



HONORARY CONSULAR CORPS OF GHANA

(Member of the Federation Internationale des Corps et Associations Consulaires)



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FICAC'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WAS HELD IN SOFIA, BULGARIA



The Board of Directors of FICAC present the citation to His Majesty King Simeon II, Former Prime Minister of Bulgaria.

At the opening of the meeting, the President asked for one minute of silence to the late Ambassador Andreas Mavrommatis, from Cyprus, who was President of



FICAC from 1995 to 2000. From May 29 to June 2, he was invited as Guest of Honour to attend the Thessaloniki Interlegal Conference, that gave him the opportunity to make a presentation of FICAC to a very distinguished panel of lawyers, who are members of Interlegal. This opportunity to meet and to share ideas with the international association of law firms is surely one of the best way to bring to live the agreements and MoU that can be signed in different fields.



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Hon Carmel Mouhtiseb, Consul of Latvia introduces himself as the Business Executive in Ghana

He is married with five children and lives in Kumasi

As a seasoned businessman, he has been in private business since 1971 with a lot of success managing the following companies :

1. Carmel Motors & Trading Enterprise (Importers and Exporters of General goods)
2. Newbridge Limited (a Building & Road construction firm)
3. Plantco Limited (A plant hire business dealing with heavy plant and earth moving machinery and quarry operations)
4. Monarch Resource Limited (A Gold mining company)
5. Carmel Farms Limited (Teak, Palm Fruits and Livestock outfit)

Carmel Motors used to supply spare parts and general goods to Guinness Ghana Breweries Limited, Ashanti Goldfields (Obuasi) Limited Ashanti Goldfields (Bibiani) Limited.

Plantco Limited also hires Cat Dozers and Excavators to Ashanti Goldfields (Obuasi & Bibiani) Limited, Newmont Mines and other mining sectors in the country.

Carmel Farms sells its farm produce – palm nuts to Juaben oil mills at Juaben in Ashanti.

Newbridge undertook the construction of the Maritime House and the road projects such as :

Berekum – Sampa Road in the Brong Ahafo Region , Dadiesoaba Road in the Ashanti Region ,

Kwame Danso Road in the Brong Ahafo Region ,



Prang-Kintampo Road in the Brong Ahafo Region

To mention a few of the major projects :

Construction of the Inland Port (Maritime House) at Boankra for the Ghana Shippers Council

Planting of Teak trees & fencing of the Boankra of the inland port project site , Rehabilitation of a number of quasi – government buildings notably the Social Security and National Insurance Trust.

Construction of the Tourist Receptive Facility at Bonwire a tourist attraction Centre in the Ashanti Region of Ghana

Hobbies :Playing Squash ,Badminton

Swimming , Watching Football, Listening to music He delights in travelling and seeking new opportunities of doing business



Shocking News on 18 April 2019

The Honorary Consular Corps of Ghana was shocked in hearing the news of the kidnapping of Hon Nabil Basbous, Consul of Estonia on 18 April 2019

The Corps deeply regrets and strongly condemns such acts of targeting and threatening life of its membership. We are hopeful that the security agencies will improve on the safety measures taken to protect the Diplomatic & Consular Corps

We take note on the steps taken by GoG in preventing Violence & Extremism and improving awareness relevant to the anti Terrorism framework and in re-tooling the security apparatus.



HCCGH with more members to join Hon Vladislav Romanov (Ukraine) Ms Nicholina Annor-Adjei (New Zealand)

Mr. Steve Mawuenyega (Consul Designate) also to join HCCGH with Dr. Clifford retiring after his tenure as the Hon Consul of Serbia

Italian National Day Celebrations

The Italian National Day, which has become an annual event celebrated in Kumasi, also marked the 73rd anniversary of Italy becoming a Republic when Italians voted in a referendum on June 2, 1946 for it.

The event, held at the residence of the Honorary Vice Consul of Italy, Mr Stefano Ramella Pezza, was attended by the Ashanti Regional Minister, Mr Simon Osei Mensah; the Akyempemhene, Oheneba Adusei Poku; the Bantamahene, Baffour Asare Owusu Amankwatia V; the Metropolitan Chief Executive of Kumasi, Mr Osei Assibey Antwi; the Director of Urban Roads, Mr Atta Poku, among others.

