

New KG block for Denkyemuso Basic School

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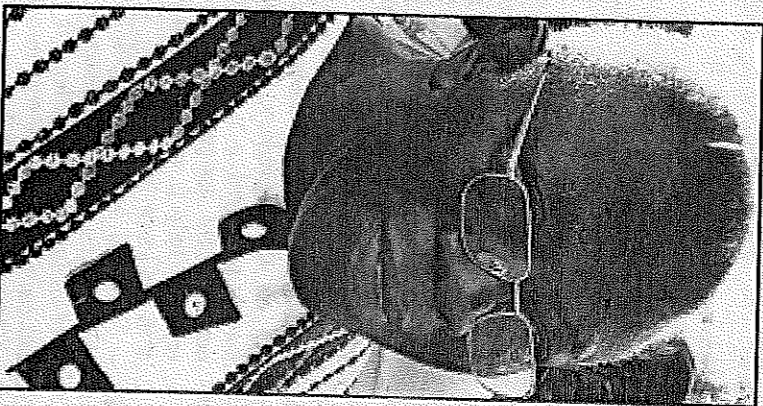
A FOUR-unit Kindergarten block, comprising a staff common room and washrooms, has been commissioned for the M/A Basic School at Denkyemuso near Kumasi.

The project was initiated by the Mr. Albert Osei-Wusu, founder and leader of the Germany-based German-Ghanaians Friendship Association, which, together with the German Development Co-operation, funded the project at the cost of GH¢23,700.

Mr. Osei-Wusu, also known as Cheneba Kofi Nti, and an indigene of the community, appealed to the Ghana Education Service, the management of the school and opinion leaders to ensure that a fence wall is erected around the school to prevent encroachment on school lands.

The founder hoped it would also prevent the desecration of the school compound with human excreta by members of the public, as has been the practice.

According to Mr. Osei-Wusu, the Association has, since 1993, contributed immensely in the development of the cluster of schools, by providing a four-unit



Mr. Albert Osei-Wusu, Ghana-German Friendship Association

vocational block, administration block, dormitories and dining hall for the Senior High School wing of the local Ghana-German school.

He announced his intention to establish a university in the area, and hoped the people would support the project with communal labour when the time comes.

Mr. Osei-Wusu commended the Parent teacher Association (PTA) Chairman, Mr. Jacob Osei Afriyie, for

Gov urged to open more psychiatric hospitals

A PRIVATE medical practitioner in Kumasi, Dr. J.O.K.E. Atsyor, has called on the government to establish more psychiatric units in government health facilities.

Dr. Atsyor, who is also the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Neuro-Psychiatric Clinic/Hospital at Pankrono in Kumasi, said the government had neglected psychiatric hospitals to the extent that services provided at privately owned facilities for psychiatric patients were not known by the public.

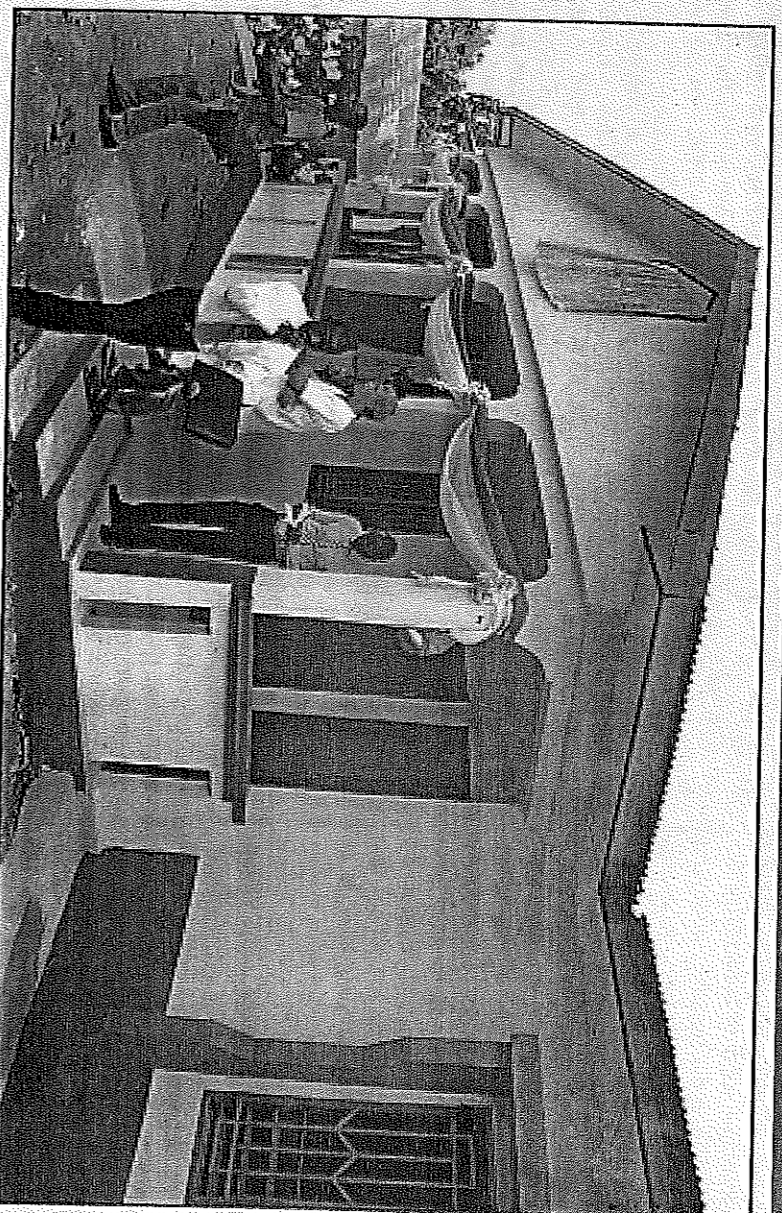
The medical practitioner, who made these observations when his facility received a donation

