

OUTDOORING OF GHANAIAN PRODUCTS IN THE CONSTITUENCY OF HON. DAI SHIMAMOURA OF YOKOHAMA AREA

On Friday, 7th October 2016, this Mission went to the Constituency of Hon. Dai Shimamoura, Interim Secretary General of the Ghana/Japan Parliamentary Friendship League, and a Member of the House of Councilors (Upper House of Parliament of Japan), to attend a ceremony at Sheraton Bay Hotel, where Ghanaian Products were introduced to business people, City Authorities, Tourist Companies etc, operating in Yokohama area of Japan. About 500 Guests attended the function.

The Ghanaian products on display were Kente products, beads, assorted chocolates, chocolate spread, shea butter products and various types of soap from cocoa, shea butter, moringa, Alata Semina and drinks from GIHOC Distilleries.

During the ceremony Mr. Dai Shimamoura referred to H. E. the President's visit to Japan in May this year and said he cemented the warm and co-operative relations between our two countries. He expressed the determination of the interim Executive of the Ghana/Japan Parliamentary Friendship Association to officially launch the Group by the end of October 2016 to further enhance our bilateral relations since our two countries had so much in common. He said every Japanese associates Ghana with good quality chocolates.

Responding, the Head of Mission, Mr. Sylvester Parker-Allotey, thanked the Honourable Councilor for the invitation and promotion of Made-In-Ghana goods. He reaffirmed the statement of Mr. Shimamoura that President Mahama's visit reinforced and moved our bilateral relations to a new and higher level. He added that after Hideyo Moguchi's efforts in Ghana, doing pioneering work in Medicine, (Yellow Fever), several other Japanese have also worked tirelessly to strengthen ties between the two countries. These included Diplomats,

Parliamentarians, Scientists who have visited Noguchi Medical Research Centre in Ghana, Volunteers of JICA and JOCV, Tourists, Business people and students involved in exchange programmes in the field of education. On behalf of the Government and people of Ghana, he thanked all these people for cementing our relations.

Ambassador Parker-Allotey concluded that Ghana has excellent products and raw materials that Japan needs and Ghana was also interested in Japanese concessionary finance, technology, training and investment in value addition to raw materials produced in Ghana.

The Embassy hopes that its efforts would result in upward sales of Ghanaian goods in Japan.

Embassy of Ghana, Tokyo.

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