



JAMESTOWN FISHING HARBOUR PROJECT COMPLETED, AWAITING HANDOVER BY CONTRACTORS

The Jamestown Fishing Harbour Project has been successfully completed and is awaiting formal handing over to the government.

The project, which includes dredging about 100,000 cubic metres of Harbour Basin, construction of hydraulic structures about 1,251 meters, and the construction area of management (office buildings, trading markets, cold storage, processing areas, commercial areas, and other production and supporting facilities making up 12644.11 cubic metres), has been under construction since August 2020.

This was disclosed on Wednesday by the project engineer from the CRCC Harbour and Channel Engineering Bureau Group Limited, a Chinese marine engineering company undertaking the project when the Mayor of Accra accompanied the Ga Mantse, King Tackie Teiko Tsuru, the Regional Minister, and members of the Regional Security Council to inspect the progress of the work.

The Ga Mantse, addressing the media after the tour, expressed gratitude to the government for constructing the harbour and asked for a stakeholder engagement meeting with relevant actors to discuss its ownership and benefits to residents in Accra.

He said since the contractors had a four year maintenance plan before fully handing over the facility to Ghana, residents should be equipped with skills that would help maintain the facility, thereby ensuring a good maintenance culture.

“We plead for the government to equip Ga-Damgbe's with skills to help maintain this facility when the contractors are no more. The contractor should fix all concerns raised to bring peace and lift the good name of Ga Mashie,” he pointed out.

The Greater Accra Regional Minister, Hon. Daniel Nii Kwartei Titus Glover, attributed the project's success to contributions from key stakeholders, adding that fishing was one of the major vocations in Accra; therefore, he urged the fishermen to adopt best practices and modern fishing methods to sustain the industry.

He assured that the harbour would be under the care and management of the Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority (GPHA), ensuring security and proper maintenance.

The Regional Minister cautioned residents against open defecation at the harbour, reminding them of sanctions imposed on such illicit behaviours.

“When GPHA takes over fully, security is going to be enforced. It's a shame that you see young guys openly defecating around the port area. This is a security zone, so if anybody is found doing his own thing, please don't blame me,” he warned.

The Mayor of Accra, speaking with the media, reiterated the need for the harbour to be maintained and kept at the highest level. According to her, a sanitation court has now been established to punish residents who flout the AMA bylaws and defecate carelessly in the community and the harbour.

“We're going to make sure that everything here is maintained. As the Regional Minister had said, we are going to put our hands together to make sure that we maintain and keep it at the highest level as it should. We have now opened a sanitation court, so we know that anyone caught defecating around here will be fined and engaged in hard labour to serve as a reminder,” she stated.



MAYOR OF ACCRA INFORMS GA MANTSE OF MOTHER'S DEMISE

The Mayor of Accra, Hon. Elizabeth Kwatsoe Sackey, has delivered the sorrowful news of her mother's passing to the Ga Mantse, King Tackie Teiko Tsuru II and President of the Ga Traditional Council (GTC).

The Mayor of Accra accompanied by close relatives delivered the news to the King of the Ga State on behalf of the head of the family, Nii Amarkai Amarteifio, with red cloth, obituary, bottles of schnapps on Friday during a solemn visit to the Ga Mantse's palace.

Deaconess (retd.) Mrs Dora Naa Ahiney Amarteifio Quartey, born in 1932, died peacefully at the Bank Hospital in Accra on April 5, 2024, at 92. She was known for her profound impact on the community, particularly her efforts in promoting Ga culture and supporting various social initiatives.

The Mayor who spoke through a linguist, also informed the King that a book of condolence had been opened at her official residence in honour of her late mother.

Speaking on behalf of the Ga Mantse and the Ga Traditional Council, Nii Ayi-Bonte II, the Gbese Mantse, conveyed their condolences and support.

“She is our Mayor, and we will come and support her. We thank her for showing respect to the King. On behalf of the Ga King, we want to express our sincere condolences,” he said.

There will be no wake-keeping. Filing past will occur on Saturday, July 6, 2024, at the forecourt of the State House, Accra, starting at 7:00 AM. The burial service will follow on the same day at 8:00 a.m. at the same location. The interment will be a private burial on Saturday, July 6, 2024. Final funeral rites will be held on Saturday, July 6, 2024, at the forecourt of the State House, Accra. A Thanksgiving service is scheduled for Sunday, July 7, 2024, at the Church of Pentecost, New Mamprobi, at 9:00 AM.



