



**ADDRESS BY NENE KANOR ATIAPAH III, MANKLALO AND
ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE NINGO TRADITIONAL AREA, GREAT
NINGO 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-Prampram, Heads of Basic Schools, Students, Ladies and gentlemen, we the chiefs and people of Great Ningo are very thankful to the Almighty God for granting us His abundant grace which enabled us to see the second celebration of Global Wind Day here at Dawa.

This celebration took off last year around the same time and it marked the beginning of the **225 megawatts Wind Energy Project** within my jurisdiction. As chiefs, my colleagues offered their best by making allocation of 15,000 acres of land available for this all important project. Various clans have supported the careful study, revision and signing of the Land Lease Agreements towards this and I must say the Ningo Traditional Council is very grateful.

Although this is not the first developmental project in the area, it is the first ever wind farm to start operation in Ghana and the while of the West African sub region. It is, therefore, a great honour for us to be the first recipient of a project of such magnitude – 225 megawatts.

Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, the chiefs and people of Great Ningo are generally farmers and fisher-folks most

especially, our women. These are their main sources of income to support the education of our children. Some of our youth who are in school are toiling to pay their school fees especially at the secondary and tertiary levels. Some dropped out of school because their parents cannot continue to pay the huge fees.

We want our people to be fully developed academically so they can turn to support the development of their communities and remit their aged parents who toiled to see them through their education very well. For this reason, I appeal to the developers of this great project to provide educational scholarship schemes for our people at the secondary and tertiary levels. We shall also appreciate the provision of entrepreneurship centres such as vocational and technical schools to train and equip our Junior High School graduates in the acquisition of personal developmental skills which will enable them make a living thereon.

We also want to use this occasion to appeal to the developers of this project to support the provision of basic social amenities within the various beneficiary or influenced communities. These include but not limited to clinics, schools, potable water, toilet facilities, to mention just a few.

Mr. Chairman, Madam Director of Education, Mr. Country Director of NEK Limited, Teachers, ladies and gentlemen, to conclude, we want to remind all and sundry that the Great Ningo community is a very peaceful one. We shall continue to ensure that our citizenry continue to live in peace and harmony. We shall also ensure that the process of development of the project is done as transparent as possible to ensure the peace of our people enjoy prevails. We believe that inasmuch as the wind farm brings development in the form of providing job opportunities for our people, it shall also serve as the bait to attract other investors into the area. We employ our youth to seize the opportunity to continue to develop themselves in the relevant fields to enable them take over after the construction of the wind farm. Thank you.