



GhISEP NATIONAL PRESIDENT 2020 NEW YEAR MESSAGE OF 'RISE TO PROMINENCE'

The year 2019 has just sprinted past us like Husain Bolt and gone. Not to be seen ever again. We give thanks to the owners of the universe and the green planet earth that we gleefully inhabit.

The end of my two-year term as National President is nigh. Incidentally, this is my second term and going to be my last term in office. First and foremost, kindly permit me to express my utmost appreciation and thanks to my colleague elected Executive Officers and all our members in good standing whom without their cooperation, financial support and hard work, we couldn't have collectively as a team, made any meaningful strides. With sheer hard graft under challenging situations, the foundation blocks have now been finally completed awaiting for Government to pass the OSH Bill/Act for GhISEP's inevitable exponential rise to prominence in the year 2020.

My greatest thanks goes to my Vice President, who skillfully brought on board his dynamic and determined consultative leadership style of management that made a huge impact in delivering our mandate. Cannot leave out our humble God fearing and 'peace-maker' Treasurer, who is dutifully standing in for our suspended General Secretary in an acting capacity. Ably supported by our indefatigable 'action-man' the National Organizer.

My second batch of thanks and appreciation, goes to both Engr (Mrs) Miriam Eduful and CSP (Mr) Ransford Gyamrah for accepting to chairing the 2020 Summit Planning Committee and the Disciplinary Committee respectively and all their devoted hardworking Committee members.

My special, special thanks to our philanthropic member Engr Miriam for personally funding a lunch bill of GHS2,000 at one of the Executive Board physical meetings held at Fiesta Hotel. Subsequently, she and others donated handsomely, following an appeal made to the Executive Board for financial assistance to purchase an additional computer laptop for our office use. She's at all times, proven to be an active member not a spectator. A worthy and shining example to be emulated by all members, particularly, the Founding Members. **CHAPEAU! Ma'am.**

Thirdly, I cannot thank and appreciate enough the numerous pro bono legal advise and opinions proffered to us by one of the most consummated Ghanaian senior learned Legal Counsel **Mr Willie Fugar**(Willie Fugar & Co Law Chambers) and other senior Legal Counsels - **Mrs Abena Ntrakwah**(Ntrakwah & Co) **Mr George Amissah**(Amissah & Amissah Law Chambers) and others.

Lastly, but not the least, my final thanks and appreciation goes to our **Executive Board** for diligently steering the affairs and steady growth of GhISEP to present. **AYEEEKOOO!!!**

Modestly speaking, my second term as your President had seen a modicum of some headways and strides. If you may kindly allow me to list, in not any particular hierarchical order;

1. Our invitation by the Hon Minister of Employment and Labour Relations (MELR) to validate the amended OSH DRAFT BILL that was, ostensibly affected by our prior input and review.
2. Our exponential increment or near doubling of our paid-up members 'in good standing' (excluding the many non-paying students) from mere hundredths to two hundredths
3. Unearthing our legal standing as the SOLE OSHE Professional Body in Ghana after thoroughly studying the Professional Bodies Registration Act 1973 (NRCD 143) Sections 10 & 15.
4. The re-design and facelift of our now alive and striking WEBSITE by Business Ghana Ltd.
5. Appointment of our full time Administrator WO1(Rtd) Joseph Mensah - Ghana Airforce.
6. Our excellent 'Students Mentoring Program' initiated by, and being run by our Vice President

The aforementioned, are the highs that I can see but hasten to add that, it's not exhaustive. Others with fine teeth of combs, may see loads of lows. **But hey! Cā c'est la vie! We move on!**

I humbly appeal to the Election Committee Chairman to initiate the electioneering process as soon as reasonably practicable, so that we can have the incoming elected Executive Officers on standby, by the end of March 2020. This will greatly assist the smooth transition. Importantly, it will put the incoming Executive Officers in pivotal position to assist the Summit Planning Committee to achieve a successful event. After all, it's their out-dooring ceremony.

Please kindly indulge me further to shed light on an issue that popped up in the dying days of the year. The agitation by a handful of members demanding the removal of the picture of our Life-Patron from our mandatory annual publication of members 'in good standing' in the Daily Graphic. In my personal view, was exiguous and therefore, immaterial to warrant executive response. Conventionally, such matters must be properly and appropriately tabled for an Executive discussion and resolution but not for rabble-rousing on our professional social media platform.

Suffice it to say, the mere presence of the Life-Patron picture in our publications since 2017 has attracted twenty (20) and more distinguished members. Hitherto, they didn't know nor heard much about GhISEP as an organization to be associated or reckoned with. I can enumerate copiously, the enormous benefits accrued to us, by him being our Life-Patron. Not to mention his awesome credentials as an internationally acclaimed *ENVIRONMENTALIST EXTRAORDINAIRE*.

Those who see his association with us as Life-Patron, with partisan political lenses. I dare say, please kindly go out there and solicit for any personality from the other political divide with same or better credentials. I shall strongly canvass for the individual to be also used as a **growth pole**.

In Akan, there's a conventional wisdom that says; 'ahoma enante fa edua ho na ode ahu esoro' to wit in English, 'the Ivy plant needs a **POLE** to get to the **CEILING** to establish its **VISIBILITY**'.

Going forward, please pardon me to use a famous school motto '**dwen hwe kan**' to entreat you all, to harness every available resource to project our fledgling professional body into prominence. Also, urge you to eschew the unfortunate polarized partisan political dross that some of our highly accomplished Professional members insinuate on our social platforms every now and then. **It is destructive and a killjoy! Wouldn't take GhISEP anywhere! Must be stopped, henceforth!**

As our Ghanaian legendary Educationist, **(Dr James Emman Kwegyir Aggrey -1st African Vice-Principal of Achimota School)** once said, "**Black keys of the piano give good sounds and the white keys give good sounds, but the combination of the two gives the best melody**". It takes both Left and Right hands to Clap. So..

In conclusion, it's my fervent prayer that our affable and consultative Vice President together with some of the philanthropic members and the handful of PhD holders in our midst, will boldly step forward to take on the mantle of leadership and push GhISEP to the lofty heights and prominence where others have aspired to but couldn't reach. **Heineken beer! On my mind.** 🙏🙏🙏🙏

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON TO ALL AND A NEW YEAR OF 'RISE TO PROMINENCE'!!!.

Signed

Nana ANNOR AMIHERE II
National President.