HOMOWO CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN COMMENCES: MAYOR OF ACCRA LAUDS 'BUZSTOPBOYS'; CALLS FOR YOUTH VOLUNTEERISM TO IMPROVE SANITATION, SUSTAIN CLEANLINESS

The Mayor of Accra, Hon Elizabeth Sackey, has called on the youth to actively participate in volunteer efforts aimed at maintaining cleanliness in the city.

The Mayor made the call when she interacted with the 'Buzstopboys' during the first day of the Homowo Clean-up Campaign an initiative aimed at enhancing the city's sanitation ahead of the annual Homowo festival.

Mayor Sackey emphasised the critical role of the youth in sustaining a clean and healthy environment, adding that their energy, enthusiasm, and commitment could make a significant difference.

"The participation of our youth is essential in our efforts to keep Accra clean. Their energy, enthusiasm, and commitment can make a significant difference," she stated.

She praised the efforts of the 'Buzstopboys', a group of dedicated sanitation ambassadors, for their significant contributions to maintaining cleanliness in the city.

She highlighted their volunteerism as exemplary and urged more youth to emulate their efforts to sustain cleanliness and environmental health in Accra.

"The dedication and hard work of the 'Bus Stop Boys' are truly commendable. They have set a high standard for community involvement and have shown us that with collective effort, we can achieve a cleaner and healthier city. I encourage all young people to volunteer in similar initiatives to help maintain the cleanliness of our beloved Accra," Mayor Sackey said.

The Homowo Clean-up Campaign, which is being organised by the Greater Accra Regional Coordinating Council (GARCC), in collaboration with the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources, the Ministry of Local Government, Decentralisation, and Rural Development, the Ministry of Interior, Local Government Authorities, and Zoomlion Ghana Limited under the auspices of the Ga Traditional Council (GTC) yesterday focused on Mlitsagonno, Kinka and Korle Woko electoral areas.

The clean-up exercise saw the participation of various stakeholders, including the security services, traditional leaders, community leaders, sanitation workers, staff of the Accra Metropolitan Assembly, and volunteers, all united in their commitment to improving the city's cleanliness.

Tomorrow's exercise will focus on Ngleshie and Mudor Electoral Areas, with emphasis on Mantse Agbonaa, Light House, Old Slaughter House, Jamestown Police Station, Osofo Owuo, London Market, Palladium, St Mary's (right side), Agbado, Mudor, and Nana Apaa.



PENTECOST CHAIRMAN SIGNS BOOK OF CONDOLENCE IN HONOUR OF LATE MOTHER OF ACCRA MAYOR

The Chairman of the Church of Pentecost (COP), Apostle Eric Nyamekye, has paid tribute to the late mother of the Mayor of Accra, Hon Elizabeth Sackey, by signing the book of condolence.

Mr Nyamekye signed the book of condolence on Saturday at the official residence of the Mayor of Accra.

Apostle Nyamekye, in his message, expressed gratitude on behalf of the Church of Pentecost and himself for her unwavering commitment and dedication to Christ and the church. He commended her children for continuing her legacy of service to God and the church.

"We bless God for the life of commitment and dedication to Christ and to the Church of Pentecost. We bless God for your children, who have continued to serve God and the church. May your soul rest peacefully with the Lord. Amen".

The Mayor after the signing, expressed her heartfelt appreciation for the support and prayers from the Church of Pentecost and its chairman, Apostle Eric Nyamekye.

According to her, she was grateful for the prayers and kind words, adding that the family would continue to uphold her legacy of service and devotion to God.

For the funeral arrangements, there will be no wake-keeping. Filing past will take place on Saturday, July 6, 2024, at the forecourt of the State House, Accra, starting at 7:00 AM.

The burial service will follow on the same day at 8:00 AM at the forecourt of the State House, Accra, and the interment will be a private burial on Saturday, July 6, 2024.

Final funeral rites will also be held on Saturday, July 6, 2024, at the forecourt of the State House, Accra, with a Thanksgiving service to take place on Sunday, July 7, 2024, at the Church of Pentecost, New Mamprobi, at 9:00 AM.



AMA HANDS OVER SANITATION FACILITIES TO SCHOOLS IN ACCRA

The Chief Executive of the Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA), Hon. Elizabeth Sackey, has commissioned a newly completed institutional toilet facility at Ayalolo 3 Basic and Mamprobi Sempe cluster of schools to enhance sanitation and hygiene within the metropolis.

