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PRESS STATEMENT - NzEA 2016

DEQ Change Foundation wishes to inform the Nzema Community, General Public and all its stakeholders on Nzema Excellence Awards in respect of the state of the Awards Scheme and the extent of progress and preparation for the 2nd Edition which comes off on Saturday, 2nd July, 2016 at Esiana SHS Auditorium.

DEQ Change Foundation is a cutting edged NGO and CSO whose main vision is to refine human potentials and revamp rural development.

About Nzema Excellence Awards (NzEA)

In this our developing economy, there is the need to provide a course of pursuing excellence and embarking on development in our communities in order to improve the livelihoods of everyone especially the underprivileged. Individuals and corporate institutions with the quest to facilitate personal and social progress need to be acknowledged in order to inspire them to do more.

It is in this interest that DEQ Change Foundation has sought to embark on the organization of the NZEMA EXCELLENCE AWARDS (NzEA), which is to present a more radical approach of inspiring and empowering the personalities and corporate entities of Nzemaland as a means of accelerating development and personal excellence. These awards serve as token of appreciation from the Nzema folks to the various individuals and corporate organizations who have enormously contributed to the development and progress of Nzema.

Aims and Objectives of Nzema Excellence Awards

1. To urge individuals' participation in community based projects and rural development.
2. To serve as a source of motivation and career guidance to the youth to maximize their potentials
3. To incite individuals' interest in supporting developmental projects in Nzema communities
4. To enhance and promote corporate social responsibilities of private entities and organizations in rural communities
5. To improve Nzema's goodwill and rekindle the Nzema's spirit of integrity, hard-work and service
6. To create a platform to bring together the prominent personalities for a developmental course
7. To strengthen the unity between the three districts and constituencies of Nzema

In order to have effective organization DEQ Change Foundation has set up two committees; Planning Committee and Awards Committee, to steer the affairs of the awards scheme.

Maiden Edition – Nzema Excellence Awards (2014 NzEA):

The maiden edition which was organized on the 21st of December, 2014, hosted over 300 attendants and guests from the various sectors, industry and different facets of life; with Dr. Cosmas Cobbold as

Chairman, and Mr. Charles Mensah; as Guest Speaker, The ceremony was flooded with many Nzema dignitaries which confirmed their quest for appreciating development and growth efforts.

The maiden edition of the awards scheme was on the theme, “*Celebrating Excellence and Prominence; Honoring Hard-work and Service*”. Professor Sagary Kaku Nokoe; former Vice Chancellor of University of Development Studies and Acting Dean, School of Graduate Studies, University of Energy and Natural Resources was awarded the highest honor; Nzema Personality of the Year 2012/2013.

Other NzEA 2014 laureates include:

Ali Nuhu Abeka – Finance Director of Ministry Energy as *Man of Development*

Cecilia Tomekyin – Lecturer at UE Winneba as *Female Personality of the Year*

Paul Essien – Assemblyman of T1 as *Promising Man of Development*

Nicholas Tandoh – 7Stars *Best Entrepreneur*

Adamus Resource Ltd as *Best Organization: CSR*

Second Edition - Nzema Excellence Awards (2016 NzEA)

The Nzema Excellence Awards (NzEA 2016) is the second edition of the awards scheme. This edition presents a holistic approach, where there is much community involvement in the selection of awardees. As an appreciation and acknowledgement from the Nzema community to her cherished children and corporate entities supporting her development, the people themselves have a direct means to contribute in the selection process. It is in this interest that the DEQ Change Foundation has, in this 2nd edition, widened the scope of the awards categories and created a quota for public nominations via SMS to specific phone numbers.

The Planning Committee and the Awards Committee has also begun a broader consultation with stakeholders and partners to identify hard working, prominent personalities, men of excellence and integrity, and ethical and quality oriented firms, who have among their hallmarks, a quest to improve the human resource and accelerate community development.

The 2nd Edition which comes off on 2nd July, 2016 is on the theme “*Defining the Standards of Integrity for Sustainable Development of Nzemaland*” with Mr. Kabral Blay Amihere as the Guest Speaker.

There shall also be presentations from Mr. Emmanuel Kofi Adusei- Social Responsibility Manager- Endeavour Mining and Thomas Quayson, CEO of Nzema Manle Rural Bank Ltd.

Categories of Awards for NzEA 2016

- Nzema Personality of the Year
- Outstanding Female Nzema Personality
- Man of Development and Social Transformation
- Best Nzema Entrepreneur
- Outstanding Personality: Agriculture, Science and Technology
- Outstanding Personality: Politics, Governance and Public Service
- Outstanding Personality: Education and Academia
- Best Journalist/Media Personality
- Best Sports Personality
- Best Musician/Entertainment Personality
- Best JHS and SHS Students and Best Schools: JHS and SHS

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Awards for Corporate Organizations and Entities - (CSR)

- Best Organization- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Best Financial Institution