The Vice Consul of Italy, **Hon Pezza**, acknowledged the tremendous services that a group of Italian medical officers had been providing at the Asokwa Children's Hospital since it was established in 2008. He said an Italian pediatric specialist, Dr Enrico Frontini, in particular, had been at the forefront of helping and guiding the hospital's medical board to deliver quality medical care to patients. Many volunteers spend between three and six months each year in Kumasi to train the local medical staff," he added.

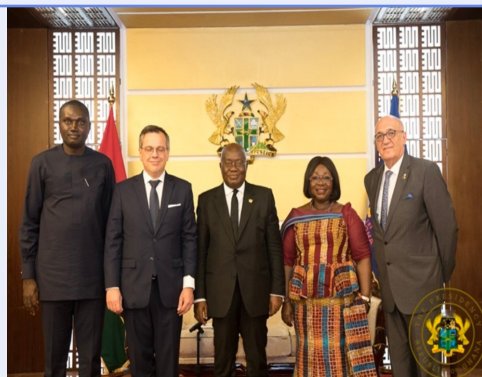
Ghana-Italy trade yields €400m in 2018



Hon Pezza with colleagues from HCCGH



Bilateral Relations

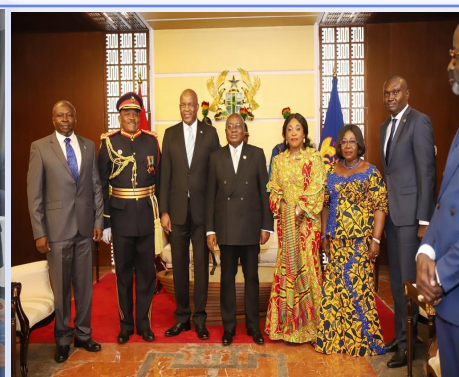


Farewell

Ambassador of Belgium from Abidjan
with H E the President of Ghana



Hon Mitchell , Consul of Trinidad & Tobago with H.E. Nana Akufo Addo , the President of Ghana during his visit to Trinidad & Tobago



High Commissioner Botswana from Abuja presenting credentials to H E the President of Ghana

Achiever Awards 2019

Lifetime Business Builder– Achiever Award (Hall of Fame) Retail & Business - Hon Ghassan Yared



CEO of the Year Manufacturing Rubber & Plastics— Interplast



Hon Hayssam Fakhry

Project/Heavy Lift Forwarder of the Year—JonMoore International



Hon Hilton John Mitchell

Ghana Economy (Source: Bank of Ghana, Monetary Policy Committee—Press Release July 2019)

The accommodative monetary policy stance by most advanced economies broadly offers some scope for favorable global financing conditions which could impact positively on Ghana through the trade and credit channels. The pace of economic activity continues to pick up supported by improved sentiments from businesses following the Cedi's recovery from the recent sharp depreciation, and favorable growth prospects. Headline inflation has remained within the medium-term target band of 8 ± 2 percent for twelve consecutive months, supported by the tight monetary policy stance and some favorable base effects.

The external sector performed strongly in the first quarter 2019 supported largely by a strong trade surplus outturn and improved inflows into the capital and financial account. Going forward, the positive trade balance and improvements in the current account are expected to continue, supported by the oil sector and pickup in private transfers. Gross international reserves improved significantly on the back of inflows from the recently issued Eurobond. However, there are also significant outflows associated with energy-related debt repayments, bond maturity and coupon payments which would have to be managed over the rest of the year.



The Kodzi-Deta Development Union - Library Project

With the advent of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) as an examinable subject in the High Schools, pupils from the area became handicapped due to absence of such facility in the school. Therefore, this project is aimed at providing a facility that helps in the teaching of the subject and also introducing them to the world through the internet as a source of learning. The provision of reading materials both manually and electronically will place the pupils in good stead to compete with the rest of the world. The Community Centre is aimed at providing adult learning and recreational facility for residents and pensioners who return to the town after employment.



Through the resources of fund-raising activities and donations, they have been able to complete the structure, roofed, plastered and ceiled, wired ready for electricity and computer network connection by April 2019. It has two large halls, two offices/private reading rooms and two toilets on each floor. The top is larger than the ground floor and both floors have generous porches in front. It is targeted that the building be completed, furnished and commissioned into use by 7th December 2019 in time for full benefits for the rest of the 2019/2020 academic year, with the commissioning to coincide with the commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the Kodzi-Deta Development Union.

