

ACCEPTANCE OF CHAIRMANSHIP:

Good evening. There was a man called John F Kennedy. John F Kennedy was the 35th President of the United States of America.

And he said something which was very profound, and I would like to share with you.

JFK said "Change is the law of life and those who look only to the past and present are certain to miss the future.

I am particularly enthused by his quote from JFK because of his references to the past and the future. The past because 59 years ago Mrs. Elizabeth Mavis Anna Adomako conceived the noble idea of establishing Modern international School to nurture children to grow to realize their full potential, a legacy we have gathered here today to advance.

And the future because there is an urgent need for us to take action to secure the future of Mrs. Adomako's noble legacy.

When we do this, posterity shall gather also in the future to continue whatever vision we seek to undertake. And I believe that is how the frontiers of development of civilization are engineered.

Ladies and gentlemen with all humility, I accept the responsibility bestowed on me as the chair for this grand event. And it is my fervent prayer that with the support of my Vice and everyone herein gathered, this programme shall be brought to a successful conclusion.

I welcome you all to this noble function and may God help us all.

Thank you.

MISSION AND VISION OF THE AYIWA DANQUAH MEMORIAL FOUNDATION:

Co-Chair, School Directors, Invited Guests, Nananom, Old Students, Teachers, Parents, Ladies and Gentlemen, my profound gratitude to you for finding time out of your busy schedule s to be with us today.

Ladies and Gentlemen, visions and missions are the key drives of the growth of every enterprise.

Our dignified goal of sustaining the legacy of Mrs. Elizabeth Mavis Anna Afia Ayiwa Danquah Adomako with the creation of the Ayiwa Danquah Memorial Foundation shall not produce any positive i=dividends if our intent is not grounded on solid visions and if those visions are not propagated to critical stakeholders like yourselves.

Please follow me as we take a brief journey through the aspirations and ambitions of the Afia Ayiwa Danquah Memorial Foundation.

This foundation, ladies and gentlemen, firstly seeks to serve as a catalyst for mobilization of resources to grant educational opportunities to our needy students.

For education to generate the much-needed transformation as we all know, here is the need for the investment of human material and capital resources. This foundation intends to facilitate the gathering and deployment of relevant resources to the needy to preserve the noble legacy of Mrs. Elizabeth Mavis Anna Afia Ayiwa Danquah Adomako.

Modern International school has a great number of students who have dropped out of school because of their inability to honor their financial obligations.

I am not certain where those children landed but can assume their education may have been compromised due to their decision to drop out of school, due to their financial challenges.

The Ayiwa Danquah Memorial Foundation is envisioned to provide educational scholarships to students within the Modern International School Community.

The Foundation shall motivate students and stimulate healthy competition to promote academic excellence and distinctions.

Ladies and Gentlemen extracurricular activities are very important components of educational setting. The activities you may already know could expose students to several non-academic engagements to make them versatile and most essentially expose their inherent talents.

The Ayiwa Danquah Memorial Foundation plans to invest in extracurricular activities of students to enhance their holistic empowerment.

Moreover, in line with the vision of the late Mrs. Adomako who was an ardent advocate not only for learning but continuous and life-long learning, this noble foundation shall be a major source of inspiration for continuous education and propagation of the core values of Modern International School which are, Empathy, Care for Health, Respect for Environment, and Critical Thinking for the 21st Century.

The Ayiwa Danquah Foundation shall build the capacity of its students to become relevant to their families, communities, country and the world at large.

Co-Chair, the safety of the Ghanaian child is a major priority of the Government of Ghana. This has resulted in the development of several legal frameworks and policies to guard children. The Children's Act 1998 (Act 550) readily comes to mind. One of the major goals of the Ayiwa Danquah Memorial Foundation is to promote child safety.

Through the Foundation, key investments shall be made in the facilities of Modern International School to guarantee the security of everybody within the school's community. We shall endeavor to build the capacity of our school children and staff members through training to stimulate their consciousness with respect to their safety...

Ladies and Gentlemen, the former Prime minister Of UK, Winston Churchill once said,
"What is the use of living if it be not to strive for noble causes"

In fact, the establishment of **the Afia Ayiwa Danquah Memorial Foundation is one of the noblest causes I have ever seen.** Let us make our living more useful by striving to support this noble cause.

Thank you.

CALL FOR DONATION AND SUPPORT:

Ladies and gentlemen, we have come to the critical stage of our program: - a stage for the demonstration of our commitment to the virtuous exertions of an upright woman – Mrs. Elizabeth Adomako- A stage for the inclusion of our names into annals of history as cheerful partners of change.

Co-chair, unimpeachable love is demonstrated through material acts and not mere verbal expressions. It is now time for us to prove our love to Mrs. Elizabeth Mavis Anna Adomako through our deeds. If we say we love and uphold her, let us contribute generously to protect and solidify what she stood for.

May I use a few minutes to respond to the question of why the Ayiwa Danquah Memorial Foundation, after its grand launch today, is calling for your charitable donation.

To begin, Modern International School has a very big library but all the books in the library facility are outmoded. This is hampering the research work and the continuous learning of both students and teachers. Your donation shall help to restock our library with relevant books for us to meet the educational goals and needs of the 21st Century.

