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## **National Communications Authority**

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### **PARTICIPANTS OF GIRLS-IN-ICT 2019 VISIT NCA**

Sixty (60) selected participants of the 2019 National Girls-In-ICT Initiative on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2019, paid a working visit to the National Communications Authority (NCA) in Accra. This was part of an Open Day activity organised by the Ministry of Communications (MoC) to give an opportunity for the selected girls to gain knowledge, understand and appreciate Information and Communications Technology (ICT) industry.

Hosting the girls on behalf of the Director General of the NCA, Mr. Joe Anokye, the Deputy Director General for Managerial Operations, Ms. Olivia Okailey Quartey said the Authority deemed the visit as very important. In her remarks, she was elated to see such young girls show interest in ICT. She said ICT has become viable in the job market today, therefore, there is the need for it to be taken seriously.



- ***Ms. Olivia Quartey (Deputy Director General – Managerial Operations), in a pep-talk with the girls***

Speaking further, Ms. Quartey urged the girls to refrain from thinking that ICT is for only men but rather take the initiative seriously and tap into the prospects it presents. Again, she encouraged them to focus on their studies and keep away from bad influence which may sway them from achieving greater heights in future. Bringing her remarks to a close, she assured them that the NCA will do its best to support Girls-In-ICT and ICT related initiatives as a whole.

The girls were also privileged to have pep-talks with some female staff of the NCA. They shared experiences in their ICT careers with them to inspire and cheer the girls on. Again, the girls were given the opportunity to tour some facilities of the NCA which included the Type Approval and Conformance Laboratory.



• *Ms. Flora Okai, an engineer, in a pep-talk with the girls*

To climax the event, Ms. Quartey presented some souvenirs which included Lenovo Yoga Tab 3 and Samsung Tab A on behalf of the NCA to the girls. This, she said, will aid them in their coding and ICT learning process. She urged the girls to use the tablets for the purpose for which they were given and again cautioned their teachers not to seize them but allow the girls to have access to them.



• *Ms. Olivia Quartey presenting the souvenirs to the jubilant girls*



- *Group photo of the girls, facilitators and some officials of NCA*

### ***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 five hundred and sixty (560) girls in first cycle institutions in the Western 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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