The initiative, funded by the African Development Bank (ADB) and part of the Greater Accra Sustainable Sanitation and Livelihood Improvement Project (GASSLIP) under the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources, includes 14-seater sanitation facilities: eight pupil's privy rooms, two (2) teachers' privy rooms, two (2) disability-friendly rooms, provision for septic tanks, connection to Ghana water, BH mechanisation and rainwater harvesting facilities, 1N.r 10000L and 2N.r 30L water tanks, and 17 N.r rubbish bins.

The rest are 12 seater sanitation facilities, six pupil's private rooms, two teachers' private rooms, and two (2) disability-friendly rooms, provision for septic tank connection to Ghana water, HB mechanisation and rainwater harvesting facilities; 1N.r 10000L and 2N.r 3000L water tanks; and 15 N.r Rubbish bins.

The Mayor of Accra, who handed over the gender- and disability-friendly Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Facility (WASH) to the schools, acknowledged in a brief remark the collaborative efforts of the World Bank, the African Development Bank, and the Government of Ghana in bringing the project to fruition.

She said the facilities were part of a larger initiative to provide almost all schools in Accra with modern sanitation infrastructure, highlighting the inclusive nature of the project, which was designed to cater for the needs of all students, including those with physical disabilities and female students.

"We have ensured that the facilities are accessible to physically challenged students and have dedicated spaces for girls to manage their menstrual hygiene. This will prevent students from having to leave school premises to address their personal hygiene needs, ensuring their safety and comfort, she noted.

She urged the school authorities and students to practice a good maintenance culture to enhance sanitation issues in the community while maintaining it for future use. She revealed that about sixty similar projects were ongoing nationwide.

The contractor of the project and managing director of Winampang Limited, Alhaji Suleman Bukari, appealed to users to put the new edifice to good use to maintain its quality in the long run.

There were concerns with the specifications of the sifter water closer (WC) and the pan system; however, he disclosed that the pan system was adopted to reduce diseases and infections among females who use the facility.

He mentioned a space that was also constructed for physically challenged individuals for easy use and to promote inclusion.

The headmistress for Mamprobi Sempe Basic School, Madam Naomi Vincentia Addo, expressed her gratitude for the new facilities, indicating that the project will have an immediate impact on student safety and attendance.

“Previously, some of the children would leave the compound and not return, but with these facilities on site, they have no reason to leave. This ensures they remain on school grounds and focus on their studies,” she said.

She emphasised the school's preparedness to practice a maintenance culture in the facility, adding that the school had undergone several training sessions and involved the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), to assist with providing necessary items for effective cleanup activities.

The students expressed their appreciation to the mayor and AMA for providing the facility. They promised to adopt best practices and ensure that the facility is maintained for future use.



DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY CONSOLE MAYOR OF ACCRA OVER MOTHER'S DEATH; SIGN BOOK OF CONDOLENCE

Some members of the diplomatic community in Accra have signed a book of condolence opened in honour of the late mother of the Mayor of Accra, Deaconess Mrs. Dora Naa Ahiney Amarteifio Quartey.

The diplomats signed the book of condolence when they called on the Mayor of Accra to offer their heartfelt condolences, following the passing of her mother.

They are the ambassadors of Italy, Turkey, Rwanda, India and Ethiopia.

Daniela d'Orlandi, the Ambassador of Italy to Ghana and Togo, expressed her deepest condolences on behalf of the Italian Embassy.

“On behalf of the Embassy of Italy, I wish to present my deepest condolences and sympathy to the Mayor of Accra, Hon. Elizabeth Sackey, and her family, over the sad demise of her mother, Deaconess Mrs. Dora Naa Ahiney Amarteifio Quartey. May her gentle soul rest in perfect peace,” she wrote, highlighting the embassy's solidarity with the Mayor and her family during this difficult time.

Ghana's Ambassador to Turkey, Salma Frances Mancell-Egala, reflected on the spiritual legacy left by Mrs. Quartey.

“God has given and he has taken away. To God be the glory for lending us a Christian woman, putting the fear of God foremost in the heart of our first female Mayor of Accra, and blessing all of us through his mercy and grace. Amen,” she noted, emphasising the profound influence of Mrs. Quartey's faith on her daughter and the broader community.

Ambassador Teferi of Ethiopia, on her part, offered his condolences, underscoring the shared grief and prayers from the Ethiopian community.

