



**ADDRESS BY HON. ALHAJI SA RHACK NARTEY, DISTRICT CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OF THE NINGO-PRAMPAM DISTRICT ASSEMBLY ON
THE OCCASION OF THE 2016 GLOBAL WIND DAY CELEBRATION AT
DAWA ON WEDNESDAY, 22ND JUNE, 2016**

Mr, Chairman, Country Director and Project Manager of NEK Ghana, District Director of Education, Ningo-Prampam, Heads of Basic Schools, Students, Ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of the chiefs and people of the Ningo Traditional Area – La Sibi, the Ningo-Prampam District Assembly and on my own behalf, I warmly welcome you all to the second Global Wind Day celebration in Ghana.

Last year, we celebrated the Global Wind Day for the first time at Ayitepa. School children from the neighbouring communities – Kpongunor, Lotsubuer and Mangotsonya – all joined the match pass through the principal streets of Ayitepa with placards announcing the importance of the wind and the need to conserve our environment. The messages on their placards gave one main importance of the wind as a renewable resource for the production of electrical power. Having been thoroughly educated on the average wind speed data, it was realized that wind energy for Ghana is becoming a reality at Great Ningo within our great District of the Greater Accra Region.

Mr. Chairman, Madam District Director, Teachers, Students, ladies and gentlemen, today, I stand here to express my profound gratitude and appreciation to the chiefs and people of the Great Ningo Traditional Area for considering the socio-economic benefits of the wind farm project and gave out their land for the farm. I am particularly indebted to all the clans who offered their lands but most especially, to Kabueku, Aniamosi, Saunya, Many, Adjere and Anumasa, who have signed the Land Lease Agreements and are still supporting in the area of land verification, demarcation and registration exercise which will all lead to the financial

close for the project to begin later this year. I entreat these families to continue to promote the peace and tranquillity our cherished citizens continue to enjoy in our traditional area.

Today, I am very glad to see the developers of this project make significant progress. As we mark this day, I urge all sons and daughters of this Great Ningo land to offer their optimum support and co-operation to the developers. When employed during and after the construction, they must see the project as self-owned, work hard and remain faithful for this is one of the many legacies this generation will be leaving for those generations yet to come.

The District Assembly, as the governing institution and the major beneficiary of this project, will continue to lend our immeasurable support and co-operation to the developers and also ensure we offer our very best resources – human and material – to be the first in the country to produce this wind farm.

Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, before I take my seat, I wish to inform all gathered here and all those who may listen or watch on the media and most especially the chiefs and people of Great Ningo that next year, we shall join a global wind day celebration around this same time where it shall no more be a day but a week. By this, we shall schedule a number of activities for many sons and daughters of this great land and other Ghanaians far and near including non-Ghanaians who shall visit our Upwind Ayitepa Wind Farm.

I am using this occasion to extend warm invitations to all investors out there who need electrical power and land to establish their businesses to, as a matter of urgency, get closer to us for fruitful partnership on developing the Ningo Traditional Area and the Ningo-Prampram District within the Greater Accra Region.

On behalf of the Chiefs and people of this land, I declare this year's Global Wind Day duly launched. Enjoy the celebration.

Thank you.