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GRNMA HOSTS 5TH ANNUAL NATIONAL DINNER AND AWARDS NIGHT: HONOURING EXCELLENCE IN NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

On December 13, 2024, the Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association (GRNMA) hosted the 5th Annual National Dinner and Awards Night at the Kempinski Gold Coast City Hotel in Accra. This glamorous event celebrated the exceptional contributions by nurses and midwives to Ghana's healthcare system, reinforcing the association's commitment to recognizing individuals efforts and sacrifices to the nursing fraternity under the GRNMA umbrella.

The pinnacle of the evening was the announcement of the **National Best Nurse/Midwife 2024**, awarded to **Ms. Miriam Bonah** from the Northern Regional Hospital. With over 19 years of dedication and innovative contributions to maternal and child health services, Ms. Bonah received a brand-new Toyota Belta saloon car for her remarkable achievements. Other honorees included:

- **First Runner-Up: Eric Abugre**, Upper East Region, awarded GH¢50,000.
- **Second Runner-Up: Edmund Duodu Atweri**, Eastern Region, awarded GH¢40,000.

More than 40 nurses and midwives were recognized for their excellence, with each regional finalist celebrated as a beacon of inspiration in their field.

In her address, **Mrs. Perpetual Ofori-Ampofo**, President of GRNMA, applauded the awardees and encouraged them to continue serving as role models and mentors within the profession. She emphasized their responsibility to inspire colleagues and interns, using their platforms to promote excellence in nursing and midwifery.

Gloria Noi Borteley, Director of Policy Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation at the Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations, praised nurses and midwives as the backbone of Ghana's healthcare system. She reaffirmed the ministry's commitment to improving their working conditions through capacity building and professional development initiatives.

Nii Ahene Nunoo III, Paramount Chief of the Abola Traditional Area, emphasized the importance of fair compensation and improved working conditions for healthcare workers.

He urged awardees to use their recognition to drive positive change in Ghana's healthcare system. The event was graced by several distinguished dignitaries, including:

- Howard Cotton, CEO of the International Council of Nurses (ICN)
- Professor Lydia Aziato, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Health and Allied Sciences (UHAS)
- Krobea Asante, Immediate Past President of GRNMA

- Nii Ahene Nunoo III, Paramount Chief of Abola Traditional Area and Special Guest of Honour.

Together, they joined the President of GRNMA, Mrs. Perpetual Ofori-Ampofo, to perform the cake-cutting ceremony, symbolizing five years of success for the awards initiative.

For those who missed the event, a recording is available on the GRNMA website and Facebook page. The GRNMA continues to celebrate and empower nurses and midwives, fostering a brighter and more impactful future for healthcare delivery in Ghana.

HOWARD CATTON MAKES HISTORIC VISIT TO WEST AFRICA: A MEMORABLE ENGAGEMENT WITH GRNMA

For the first time in history, Howard Catton, the Chief Executive Officer of the International Council of Nurses (ICN), visited Ghana also marking his first in West Africa. His visit was marked by impactful interactions with the GRNMA National Council, the Minister of Health, and his presence at the 5th Annual Dinner and Awards Night of the GRNMA, where he delivered powerful messages at each occasion.

At the GRNMA National Council meeting, Mr. Catton joined the second-highest decision-making body of the Association, receiving a warm welcome from GRNMA President Mrs. Perpetual Ofori-Ampofo. The President expressed gratitude for his visit, particularly in honoring the Association's flagship National Awards event.

Mrs. Ofori-Ampofo shared GRNMA's strategic vision, including innovations such as the Ghana Journal of Nursing and Midwifery—the first of its kind launched by a National Nursing Association in Africa. She highlighted the Association's constitutionally established committees and societies that decentralize its operations, ensuring effective administration.

