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Introduction

– By Dr. Kingsley Boateng (Acting President)

Koforidua Senior High Technical School, is a Senior High School located in Koforidua in the Eastern Region of Ghana. Formally Koforidua Secondary Technical School (or K`dua SecTech), it is the fourth of its kind in Ghana established in 1967 by the then head of state Dr. Kwame Nkrumah to produce science and technical biased students for Higher Educational Institutions in Ghana and the sub-Saharan region.

Over the years, the school has seen very little improvement in infrastructure despite the astronomical growth in enrollment

population. For instance, the dining hall which was built to accommodate a population of about 600 students and staff has lost its capacity as the population of the students have increased significantly with current enrolment above 2,500 students. As a result of the use of the facility far above its capacity, coupled with lack of regular maintenance over the years, the building had deteriorated to the extent that it had become a health hazard (see pictures at <https://www.mmarimammausa.org/projects/>).

The alumni are currently constructing a new multipurpose assembly hall christened “MPAH”, a two storey edifice with a seating capacity of over 3000 students, to accommodate the ever-increasing student’s population and to serve other important purposes. But this project estimated to cost about GHS 10.0 million or \$1.5 million, may take about 20-25 years to be completed, depending on the availability of funds. It was therefore imperative that additional funds be mobilized to renovate the existing dining hall and to prevent it from further deterioration and avoid any potential health dangers/crisis. To this end, the 1992 Class (MM92) took the initiative to bring together several year groups and stakeholders including MMUSA/Canada, MM96, MM89-90, and MMUK to raise funds to renovate the existing dining hall. The project was undertaken between 2017-2018 at a cost GHS 161,000 or \$36,000 with MMUSA/Canada as the major contributor with GHS 97,000 or \$21,500. Additionally, MMUSA/Canada supplied 75 Tables at GHS 28,127 (GHS 375/Table), or \$6,250.

Other projects undertaken by MMUSA/Canada in recent times include the supply of 100 Metal Based Mono-desks in 2021 at the cost of \$4,500, Sponsorship of the National Science and Maths Quiz (NSMQ) in 2021 at the cost of \$3,200, and the Supply of Equipment for the Robotics Club in 2020 at the cost

of \$2,000. Current projects under consideration include proposed renovation of the washrooms in all dormitories, establishment of Robotics Center, establishment of NMSQ Training Studio/Lab, and construction of pavements to link the dining hall to the dormitories and classrooms, in addition to the MPAH project.

It is obvious from the listed potential projects above that we need to raise substantial funds on a yearly basis to support the school. This may require the establishment of an endowment fund (money set aside and invested to earn revenue to fund some type of charitable activity). We therefore propose that a portion (30 – 40%) of our annual fundraising should be deposited into a targeted \$100,000 endowment fund over the next 5-10 years, which may be subsequently invested and the profits used to fund ongoing projects.

To all Mmarima Mma, let us arise and build. MMUSA is a charitable 501C3 organization, which means that all your donations are tax deductible. *Ketewa biara nswa*. For more information, visit <https://www.mmarimammausa.org/>. God richly bless you in advance for your desire to support.

2021 Objectives and Activities Report

In 2021, our main objectives were to build on the successes of the previous years to grow the association and to raise funds online to support our charitable activities despite the Covid-19 pandemic. We were able to respond to the urgent appeal of the school authorities for classroom furniture by supplying of 100 Metal Based Mono-desks at the cost of \$4,500. In addition, we continued our Sponsorship of the National Science and Maths Quiz (NSMQ) to participate in the national competition in Kumasi at the cost of \$3,200.

Below are pictures of the donated classroom furniture.



