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REPORT OF THIRD GLOBAL YOUTH DIPLOMATS CONFERENCE (GYDC) AT GLORIAKA HOTEL, WINNEBA JUNCTION FROM 30TH MAY TO 2ND JUNE, 2018

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The 2018 **GLOBAL YOUTH DIPLOMATS CONFERENCE (GYDC'18)** took place at Gloriaka Hotel, Winneba junction from 30th May to 2nd June, 2018 under the theme; *FOSTERING DEVELOPMENT: COMPLEXITY OF INTERVENTION IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD*. Under The auspices of the *INTERNATIONAL MODEL DIPLOMATS FOR INTERGRATED DEVELOPMENT (IMDID)*.

The Conference was a 4-day diplomatic conference which hosted Officials and Delegates from Ghana and the Diaspora; Togo, Benin and Ivory Coast.

CONFERENCE DAY 1

On Wednesday 30th May, 2018 Delegates, Volunteers and Officials of the International Model Diplomats for Integrated Development (IMDID), Members of the Conference Management Team (C.M.T) and Subcommittee Members of the Conference arrived at the venue, Delegates from Ghana, Benin, Togo and Ivory Coast respectively.

At 19:00hrs GMT, all delegates were seated at the forecourt of the Gloriaka Hotel for the maiden Programme, *The Festival of Peace*. All delegates were dressed in Traditional African Attire.

In attendance were Eighty Five (85) members, Out of the 85 Members present were Sixty(60) IMDID Officials, Members of the Strategic Council of IMDID, Members of the Conference Management team, Members of the Conference Subcommittee and IMDID delegates, Sixteen (16) cultural dancers from the Centre for Talent Expression(C.T.E), Winneba and Nine(9) Dignitaries made up of the ASP Mrs. Adriana Gyadu-Tano who represented the Deputy Superintendent of Immigration Ghana, DSI MRS. Nora Marmon-Halm, who was accompanied by Three (3) other officials from the Ghana Immigration Service; DR. Christiana Hammond, Senior Lecturer at the University of Education, Winneba; Obaatan Naase Onso Nyameye II, Paramount Mother of Breku Anona Traditional Family; Nana Kobina Asanti Kum, Tufuhen of Breku Anona;



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Naase Abedey **II**, Queenmother of Breku and Osagyefo Nana Kojo Beedu **II**, Chief of Kojo Beedu, Winneba.

The Master of Ceremony (M.C) for the Festival was Master Ewura Karim Adams, a Student of the University of Ghana and a Poet.

It commenced with a welcome address from Miss Patricia Tinkorang, the Global Youth Diplomats Conference 2018. The Purpose of gathering was given by the Strategic Chairman, Hon. Nuel Ehun. The invited Guests and Guest speaker was introduced by Mr. Yaw Nuamah Sekyere, the Country Director for IMDID Ghana, Followed by an awesome cultural display from the Centre for Talents Expression(C.T.E), Winneba, Then a comedy display by Comedian Waris.

The Guest Speaker for the night ASP Mrs. Adriana Gyadu-Tano who represented DSI Mrs. Nora Marmon-Halm gave a speech on *International Peace and Solidarity*.

The Candle Light Procession and Fireworks continued which was done in recognition of our gallant men and women who fought for Peace and Freedom for our various countries after which a dinner. The Festival came to close at 21:32Hrs GMT.

CONFERENCE DAY 2

On Thursday May 31, 2018 was the *Diplomatic and Leadership lectures* that took place in the Morning whilst the *Career and Mentorship session* in the evening.

The Diplomatic and Leadership Lectures started at exactly 10:25hrs GMT at the ABA Conference Hall of Gloriaka Hotel with Sixty Eight (68) Diplomats present, Out of which Thirty Six (36) were males and Thirty Two (32) females with the Dress Code being strictly formal. Attendance however increased in the course of the lectures around 12:00hrs GMT to Seventy Two (72) delegates present. The Diplomatic and Leadership Session ended with an attendance of Fifty Three (53) delegates. The Master of Ceremony (M.C) for the Diplomatic and Leadership Lectures was Monsieur Assogba Morgan Metondji, the Country Director for IMDID Benin. Monsieur Assogba Morgan gave a welcome address after which all delegates arose to sing the Anthem of the United Nations-Elated to Peace.



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New IMDID members were affirmed by the Strategic Council of IMDID, then a keynote speech from Mrs. Rosemond Prempeh, who represented Dr. Rev. Joyce Rosalind Aryee.

Thereafter a performance from Miss Akosua Agyepong-Mensah, A member of the Strategic Council of IMDID on an innovative song composed by self on the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG).

The introduction of Diplomatic Lectures and Remarks was done by the Internal Affairs Director for IMDID Ghana, Mr. Erasmus Kusi-Ameyaw.

The first lecture was given by Mr. David Awusi, C.E.O of Awusi and Associates on the theme, *“Understanding Youth-Led Engagement for Creating Benefits for Society”*

The second lecture was given by Mr. Kafui Prebbi, the C.E.O for TECHAide Ghana on the theme, *“The Effects of ICT and Leadership in a Globalised World.”*

The final lecture was given by Mrs. Sheila Appiah-Kubi, who doubles as the Marketing and Public Relations Manager For Microfin Rural Bank on the topic, *“Strategic Communication to Promote Peace and to Create Positive Influence on Others”*.

