

# Upgrade skills to meet opportunities

— Juliet Asante to film stakeholders

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**I**N the past few weeks, the movie industry in Ghana and the nation at large has been projected in a positive light globally with the announcement that the sequel to *American*

comedy film, *Girls Trip*, starring Regina Hall, Queen Latifah, Jada Pinkett-Smith, and Tiffany Haddish will be shot here.

The news, in addition to the revelation by British actor, Idris Elba, to construct a film studio

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## EDITORIAL

# Let's upgrade our skills

IN the past few weeks, the local movie industry has received some good news and has been projected in a positive light globally.

This is because there has been an announcement that the sequel to American comedy film *Girls Trip* will be shot here while it has also been revealed that British actor Idris Elba is set to construct a film studio in Ghana.

In today's edition of the Graphic Showbiz, the CEO of the National Film Authority, Juliet Yaa Asantewaa Asante, is entreating players in the industry to adequately prepare themselves for the upcoming opportunities.

Both projects will demand local expertise for which reason every player in the sector has the responsibility to improve their skill set in preparedness for the

upcoming opportunities.

This call does not only go to actors but crew and everyone in the value chain as well since they will all be needed to make both operations fruitful. If these foreigners or investors are not satisfied with the output from Ghana, chances are they will not come back here or they will bring their own cast and crew, among others, next time around.

If, however, we give a good account of ourselves, word will go round on how Ghana is endowed with talented actors and actresses, technical expertise, and this will bring in other investors.

It will also bring about gainful employment to players in the movie industry and this will go a long way to contribute to the socio-economic development of the country.

According to Ms Asante, the Cinema Development Agenda, alongside many other fruitful projects that the Authority worked on behind the scenes, created the fertile ground for Ghana to be selected as the preferred destination for the likes of Idris Elba and the production crew of *Girls Trip*.

Apparently, the National Film Authority has been working very hard over the past three years for which reason these projects have come to us. This is no doubt great news for Ghana and will put the country in the spotlight on the international scene.

We applaud the National Film Authority for a job well done and urge all industry players whose skills will be needed to adequately prepare for the upcoming projects.

# Reggie Rockstone

**H**IPLIFE Grandpapa Reggie Rockstone has added his voice to the negativity on social media especially where young people insult the elderly all in the name of social media.

Reggie is appalled by the practice and has

called on young people to be respectful and circumspect in their dealings on social media.

I believe Reggie's call is a step in the right direction because it is long overdue. Young people should be more responsible and not misbehave on social media.

A lot of ugly stuff has been

happening on social media especially among some of our celebrities so perhaps the call should also go to them as well.

Thanks so much Reggie Rockstone for reaching out, hope your call doesn't fall on deaf ears.

*Kwame Kariakari,  
Akosombo*



## Stacy

**M**EDIA personality Stacy Amoateng has indeed paid her dues in the media space over the past two decades and counting.

She has hosted high profile shows like *Music Music* and hosted her own show *Restoration With Stacy* for more than a decade.

I would like to congratulate her and urge her on to keep on keeping on because the journey has just begun for her.

Stacy celebrated her birthday last week and I would like to use this opportunity to wish her many more fruitful years ahead.

Go for gold, Stacy. Beyond the skies is the limit.

*Clarissa Essuman,  
Subim*

## Becca

**B**ECCA is one of the best things ever to have happened to the local music industry. She has produced hit songs and performed across the country and other parts of the

world.

A couple of years ago, rumours had it that she had quit music or she was not going to record new songs.

True to her word, she has stayed away from the music scene, not releasing and not performing

anywhere. A bird

whispered to me that she runs a spa somewhere around East Legon so it is obvious she has found other interests aside music which can easily pass as her first love.

I also know that Becca did some acting along the way but all that seems to belong to the past now.

I wish her the very best in all her endeavours and with whatever she is doing now. May she soar in every area that she finds herself.

*Charlotte Adade,  
Teshie Nungua Estates*