2021 Final Report

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER, 2021

No	Description	Incomes (\$)	Expenditure (\$)
INCOMES			
1	TD Bank Balance Savings	13,029.42	
2	TD Bank Balance Checking	338.82	
3	2021 Fundrasing (\$2,964.29 via PayPal)	14,935.00	
4	MMCanada Collective Donation	400.00	
5	2021 Monthly Dues	-	
EXPENDITURE			
6	Bank Charges (Cashiers Check)		32.00
7	Paypal Charges		209.03
8	NMSQ Sponsorship		3,200.00
9	Robotics Sponsorship		-
10	CPA Tax Filing Charges		350.00
11	Annual Post Office Box Charges		162.00
12	100 Ashfoam Metallic Single Monodesk		4,500.00
13	Website Hosting and Maintainance		200.00
TOTALS		28,703.24	8,653.03
Income Surplus			20,050.21

2021 Most Philanthropic House Competition

House Name	Amount (\$)	Rank
House 1	4,750.00	2nd
House 2	2,620.00	3rd
House 3	1,900.00	4th
House 4	5,625.00	1st
Total	14,895.00	

2021 Mr. Sectech Award

Name	Amount (\$)	Rank
Dr. Joseph Poku	2,525.00	1st
Sam Osei-Sarfo	1,000.00	2nd
Dr. Agyenim Boateng	550.00	3rd

Proposed 2022 Project(s)

- Sponsorship of the NMSQ Team for both the Regional and National Competition @ \$3,000**
- Renovation and Furnishing of Art Studio Into NMSQ Training Studio @ \$5000 (Ghs 42,000):**

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR SECTECH NSMQ TRAINING STUDIO/LAB			
No.	ITEM	PRICE/GHS	TOTAL/GHS
A--FLOOR TIRING			
1	40x40 tiles (23) boxes (23x95)	2,100.00	
2	Cement (12x60)	720.00	
3	Tiles cement (15x30)	450.00	
4	Metal strip (2x30)	60.00	
5	Workmanship	1,000.00	
	Sub-Total		4,330.00
B--ELECTRICAL FITTINGS & LIGHTENING			
1	Fans (2x450)	870.00	
2	Cable 1.5 & 2.5 @ (1x400) and (1x600) respectively	1,000.00	
4	Fuse (6x10)	60.00	
5	Double socket (4x25)	100.00	
6	Lamp holders (4x10)	40.00	
7	Switch (1x15)	15.00	
8	Black screw (1x15)	15.00	
9	Wall plug (1x10)	10.00	
10	PVC Pipes (10x20)	200.00	
11	4, 3x6 Conduit box (4x5)	30.00	
12	4, 3x3 Conduit box (4x5)	30.00	
13	4 way main switch	300.00	
14	10mm cable 30yards	800.00	
15	Earth Rod	80.00	
16	Workmanship	700.00	
	Sub-Total		4,250.00
C--WOOD WORKS			
1	Double Door	1,500.00	
2	4 Sheets of Roofing Sheet	400.00	
3	Louvre blade frame (4x50)	350.00	
4	Louvre blade (40x8)	520.00	
5	Playwood (8x50)	800.00	
6	Keys	450.00	
7	Workmanship	400.00	
	Sub-Total		4,420.00
D--ITEMS NEEDED IN TRAINING STUDIO/LAB			
1	Office Table(qty2) and Chairs(qty2)	850.00	
1	Tables and chairs for (12 contestants during study)	3,700.00	
2	Desk Top Computer (1)	1,050.00	
3	Labtop (2)	7,000.00	
4	Tablets(3)	4,500.00	
5	Overhead Projector & Screen or 45" Flat Screen TV	1,500.00	
6	White board	400.00	
E--Internet Bundle Installation/Provision for the year		7,000.00	
F-- CONTINGENCIES		3,000.00	
	Sub-Total		29,000.00
GRAND TOTAL = GHS			42,000.00

Nana Afedzi Mensah VI Center of Excellence will be a Lab (or a learning center) set up for a wide variety of projects that will highlight student creativity, innovation, and problem-solving ability on a daily and on teamwork basis. It will in effect provide guidance, encouragement, intellectual challenge, and unique exploratory opportunities to students who love Science, Math, and Robotics.

MMARIMA MMA USA/CANADA wishes to memorialize Nana. As the first president of the MMARIMA USA(MMUSA), he successfully established the Association with United States Internal Revenue Department as a Non-Profit Organization to benefit from its Tax Exemption status. Under Nana's able leadership, MMUSA/CANADA has the following accomplishments to be proud of -

- Formed a symbiotic relationship with MMARIMA MMA CANADA.
- Organized the first MMUSA re-union in New Jersey in 2017 to kick-start our yearly Fundraising for SecTech.
- Renovation of the school's Dining Hall in 2018/19.
- Supplied Laptop and other much-needed equipment to the Robotic Club in 2020.
- Donation of 100 Mono desk to the school in 2021, and
- Sponsored NSMQ team in 2021 and 2022.

