

**ADDRESS DELIVERED BY HON. BISMARK BAISIE NKUM, DISTRICT CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OF GOMOA WEST DISTRICT ASSEMBLY ON THE OCCASION OF 66TH
INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION ON MONDAY 6TH MARCH, 2023, AT APAM**

Nana Chairman

Obrempong Nyanful Krampah (xi), Paramount Chief of Ajumako Traditional Area

Obrifo Ahunakor Ahor Ankobea (ii) Paramount Chief of, Akyempim Traditional Area

District Director of Education

Nananom,

Heads of department,

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and gentlemen.

We are gathered here once again to celebrate the 66th Independence Day anniversary of our dear nation Ghana.

The theme for this year's celebration is 'Our Unity, Our Strength, Our Purpose'. This theme was carefully chosen to highlight the importance of building a nation together and resurrect the spirit of oneness upon which our forefathers fought for the independence of our dear nation. Our aspirations as a people binds us together and spurs us on to achieve greater heights. Although our strength and resilience may be tested, with a sense of unity and 'can-do' spirit, we surely know our objectives and aspirations as a people will be met.

Our forebearers went through the struggles bearing in mind that it would not be easy but they had the ultimate goal of independence in mind; a position where they knew the nation would be free and able to manage its own affairs. Likewise, our nation may be going through tough times currently but as assured by H.E the President of Ghana, we shall overcome the challenges. The state of affairs in the financial sector as heavily influenced by COVID and the recent Russia-Ukraine war may have significantly affected the many projects and future investments. In light of this, government projects such as the Landing Beach, the Police Station, CHPS Compounds, School projects, road reshaping among others for Gomoa West are at various stages of completion.

I am happy to inform you today that the district has taken note of the high teacher attrition rate and staff accommodation in Gomoa West and subsequently put in place measures to help curb these issues. Among the measures being implemented include: A memorandum of understanding with the

University of Education, Winneba to release and post teachers and interns to help augment the number of teachers in the district as well as the institution of the Teacher Awards Scheme with its maiden edition set for September 2023. A number of teachers' quarters have also been built for our dear teachers to help them feel safe and comfortable in order to give off their best in helping train our children who are indeed the future of our great nation. Many other incentives are also being discussed to help motivate our beloved teachers. We therefore pray that; this will be a morale booster to our dear teachers in the district.

Let us all come together and build the district and in extension the nation we so desire.

Nana Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, I urge you all to stay put, keep the unity and together we shall prevail

May God bless you all.

THANK YOU!