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• Mr Ashim Morton, President of the Millennium Excellence Foundation, Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, the Asantehene, President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo and Mrs Grace Amey-Obeng, Chairperson of the Millennium Excellence Foundation, at the Millennium Excellence Awards held in Kumasi recently

Millennium Excellence Awards 2021:

Celebrating 20 years of excellence



Millennium Excellence Foundation

THE Millennium Excellence Foundation (MEF) is a non-profit non-governmental organisation legally registered with a vision to recognise and support achievement in sustainable development.

The concept is that by celebrating and showcasing achievements of individuals and corporate institutions and their impact on society, we spur them on and inspire others to do same.

The mission of the MEF, therefore, is to inspire, identify, celebrate and reward achievers in diverse fields of endeavour; mentor, coach, build resilience, support stakeholder initiatives, train, build capacity and develop infrastructure and serve deprived communities, vulnerable groups and people living with disability, women and youth.

To achieve this, the MEF set up the Millennium Excellence Awards (MEA) scheme which has become the most prestigious award in Ghana, quite like the Oscars or the Nobel Prize, and is organised once every five years.

The foundation draws its exalted status from a very rich governance structure. HRM Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, the Asantehene, is the Life Patron of the MEF.

He is backed by a 13-member illustrious Board of Governors from diverse backgrounds who have themselves made significant contributions to the development of Ghana.

The Founder and President of the Foundation, Amb Ashim Morton, who is an Architect by profession, an entrepreneur and businessman, is a great grandson of Prempeh I.

The Board is chaired by Mrs Grace Amey-Obeng who is a successful businesswoman and entrepreneur.

The Millennium Excellence Awards 2021

On July 17, this year, the Life Patron of the MEF, Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, hosted the 5th Edition of the Millennium Excellence Awards at the Manhyia Palace, Kumasi, to mark the 20th anniversary of the MEF.

The event, which was beautifully crafted at the forecourt of the Manhyia Palace, attracted several high profile dignitaries including the President of the Republic of Ghana, Ministers of State, the National Chief Imam, Dr Mohammed Ibn Chambers, Amb James Victor Gbeho, members of the Diplomatic Corps and many distinguished personalities.

The foundation used the opportunity to reward over 50 distinguished laureates for their invaluable contribution to the development of Ghana in diverse ways. Some of these included Manasseh Azure Awuni (Journalism), James Kwesi Appiah (Sports Development), Farida Bedwei & Akua Ghartey (Women Empowerment), MTN (Foreign Business of the Decade), GCB Bank (Corporate Governance), Twellium Foundation (CSR), etc.

The ceremony was crowned nicely in the evening with the National Chief Imam, Sheikh Osman Nuhu Sharubutu, being



• Mr Ashim Morton

decorated with the Honorary Statesman award for his fatherly role in ensuring peace and social cohesion just before Otumfuo Osei Tutu II conferred on the President of the Republic, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, the highest honour of the Gold Coast Prize for his lifelong commitment to political and social liberation and national cohesion in the country.

The MEF believes that society is healthier when we are all progressing together, no matter how slow. That is why one of the inherent criteria in determining who gets the MEA is a nominee's overall impact on development in the country, be it at a community, regional or national level. This impact can be either in tangible forms such as contribution to GDP, job creation, knowledge transfer/skill training, CSR, etc. or intangible social goods such as promotion of peace & security, social justice, democracy, rule of law/good governance, inspiration/motivation or being an inspiration or role model or pillar of hope for others. This is why the award process begins with a public nomination system to gauge the significance of a nominee's projection in the social mirror.

Immediately after the award ceremony, the Life Patron also hosted a dinner for all the guests at the forecourt of his residence at Manhyia.

On Monday, July 26, 2021, a mini ceremony was also done in Parliament where a delegation of Life Patron and Board of the MEF conferred on the Speaker of Parliament, Rt Hon. Alban Sumana Kingsford Bagbin, the award of Parliamentarian of the Decade for his leadership and instrumental role in promoting parliamentary democracy and executive accountability in the country. The Speaker was expected in Kumasi but could not make it due to ill-health.

The MEF will bring the 2021 year to a close by hosting its final event known as the President's Youth Prize (POYP) in December, which is dedicated to a focus on the challenges and contributions of youth under 40 years of age.

Foreign Ghanaian Personality of the Decade

THE Life Patron, HRM Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, Asantehene, and the illustrious Board of Governors of the Millennium Excellence Foundation are pleased to congratulate Bhagwan Ramchand Khubchandani on winning the Millennium Excellence Award for Foreign Ghanaian Personality of the Decade (posthumously) in high recognition of his tremendous contribution to national development as an astute business mogul.