The above is only a snapshot of Nana's relentless quest to do more for his beloved Alma Mater. If approved, MMUSA/CANADA intend to provide the requisite Plaque of Remembrance for the said "Nana Afedzi Mensah VI Center of Excellence".

Proposed 2023 Project(s)

Renovation of Washrooms and Dry-yard of all 4 Old Dormitories @ \$20,000 (Ghs 167,000):

The scope of works shall be as follows:

1. Decommission the doors, floor, and wall plasters, plumbing works (showers, sinks and basins)
2. Laying of wall tiles
3. Installing of new doors and locks
4. Installation of plumbing fittings
5. Screeding of washing shed
6. Painting of walls and repair or portions of roof.

Proposal for The Establishment of Center of Excellence

The MMUSA/CANADA executives had a meeting on August 7, 2022, to address among other issues the establishment of the NSMQ Laboratory. We concluded that we are able and willing to fund 100% of the renovation of the dedicated facility. However, we do have couple of requests that we hope the school would be able to accommodate -

- That the Lab will be set up as a Center of Excellence to house both NSMQ and Robotics.
- In addition, that the Center will be named after Nana Afedzi Mensah VI (aka "Nana"), our noteworthy, trustworthy and visionary past President who passed on in March 2022. Hence, "Nana Afedzi Mensah VI Center of Excellence".

BILL OF QUANTITIES FOR RENOVATION OF 1NO DORMITORY BLOCK BATHHOUSE					
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	UNIT	UNIT RATE	AMOUNT (GH¢)
	The contractor is advised to visit the site to ascertain the full extent of the works and price them accordingly				
D	DEMOLITION / DECOMMISSION				
	Doors and Door Frames				
D1	Battern Doors	7	Nr	20.00	140.00
D2	Flash Doors	1	Nr	15.00	15.00
	Plumbing				
D3	Shower including stop cock	10	Nr	10.00	100.00
D4	Washhand Basin	8	Nr	10.00	80.00
D5	WC	4	Nr	30.00	120.00
D5	Laundry Basin and associated fittings	8	Nr	15.00	120.00
	Walls and Plaster Work				
D7	Carefully chisel out existing plaster on wall surfaces 1800m high starting from floor level and prepare surface for re-tiling. (Bathroom, Toilet and Urenal Area)	66	m²	10.00	660.00
D8	Carefully chisel out existing floor screed plaster and prepare surface for re-tiling. (Washing Area)	22	m²	10.00	220.00
	DEMOLITION / DECOMMISSION CARRY TO SUMMARY				1,455.00

M	MASONRY WORKS				
	MASONRY				
M1	Supply and install approved 'Ghana made' 300 X 400 X 6mm ceramic wall tiles with cement fixer (Permafix Plus) and filler on prepared surfaces (Toilet, Bath & around external laundry area tap)	50	m²	145.00	7,250.00
M2	Supply and install approved 'Ghana' 300 X 300 X 8mm non-slip porcelain floor tiles with cement fixer (PermafixPlus and Addiflex) and filler & tile strips on previously prepared surfaces (squaring place)	25	m²	145.00	3,625.00
M3	Carefully chisel out all cracks in apron and make good in 1:3 cement sand mortar for all		Item		500.00
M4	1:3 cement/sand mortar to screed floor 25mm th. (Washing Area)	22	m²	55.00	1,210.00
	SUMMARY				12,585.00
CJ	CARPENTRY AND JOINERY				
	Joinery				
	Door Frames				
	seasoned, treated hardwood timber frame in openings				
CJ1	2100 x 1000mm Frame (entrance & exit)	2	Nr	180.00	360.00

