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### **University Fair at Achimota School**

Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA), participated in the University Fair organized by Achimota School, on Friday, April 26, 2024.

The University Fair was a significant aspect of a Mentorship Session organized by the Alumni Class of 2014, marking the 10th Anniversary of their graduation from Achimota School.

GIMPA's participation in the event provided an opportunity to connect with potential stu-

dents, promote academic programs, address inquiries, and engage in valuable networking opportunities. The fair was attended by Final Year students, who were still undecided about their future tertiary academic choices, as well as teachers from Achimota School.

The inclusion of GIMPA enriched the experience for all attendees, offering valuable insights into the institution's offerings and aiding in informed decisions regarding tertiary education.

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The Old Achimotans Association 2014, organizers of the event, expressed their appreciation to GIMPA for their participation in the University Fair and for contributing to the educational enrichment of all attendees.

GIMPA remains committed to supporting educational initiatives and looks forward to future collaborations with Achimota School.







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Professor Kwaku Bonsu, the Rector of the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA), led a delegation of dignitaries from GIMPA, to pay tribute to the revered Overlord of Asanteman, Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, at the Manhyia Palace on the occasion of his 25th anniversary on the throne.

Professor Bonsu expressed deep admiration for the King's leadership over the past 25 years and highlighted Otumfuo's remarkable wisdom and clear vision for the development of Asanteman. He acknowledged GIMPA's close observation of Otumfuo's various development initiatives and lauded his unwavering support for underprivileged students seeking further education

"We are here to pay fitting homage to him and seek God's grace and mercy for his continued long life and influence on Ghana's development," Professor Bonsu remarked.

In response, Otumfuo expressed gratitude for GIMPA's gesture despite their busy schedules and encouraged the institution to maintain its reputation for excellence in education. He emphasized the importance of upholding high standards to attract

future generations seeking knowledge and competence.

The Asantehene's linguist conveyed his appreciation for the presented gifts and GIMPA's visit in honor of his 25th anniversary as King. He conveyed Otumfuo's hope that GIMPA will continue to produce quality individuals who will contribute to Ghana's development through the institution's transformative education.

During the visit, Otumfuo welcomed the Rector and other officials with warmth, exchanging handshakes as a sign of respect. Other members of the GIMPA delegation, including Dr. Mrs. Victoria Kunbour, Registrar, Mr. Bubuama Benjamin, Assistant Registrar Corporate Affairs, and Dr. Kwadwo Arhin, Campus Manager, Kumasi, also had the privilege to pay their respect to the Asantehene.

Additionally, former and current GIMPA students, including Madam Sophia Aidoo, Administrative Secretary, Ophelia Prempeh-Kessie, former SRC President, Priscilla Adoley Moffat, former SRC Vice President, and Emmanuel Tweneboah Koduah, a current student, likewise paid homage to Otumfuo.







### GIMPA Rector and Officials Honor His Excellency the Former President John Agyekum Kufuor at his Residence

Professor Kwaku Bonsu, the Rector of the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA), accompanied by dignitaries from the institute, recently honored John Agyekum Kufuor, former President of the Republic of Ghana.

In admiration of his leadership and enduring contributions to the nation, Professor Bonsu lauded Former President Kufuor's exceptional wisdom. He underscored GIMPA's close observation of Kufuor's service and commended his unwavering support for the country.

The visitation had two primary objectives:

- 1. To recognize Kufuor's distinguished service with an honorary doctorate on him to be conferred before the close of 2024.
- To establish an endowment in his honor to bolster professorship. This endowment, named "The Kufour Endowment in Governance and Leadership," will be a perpetual testament to his legacy.

In response, the former president expressed gratitude for GIMPA's recognition and urged the institution to uphold its tradition of educational excellence. He also acknowledged GIMPA's role in shaping numerous prominent figures within the nation.

Former President Kufuor warmly welcomed the Rector and other officials, exchanging handshakes as a gesture of respect. Members of the GIMPA delegation, including Dr. Mrs. Victoria Kunbour, Secretary of the institute, Dr. Augustina Akonnor, Ag. Deputy Rector, Prof Samuel Agye-Ampomah, Dean School of Technology and Social Science, Mr. Bubuama Benjamin, Assistant Registrar Corporate Affairs, Mrs. Dainah Asante, Ms. Regina Nortey-Botchway, Ms. Mary Frimpong-Manso, and Mr. Emmanuel Osei, also had the privilege to greet him.





## Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) team engages Civil Servants at the Ghana Civil Service Week Celebration

In the bustling atmosphere of the Ghana Civil Service Week celebration, held in Accra, the marketing team from GIMPA (Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration) took center stage, participating actively in the two-week event. Showcasing a myriad of activities, the celebration saw the participation of over 30 institutions, each presenting their unique contributions to the nation.

Among the distinguished participants were the Ministry of Finance, Ghana Revenue Service, Railway Authority, Electricity Company of Ghana, Ministry of Defense, Birth and Death Registry, Ghana Tourism Authority, and the National Identification Authority, among others.

The GIMPA team seized the opportunity to engage with representatives from various institutions, delivering presentations to a durbar of over 500 civil servants. They highlighted GIMPA's diverse program offerings, fostering insightful exchanges and distributing informative brochures. Attendees who visited the GIMPA stand were met with warm interactions, as they sought information on various programs and services.

By the event's conclusion, the GIMPA team had successfully heightened awareness about the institution's wide array of programs, establishing meaningful connections with individuals from diverse sectors. The engagement underscored GIMPA's commitment to nurturing talent and fostering collaboration within Ghana's civil service landscape.