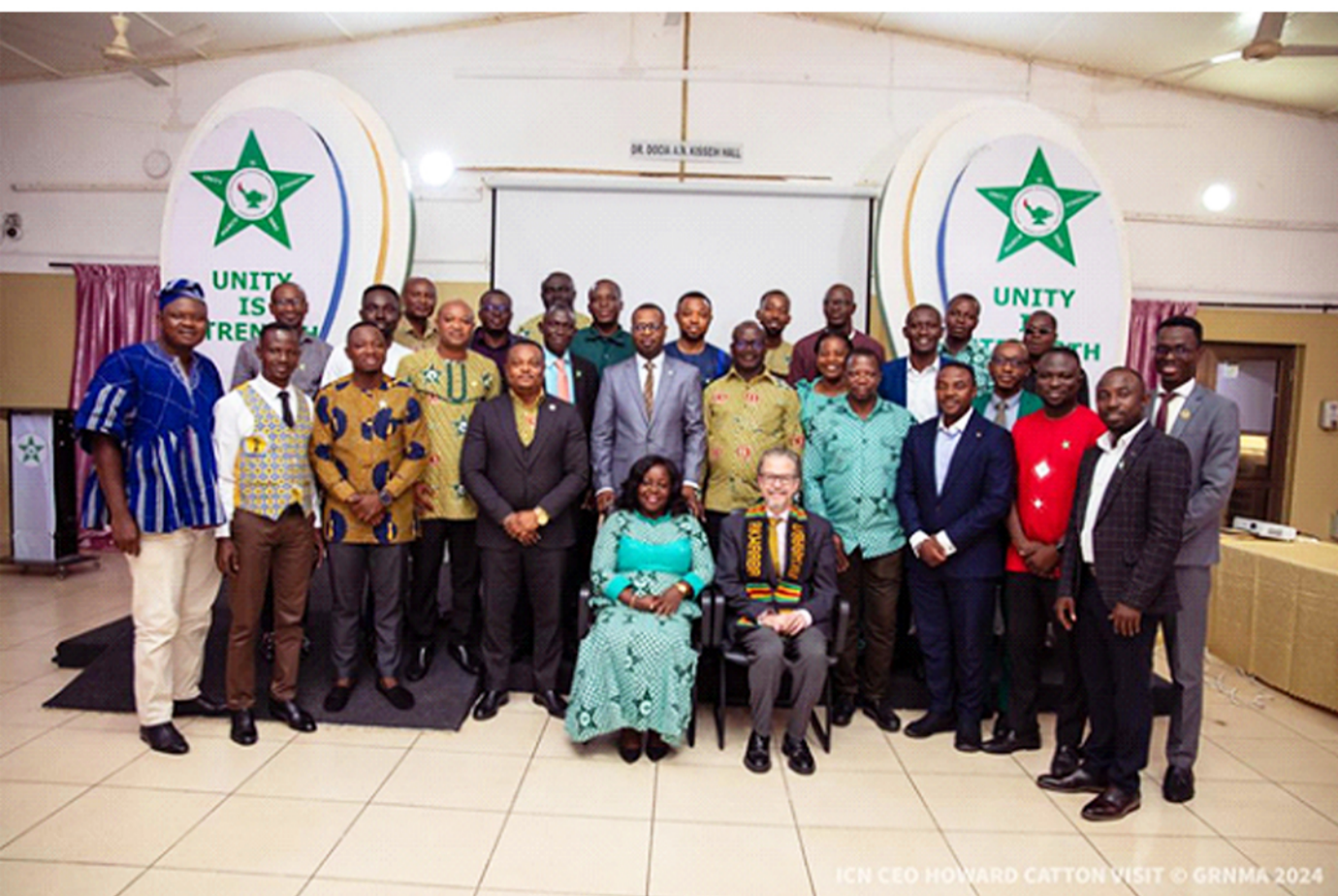
On employment challenges, the President assured the ICN CEO of GRNMA's active engagement with government agencies to secure jobs for unemployed nurses and midwives. She also showcased GRNMA's strides in digitization, such as the InfoNet app, which enhances member interactions, and the GRNMA International Online Academic Journal, which is gaining prominence globally.

Addressing challenges in implementing the Conditions of Service (CoS), Mrs. Ofori-Ampofo discussed ongoing legal issues, expressing optimism for a resolution that would pave the way for its full implementation.

In his remarks, Mr. Catton expressed his excitement about meeting the National Council, commending GRNMA for its exemplary contributions to global nursing and midwifery. He noted, "Your President (Mrs. Perpetual Ofori-Ampofo) has incredibly huge respected voice in the global Nursing and Midwifery fraternity."

Highlighting the need for increased investment in nursing and midwifery, he urged African governments, particularly Ghana's, to prioritize improving outcomes in these critical sectors.

Mr. Catton's visit concluded with his participation as the special guest of honor at the 5th Annual National Dinner and Awards Night, reinforcing GRNMA's pivotal role in advancing nursing and midwifery both locally and internationally.





GRNMA EDITORIAL COMMITTEE: ADVANCING COMMUNICATION AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

One of the most impactful initiatives introduced by the President of the Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association (GRNMA), **Mrs. Perpetual Ofori-Ampofo**, during her first term was the formation of the Editorial Committee. This committee plays a vital role in enhancing the Association's communication efforts and fostering academic growth within the nursing and midwifery profession.

In her second term, President Perpetual has ensured continuity and improvement by appointing a dynamic team to steer the committee's activities. The current Editorial Committee is chaired by the **National Public Relations Officer, Mr. Krampah Joseph**, with the following members:

- **Mr. Alfred Addy**, Secretary
- **Mr. Prince Anaba**, Member
- **Miss Eunice Dufie**, Member
- **Mr. Anthony Sopaal**, Member

This new team was officially sworn into office in March 2024, with all other standing committees of the GRNMA, at the Association's National Headquarters at Shiashie, Accra.

The Editorial Committee is tasked with producing monthly newsletters that keep members informed about GRNMA activities, policies, and achievements. Additionally, the committee oversees the **GRNMA International Online Academic Journal – (GJNMID)**, a platform dedicated to publishing research and evidence-based practices that drive innovation in nursing and midwifery.

Under the leadership of Mr. Krampah and his team, the Editorial Committee continues to strengthen the voice of nurses and midwives, ensuring that their contributions to healthcare and research are recognized both nationally and internationally.

GRNMA NOMINEE DR. JEMIMA DENNIS-ANTWI HONORED WITH GRAND MEDAL AT 2024 GHANA NATIONAL AWARDS

The 2024 Ghana National Honours and Awards, held on December 30, celebrated outstanding Ghanaians from diverse fields who have made significant contributions to national development.

The prestigious event, presided over by the President of the Republic of Ghana, H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, recognized individuals for their distinguished services, hard work, sacrifices, and dedication to the nation's progress.

One of the honorees was Dr. Jemima Araba Dennis-Antwi, the Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association's (GRNMA) nominee, who was presented with a **Grand Medal Award in Health**. This accolade celebrated her remarkable contributions, starting with her early career in nursing and extending to her transformative work in midwifery.

The GRNMA takes immense pride in this recognition of Dr. Dennis-Antwi's achievements and congratulates her on this well-deserved honour.



Congratulations, Dr. Jemima Dennis-Antwi, on this grand milestone!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. President's New Year message



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