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## FirstBank Ghana awards JIP essay winners

From Benjamin Xornam Glover, TEMA

**A** former student of the First Star Academy, Tema in the Greater Accra Region, Keziah Adwoa Ohenewaa Siaw-Wolfensohn has been adjudged winner of an essay contest organised for children who participated in the FirstBank Ghana Junior Internship Programme (JIP) this year.

Phebe Anna MacWilliams, a student of the Holy Child Senior High School, Cape Coast in the Central Region, placed second while Manuella Zoe Naa Dedei Aryeetey of Legacy Girls' College at Akuse in the Eastern Region took the third position.

Keziah was given

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**Business Matters**

**Dangers of making quick and easy money**

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### Experiment on water filtration

• Grade Four pupils of the Unique Child International School, Teshie in Accra, watching Mr David Anum-Hagin, Science teacher, as he conducts an experiment on water filtration at the Science laboratory. Picture: ESTHER ADJORKOR ADJEI



# GUM government to create 'The New Ghana'

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**T**he Ghana Union Movement (GUM) manifesto for this year's general election is to revisit the policies of Ghana's first President, Dr Kwame Nkrumah.

The flagbearer of GUM is Reverend Christian Kwabena Andrews.

Dubbed "The New Ghana," the 28-page manifesto focuses more on industrialisation, technical education, agriculture, job creation, accountable governance and welfare initiatives.

Here are highlights of the manifesto.

## Education.

- The GUM government will review the current educational system to centre on Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) as a means to produce the human resource for the country's sustainable development.
- Exercise books, pens, pencils and mathematical sets will be supplied to students free of charge.
- Introduce teaching in the local languages of that locality for proper understanding of the schoolchildren.

- Free Senior High School will include private schools and children will use state buses to and from school for free.

- Tertiary students will be given an allowance and also access to loans to help them.

## Health

- The health of the citizenry is a key factor in national development. As a result of this, the GUM government will;

- Provide free medical care from infancy to age 18 and people from 70 years and above. Physically challenged persons will also access free medical care.
- Special foods will be supplied free of charge to all children who will be admitted to health facilities.
- Build a teaching hospital in every region.
- Establish herbal medicine units in all health facilities, and health workers will be given education on herbs.

## Industrialisation.

- The GUM government will operate a duty-free port to facilitate



• **Reverend Christian Kwabena Andrews — Presidential candidate, GUM**

trade for the local business community.

- Ensure that power is free for local businesses while expatriates will pay the appropriate rates for the power they consumed.

## Galamsey

Ghana is blessed with abundant natural resources, including gold, diamond, bauxite and manganese. However, those resources, according to the GUM manifesto, had been poorly managed by successive leaders.

When given the mandate, GUM will take bold steps to streamline the activities of the small-scale mining sector and give opportunities to all people to mine sustainably.

## Welfare

- Provide monthly allowances for all persons who retire at age 60 to make life easier for them.
- A lifeline would be given to prisoners to be reunited with their families.
- Prisoners, except those who committed murder, will be released and made to do community service for six months under supervision, after which they will be supported to start life afresh.
- The GUM government will prioritise community service over custodial sentences for convicts.



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# Pedestrians must use footbridges to stay safe

**D**ear Editor, I have observed with grave concern the attitude of most pedestrians who refuse to make good use of the footbridges that have been constructed.

Instead, they have rather created spaces in between the concrete walls on the medians to cross the roads.

This act is very dangerous because such pedestrians can easily be knocked down by oncoming

vehicles.

The footbridges have specifically been constructed to ensure that pedestrians can cross the road to the other side safely but unfortunately, some pedestrians have abandoned them, putting their lives at risk.

I have seen mothers with babies at their backs trying to cross the roads through the spaces between the walls.

I wish to encourage all

pedestrians to use the footbridges to ensure their safety.

At places where there are no footbridges, they must be very careful while crossing the road.

The police who are deployed at strategic locations on our roads must ensure that pedestrians use the footbridges to keep them safe and prevent accidents.

Joycelyn Appiah, Accra.



• Pedestrians must make good use of footbridges to ensure their safety.