



OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, IEMT

2018 NEW YEAR ADDRESS FROM DR. OFFIONG E. IBOK CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF IMDID

PROGRESS/NEW DEVELOPMENTS SINCE I TOOK OFFICE AS BOARD CHAIRMAN IN JANUARY 2017

First of all kindly, accept my sincere apology for this message being so late in coming due to humanly uncontrollable exigencies. But thanks be to God for having replaced the clouds with His glory.

The entire esteemed Board of Trustees and my humble self, do hereby wish you a very happy IMDID experience in the remaining part of the year!

International Recognition of IMDID

This is believing that it will be great news for our stakeholders, volunteers, friends and supporters to know that IMDID is now;

1. Recognized as Member of the United Nations Major Groups for Children & Youth since November 2017.
2. Registered & Affirmed as Member of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network since January 2018

Also, kindly share with us the joy of IMDID's Executive Director being awarded the **Best Advocacy Leader and the Best Community Leader of the year 2017** by LEADERSHIP MINDS AMBASSADORS IN NIGERIA.

Great Appointments

Let me use this opportunity to congratulate and jubilate with the newly inaugurated Six-Member Principal Founders of IMDID; Five-Member Editorial Advisory Committee; and Five-Member Research & Development Team and the appointment of the Women & Girl-Child Empowerment Ambassador, Daniela Fuentes Torres, a Mexican Volunteer in 2017.

Project Launching

With much joy, we wish to applaud all our dear supporters for the launching of the Back to School Drive at a durbar held in Winneba; the Youth Ambassadors Program at the Global Youth Diplomats Conference 2017 by the International Relations Director of IMDID; and IMDID Togo in June 2017 at Hotel Memorial, Hountigome, Lome and IMDID Benin in December 2017 at the University of d'Abomey Calavi, Cotonou.

Success & Achievements

I have to commend the efforts of the CEO and all other official arms and selfless volunteers whose hard work and cooperation has facilitated the:

1. Training & Graduation of 13 people at the IMDID Career Development Center at Agona Kwanyako in August 2017
2. Donation of assorted items worth 4,000.00 cedis to the Methodist Rafiki Village, an orphanage home at Gyadze in April 2017
3. Community Health Campaign in partnership with the Ghana Health Service, Winneba Directorate in April 2017
4. Organizing and hosting of 150 delegates from 6 countries at the Global Youth Diplomats Conference in October 2017 at Windy Lodge & Beach Resort.
5. Organizing and hosting of 4 different training seminars to train and add value to our volunteers within 2017
6. Organizing and networking dialogue at the University of Ghana
7. Donation at the Osamkrom Prisons in December 2017 to support their building project.

Finally comes the Establishment of New Teams

IMDID teams have been newly established in Togo, Benin, Mali and Cote d'Ivoire; with new country representatives registered in Tanzania, South Africa and Canada in keeping with the Board Chairman's promise during inaugural address in January 2017, with resultant 66 % in increase our volunteer base.

I hereby encourage us all to continue to work hard, cooperate more, and donate more for the betterment of humanity and our motherland to the praise and glory of God.

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Long live IMDID
Long live Ghana
Long live Africa

Signed
Dr. Offiong E. Ibok
Chairman, IMDID Board of Trustees
International Executive Management Team (IEMT)

NB: You can download a copy of the Board Chairman's address attached herein.