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has been able to assist with the library project by providing more than 1000 books for the library and a contribution to the funds needed for the completion of the building and in particular of its library



At the office of the President of Kodzi-Delta Development Union



Books for the library collected from Tema

Anniversary & General Meeting of the Corps

Honorary Consuls in Ghana were recognized as a Corps in the country after the establishment of the **Honorary Consular Corps of Ghana (HCCGH) in 1994** with the great efforts put forth by **Mr H. R. Roth**, the then **Hon Consul General of Finland** who took up the leadership by becoming the first Dean of the HCCGH comprising of eleven members. The objectives of the HCCGH are :

- ✦ Enhance the performance of consular services on behalf of Sending States in Receiving States
- ✦ Support and improve the status, legitimacy and effectiveness of all consular officers
- ✦ Encourage States in both their receiving and sending capacities to recognize and support Members, Associations and Federation.
- ✦ Educate a wider public about the nature and importance of consular functions to work

In October 1998, HCCGH was formally elected as Member Association of the World Federation Internationale Des Corps et Associations Consulaires (FICAC). In December 2015, Hon. **Mr. Amarkai Amarteifio** having completed his term as the **Hon Consul General of Sweden**, resigned from HCCGH as the Dean and handed over to **Hon. Mr. Dimitri Avraam**, Hon Consul of Belgium who was issued with his exequatur in 1992 and assumed the duties of the Deputy Dean since 2000 and **Hon Antonio Fernandes**, Consul of Portugal was elected as the Deputy Dean



General Meeting of HCCGH was held on Friday, 05 July 2019 at Ibis Styles. Meeting was chaired by the Hon Dean and attended by 12 members

Hon Dean and Deputy Dean presented their reports for the year 2018-19 and in the absence of the Treasurer the statement of accounts for 2019, budget for 2019-20 and the Balance sheet for 2018-19 were presented by the Hon Deputy Dean. The first reading of the proposed amendment to the Articles of Association was conducted. Clarification on the legal status of the Association was done by Hon Dean and the Executive member

The 25th anniversary of HCCGH to be celebrated in 2019 and plans to be finalized at the next EC meeting to be held in Aug 2019

HCCGH Members



Membership News

*Freedom in our mind, faith in the words ,
pride in our souls,
Let's salute the nation*

Indonesia 17 Aug

Uruguay 25 Aug

Trinidad & Tobago 31 Aug / 24 Sept

Mexico 15 Sept

Mali & Bulgaria 22 Sept

Celebrating their National Day

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THE WORLD FEDERATION OF CONSULS
TOGETHER, WE ARE STRONGER



Official Agreements (M.O.U.) with Official Institutions

Recognition of the status of FICAC as NGO



Hon Mitchell celebrated his 50th birthday on 22 May 2019

Celebrations....

*Greetings to all the members celebrating their birthdays in
August - September*

*Look forward to the future, for the best things are yet
to come*

05 Hon Wolley/09 Hon Avraam/10 Hon Ade
Coker/19 Hon Yared/24 Aug Hon S. Fakhry
17 Sept - Hon F Morsing

Ghana celebrates Founders' Day

4th August has been chosen as the date for Founders' Day as it marks two important events in Ghana's history. Prior to the passing of the Public Holiday Amendment Bill into law in March 2019, the holiday on 21st September was known as Founders' Day.

It is the date for the formation of the Aborigines' Rights Protection Society by John Mensah Sarbah in 1897, and the formation of the United Gold Coast Convention (UGCC) in 1947 by J.B. Danquah and George Alfred "Paa" Grant.

Privileges — Special Rates

Take advantage of discounts from **5% to 10%** off the best unrestricted rate of the day over 2,400 **Accor Hotels Worldwide** in more than 90 countries! Book online and present your personal **FICAC ID Card** at check-in . More benefits and advantages to be soon notified .

In **Accra**, utilize the corporate rates offered in **Hotels** like Labadi, African Regent, Movenpick etc for your visitors and events

Reminders

Information for the following , requested from members:

Who's Who Directory : Information from Members

Newsletter Edition : Articles from Members

Statistical Report—Information

"CC" vehicle registration