CJ2	1800 x 80mm Frame (Toilet Door)	5	Nr	120.00	600.00
	Doors				
	Supply and Install 44mm frame battern door comprising 150mm top rail and sides, 150mm middle rail, 225mm bottom rail chamfered round.				
CJ3	Framed Battern Door Size 1000mm x	1	Nr	550.00	550.00
CJ4	Framed Battern Door Size 800mm x	5	Nr	500.00	2,500.00
CJ5	Solid Flash Door 900mm x 2100mm	1	Nr	450.00	450.00
	Ironmongery				
	Supply and fix approved quality of the following to hardwood with screws				
CJ6	"Assa Abloy" cylinder lock with handle	2	No.	220.00	440.00
CJ7	100mm heavy duty brass butt hinges (note: 3No. For each door)	21	Pair	45.00	945.00
CJ8	150mm heavy duty brass tower bolt (2each for Exit Doors)	4	No.	20.00	80.00
CJ9	100mm brass tower bolt	4	No.	10.00	40.00
	CARPENTRY				
CJ10	Supply and install approved quality fibre mosquito-proof gauze cut to size and fixed to hardwood frame with battens	6	m²	25.00	150.00
	CARPENTRY AND JOINERY WORKS CARRY TO SUMMARY				5,155.00

R	ROOFING and FLOOR				
R1	Allow Provisional Sum to repair roof leakage including the joint between the bathhouse and the box room		Item		500.00
R2	Allow Provisional Sum for the washing of the pebble dash floor finish (Rough Terrazo)		Item		600.00
	ROOFING AND FLOOR CARRIED TO SUMMARY				1,100.00
P	PAINTING				
	Scrape off existing worn-out paint, sand-paper, putty fill and apply two coats of 'Coral' Acrylic emulsion paint on:				
P1	Previously painted External wall	120	m²	20.00	2,400.00
P2	Previously painted Internal wall	25	m²	20.00	500.00
	Doors				
	Scrape off existing worn-out paint, sand-paper, putty fill and apply two coats of 'gloss' oil paint on:				
P3	General surfaces (fascia)	8	m²	20.00	160.00
P4	Ditto but not exceeding 250mm girth (windows and Door frames)	80	m	4.00	320.00
	Prepare and apply (Spray) two finishing coats of 'Coral' gloss oil paint on:				
P5	Doors	23	m²	20.00	460.00
	PAINTING CARRIED TO SUMMARY				3,840.00

PL	PLUMBING INSTALLATION				
	<u>Supply and fix the following facilities of approved quality</u>				
PL-1	Squatting bowl (Twyford)	4	No.	295.00	1,180.00
PL-2	Laundry Basin	8	Nr	550.00	4,400.00
PL-3	Wash hand basin-18" (Twyford with Pedestal)	8	No.	450.00	3,600.00
PL-4	Stop Cock on shower (chromium Steel)	10	No.	43.00	430.00
PL-5	Shower post and shower	10	No.	50.00	500.00
PL-6	Allow Provisional sum for all pipe works		Item		800.00
	PLUMBING INSTALLATION CARRIED TO SUMMARY				10,910.00
E	ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION				
	<u>Supply and fix approved quality of the following:</u>				
E1	2-gang switches (B6)	2	No.	45.00	90.00
E2	T8 1200mm Double LED ceiling mounted light with complete fitting (baathroom and laundry area)	10	No.	180.00	1,800.00
E3	Allow provisional sum for re-wiring and		Item		1,000.00
	ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION CARRIED TO SUMMARY				2,890.00
	SUMMARY				
	DOMOLISHING / DECOMMISSION				1,455.00
	MASONRY WORKS				12,585.00
	CARPENTRY AND JOINERY				5,155.00
	ROOFING AND FLOOR				1,100.00
	PAINTING				3,840.00
	PLUMBING INSTALLATION				10,910.00
	ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION				2,890.00
	TOTAL				37,935.00
	Allow for 10% for contingency				3,793.50
	TOTAL FOR 1NO. BLOCK				41,728.50



Sample Pictures of Similar NMSQ Training Studio/Center of Excellence in some SHS's



Appendix II – Current State of Dormitory Washrooms



Appendix I – Current State of Proposed MMSQ/Robotics Training Studio (Nana Afedzi VI – Center of Excellence)



Renovated Bathroom of Aburi Girls SHS Showing Sample Pictures of the Squatting Toilet



Appendix III – Projects That Require Corporate Partnership

Renovation of all 4 Old Dormitory (Rooms and Corridors) @ \$100,000 (Ghs 845,000):

