Council. The Council was dissolved in 1983 under the PNDCL 42 and its

functions transferred to the Ministry of Education. The above changed when the Ghana Education Service Act, 1995 (506) established the Service. Section 4 of the Act re-established a governing body for the Ghana Education Service called the Council. The GESC has been in existence consequentially.

The Pre-Tertiary Education Act, 2020 (Act 1094) assented on 29th December 2020 established the 7th Ghana Education Service Council. The Council was inaugurated on Thursday 13th January 2022 by the Minister for Education, Hon Dr. Yaw Osei Adutwum.

Membership of the governing body of the GES is drawn from various institutions. Members hold office for a 4-year term renewable for a second term except the DG of GES. It is made up of twelve (12) personalities including the Chairman, currently Mr Michael Nsawah (a former DG, GES serving second term), an eminent Educationist nominated by the President, and two union representatives (one for teaching and the other for the non-teaching staff). The other eight members consist of Heads of five agencies in Education including the Director General of the GES (second term); two Chief Directors (one each from the Education and Local Government Service ministries); a female educationist (a former DG of the GES, serving second term) nominated by the Minister and the representative from the Faith-Based Organisations yet to be nominated.

The Council is served by a Secretariat headed by a Director (1). The Director is the Secretary to Council as stipulated in the Pre-Tertiary Education Act 2020; Act 1049 Section 23.

The Council is mandated to meet at least once a quarter for the conduct of business. For the performance of its functions, the Council has six committees. These committees include the Finance and Administration; Monitoring and Evaluation; Academic Oversight and the Faith-based Organisations. The others are the Appointments and Promotions committee and the Disciplinary committee. Membership of the Committees of the Council consists of both Members and non-Members of the Council. It will therefore be an understatement for one to say the GES can do without the Council. Rather the success story of the GES should envelope the important role of the GES Council.

GES COUNCIL MEMBERS



Mr. Michael Kenneth Nsoah
Chairman of GES Council



Prof. Kwasi Opoku Amankwa
Member GES Council/DG



Very Rev. Ama Afo Blay
Member GES Council



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Member GES Council



**RT. REV. PAA SOLOMON
GRANT-ESSIFIE**
Member GES Council

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...best BECE candidates

In presenting the awards, the president urged the awardees not to allow this feat get too much into their heads, but instead, it should serve as a springboard for the rest of their academic lives. “Know that you can go as far as you want if you are diligent, hardworking, and holding on to a strong moral compass. Honesty and integrity are important values in any worthwhile existence” he said.

The president expressed his government's commitment to increase the allocation of resources to education to help secure the

country's future. He promised to widen the gate of opportunities through the Free Senior High School (fSHS) education programme. He further announced plans to extend the fSHS programme to cover first year students of all Public Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Institutions and pledged to reform TVET which will include the rehabilitation and upgrading of technical universities and NVTI centers in the country.

The Minister of Education, Dr. Yaw Osei Adutwum, said the award recipients were carefully selected based on the raw scores they obtained from West African Examination Council's (WAEC) BECE. The Minister congratulated the award winners and expressed gratitude to the headmasters and teachers who supported the students to attain this enviable feat.

The President's Independence Day Awards was instituted in 1993, and has since continued to provide scholarships each year to young brilliant students from the Junior High Schools entering the Senior High School through a competitive selection process.



President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo with the Education Minister- Dr. Yaw Osei Adutwum and the Best BECE Candidates

GES HOLDS STAFF DURBAR

The Ghana Education Service held a staff durbar at the forecourt of its premises on Wednesday, 27th April, 2022 for Management and staff members to interact and share ideas for the purposes of commencing a new working year.

Prof. Kwasi Opoku Amankwa, the Director-General of the GES who opened the durbar used the opportunity to thank all staff for their commitment and dedication to work. The D-G offered special thanks to the Administration Division and the Public Relations Unit for leading the production and publication of a newsletter on the activities of the service.

“Though we have a suggestion box but there is the need to meet like this from time to time to interact and dance. Covid-19 has interrupted our end of year gatherings which was one of the surest ways of meeting you this way”.



GES Headquarters staff at the Durbar.