He distinguished his brand from competition with brilliance and carved out a niche for Melcom

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Under his leadership, the business grew and evolved into the Melcom Group of Companies overarching six separate subsidiaries.

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Through these different programmes, World Vision Ghana has invested over \$600 million in transforming the lives of vulnerable children and their families since its inception in 1979.

Humanitarian programme

World Vision has over 40 years of history of humanitarian programme implementation in Ghana and currently works in 34 districts across 14 regions.

Without doubt WV has impacted the lives of over one million children and their families and has contributed tremendously to the development of Ghana. Some key achievements of World Vision Ghana over the past 40 years include but not limited to over 3,600 boreholes fitted with hand pumps and 106 Limited Mechanised System (with 477 taps installed) in communities serving about 1,693,582 people with potable water (1985-date), 41,220 household

sanitation facilities constructed in communities leading to 420 communities certified Open Defecation Free (ODF) (1990-date).

Faith leaders

World Vision has also trained 2,161 faith leaders in WASH Behaviour Change Programming (2016-2019) and 5,225 Micro-credit/Savings Groups formed (2003 to 2019) to help over 130,625 members to access credit to support the well-being of over 400,000 children (2013-date).

There are other eight major processing centres (local industries) in shea butter processing, soap making, gari processing, among others, with 1,200 beneficiaries (90 per cent being women) (2015-2019).

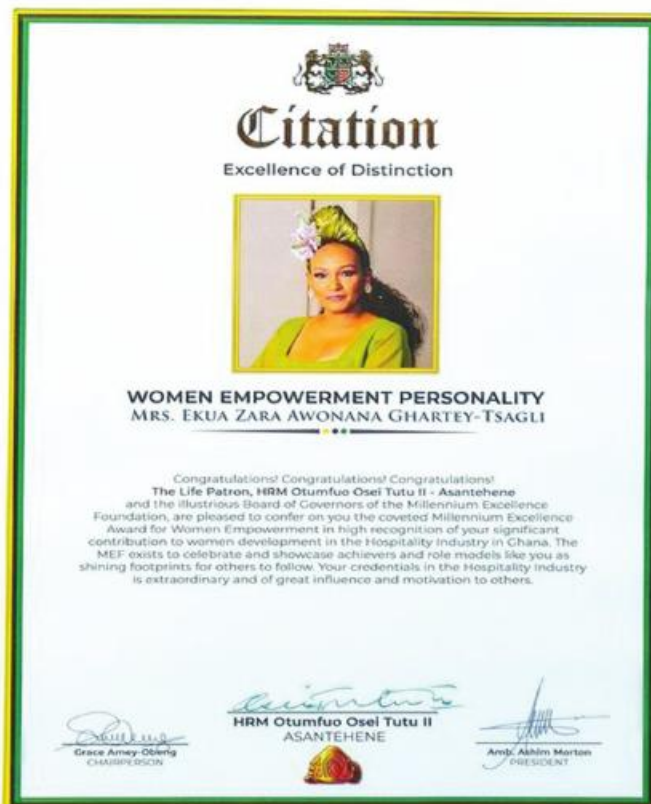
Twelve thousand, four hundred and fifty-eight hectares of degraded land have been restored under the Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) Project (2009-date), 2,485 farmers have been trained and are practising bee-keeping in programme areas (2005-date), About 1.1 million people have been treated from Neglected Tropical Diseases (Filiariasis, Yaws, Oncho, etc. (1999-2007).



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Congratulates MEF Laureate Mrs. Ekua Zara Awonana Ghartey-Tsagli of the Labadi Beach Hotel for winning the Women Empowerment Personality Category of the Pretigious Millennium Excellence Award, for your contribution towards the development of the hospitality in Ghana

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FROM:
MANAGEMENT & OFFICERS OF THE GIS



KWAME ASUAH TAKYI
COMPTROLLER-GENERAL OF IMMIGRATION



Millennium Excellence Award for Corporate Governance

“The life Patron, HRM Otumfuo Osei Tutu II - Asantehene and the illustrious board of Governors of the Millennium Excellence Foundation conferred on GOIL Company Limited the coveted Millennium Excellence Awards for Corporate Governance in high recognition of its well-established brand presence and great service to the nation”.