BILL OF QUANTITIES FOR RENOVATION OF 1NO DORMITORY BLOCK					
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	UNIT	UNIT RATE	AMOUNT (GH₵)
	The contractor is advised to visit the site to ascertain the full extent of the works and price them accordingly				
D	DEMOLITION / DECOMMISSION				
	<u>Roof and Ceiling</u>				
D1	Carefully remove existing defective asbestos roof sheets and cart away from site (approx. 580.00m ²)		Item		1,500.00
	<u>Doors and Windows</u>				
D2	5 in 1 windows including defective louvre carriers and blades as well as insect screen netting (5.0 x 1.5m)	12	Nr	20.00	240.00
D3	4 in 1 window/door frames including defective louvre carriers and blades including insect screen netting (5.0 x 2.1m)	12	Nr	20.00	240.00
	<u>Floor</u>				
D4	All existing porcelain floor tiles and screed (approx. 698.00m ²) and prepare(Grind) surface to receive ceramic tiles		Item		1,000.00
	<u>Electricals</u>				
D5	Allow a lumpsum for removal of all defective electrical fittings including switches, sockets, lamp holders and lights		Item		200.00
	DEMOLITION / DECOMMISSION CARRY TO SUMMARY				3,180.00
M	MASONRY WORKS				
	<u>MASONRY</u>				
M1	Supply and install approved 'Ghana made' 600 X 600 X 8mm polish porcelain floor tiles with cement fixer (Permafix Plus) and filler on prepared surfaces including skirting (Dormitories and Cubicles)	490	m ²	98.00	48,020.00

M2	Supply and install approved 'Ghana made' 600 X 600 X 8mm non-slip porcelain floor tiles with cement fixer (Permatfix Plus) and filler & tile strips on prepared surfaces (Corridor and Stairways)	208	m ²	98.00	20,384.00
M3	Carefully chisel out all cracks in apron and wells and make good in 1:3 cement sand mortar for all cracks		Item		400.00
	MASONRY WORKS CARRY TO SUMMARY				68,804.00
CJ	CARPENTRY AND JOINERY				
	Joinery				
	Door and Window Frames				
	Windows				
	<u>Supply and Install 150mm x 50mm thick hardwood frames to receive doors and louvres</u>				
CJ1	5000mm x 1500mm 5 in 1 window frames	12	Nr	350.00	4,200.00
CJ2	5000mm x 1500mm 4 in 1 and 1000mmx2100mm door frame	12	Nr	350.00	4,200.00
	Doors				
	<u>Supply and Install 44mm frame battern door comprising 150mm top rail and sides, 150mm middle rail, 225mm bottom rail chamfered round. Works includes Architrave(internal/external edges) and frame lining</u>				
CJ3	Framed Battern Door Size 1000mm x 2100mm (dormitories and Cubicles)	14	Nr	450.00	6,300.00
CJ4	Solid Flash Door 900mm x 2100mm (Storeroom)	2	Nr	220.00	440.00
	Ironmongery				
	<u>Supply and fix approved quality of the following to hardwood with screws</u>				
CJ5	Pair "Naco" 9-blade louvre carrier (plastic)	168	Pairs	80.00	13,440.00

P	PAINTING				
	<u>Scrape off existing worn-out paint, sand-paper, putty fill and apply two coats of 'gloss' emulsion paint on:</u>				
P1	Previously painted internal wall	870	m ²	15.00	13,050.00
P2	Previously External wall	400	m ²	15.00	6,000.00
P3	Previously painted concrete Ceiling (ground floor)	350	m ²	15.00	5,250.00
P4	Plywood Ceiling (top floor)	350	m ²	15.00	5,250.00
	Doors				
	<u>Scrape off existing worn-out paint, sand-paper, putty fill and apply two coats of 'Coral' gloss oil paint on:</u>				
P5	General surfaces (fascia)	30	m ²	18.00	540.00
P6	Ditto but not exceeding 250mm girth (windows and Door frames)	530	m	4.00	2,120.00
P7	Doors, Architrave	52	m ²	18.00	936.00
	PAINTING CARRIED TO SUMMARY				33,146.00
E	ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION				
	<u>Supply and fix approved quality of the following:</u>				
E1	2-gang switches (BG)	4	No.	20.00	80.00
E2	300 X 300mm square panel grid LED ceiling mounted light with complete fitting (24W)-"Phillips"-Dormeteries (4 in a room)	48	No.	120.00	5,760.00
E3	13 Amp Sockets (BG)	15	Nr.	22.00	330.00
E4	150mm diameter round grid/gypsum LED ceiling mounted light with complete fitting (12-18W)-"Phillips"- corridor 6No on each floor	12	Nr.	75.00	900.00
E5	Stairway	2	Nr	75.00	150.00