He said, “The stands you see around are mounted by some corporate institutions that are here to offer us on-the-spot services which can help us do our work effectively.” He encouraged staff to take advantage of their presence and visit the stands to make enquires.

The Deputy Director-General (DDG) for Management Services, Lawyer Anthony Boateng led staff to observe a minute silence in memory of all staff who passed on within the period. Mr Boateng used the opportunity to introduce to the staff some new Directors that have joined the GES Headquarters. They include:

the Director, Human Resource Management Development Division (HRMD), Ms. Angela Nkansah, Director, Guidance and Counselling (G&C), Mrs. Gifty Sekyi-Bremansu, Director, Culture, Mr Aaron Adarkwah, Director, Sports & Physical Education (Sports & P.E), Mr Michael Aye Ntow, and Director, School Health Programme (SHEP), Mrs Theresa Oppong-Mensah.

Lawyer Boateng spoke on a number of issues that Management had considered necessary for the attention of staff. They included staff attendance, training for staff, teachers’ laptops for headquarters staff, G&C Services to staff, and the business activation fair that was currently ongoing.

Staff Attendance: The DDG admonished staff to use the biometric system when they come to work and close from work. It is being monitored for the purposes of checking staff attendance because some staff have been absenting themselves for no reason.

Training for Staff: Management has seen the need for all to upgrade their skills periodically. Some critical staff such as our Drivers have already received some training to enhance their skills. Other category of staff will also be sent to Ajumako for training.

Teachers Laptops Distribution: Let me assure you that all teachers, professional and non-professional will receive your laptops from the ongoing Teachers’ Laptops Distribution exercise.

Guidance & Counselling Services: Management has noted with regret that some staff are facing challenges that could easily be resolved by Counselling. We’re happy to announce that G&C Services are now available to all staff and we encourage all staff especially our Drivers, Security and Cleaners to all access these services.

Business Activation Fair: I would like to emphasise what the DG said about the corporate institutions that are here, they’re to help us do our work with a stable state of mind. All staff must make it a point to visit them and ask questions. Those available are; SSNIT, NHIS, SG Bank, Prudential Life, SIC-Life, TESPROM Estates and Enterprise Life.

Right To Information (RTI) Sensitization: The Officer attached to the GES from the Access to Information (ATI) Division at the Information Services Department, Ms. Awo Aba Oduah Gyan, was officially introduced to the staff and she used the opportunity to educate staff about the services of the RTI Commission and the processes of seeking information under the RTI Act (2019), Act 989.



GES TRAINS SCIENCE TEACHERS



Science teachers having practical section at the training

The Ghana Education Service (GES) has offered training to science teachers across the country in zones to equip them with the requisite knowledge and skills in order for them to be effective in their lesson delivery and teaching pedagogies.

As part of measures to improve upon the teaching and learning of science in our Senior High Schools, the Management of the Ghana Education Service has supplied Laboratory equipment to over One Hundred and Sixty-five (165) Senior High Schools across the country.

In order to maximize the effective use of the equipment, the Science Education Unit (National STEM Centre) of the Ghana Education Service embarked on the training of science teachers

and laboratory technicians from the beneficiary schools.

The training was put into 5 zones. The Bono Zone, made up of the Bono, Bono East and Ahafo regions had their training with 61 teachers at the Sunyani Senior School.

The Greater Accra zone, made up of the Greater Accra, Eastern, and Volta Regions was held at the Science Education Unit from 13th to 15th February 2022. One Hundred and Ninety-Three participants took part.

The Central Zone, made up of the Central and Western regions was held at the Wesley Girls Senior High School with Sixty-four participants taking part.

This training aimed to improve the practical component of STEM in the schools so that learners would have hands-on training on some of the theories and concepts they had been taught in class.

The training ended with the Northern Zone (Northern, North East, Savannah, Upper East, Upper West, and Oti regions) from 24th to 26th February 2022 and the Ashanti Zone (Ashanti and Western North regions) from 14th to 18th March, 2022.

GES LAUNCHES TEACHERS MANUAL ON INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

The Ghana Education Service (GES), with support from the World Bank and United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF), launched a training manual at the Dzorwolu Special School in Accra for teachers to enable them teach students with disabilities and special needs.