From near collapse, the visionary leadership of the Board and Management of GOIL has transformed the company into a commanding market leader; listed on the Ghana Stock Exchange, rebranded and restructured it into a fully integrated petroleum services provider with a very strong brand, obtained ISO Certifications, established GO Energy and GOIL Offshore as BDC and offshore wings respectively. It is therefore no surprise that GOIL leads the market.

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GHANA BUSINESS LEADERS EXCELLENCE AWARD

Citation

Mr. Dave Harper is the President, Chief Executive Officer and a Director of Geodrill Ghana Limited, a multipurpose drilling company in West Africa sub region. Mr. Harper has 32 years of experience in the drilling industry, 26 of those years in management position and 25 of those in Ghana and West Africa.

He founded Geodrill Ghana Limited in 1998, with one Drill rig and expanded it within a short period. Under his leadership, **Mr. Harper** took GEODRILL public in 2010 to expand the growth of the Company. Today, Geodrill operates the largest fleet of multipurpose rigs in the world and currently employs about 650 Ghanaians with about 70 rigs in operation.

Mr. Harper successfully led the Geodrill Team to build the first drill rig locally in Ghana in 2017. The company has since manufactured 6 of the Multipurpose Rigs designed to suit the West Africa Terrain with 9 under construction. Under his watch, Geodrill has grown to become the most recognized brand in West Africa and other parts of the world. The Company has the most modern state of the art Workshop.

By virtue of his hard work and that of the entire workforce, Geodrill Ghana Ltd won the Millennium Excellence Award for 2021 organised under the auspices of Otumfuo Osei Tutu II

Mr. Dave harper is also a philanthropist who has contributed a lot to alleviate the plight of many Ghanaians. His regular support for the Ghana Heart foundation, Azuma Nelson boxing Foundation, Save Our Lives orphanage (SOL-Gh) among others cannot be quantified.

Today, we have the privilege and honour to celebrate a distinguished Leader and a businessman, a mentor and a champion in the drilling industry.



We say Ayekoo!!!

MR DAVID MICHAEL
HARPER



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as Best Urban and Rural Development Organization.



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dedicated and meritorious service
to the Millennium Excellence
Foundation and the nation. Your
extraordinary service has indeed
made the MEF better and your
brilliant insights and submissions
on national issues will forever be
most appreciated. Thank you for
dedicating a part of your life to the
service of the MEF and mother
Ghana. The MEF says thank you.
Ayekoo!



REV. DR JOYCE ROSALIND ARYEE

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Asuah Takyi: visionary, transformational leader

THE Comptroller-General of the Ghana Immigration Service, Mr Kwame Asuah Takyi, has been honoured at the 2021 Millennium Excellence Awards for his visionary and transformational leadership which has changed the fortunes of the GIS.

Since he took over as the leader of the service on May 31, 2017, the rank and file of the Ghana Immigration Service witnessed the birth of another Comptroller-General.

Leadership of the Service

This ushered into office of the command and leadership of the Service, Mr Kwame Asuah Takyi as the second Comptroller-General ever since the coming into force of the Immigration Service Act 2016, Act 908.

Mr Takyi took over the reins of leadership from the first Comptroller-General of Immigration, Mr Felix Sarpong, at the first ever colourful 'pullout' ceremony in the annals of the Service on the forecourt of the National Headquarters of the GIS.

Hope and aspirations

This eventful day came after the President of the Republic of Ghana, H. E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo,

appointed Mr Takyi on 1st March, 2017 in accordance with Article 195 of the Constitution and Section 14 of Immigration Service Act to head the Service.

He was charged to advance the hope and aspirations of officers and men while contributing to the security and socio-economic growth of the nation.

Under the leadership of Mr K. Asuah Takyi, GIS, as an institution in the last four years, has experienced remarkable transformation and improvement in infrastructure, equipment logistics, transportation, expansion of the Service and decentralisation of key functions in order to bring its services to the doorstep of stakeholders.

Institutional fabric

He has also injected a culture of egalitarianism (equal opportunities) into the institutional fabric of the Service without compromising on the welfare of officers and men.

Furthermore, his quest for professional proficiency and competence of officers in line with the mandate of the Service has been legendary and, therefore, the capacity and capabilities of officers have received a further boost through various capacity-building programmes, both locally and internationally.

This show of transformational leadership led to the review of the previous strategic plan of the Service after its expiration and formulated a new plan which culminated into the launch of a five-year strategic plan for the GIS.

