

Director-General Leads Delegation to Visit Past Executive Directors



Prof. Dodoo presenting a package to Reverend Dr. Kwesi Marfo

The Director-General of the Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), Professor Alex Dodoo, on Friday, January 12, 2024, led a three-member delegation to visit some past Executive Directors of the Authority.

Other members of the delegation were Mr. Douglas Nii Teiko Annan, the Director of Administration and Mr. Kofi Yeboah Debrah, APR, Acting Head of Public Relations.

The visit was to express the Authority's appreciation for the roles these past leaders played to transform the Authority and also ask for their blessings as the Authority

begins a new year and a new phase of its development.

The team's first visit was to the home of the Reverend Dr. Kwesi Marfo, a revered figure who had steered the helm of the Authority from 1990 to 1999. The team listened intently as he recounted the pivotal moments of his tenure. He narrated his long and eventful stay as the Executive Director, shuffling between the GSA and his role as a lecturer at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology. (KNUST).

Under his guidance, the GSA had expanded its reach

with regional offices in Ho, Koforidua, Tamale, Sunyani, and Cape Coast.

Dr. Marfo spearheaded the establishment of the Standards Estate, a collection of 63 houses that stood as a testament to his vision for the GSA. He had also championed the creation of a library, complete with a dedicated librarian, and a clinic staffed with a doctor who visited three times a week, along with a nursing sister to ensure the well-being of the GSA's employees.

The verdant landscaping that now graced the GSA grounds

was also attributed to Dr. Marfo, who had the foresight to hire horticulturists to create the picturesque environment enjoyed by all today. Not stopping there, he had overseen the paving of roads within the GSA, transforming the infrastructure and accessibility of the entire compound.

However, perhaps, his most enduring legacy lay in the initiation of scholarship programmes in collaboration with the governments of India, Japan, and Korea, under the tenure of former President Rawlings.

Following its visit to Rev. Marfo, the delegation made its way to the residence of Dr. George Ben Crentsil, who had steered the affairs of the GSA from 2010 to 2017.

During their conversation, Prof. Doodoo emphasised the

significance of respecting predecessors for their immense contributions and for propelling the institution to its current standing. His words resonated deeply with Dr. Crentsil, who had dedicated years of his life to the progress and betterment of the GSA.

Dr. Crentsil shared his own reflections on his time at the helm, recounting the challenges and triumphs that had shaped his tenure. Under his leadership, the GSA had seen significant advancements in various areas, from technological modernisations to the expansion of services to better serve the people of Ghana.

The meeting served as a powerful reminder of the interconnectedness of past, present, and future within the fabric of the Authority. It was

a testament to the enduring legacy of dedication and progress that each Director-General had contributed, building upon the foundation laid by those who had come before them.

The visit left the delegation with a renewed appreciation for the rich history and the unwavering commitment of those who had shaped the GSA. The visit had not only been a gesture of gratitude but a reaffirmation of the shared commitment to upholding standards and quality infrastructure, ensuring that the legacy of each past Director-General continued to inspire and guide the Authority into the future.