The training manual forms part of the GES' agenda to integrate special students together with other students in regular schools to ensure a holistic education and development of all children.



Basic 4 pupils writing the maiden national standardised test.

Dr. Kwabena Bempah Tandoh, Deputy Director-General of GES in charge of Quality and Access, who represented the Director-General at the launch said the manual would help teachers, especially those in regular schools to be trained in how to teach children with special needs and disabilities.

The manual has explored philosophies and best practices around the world on inclusive education and how teachers can be trained, he added.

Dr. Tandoh further said the Service was also advocating for universal design approaches to be adopted in educational facilities and trainings for the disabled and special students to be integrated into mainstream regular schools.

He again indicated that the Government through its inclusive education agenda planned to meet the

Sustainable Development Goal Four target, where all children are able to be educated without barriers.

The Deputy Director-General said they have started screening students in schools to know their special needs for stakeholders to factor into their trainings.

The Minister for Education, Hon. Dr. Yaw Osei Adutwum, who was represented by the Technical Adviser for Pre-tertiary Education at the Ministry of Education, said the Government of Ghana in 2015, launched the Inclusive Education Policy which defined the strategic path of Government for education of all children with special educational needs and we are here today to give meaning to that policy.

GES RECEIVES SUPPORT FROM PROMASIDOR GHANA LTD



Ges receives support from Promasidor Ghana LTD.

The Ghana Education Service (GES) has received support from Promasidor Ghana Ltd through its ONGA brand to help the Service train some Home Economics teachers.

The donation included products and logistics worth GhC60,000.00 and a cash support of GhC40,000.00 for in-service training for teachers in the Home Economics Departments in senior high schools.

In presenting the cheque and items on behalf of ONGA, the Public Relations Officer and Head of Events at Promasidor Ghana Ltd, Mr. Gideon Kudo, pledged the continuous support of ONGA to the development of the Home Economics programme in the various senior high schools in the country especially the food and nutrition component of the course.

The Director-General of GES, Prof. Kwasi Opoku Amankwah, who received the donation for the GES, expressed the Service's appreciation and thanks to Promasidor Ghana Ltd and its ONGA brand for their contributions towards the development of education in the country. Prof. Amankwah further expressed the readiness of the GES to partner Promasidor Ghana Ltd in many ways to unearth the skills and talents in schools.

The training is scheduled to take place from the 21st -24th of June, 2022.

GES HOLDS BUSINESS ACTIVATION FAIR ON MORTGAGE FOR STAFF



GES holds business activation fair on mortgage for staff.

The Ghana Education Service (GES) has organized a staff durbar and a business activation fair to sensitize its staff on the need to plan for a retirement home before the due date of exiting the Service.

Speaking at the event held at the forecourt of the GES headquarters in Accra, the Director-General, Prof. Kwasi Opoku-Amankwa, advised staff to plan their retirement and post-pension lives properly and not wait until few years to retirement to do so.

“You don’t need to wait until the last minute to begin making plans for your retirement. It is possible that by the time you complete active work, you will be able to build a structure where you can lay your head if you put in a strategy by starting something when you have approximately 15 or 20 years to work”.

Management of the GES through this staff durbar and business activation fair, brought together six commercial banks and seven Estate companies who are very experienced in the Estate Development Sector to offer staff mortgages and technical advice on how to own a home while in active service. All these banks and estate developers mounted their stands at the fair and interacted with staff on how to acquire a mortgage for a house.

The Director of Administration at the GES headquarters, Mrs Adwoa Osaebia Oduro-Konadu, who brought the idea of the fair which was facilitated by Management of GES, said, plans are far advanced for the fair to be replicated in all the 16 regions for all staff of GES to also benefit.



Director of HRMD, Angela Nkansah left, Director-General Prof. Kwasi Opoku-Amankwa middle and Director of Administration Division, Adwoa Oduro Konadu right.

BUSINESS ETIQUETTE

PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT

Personality development is the development of the organized pattern of attitudes and behaviors which makes an individual a personal impression.

How To Develop A Good Personality?

Remain happy and lighthearted:

Try to see the joy in the world. Laugh with others, but not at them. Everyone appreciates someone who is jovial and keeps smiling. Smiling & laughing a lot is a huge part of having a good personality.