Under his leadership, history was made on Wednesday, 25th of October, 2019, when the first gentleman of the land, H. E. President Akufo-Addo, reviewed the graduation parade of Cadet Intake 9 of the Immigration Service Academy at Assin Foso in the Central Region.

That was the first time a sitting President had reviewed a graduation parade of the Service.

He undertook infrastructure projects, institutional expansion and decentralising key functions of the service, welfare and promotions, training and capacity building, migration and security and human resource management.



• Mr Kwame Asuah Takyi

The aforementioned projects and programmes that have been achieved so far under his command and leadership within 48 months have not just been phenomenal but encouraging. It thus demonstrates his contribution and commitment to the realisation of the Service's vision of delivering excellence in security and migration management for national development. Well done, sir. More grease to your elbows.

It is also appropriate to pay tribute to past heads of the Service who have played their noble roles in contributing to the steady growth of the institution. Kudos!

Ekua Zara onyx of hospitality, women empowerment

EKUA Zara Awonana Ghartey-Tsagli of the Labadi Beach Hotel has won the Women Empowerment Personality category of the coveted Millennium Excellence Award.

Mrs Ghartey-Tsagli, who believes in making a meaningful impact in society through charities and advocacy for women empowerment and girl-child education, received the accolade on July 17 this year at a ceremony at Manhyia Palace in Kumasi where the awards were organised.

The event attracted eminent dignitaries from Ghana and some foreign countries, with the President, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, as the special guest of honour.

Citation

Mrs Ghartey-Tsagli's citation read: "Congratulations! Congratulations! Congratulations! The Life Patron, HRM Otumfuo Osei Tutu II- Asantehene and the illustrious Board of Governors of the Millennium Excellence Foundation are pleased to confer on you the coveted Millennium Excellence Award for Women Empowerment in high recognition of your significant contribution to women development in the Hospitality Industry in Ghana.

"The Millennium Excellence Foundation exists to celebrate and showcase achievers and role models like you as shining footprints for others to follow. Your credentials in the Hospitality Industry is extraordinary and of great influence and motivation to others."



• Ekua Zara Awonana Ghartey-Tsagli

Coveted awards

The Millennium Excellence Awards is one of the country's most prestigious awards held under the patronage of the Asantehene, Otumfuo Osei Tutu II.

It is held every five years and honours the best institutions and individuals who have risen beyond all odds to achieve excellence in their various fields across the sectors to achieve excellence for national development.

In this year's edition, the 20th, held at the Manhyia Palace, in Kumasi, had more than 60 personalities and corporate bodies being conferred with awards.

Ethiopia, England, Ghana

Ekua Zara Awonana Ghartey-Tsagli was born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where her father served as the Director of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), a body under the United Nations.

She began her primary education at St Saviour's School in Ikoyi, Lagos-Nigeria and continued to the British International School in Geneva, Switzerland.

She proceeded to England to commence her secondary education at St Andrews School, North Harrow, London.

Mrs Ghartey-Tsagli's parents decided to bring her to Ghana to continue her secondary education in Achimota Secondary School, where she completed her General Certificate of Education (GCE) Ordinary Level (GCE O'Level).

This decision was to enable their daughter to integrate within the Ghanaian system, learn a local language and make friends.

She returned to England for her General Certificate of Education (GCE) Advanced Level (A'Levels) at Farringtons, a girl's boarding school

in Chislehurst, Kent.

Thereafter, she entered West London College and Southgate University where she studied Hotel Management and Tourism.

Jobs

Upon completion of her education, Metropole Hotels, Lonrho, employed her in 1991 into Ghana's only Five-Star Labadi Beach Hotel.

Her ice breaking practical and training experience began in the same year at the London Metropole Hotel for nine months and the Birmingham Metropole Hotel for a period of time before assuming duties as the Assistant Food and Beverage Manager, complementing the few expatriate staff at the time.

With dexterity, Mrs Ghartey-Tsagli has since developed a rare niche for herself in the country's hospitality space through her creativity and penchant for excellence.

These distinctive qualities and attributes make her stand out like an 'ornament' at the top of a Christmas tree.

Presently the Deputy Food and Beverage Manager, she has been quite instrumental and contributed significantly to the immense growth and transformation of the Labadi Beach Hotel operated by Legacy Hotel and Resorts of South Africa.

Driven by purpose and an intimate desire to satisfy her customers and clients at all times, she has increased the bottom-line of her organisation while supporting and sponsoring many charitable causes over the years.

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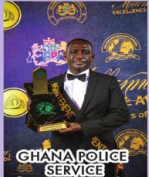
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