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## **National Communications Authority**

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### **GIRLS-IN-ICT 2018 PARTICIPANTS VISIT NCA**

Selected participants of the 2018 National Girls-In-ICT Initiative on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2018, paid a working visit to the National Communications Authority (NCA) in Accra. This was part of an Open Day activity instituted by the Ministry of Communications (MoC) to provide an opportunity for the selected girls to gain knowledge, understand and appreciate the role of the Authority in the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) industry.

The Girls-In-ICT event was hosted by the Director General of the NCA, Mr. Joe Anokye, and two of his Deputy Directors General, Mr. Henry Kanor and Ms. Olivia Okailey Quartey. In attendance were the Commissioner for the Public Services Commission, Mrs. Janet Fofie, and some Female Management Staff of the NCA.

Giving his welcome remarks, Mr. Joe Anokye said he was elated to see such young girls show interest in ICT. He added that the world market is now being driven by technology and innovation and noted that ICT related companies have now taken over the world which therefore underscores the viability of ICT goals in the job market. Mr. Anokye urged the girls not to think that ICT is for only men but take the initiative seriously and tap into the opportunities it presents. Bringing his remarks to a close, he assured them that the NCA will do its best to support Girls-In-ICT and ICT related initiatives as a whole.



- ***Mr. Joe Anokye giving his opening remarks.***

The Commissioner for the Public Services Commission, Mrs Janet Fofie, who was a surprise guest at the event, said she was thrilled to see the number of girls who are being nurtured into

taking up ICT challenges in Ghana. She said public services lack ICT enabled people and thus the Commission is now keen on recruiting people with ICT competencies into the service. Mrs. Fofie encouraged the girls to take up the challenge, work hard and inspire other young girls to also take the technological path.



- ***Mrs. Janet Fofie speaking to the girls.***

The girls were taken through series of presentations. The presentations highlighted the regulatory functions and activities of the NCA as well as how ICT drives the operations of the Authority. They were also given some basic education on Cyber Hygiene which was followed with a tour of some NCA facilities including the Communications Monitoring Centre and the Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT NCA).



- ***Some of the girls during the tour of CERT NCA.***

To climax the event, Mr. Joe Anokye presented some souvenirs to the girls and their coordinators. The souvenirs included Huawei T3 tablets and branded NCA T- Shirts. He

entreated the girls not to use the tablets for social activities but for learning purposes. Mr Anokye also cautioned their teachers not to seize the tablets but allow the girls to have access to them.



- ***Mr. Joe Anokye presenting a souvenir to a participant.***

In her closing remarks, the Deputy Director General for Managerial Operations at the NCA, Ms. Olivia Okailey Quartey, advised the girls to concentrate on their studies in order to harness their hidden potentials and be great assets for the nation.



- ***Ms. Olivia Quartey giving her closing remarks.***

Miss Nora Akoto Tamakloe, the overall best student for 2018, on behalf of her colleagues, thanked the Director General, Management and Staff of the Authority for the warm reception given them as well as an insight into the functions of the NCA.



- ***Some Staff of the NCA in a group photo with the participants and their coordinators.***

### ***About the International Girls-In-ICT celebration***

International Girls in ICT Day, a day recognized around the world, is held every fourth Thursday in April to support the creation of a global environment that empowers and encourages girls and young women to consider careers in the growing field of Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

In Ghana, the day is set aside to motivate young girls in the country and to empower them to consider careers in the growing field of ICT. In May this year, the Ministry of Communications organised a week long learning programme in coding for about six hundred (600) girls in first cycle institutions in the Ashanti Region. At the end of the event, 60 girls from the six participating districts were selected through a coding competition. The celebration was under the theme “Expand Horizons, change attitudes”.

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