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Ghana Skills Development Initiative launches apprenticeship project in Koforidua

The Ghana Skills Development Initiative (GSDI) officially launched its apprenticeship and skills enhancement project in Koforidua. The GSDI seeks to improve the quality of the traditional apprenticeship system in the formal sector to enhance skills and qualification.

Dr. Matthew Oduro Ansah, Minister for Education, said GSDI was a project commissioned in 2015 by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, in collaboration with the Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (COTETEC). He said the project supported competency-based training and contributed workplace-based training.

He said the training would focus on skills in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, and masonry, and there would be a certification at the end. The minister said GSDI was expanding to three additional trades: electrical installation, furniture, and brick laying, in Ashanti, Western, and Eastern regions.

Mr. Paulo Samayo, Acting Head of European Union Delegation to Ghana, said the EU had committed €2.1 million to help Ghana with the project. He said the EU was supporting Ghana with €3.2 million in areas of governance, agriculture, and employment and additional €3.6 million on strengthening vocational training and employment.

Mr. Roland Conde, Deputy Head of Development Cooperation at the German Embassy, Accra, said the German government spent €1.5 billion on development projects in Ghana, since 1957, when bilateral relations between the two countries started. He said from 2015 to 2017, €241 million was spent in bilateral support.

He said Ghana’s status had shifted from a “lower middle-income country,” Germany’s bilateral cooperation would focus on only three priorities: governance, agriculture, and sustainable development. Other dignitaries at the launch were Mr. Eric Karlie, Director of Eastern Regional Ministry, and Dr. Fred Amoah, Executive Director of COTETEC.
ONLINE MEDIA

1. **Date:** Saturday, 12th May, 2018  
   **Headline:** GSDI Launches Activities in Eastern Region  
   **Website:** E News Ghana  
   https://enewsgh.com/2018/05/12/gsdi-launches-activities-in-eastern-region-images/

2. **Date:** Thursday, 17th May, 2018  
   **Headline:** GSDI launches its activities in the Eastern Region  
   **Website:** Yen Ghana  