Always keep your mind open:

One part of having a good personality is getting to change your thought about the worldview. Don't pass judgment on what other people think, just because they act in a different way than you do. There's no need to shut off parts of the world.

Spread love to other people:

Many tense personalities develop because people do not want to forgive each other and find themselves overwhelmed with hate and anger. Try to find love and explore a love for everyone around you.

Always Remain Loyal:

Do not betray those people who are really close to you. Stick with the people you love through thick and thin. You can push through a rocky part in your relationship if you remain loyal to the person. Our loved ones will appreciate us more and more if we remain loyal.

Support & Guidance:

Do not try to act like you know everything, but always try to offer a helping hand to other people when you could make it possible. Be respectful of other people's decisions and opinions. Sometimes you may be wrong or not.

Think Positive:

The thoughts that we think soon turn into the words that we say and the actions we take further. For all of us, having good thoughts about yourself gives you self-confidence and self-respect.

Show Your True Self

We might come across opportunities in our daily life to express our personality and behavior. Do it! Don't try to fall in line with the crowd. Having a great personality does not mean that you are like everyone else around the world.

Commit to working on the part of your personality you do not like:

It is vital to perceive such personalities and not despise yourself for it. This will enable you become familiar with your emotions to act distinctively in circumstances you might have reacted hastily, in an attempt to self-regulate the unwanted personalities.

Try to figure out who you are:

Look deep inside yourself and think about who you are. It's one of the most difficult things to do, but it is also really important.

Decide what matters to you:

Remember, it's a lot harder to find out what matters to you if you aren't even sure who you really are yet. Do not choose things that matter to you just because other people told you they were important. Find out where your true heart lies. Maybe you've always liked playing soccer because your dad really likes soccer, or maybe you have always supported a certain political party because your friends support that party. Try to figure out the way you really feel.

KNOWING ME KNOWING YOU

WITH THE DEPUTY HEAD OF PAYROLL
UNIT GES, HEADQUARTERS

PERSONAL

Question: Tell us your full name.

Answer: My full name is Godwin Raphael Kwetey Mensah.

Question: Please give a little background of yourself growing up?

Answer: I grew up in Tema in the Greater Accra Region, then moved to Sowatey in the Eastern Region and finally re-located to Lartehbiokorshie in Accra where I started my Basic Education.

Question: We would like to know your Educational background too.

Answer: I had my training college education at the Presbyterian Training College of Education in Akropong-Akwapim. I continued to Takoradi Polytechnic and the Pentecost University where I obtained HND in Statistics and Bsc Information Technology respectively. Oh and I forgot to add that I'm an ODADEE '84' year group, that is Presbyterian Boys' Secondary School. I also had my Basic Education at the ELTA International School.

Question: Do you have any skills or hidden talents that most people don't know about?

Answer: Yes, I possess good counselling skills.

Question: Did you have any nicknames growing up or even now?

Answer: Growing up I was given the nickname Asaase Wura. This was because of my diligence and hard work which got me appointed as the general compound overseer at the Presbyterian Training College.



**GODWIN RAPHAEL KWETEY
MENSAH.**
Deputy Head of Payroll Unit

Question: Any favorite dishes?

Answer: Kenkey and fried fish with hot pepper is my all-time favorite.

Question: What are your likes and dislikes?

Answer: I like to work, be sincere and truthful in all my dealings but what I dislike is pretense.

Question: Whom would you say has been the greatest influence in your life and why?

Answer: My former boss by name, Miss Adams who was the head of the postings and transfers unit of the GES. She had a unique leadership style. She was very diligent in her work. Always tried to achieve the unit's target through motivation, sincerity and clear sense of purpose. She retired many years ago. May the Good Lord bless her, for the meritorious services rendered to the Ghana Education Service.

Question: What was your career aspiration growing up?

Answer: I wanted to be an Agricultural Economist or a Military Officer.

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Question: Please take us through your career path of all the positions you have held in GES?

Answer: I started as a 3-Post Secondary teacher at Sabiye M/A JHS in the Wenchi District of the Brong Ahafo Region. Went for further studies and upgraded to Senior Superintendent 11 and was re-posted to the Postings and Transfers unit of the HRMD division at the GES Headquarters after further studies.