CJ6	Pair "Naco" 4-blade louvre carrier (plastic)	3	Pairs	50.00	150.00
CJ7	"Assa Abloy" cylinder lock with handle	16	No.	250.00	4,000.00
CJ8	100mm heavy duty brass butt hinges (note: 3No. For each door)	48	Pair	40.00	1,920.00
CJ9	150mm heavy duty brass tower bolt	32	No.	30.00	960.00
	CARPENTRY				
CJ10	Supply and install approved quality aluminium mosquito-proof gauze cut to size and fixed to hardwood frame with battens	300	m ²	25.00	7,500.00
CJ11	Supply and install approved quality 1/8" plywood in ceiling (dormitory and corridor)	380	m ²	55.00	20,900.00
CJ13	50 X 50mm treated sawn hardwood as in ceiling joist to reinforce existing ceiling joist	20	m	7.00	140.00
CJ14	50 x 10mm battens	530	m	2.00	1,060.00
	CARPENTRY AND JOINERY WORKS CARRY TO SUMMARY				65,210.00
6	GLAZING				
G1	6mm Clear sheet glass louvre blade 150mm wide by 900 long with both edges slightly rounded and fixing in plastic clips.	1520	No.	9.00	13,680.00
	GLAZING WORKS CARRIED TO SUMMARY				13,680.00
R	ROOFING				
	<u>Supply and install approved 0.5mm gauge aluminum roofing sheet complete with accessories in accordance with manufactures specification</u>				
R1	Roof Coverings	580	m ²	30.00	17,400.00
R2	Extra-over for Ridge Caps (400mm girth)	50	m	15.00	750.00
	ROOFING CARRIED TO SUMMARY				18,150.00

E6	LED Flood light complete "Phillips" -30W (225 X 138mm)	2	No.	150.00	300.00
E7	150Amps MCCB 2-pole Breaker with cover (ABB brand)	1	No.	250.00	250.00
E8	3-gang Switch "BG"	6	No.	35.00	210.00
E9	1-gang Switch "BG"	12	No.	20.00	240.00
	ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION CARRIED TO SUMMARY				8,220.00
	SUMMARY				
	DOMOLISHING / DECOMMISSION				3,180.00
	MASONRY WORKS				68,804.00
	CARPENTRY AND JOINERY				65,210.00
	GLAZING				13,680.00
	ROOFING				18,150.00
	PAINTING				33,146.00
	ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION				8,220.00
	TOTAL				210,390.00
	TOTAL FOR 4NO. BLOCK				841,560.00

Appendix IV – Current State of Dormitories



MMUSA/CAN Lost Two Pillars

– By Dr. Ben Agyare (Acting Vice President)

The year 2022 will go down in history as one of devastation and full of bitterness for Mmarima Mma USA/CAN. We lost two of our strongest pillars and advocates: Barima Ba Nana Afedzi Mensah VI, and Barima Ba Eric Adjei Mensah.

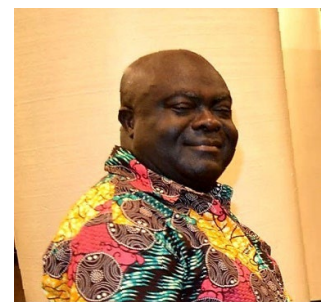
On March 16, MMUSA/CAN received the sad news of the passing of Nana Afedzi Mensah VI. Nana died while on a visit in Ghana. He was the president of MMUSA. His funeral will be held on April 1, 2023 and MMUSA/CAN leadership will keep members updated on the funeral arrangements.