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### Mother's Day Seminar

Aseminar titled "The Power of Networking for Professional Development" in commemoration of Mother's Day was held at GIMPA on May 9 2024, in honor of Mother's Day. Dr. Mrs. Victoria Kunbuor hosted the event, featuring keynote speakers Mrs. Joyce Agyare and Mrs. Janet Sunkwa Mills.

Mrs. Sunkwa Mills laborated on the genesis of the Executive Women Network, emphasizing the need for female leadership and mentorship in the professional sphere. She underscored the importance of active participation and contribution within networking organizations, citing EWN's collaborative efforts with institutions like GIMPA to foster growth and development.

The theme of the seminar centered on the transformative influence of networking on professional growth Mrs. Janet Sunkwa Mills, board member of the Executive Women Network (EWN), explained the network's mission to empower women through mentorship and support, ensuring future generations have strong role models.

Mrs. Joyce Agyare, drawing from her own experience, stressed the importance of communication and confidence in building a strong network.



The speaker encouraged participants to establish goals and identify areas where networking could be most beneficial. They were advised to consider investing in networking opportunities, such as conferences or professional associations.

Developing a "wishbone" goal - a clear idea of what you desire - was presented as a way to connect with the right people and organizations. Reading books on networking, like "Never Eat Alone", was also recommended.



The importance of resilience was emphasized, encouraging participants to explore alternative options and broaden their networking reach beyond Ghana through social media platforms like LinkedIn and Twitter.

Dr. Kunbuor concluded the seminar by thanking the speakers and encouraging participants to continue their professional development by joining relevant groups, identifying mentors, and building strong relationships.









### School of Public Service and Governance (SPSG) Week-long celebration



The School of Public Service and Governance (SPSG) organized a week-long celebration aimed to honor the department's contributions to academic achievement, professional development, and community engagement while involving industry and alumni. The celebration featured a comprehensive program each day, designed to offer diverse learning opportunities and foster connections among students, faculty, alumni, industry, and external stakeholders, particularly within the community. The theme for the GIMPA SPSG's Week Celebration was "Strengthening Public Services, Empowering Leaders, Transforming Communities."

The week outlined a specific program of events as below.

• SPSG Mini-Conference and Open Day (20th May 2024): The day featured a full conference with 41 presentations by students and alumni in both oral and poster formats. Dr. Patrick Tandoh, Dean of SPSG, led the opening plenary session. Prof. Samuel Kwaku Bonsu, the Rector of the Institute, delivered a keynote address followed by a panel discussion featuring distinguished panelists such as John Dumelo. (Parliamentary Aspirant Ayawaso Wuogon), Edem Knight Tay, (Media Director of Multimedia Group), Fiifi Forson (Multimedia Group), Bishop James Saah (Action Chapel International), and many others addressed contemporary challenges and opportunities in public service, governance,

and community engagement. Scientific papers were presented in concurrent sessions covering various topics. The closing plenary included reflections from panelists on the role of research, evidence, and capacity building, and concluded with closing remarks by Dr. Gina Teddy, the Organizing Chair of the Week Celebration.



 SPSG Career Fair and Coaching & Mentorship Day. (21st May, 2024): The Career fair provided valuable tools and opportunities for both job seekers and employers to connect, learn, and potentially find the perfect job or candidate. This attracted 12 public sector institutions, including the Public Services Commission (PSC), Food and Drugs Authority (FDA), National Information Technology Agency (NITA), and Ghana

- Fire Service (GFS). The fair provided an opportunity for public sector agencies to engage participants and share employment opportunities. Concurrently a Coaching & Mentorship session, including, a presentation on preparing for interviews and crafting a curriculum vitae. The session featured mentors from various sectors: Public Sector Coaches offered guidance on navigating career paths within government agencies and public institutions; Political Coaches provided insights for aspiring politicians and policymakers; Media Coaches discussed the role of the media and how to make an impact; and Community and Religious Coaches reflected on building community leadership through renewed values and norms.
- SPSG Project Day & Alumni Networking Night (22nd May, 2024): The Project Day offered students opportunities to give back to the community, both within GIMPA and in surrounding areas. Students supported by the school led these projects. The projects ranged from the distribution of sanitary towels and sexual health education in Junior Secondary Schools to health checks in schools for children with impairments, and adopting a classroom at SPSG for renovation. Due to heavy rains, briefing sessions were held online via Zoom. The Alumni Networking Night Event which would allow alumni and current students to connect, exchange ideas, and build relationships was postponed to a later date due to the bad weather.

- SPSG Symposium on Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda (Kwibuka@30) 23rd May 2024: A Symposium to Commemorate 30 years after the Genocide against the Tutsis in Rwanda was held in collaboration with the Embassy of Rwanda in Accra and GIMPA SPSG at GIMPA. This was hosted to reflect on the lessons and gains made since the genocide.
- SPSG Entertainment Day (24th May 2024): The celebration culminated with Entertainment Day, named "Our -Day with Stonebwoy, (Livingstone Etse Satekla) a product of SPSG. This musical concert and talent show provided a platform for students to showcase their creative abilities through music and dance. Guest artists such as Desmond Kwesi Blackmore (D-Black), Maradona Yeboah Adjei (Guru), High, and others also performed during the night. The event provided an opportunity for students to relax and celebrate their achievements throughout their academic journey.

The GIMPA SPSG Week Celebration offered a variety of events and activities aimed at learning, capacity building, motivation, and entertainment. The week was an extraordinary celebration of the contributions of students, staff, alumni, and networks. The event highlighted students' commitment to community support, showcased their scientific work, and demonstrated qualities of leadership, teamwork, cooperation, confidence, hard work, and social spirit. The GIMPA SPSG Organizing Committee was deeply moved by the attention and commitment shown towards the events.









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