Being at the Postings and transfers unit for 6-years from 2000-2006, Mr. Michael Inkoom, the then head of the Payroll unit requested for my transfer to the Payroll unit through the Director HR. Under his leadership I gained a lot of experience. At the Payroll unit, I had promotion to Senior Superintendent 1.

I was upgraded to the Principal Superintendent rank. Went through promotions to Assistant Director II and Assistant Director I respectively all serving under the payroll unit of the Human Resource Management Division. Now I'm the deputy head of the payroll unit.

Question: How long have you served GES?

Answer: I have served the GES for over 29 years.

Question: How has the experience been so far working with GES, any challenges?

Answer: My experience so far working with the GES has been very good. The support and commitment shown towards me by my colleagues in the line of work has been very encouraging.

Question: What do you think are the best skills you bring to your job?

Answer: My meticulous approach towards work, coupled with dedication, diligence and communication abilities together

with the team spirit.

Question: What would you say are your greatest achievements working with GES?

Answer: Being able to meet my targets and accomplishing my assigned work on time. Also, resolving people's issues in terms of their salaries knowing that it will give staff sound mind to be productive, gives me a lot of satisfaction.

Question: How do you want people to remember you?

Answer: I want to be remembered as a staff of the GES whose sacrifice, perseverance, diligence, punctuality and persistence helped to ensure the salary issues of staff in the Service are readily resolved, thereby ensuring quality education.

Question: What genre of music do you like to listen to?

Answer: Gospel music, one titled 'The Goodness of God' by Jenn Johnson as well as songs by Yaw Sarpong gives me a lot of inspiration.

Question: What of a favorite quotation?

Answer: Joshua 1:8 and Jeremiah 29:11, I would love it if you take a minute to read it. Laughs....

Question: Any advice for the younger generation who look up to you?

Answer: The younger generation should learn to fear and love God, be punctual, truthful and be determined in whatever they are doing and also be sincere to themselves.

GES LAUNCHES HARMONIZED SIGN LANGUAGE DICTIONARY



Ges Launches Harmonized Sign Language Dictionary.

The Ghana Education Service in collaboration with its development partners has launched a harmonized sign language dictionary for effective implementation of inclusive education in schools and homes.

At a colourful ceremony held at Tetteh Ocloo State School for the Deaf, Adjei Kojo, Tema, the Deputy Minister for Education in charge of General Education, Rev Hon. John Ntim Fordjour, MP, in his remarks, praised the vision and the efforts that led to the birth of the sign language dictionary. "Indeed, this is first of its kind in the history of special education in Ghana. Such a dictionary will really facilitate the bridging of the communication gap that exists between persons with hearing challenges as against the regular hearing people", the elated Deputy Minister added.

Rev. Hon. Fordjour advised all persons to make conscious efforts to learn the symbols as Ghana strives to master inclusive education for the education of all children regardless of physical challenges.

The Deputy Director-General of the Ghana Education Service in charge of Management Services (MS), Mr. Anthony Boateng, Esq. in his address assured the Ghanaian public that, the Service is determined to remove all bottlenecks that affect the smooth process in the implementation of inclusive education in

all schools. "It's important GES continues to work with all stakeholders to ensure equitable access to quality learning is promoted and made available to all learners", Lawyer Boateng said.

According to the GES Deputy Director General, (MS), society can only be said to be inclusive when persons of all categories are able to effectively participate and function in the operations of our daily routine activities. He assured the gathering that GES will ensure prompt, adequate and effective distributions of these dictionaries to all schools and public libraries to promote accessibility of this critical material to all and sundry.

He was grateful to the supervisory Ministry of Education, Development Partners in the Deaf space such as; UNICEF, USAID, Peace Corps, and Ghana National Association for the Deaf (GNAD).

Country Representative of UNICEF, Madam Ann-Claire Duffey in her solidarity remarks showered commendations on the the technical team that worked on this document out of multiplicity of sign languages from different schools and different teachers depending on their backgrounds. She was happy that the outcome of the funding support from her outfit has culminated in this novel sign language dictionary.

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