While Mmarima Mma were grappling with the news of Nana's death, and just about recovering from the shock and sad reality of his passing, another bad news struck – the passing of Barima Ba Eric Adjei Mensah, on Saturday October 15. Eric Adjei Mensah was an advisor to MMUSA/CAN. His funeral, burial and memorial services span from November 18 – 20. Mmarima Mma from all over USA and Canada converged on New Jersey to give him a befitting burial and to say farewell. Two separate tributes were written, one from MMUSA/CAN and read by Dr. Kingsley Boateng, and the other by MM81 Year Group and read by Mr. Joseph T. Duodo. The tribute by MMUSA/CAN is shared in this document.

May their souls rest in perfect peace. Mmarima Mma Nana Afedzi Mensah VI and Eric Adjei Mensah, dimirefa due!!!



Nana Afedzi Mensah VI



Eric Adjei Mensah

Tribute to Barima Ba Eric Adjei Mensah by MUSA/CAN Alumni of K'dua Sectech (Written by Dr. Kingsley Boateng)

"Some people come into our lives and leave footprints on our hearts and we are never, ever the same" -FLA VIA WEEDN
"When a close friend unexpectedly leaves us, a piece of our heart is forever broken " –
CHRIS LUMPKIN

The above quotes in our view aptly describe Barimaba Eric Adjei Mensah. Indeed, there is tears in our eyes and pain in in our hearts. Even as we cry and mourn our comrade, we celebrate his legacy because he was one of the stalwarts of the Koforidua Sectech Alumni living in the USA and Canada (MMUSA/CAN). He was a cherished member of the board of advisors, a planning committee member and a pioneer of the group. His selflessness and generosity towards MMUSA/CAN and Sectech is unprecedented. Eric and Sophia Mensah opened their doors to host our first reunion in 2017, an event that marked the rebirth of the association. He was very instrumental in the planning and execution of all activities of the association and most importantly, one of our major donors during our Annual Fundraising and Dinner Dance.



Barimaba Eric Adjei Mensah was loved, adored and respected by all who knew him. He was so humble that, despite being older and a senior, he often addressed everyone as senior. He inspired fondness and a genuine admiration amongst his peers, friends, acquaintances and work colleagues. Many amongst his friends and peers had not least on a few occasions, been amazed by his example of work ethic and awed by his singular and academic brilliance. For it cannot be said that, that was due to his humble beginnings if only in part, and rather negligible at that, but most important of all, was what had been instilled in him from the very start, the drive to succeed through sheer hard work and excellence. For those amongst us who had

enjoyed the privilege of having known or met him, witnessed in him the very spirit of determination and perseverance, his humility was heart felt and genuine. Most of all was his enviable capacity for generosity and kindness towards others, and in particular, towards most people, strangers included, who were either less fortunate or less able than he, and all without the promise of material reward. More importantly, one also saw in him a solid investment of straight and upright values.

For those amongst us who'd known him during the years in our former boarding school Koforidua Sectech and as well as in other institutions where he furthered his education with great success, there is testament in abundance to Adjei Mensah's leadership qualities. His leadership without equal was truly exemplary, which was also shown in his passion for both the construction of a new Multi-Purpose Assembly Hall Project, the Renovation of Existing Dining Hall, and several other projects currently underway at his alma mater. In fact, the last communication with him about a week before his demise was a generous donation he sent to support our 2022 fundraiser towards the renovation of the school dormitory washrooms.

It was therefore with much shock and grief that we received the news that he had been called home by his Maker. Eric will be most fondly and happily remembered. He will also and always will be terribly and sorely missed by a great many of us who were his friends, but the shock and sadness of his unexpected departure from our midst will take a long time to pass. May he be blessed always, and may his family always be in our prayers. All Mmarima Mma wish you a smooth journey to the other side. Indeed, we can only agree with Job in the Bible, as when faced with such a situation he said,

"The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away" and "In His hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind".

'Barimaba Adjei Mensah', your memory will always be with us especially whenever we host our dinner dance.

On behalf of your family and friends, we thank you. We thank you for sharing your life with us, albeit short. We thank you for filling our hearts with laughter and for leaving us with nothing but beautiful memories of our time with you.

BARIMA BA DAMMIRIFA DUE!!!!!!!
ADJEI MENSAB DAMMIRIFA DUE!!!!!!!!!!!
DAMMIRIFA DUE !!!!!!!
DUE NE AMANEHUNU !!!!!!!!!!!!!