Definition of Category and Criteria

- a. An **Outstanding Personality** is any Nzema Personality with personal excellence and achievements as well as a quest for Community Development and Social Transformation (especially with traces on Nzemaland).
- b. The **Best Entrepreneur** refers to an outstanding Ghanaian personality in entrepreneurship, whose business or businesses is or are operated, located, situated on Nzemaland, or any outstanding Nzema personality in entrepreneurship, whose business or businesses is, or are operated, located, situated either on or outside Nzemaland or both.
- c. The **Best Journalist/Media Personality** category refers to any person in the media industry, who works in a media organization located and situated on Nzemaland or any person who is an Nzema native operating in media organization outside Nzemaland; whose quest is to impart on community development and social transformation (especially on Nzemaland).
- d. The **Best Sports Personality** category refers to any Nzema native, with outstanding achievement and performance in all facets of Sports, who plays a key role in a Sporting Activity and Sports Administration, located either on Nzemaland or outside Nzemaland, and has the quest to raise the Nzema heritage higher.
- e. The **Best Musician/Entertainment Personality** category refers to any Nzema native in the music and entertainment industry with outstanding records and achievements; and has the quest to raise the Nzema heritage higher.
- f. The **Best Organization- Corporate Social Responsibility** category refers to a profit making company, which support, sponsor and/or embark on developmental and social transforming projects and programs, upholding their CSR standards on Nzemaland.
- g. The **Best Financial Institution** category refers to banks and/or financial houses including commercial banks, rural and community banks, savings and loans, microfinances, and money lending companies, which support, sponsor and/or embark on developmental and social transforming projects and programs, upholding their CSR standards on Nzemaland.
- h. The period under review for the 2nd Edition of the awards scheme is 2014 and 2015.

Nominations Received for NzEA 2016

- Nzema Personality of the Year*
 1. Dr. Geaorge Sipa Yankey – CEO, Ghana National Gas Co. Ltd
 2. Hon. Freddie Blay – Agt Chairman, NPP

- Outstanding Female Nzema Personality*
 1. Hon. Catherine Abelema Afeku – Former MP
 2. Hon. Christina Samia Yabah Nkrumah – MP Aspirant, Jomoro CPP
 3. Madam Sabina Abena Bilson- Lecturer, Pentecost University

☐ *Man of Development and Social Transformation*

1. Kofi Ako Nokoe – Axim Youth Alliance
2. Hon. Emmanuel Armah Kofi Buah - Minister of Energy
3. Daniel Borsor - DanBorsor Foundation
4. Nouoma Cyrille Kablan - Youth With A Global Vision

☐ *Best Nzema Entrepreneur*

1. Clement Yankson - Yabah Hotel
2. Victoria Kwajah- Axim
3. Appor Adjei - Boin Susu and Microfinance
4. James Kainyah - JAMKAY

☐ *Outstanding Personality: Agriculture, Science and Technology*

1. Madam Sabina Bilson- Lecturer, Pentecost University
2. Monica Muaka - Ellemebele 2015 Best Farmer

☐ *Outstanding Personality: Politics, Governance and Public Service*

1. Hon. Freddie Blay
2. Hon. Armah K. Buah
3. Hon. Catherine Afeku
4. Hon. Samia Yabah Nkrumah
5. Hon. Kwasi Bonzoh

☐ *Outstanding Personality: Education and Academia*

1. Wisdom Quiku – Lecturer, Takaoradi Technical University
2. Mad. Rebecca Afiba Dadzie – Former Western Regional Director of Education
3. Mad. Sabina Abena Bilson - Lecturer, Pentecost University

☐ *Best Journalist/Media Personality*

1. Kwame Amofa – West End Radio
2. Egya Effoli Anyimah Kanra – Twin City Radio
3. Andrews Enimpah - New day FM
4. Mabel Sefakor- New Day FM

☐ *Best Sports Personality*

1. Hon. Simon Ehomah, - Ellemebele FA Chairman

☐ *Best Musician/Entertainment Personality*

1. Raphael Eshun - Don Kweli
2. James Ackah Kainyah - Bro James
3. Kwaw Mensah

☐ *Best JHS and SHS Students and Best Schools: JHS and SHS*

Awards for Corporate Organizations and Entities - (CSR)

□ *Best Organization- Corporate Social Responsibility*

1. Adamus Resources Ltd
2. ENI Ghana Production and Exploration
3. Ghana National Gas Company Ltd

□ *Best Financial Institution*

1. Nzema Manle Rural Bank Ltd
2. Jomoro Rural Bank Ltd

Nominations are still and could be made via the following media until 20th June, 2016.

- Email sent to deqchange.foundation@yahoo.com
- Text or Whatsapp to 0241181756 or 0244835734 or 0207920098

A united front by all stakeholders; societies, individuals, corporate organizations, the media would be beneficial in achieving the objectives of such a profound event.

The Planning Committee, on behalf of the Foundation would like to extend sincere gratitude to Nzema Manle Rural Bank Ltd, Aiyinase and Holy Internet Café, Esiama for their kind support. We would also like to appeal to all corporate organizations, institutions and individuals to render their support financially to the success and sustainability of the awards scheme.

The contribution of West End Radio could not be overlooked, however, we amply plea for a wholesome cooperation and support from all media organizations, especially those on Nzemaland in respect of recommendations, contributions, and partnership; though we couldn't have gotten thus far without the help of Ankobra FM and New Day Radio.

We appreciate the support from the community in the previous edition and hope to receive more support this time. We hereby extend invitation to everyone to attend this year's Excellence Awards. Thank you.

For: DEQ Change Foundation

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