of drugs from Breast Care International (BCI) Ghana, at the Peace and Love Hospital at Odum in Kumasi, said the move would enable psychiatric patients to access treatment without the problem of traveling to Accra and the other few known establishments, and go a long way to eliminate the stigma attached to patients and their families.

He thanked BCI for the support, and appealed for more support in the procurement of drugs for mental-related diseases.

The Pankrono Neuro-Psychiatric Clinic/Hospital is among other private health facilities that receive drugs from the BCI free of charge for treatment of psychiatric and other patients.

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The Kindergarten block

his immense contribution to the completion of the project.

The Ashtanti Regional Director of Education, Mr. Joseph K. Onyina, commended Mr. Osei-Wusu for initiating the project and spearheading the promotion of education in the community, and

assured him that the GES would put all the facilities his outfit had provided to good use.

Mr. Onyina appealed to well-meaning Ghanaians to emulate Mr. Osei-Wusu's initiative, and contribute to the development of education.

At the commissioning were Oumfuo's representative, Nana Baffour Ampomah II, Nana Ofori Sarkodie, Odikro of Denkyemuso, and a representative of the Member of Parliament for Kwadaso, Dr. Owusu Afriyie Akoto.

Ultra-modern passenger lounge for MMT terminal

THE KUMASI Terminal of the Metro Mass Transit is to get an ultra-modern passenger waiting lounge, in line with the company's goal of ensuring the comfort of its patrons.

Ms. Lydia Lariba Bawa, member of the Board of Directors of the Metro Mass Transport Limited, who cut the sod for the commencement of the project, said it would be replicated in all the 16 depots in the country.

She expressed the importance role public transportation plays in the economies of both developed and developing countries in improving accessibility for persons, thereby minimising social exclusion and enhancing social cohesion.

Ms. Lariba Bawa said in the light of that, the Metro Mass Transit Limited, with the support of the government, had made efforts at providing the public with a reliable, efficient, safe and affordable means of transportation across the length and breadth of Ghana.

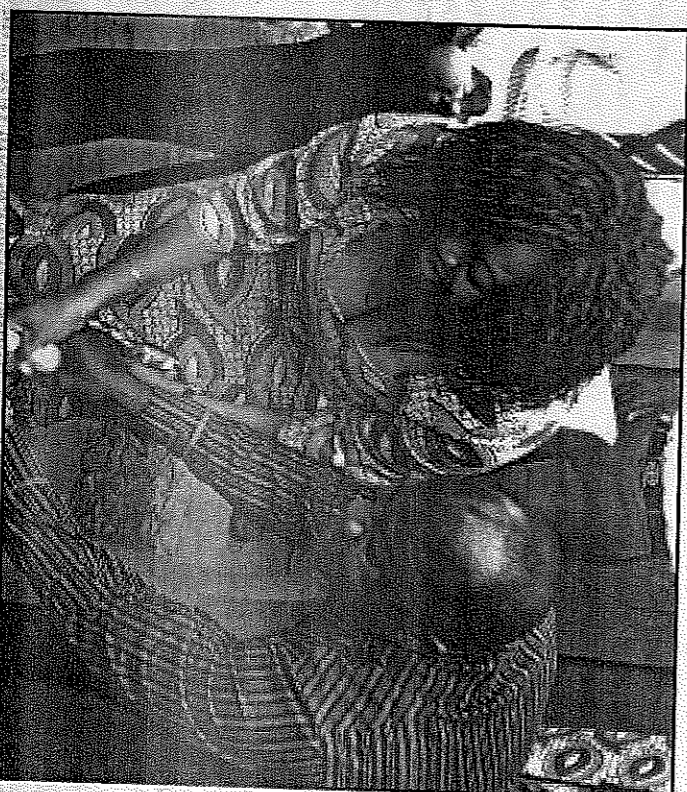
She, however, dismissed the seeming impression that MMT operations were not bedeviled with challenges, some of which

she mentioned as uncomfortable and inordinate loading terminals for patrons of their services across the country.

The MMT Board Member underscored that it was against this backdrop that the government and the company's board, together with management, had resolved to provide first class loading terminals across the country.

The Ashtanti Regional Manager at the MMT terminal, Mr. Baffour Osei-Wusu, assured passengers and patrons of a safe, comfortable and affordable means of transport in the country.

He mentioned that drivers of the company were taken through intensive training to avoid the risk of accidents on the roads.



Ms. Lydia Lariba Bawa being assisted to cut the sod