

Welcoming Address

Ma-che(Good morning)

Distinguished Chief Director, directors, colleagues from the Ministry of Finance

Distinguished government statistician, deputy government statistician, and colleagues from GSS

I want to express my gratitude to all attending the singing ceremony for the Project for capacity enhancement of statistical service.

Based on the Vision of "Better Ghana", the Government of Ghana has accelerated development efforts continuously with abundant natural resources, good governance, and political stability. Also I believe that the oil and gas production, which has been on stream since December 2010, will further consolidate and accelerate the Country's efforts for growth.

As part of such efforts, I am sure that this project will contribute to the country's development.

As you are aware, project work scope will be three. 1. consultancy services for the development of the proposed Ghana Statistical training center on the organization and management of the training center, and information system design of the training center. 2. Invitation of Ghanaian personnel to Korea, 3. Provision of the equipment.

I am sure that the project will develop a plan for the establishment of the Ghana statistical training center to enhance the production, analysis and dissemination of quality national statistical data, and build statistical capacity of human resources of the Ghanaian government.

As a dedicated member of international community, Korea has expressed its commitments to increase ODA/GNI ratio up to 0.25% by 2015, and in turn aid volume to Ghana, one of priority countries of Korea ODA, will be expanded. In years to come, I believe that Korea will be one of major development partners to Ghana.

Distinguished Guests,

In closing, I hope that this project will become another milestone consolidating the relationship, and build up new and mature partnership between two countries.

Medasi(Thank you)