Again, Modern International School has a computing lab which is supposed to facilitate the teaching and learning of Information Technology. Yet all the gadgets in the lab are completely broken down. The school needs your donation to procure new sets of computers and other technological tools to make the teaching of computing more impactful to learners.

Moreover, the establishment of a science laboratory for the school has stalled due to the constraints of resources. This science laboratory, Ladies and Gentlemen, needs to be urgently completed to aid the better appreciation of science by our students and assist in the fulfilment of their professional career aspirations in this field of study.

Your kind donation shall help to accomplish that.

Modern International School does not intend to operate only within Asokwa and Buokrom enclaves. The school wishes to spread its tentacles to serve the needs of students and parents in the farther communities.

As I speak, the school does not have a road worthy bus. Your generous donation shall help the school to procure new buses and establish a vibrant school transport system.

Lastly Ladies and Gentlemen, Modern International School has a mandate to develop the cognitive and psychomotor skills of our students. And to achieve this, the school ought to have a well-equipped playground. Unfortunately, the basic facilities required to make our playground relevant and responsive are conspicuously missing.

Your gracious donation is our hope in addressing this challenge.

I shall end my submission with a quote from Winston Churchill.

He said, **“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give”.**

On this day of the launch of the Afia Ayiwa Danquah Memorial Foundation, let us donate magnanimously to provide a springboard for the accelerated growth of this noble and worthy initiative.

Thank you.

FINANCIAL STATE OF THE SCHOOL

Co-Chair, School Directors, Invited Guests, Nananom, Old Students, Teachers, Parents, Ladies and Gentlemen, may I crave your indulgence at this moment to give you a quick update on the financial status of Modern International School. I may not be able to give you specific numbers, but I want to paint a picture for you to appreciate the current financial position of MISKL.

Ladies and Gentlemen, money is the oil that lubricates the wheels of every institution. Modern International School, as an educational institution, cannot operate to realize its full potential, if its finances are weak.

The main revenue envelope of Modern International school is tuition fees. As you are aware of, students are charged with tuition fees at the beginning of each term every academic year. It is sad to report that the quantum of the school's revenue has gone down significantly over the past years due to a huge reduction in enrollment numbers.

Frenetic competition within the private school sector, unfavorable government policies, inadequate investment in infrastructure and several other factors have contributed to threatening the sustainability of many private schools of which Modern International School is no exception.

During its peak days, Modern International School had several streams of classes, but it cannot today even boast of one full class at various grade or class levels. The school's class enrollments numbers have regrettably fallen below the reasonable threshold which cannot guarantee a break-even operation and financial stability.

Currently, Modern International School has close to forty teaching and non-staff on payroll. Moreover, the school operates under the framework of the laws of Ghana and therefore obliged to honor certain statutory payments such as the SSNIT of staff members, Corporate tax, PAYE, Income Tax, Property rates and several local assembly levies.

It is my understanding that the interferences of the prompt payment of staff salaries of every institution can jeopardize morals and compromise the loyalty, commitment and allegiance of employees to the institution.

Modern International today finds itself at such critical crossroads. This poor financial state of the school has led to focus of attention on only recurrent expenditure at the expense of capital expenditure. The continuous neglect of the school's capital expenditure shall stifle its growth and threaten survival which leads to obliteration of prominent legacy of Mrs. Elizabeth Mavis Anna Afia Ayiwa Danquah Adomako.

Let's remind ourselves of something Martin Luther once said; He said "Everything that is done in this world is done by hope "

I am hoping to see the restoration of Modern International School to its glorious days. That's of course what can cause the noble ideals of Mrs. Elizabeth Adomako to prevail trust that with your support we can turn around the fortunes of your school, my school, our school, Modern International School.

May God bless Modern International School and may God bless us all.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Co-Chair, School Directors, Invited Guests, Nananom, Old Students, Teachers, Parents, Ladies and Gentlemen, my heart is filled with great joy this evening.

I feel heavily fulfilled for the opportunity to be part of this historic event. The overwhelming success of this launch activity has indeed revived my hopes. I am today more convinced than ever before that the Ayiwa Danquah Memorial Foundation shall be a huge success and a major anchor for the reinvigoration of the ideals and philosophies of Mrs. Elizabeth Mavis Anna Adomako.

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for your time, donation and support. The success of this grand launch activity is wholly attributed to you.

Ladies and gentlemen, the institutionalization of this foundation, the Ayiwa Danquah Memorial Foundation, shall play a key role in satisfying the long-term needs of several old students and well wishers of Modern International School.

Today, the door is open for us to contribute to lift the very institution which has made us who we are today.

I want to use this opportunity to call on all old students of Modern International school, corporate organizations and everybody to touch a life through the Afia Ayiwa Danquah memorial Foundation.

Let us all avail ourselves as the vessels for the empowerment of the next generation of global leaders through our contribution to the Ayiwa Danquah Foundation.

May God bless the Ayiwa Danquah Memorial Foundation and May God bless Modern International School.

Thank you for coming.