“So sorry, condolences to your beloved mommy. May God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with your Excellency and your family. I am with you in this difficult time in my spirit and prayers. May her soul rest in peace,” he conveyed, ensuring the Mayor of his spiritual support.

The Mayor of Accra expressed her profound gratitude for the support and condolences received from the diplomatic community and beyond.

Funeral arrangements for Deaconess Mrs Dora Naa Ahiney Amarteifio Quartey are as follows:

For the funeral arrangements, there will be no wake-keeping. Filing past will take place on Saturday, July 6, 2024, at the forecourt of the State House, Accra, starting at 7:00 AM.



CHIEF JUSTICE, REGIONAL MINISTER, OTHERS CONSOLE MAYOR OF ACCRA OVER MOTHER'S DEATH

Government officials, including the Chief Justice, the Greater Accra Regional Minister, and the former Agriculture Minister have expressed their sympathies and condolences to the Mayor of Accra, Hon Elizabeth Sackey following the death of her mother.

The officials expressed their condolences when they paid their respects in the book of condolence opened in honour of the mayor's late mother.

Mrs Dora Naa Ahiney Amarteifio Quartey, born in 1932, died peacefully at the Bank Hospital in Accra on April 5, 2024, at age 92.

In her heartfelt tribute, the Chief Justice, Her Ladyship Gertrude Sackey Torkonoo reflected on the meaningful life of the late Mrs. Quartey. "We thank God for giving us the gift of your beautiful life. Please rest well mum," she wrote, underscoring the profound impact of the deceased's life.

The Greater Accra Regional Minister, Hon Titus Glover echoed similar sentiments, highlighting the irreplaceable nature of a mother's love.

"A mother's love is so priceless, unique, and great. You taught us to be disciplined, well-cultured, and fearful in the Lord. Your death is a great loss to us all in the family. We would have loved you to stay longer, but God knows best. We will continue to hold your values higher. Rest well, Mom, till we all meet again on the day of the resurrection," the minister wrote, capturing the deep sense of loss and the enduring influence of Mrs. Quartey's values on her and her community.

The immediate past Minister for Food and Agriculture Hon. Dr Owusu Afriyie Akoto, also offered his condolences, noting the significant loss.

"The loss of the great Lady is indeed a loss for society and the nation. Her spirit of togetherness and unity brought enlightenment to all of us. We pray for the repose of her soul and the guidance she gave us. All would continue to be the leading light for generations to come. May her soul rest in perfect peace," he wrote, emphasising the lasting legacy of Mrs Dora Ahiney's contributions to unity and enlightenment.

The Mayor of Accra expressed her gratitude for the heartfelt messages and the solidarity shown by her colleagues and the broader community.

There will be no wake-keeping. Filing past will occur on Saturday, July 6, 2024, at the forecourt of the State House, Accra, starting at 7:00 AM. The burial service will follow on the same day at 8:00 a.m. at the same location.

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In a related development, the Chief Fire Officer, representatives from the Greater Accra Queen Mothers Association and the Greater Accra Markets Association have called on the Mayor of Accra at her official residence to commiserate with her on the demise of her mother.



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AMA SHUTS DOWN PUBLIC TOILET AT GRAPHIC ROAD FOR CHANNELING HUMAN WASTE INTO DRAINS

The Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) has disconnected illegal sewer lines and shut down a public toilet at Graphic Road for channelling human waste directly into the drains.

The facility was closed down by the Director of Waste Management of the AMA, Ing. Solomon Noi on Wednesday during the Homowo clean-up exercise organized under the auspices of the Ga Traditional Council (GTC) and in collaboration with the Greater Accra Regional Coordinating Council (GARCC), the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources, the Ministry of Local Government, Decentralization and Rural Development, the Ministry of Interior, Local Government Authorities and Zoomlion Ghana Limited to improve sanitation in the city of Accra.

Mr Noi highlighted the severe risks posed by such unsanitary practices, stating that the pipe could block the entire drain, which could cause flooding during rainfall.

He expressed dissatisfaction about how the sewage had been irresponsibly laid by the public toilet operators and cautioned for the right thing to be done to mitigate health risks.

"The sewer line was laid right inside the drain, prompting me to trace its source. We discovered that it led to a public bathroom, with another toilet behind it. The sewage from both facilities was being emptied directly into the drain", he said.