At **17:46hrs GMT**, delegates were seated at the forecourt of Gloriaka hotel for the Career and Mentorship Session dressed up in White GYDC t-shirts. Delegates were divided into Six (6) different groups with a Mentor each. Among the mentors were Rev. Linus Annobil Addo and Mrs. Addo, The Head Pastor of Love Community Chapel-Koforidua Branch, Ms. Abena Magis, Mr. Kobena Budu Acquah, Mr. Bismarck Sackey, Mr. David Awusi, Mr. Kwaku Amo-Mensah, C.E.O of NTETSIA Ghana and Mr. Nesta Joejo Erskine, C.E.O of NERSKINE media, Ghana. The session came to a successful end with a photography moment and dinner.



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CONFERENCE DAY 3

The much awaited United Nations Model General Assembly (UNMGA) took place on Friday June 1, 2018.

The 3rd session of the General Assembly recorded an attendance of 60 delegates. The delegates represented various countries of the United Nations with 55 countries in Africa and the 5 permanent members: China, France, Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, and the United State of American. The UN Model General Assembly was presided over by the Chair, Hon. Gilbert Reinall Addo as the President of the 3rd Session of the General Assembly, the Executive Director of IMDID, the Secretary-General Monsieur Isaac Abotchi, IMDID Togo Country Director and the Under Secretary-General, Miss Patricia Tinkorang. The general assembly proceeded at exactly 10:28hrs GMT with a minute of silence thereafter, call on roll.

An Introductory Speech for the General Assembly was given by the Secretary-General of the General Assembly, Monsieur Isaac Abotchi. During the General Assembly, there was the need for the various committees of the United Nations to meet and discuss issues of National Developments.

There were four major committees which discussed 2 topics each and headed by first chair and second chair.

The committees being the Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Committee (**SOCHUM**), the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (**SPECPOL**), the Economic and Finance Committee (**ECOFIN**) and the Disarmament And International Security Committee (**DISEC**).

SOCHUM discussed “*the right of people to self-determination*” and “*the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance*”,

SPECPOL discussed “*the status of South Sudan*” and “*mine action*”,

ECOFIN discussed “*the role of urbanization in sustainable development*” and “*sustainable tourism for poverty eradication*” and finally

DISEC discussed “*measures to strengthen international counter-terrorism efforts*” and “*combating the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons*” respectively.

Reports from various committees were submitted to the Secretary-General Monsieur Isaac Abotchi, and the house during the 2nd session of the 3rd General Assembly for proper scrutiny and resolution. However, no resolution was made at the end of the day based on the fact that, Some



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committees did not follow the format of the United Nations in drawing their proposals hence, the General Assembly was adjourned by the President hon. Gilbert Addo.

The Closing Ceremony and Awards Night for the Global Youth Diplomats Conference 2018 continued at exactly **19:00hrs** GMT.

The ceremony began with a cultural display from the Center for Talent Expression (C.T.E). Welcome address was given by Monsieur COMBE Christian Comlanvi of IMDID Benin. The secretary for Information of the Strategic Council, Miss Paulina Terkper made the purpose of gathering known to all and sundry that were present. The Guest of Honour being C.E.O for NYCE media who gave a remarks on “how struggling and brainstorming the various sessions” were. He showed his appreciation to IMDID for the initiative and encouraged the youth to use this an opportunity to gain experience after which deserving volunteers were awarded for their dedication and sense of volunteerism towards the IMDID initiative.

IMDID Awards 2018 at the 3rd Global Youth Diplomats Conference (GYDC) 2018 Presentation of Awards; categories: Flame of Hope Award to Hon. [Romeo Gyansah](#) (IMDID Ghana Volunteer) and Hon. [Yaw Sekyere Nuamah](#) (IMDID Ghana Country Director), Excellence Award to Hon. [Nana Kuntuo-asare](#) ((IMDID Ghana Volunteer), Youth Development Award to Hon. [Koffi Abotchi](#) (IMDID Togo Country Director), Corporate Volunteer Award to Hon. [Nuel Ehun](#) (IMDID Strategic Council Chairman), and the highest of it all the Janet Owurani Fellowship Award presented to Hon. [David Morgan Assogba Metondji](#) (IMDID Benin Country Director).

Mr. Isaac Essien the C.E.O of SpoorLife Foundation performed a song in Ghanaian Sign Language. There was a photography session and a dinner.

The Master of Ceremony (M.C) for the Closing Ceremony and Awards Night was Hon. Nuel Ehun, the Strategic Council Chairman.



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Saturday 2nd June, 2018 was the climax, delegates converged at the University of Education campus for aerobics session followed by an amazing beach party at the Sir Charles Beach at Winneba.

A team from Top TV, An Accra based TV station joined IMDID at the beach for the Agro Bone TV show.

In attendance were IMDID officials Gilbert Reinall Addo, Madam Janet Owurani and Miss Patricia Tinkorang, Members of the strategic council, Members of the Conference Management Team and Subcommittee members and the International Executive Management Team all summing up to Fifty five (55).

Delegates were set for departure to their various destinations at 15:00hrs GMT.