

#### Dear Member,

#### MEMBER UPDATE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2023

It's been a good start to the last quarter of the year and already a promising ride to the end to the year. We have two months more left but let me update you on what has been done since the start of this quarter within our Institution.

#### GhIE / GIZ Biomedical Launch

This initiative, dubbed 'Upskilling Biomedical Engineers for Ghana', was launched at the Engineering Centre in Accra on September 19, 2023. This initiative was supported by GIZ's develop funding program for healthcare improvement and implemented by GIZ on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

The initiative aims to enhance healthcare delivery in the country by improving the skills of graduates and professionals in the field of Biomedical Engineering. It partners the University of Ghana and the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) for implementation.

#### **GhIE Welfare Event**

On September 21, 2023, our Welfare Committee organized a health trip to Bunsu Ecopark. Participants enjoyed a day of hiking and a delightful picnic amidst nature. The event was a great success, promoting physical and mental well-being among our members.

### **Engineering Professional Exams**

In September, our Examination team launched the first professional examination of the year. This time, we harnessed the power of our new membership exams portal. It streamlined registration, offered real-time progress tracking, and enhanced security. Members found the experience seamless; results will be available in good time. We would not hesitate to embrace technology for a more efficient examination process.

# 2024 Subscription and Licensing Notice

On September 29, 2023, we sent out 2024 subscription renewal bills. Do not forget that Professional Licensing renewal is due on December 31, 2023. Renew to maintain active status and good standing with the Engineering Council. Please ensure timely renewal to stay in compliance.

### Engineering Village MoU with Assin Kushea

Early in October, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed with the Paramount Chief of Assin Owirenkyi Traditional Council, Ehunabobrim Prah Agyemsaim VI, at the Engineering Centre for an Engineering Village (EV) to be constructed in Assin Kushea.

The EV is envisaged to have an Industrial park, an office for the facility management team, a Conference facility, a museum of engineering in Ghana, an eco park and recreational centre as well as a hostel.

### **Annual Ethics Lecture**

This year's Annual Ethics Lecture was delivered by Ing. Yaw Nsarkoh and was Chaired by Her Ladyship Gertrude Torkonoo on October 26, 2023. The Lecture was on the topic 'Improving National Values, Professional Practice, and Engineering Ethics', inspiring members to uphold ethical standards in their engineering careers. The insightful event left a lasting impact on our members and demonstrates our commitment to ethical excellence.

## A Visit to Victims of Akosombo Dam Spillage

The Ghana Institution of Engineering, Ghana Institute of Architects and Ghana Institute of Planners paid a visit to some of the impacted communities of the Akosombo Dam Spillage on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2023. They visited Battor and Mepe in the North Tongu District of the Volta region to observe the extent of damage from the spillage.

An appeal for funds was also launched by the President, to support the affected communities. We thank those who have contributed so far and encourage other members to contribute.

# **Upcoming Events**

Get ready for an exciting lineup of events! Our President's address promises insight and inspiration.

The Engineering Excellence Awards will honour our industry's best.

And mark your calendars for the main AGM/Conference – a can't-miss opportunity for learning and networking.

## **Update your Records**

Interact with the Institution via our website and keep your contact information up to date. You can easily do this by visiting the URL: <a href="http://bit.ly/GhIE-Member-Portal">http://bit.ly/GhIE-Member-Portal</a>.

Let me express my sincerest gratitude to you all for your ongoing support. Let's commit hard to end the year.

There may be other activities that engage you here and there but let me urge you not to take your eyes off the ball. Your presence and contributions make our Institution vibrant and impactful. Your outstanding perspectives, insights, and experiences are invaluable to our collective journey.

Your participation in our events, your suggestions during discussions and, generally, our engagement with you have contributed a great deal to the success of the Institution. Don't relent in this endeavour as we seek to make you a great part of us.

Ing NYANTE, David K. FGhIE

**Executive Director** 

31st October, 2023