"This poses multiple risks: first, the large pipe can block the entire drain, causing flooding during rains. Second, the sewage should be directed to a septic tank to be properly emptied, but instead, it is being irresponsibly discharged, endangering public health" he noted.

According to him, officials from the public health directorate of the AMA have been contacted to issue immediate sermons for the perpetrators of the malpractice to appear before the sanitation court and face the full rigours of the law.

He said the sewer line will be cut by the Assembly and used as evidence at the court urging residents to desist from activities that contribute to destabilizing the health and overall well-being of the public.

He mentioned that the government was disbursing a lot of money to import and cure upper respiratory tract infections while some residents continued to make money at the expense of the health of the public. He called for such unhealthy practices to be stopped to avoid further health risks posed by unkept environments.



ALL SHOPS IN CBD TO CLOSE DOWN ON JULY 13TH FOR HOMOWO CLEAN-UP EXERCISE

All shops and markets in the Central Business District (CBD) of Accra are expected to remain closed from 6 am to 12 noon on Saturday, July 13, 2024, to make way for the Homowo clean-up exercise initiated by the Ga Traditional Council (GTC), led by the Ga Mantse, King Tackie Teiko Tsuru II.

The clean-up campaign, dubbed "Homowo Clean-up Campaign, is being organised in collaboration with the Greater Accra Regional Coordinating Council (GARCC), the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources, the Ministry of Local Government, Decentralisation, and Rural Development, the Ministry of Interior, Local Government Authorities, and Zoomlion Ghana Limited.

The Head of Public Affairs at the Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA), Gilbert Nii Ankrah reiterated the closure of shops in an interview with the media during yesterday's clean-up exercise at Avenor and the Kwame Nkrumah Interchange enclave.

He said so far Sempe, Gbese, Abola, Asere, Dogo Beach, Otublohum, Akumanjen, Ngleshie, and June 4th Market, had been cleaned, adding that sustaining the cleanliness would depend mainly on residents.

He said the clean-up exercise aims at enhancing environmental cleanliness across the city and transforming Accra into one of the cleanest cities in Africa.

"Within the AMA, all shops and businesses in and around Makola, Okaishie, Kantamanto, Rawlings Park, CMB, as well as Korle Gonno and Korle Bu are required to remain closed on Saturday for the exercise, "

He mentioned that businesses exempted from the closure were pharmaceutical and health facilities, as well as financial institutions, stressing that this was to ensure the safety and efficiency of the clean-up activities and facilitate the full participation of all stakeholders.

He called on residents, departments, agencies, corporate organisations, businesses, market leaders, transport unions, opinion leaders, teachers, and students within the jurisdiction to come out in their numbers with their cleansing tools to clean the area in compliance with the AMA Sanitation, Cleaning, and Communal Labour Bye-laws 2017.

He pointed out that the exercise would be strictly enforced by the Environmental Health Officers, and residents who failed to partake would be sanctioned in accordance with the byelaws.



MAYOR OF ACCRA TOURS BECE CENTRES; ADMONISHES CANDIDATES TO ESCHEW DEVIANT BEHAVIOUR AFTER SCHOOL

The Mayor of Accra, Hon Elizabeth Sackey has admonished candidates writing this year's BECE to maintain discipline and avoid deviant behaviours as they transition out of junior high school (JHS).

Mayor Sackey admonished the candidates when she toured the Kaneshie '1', Mamprobi Sempe, and the 28th February Road/Private Odartey Clusters of Schools, to observe the orderly conduct of the final day of examinations.

Her visit was part of a broader initiative to support and encourage the candidates during this critical phase of their education.

During an interaction with the students, Mayor Sackey commended their hard work and perseverance throughout the years.

"Completing your BECE is a significant achievement, and I am proud of each one of you. As you move on to the next stage of your education, remember to uphold the values of discipline, and integrity and eschew all forms of deviant behaviour during your stay at home "she said.

The Mayor emphasised the importance of making positive choices post-examination, warning against succumbing to negative influences.

"The period after school can be a time of great freedom, but it is crucial to use this time wisely. Avoid behaviours that can derail your future, and focus on activities that build your skills and character," she advised.

She expressed her satisfaction with the smooth organisation of the exams, attributing it to the diligent efforts of the Ghana Education Service (GES) and the examination supervisors.

Mayor Sackey highlighted the importance of education in the development of the city and the nation at large.

"Education is the backbone of our society, and we must invest in our future leaders. We will continue to support initiatives that promote quality education and create opportunities for our youth," she said.