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Fire prevention at GRIDCo's Substations and Safety Training was the focus of discussions when a delegation from GRIDCo led by the Chief Executive, Ing. Ebenezer Essienyi engaged the Chief Fire Officer and Management of the Ghana Fire Service (GNFS) on Thursday 16th February, 2023.

One of GRIDCo's Core Values is Safety; for staff and the protection of GRIDCo's 68 Substations and other assets nationwide. So the discussions with the GNFS reflected upon diverse ways to best protect the assets from fire. The GNFS emphasised the need to undertake a risk assessment for GRIDCo's facilities. Based on the report, the GNFS will then advise on the best

strategy to adopt to protect the substations from fire.

At the meeting, GRIDCo and the GNFS agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to govern how the proposed joint collaboration which includes Safety Training will be executed.

Of critical mention is GRIDCo's work with the forestry commission to create a green belt along GRIDCo's Right of Way (or where the transmission lines are located) to protect them from encroachment and other risks. The GNFS suggested the creation of a "brown belt" alongside the "green belt" to ensure it does not become a fire hazard for the assets (as branches and leaves scattered around the green belt can function as fuel for fire).



The CEO of GRIDCO, Ing. Ebenezer Kofi Essienyi, thanked the Service for the audience and reception offered him and his Team. The entourage also included Ing. Bernard Gyan, Director-Technical Services; Mr. Samuel Kow Acquah, Manager Strategy Risk and Compliance, and Ing., Wofa Kojo Kwarteng, Special Assistant to the Chief Executive.



Present at the meeting on behalf of the Service were ACFO II George Wiafe, Deputy Director - Fire Safety Education; DO I David Sam Afful, Assistant Director Investigations; DO I Michael Ato Korsah, Deputy Director - Fire Certification; DO II Ernest Ampene of Investigation Directorate; DO III Husbert Atobra Nyame-Boame of the Safety Directorate and DO III Ackah Desmond, Deputy National Public Relations Officer.





GRIDCo CE Presents at State of the Agencies Press Conference

Under the auspices of the States Interests and Governance Authority, The Ghana Grid Company (GRIDCo) recently took its turn at the State of the Agencies report at the Ministry of Information.

Chief Executive, Ing. Ebenezer Essienyi's presentation focused on "The State of the National Grid". He also shared additional information on GRIDCo's operational performance, Project updates such as the \$60m EBID, \$116m KfW projects.



The presentation also shared light on some of the challenging aspects of GRIDCo's business, such as Right of Way obstructions, the impact of galamsey operators, who dig around the towers and also steal steel members, as well as over grown vegetation along the lines.

The media, who were in attendance, asked questions about the GHC2.7 billion legacy debt owed GRIDCo, and how this impacts the Company. Ing. Essienyi explained that the government is making efforts to address the debt overhang, while a system is in place to facilitate current payment.



In attendance were the Deputy Information Minister, Hon. Fatima Abubakar, together with other officials from the Ministry of Information and its Press Corps, as well as the GRIDCo Management Team and some staff at the Monday 12th February briefing.



GRIDCo-Hitachi SCADA Upgrade Meeting



Work will soon commence on the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Upgrade Project with contractors Hitachi Energy.

This aspect of the SCADA works seeks to upgrade to the latest version, the Network Manager System (NMS) application and servers currently in use. Up-scaling to the latest version will increase the resilience and protection of the system from potentially

harmful viruses, spyware and other malicious software.

The upgrade also aims to increase the licensed capacities NMS in terms, such as the number of communication lines; number of thin-client users; number of data points (measurands, alarms, indications etc.), applications and other functionalities of the existing SCADA NMS.



Also included in the upgrade is the replacement of the video wall at the System Control Centre and the establishment of a Back Up Control Centre to ensure security of electricity supply across the National Interconnected Transmission System (NITS) in the event of an emergency that makes it impossible to control the power system from the main Control

Centre.

The kick-off meeting, held on Friday 3rd February 2023 was led by Ing. Frank Otchere, Director of System Operations and Ing. Nicholina Yembilah, Director of Procurement with other team members in attendance.



Board Chairman Leads Board, CE & Management pay courtesy visit on Okyehene



The Okyehene, Osagyefuo Amoatia Ofori Panyin has charged the Board and Management of GRIDCo to continue working hard to contribute to the development of Ghana.

The Okyehene, who is passionate about development and the country, made the comment during a courtesy

call paid on him by a delegation of the Board and Management, led by Amb. Kabral Blay Amihere, Board Chairman.

Board Chairman Amb. Blay-Amihere explained the nature of GRIDCo's work to Osagyefuo Ofori Panin, the Council of Elders of Ofori Panin Fie and his



Okyeame , noting that it involves managing its high voltage towers, supplying electricity via its Tafo substation to ECG, which in turn supplies individual homes. An elder raised concern about power stability issues in their area. In his response, Chief Executive Ing. Essienyi said, he had noted the concerns raised. He informed Osagyefuo and his elders that, there will be other projects that will pass through the Eastern Region, which will improve power supply stability

and reliability.

Osagyefuo Amoatia Ofori Panin emphasised the need to promote the learning of Maths and Science saying, “We need to have a system where we train people to come to be fine scientists and engineers so that we can provide services to the citizens of this country”.



Osagyefuo Amoatia Ofori Panin is the 35th Paramount Chief of Akyem Abuakwa, also called Okyeman in the Eastern Region of Ghana. Osagyefuo Amoatia Ofori Panin has been Okyehene for 20 years ,having been enstooled on 4th October, 1999).





Peak Load Information

- i. Highest Peak Load for week, Sunday 05/02/2023 to Saturday 11/02/2023.
 - 3,466MW recorded at 21:08HR on Thursday 09/02/2023
- ii. Highest Peak Load to Date:
 - 3,558MW recorded at 21:12HR on Thursday 26/01/2023

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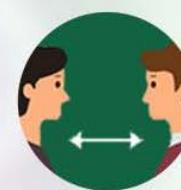
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**Wash And
Sanitize Hands
Regularly**



**Wear A Mask
In Public
Places**



**Practice Social
Distancing**



**Avoid
Overcrowded
Places**



**Get
Vaccinated**



**See A Doctor
When You
Feel Sick**

Your Health and Life is Important

Stay Safe !!!



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Courtesy Call on Okyehene

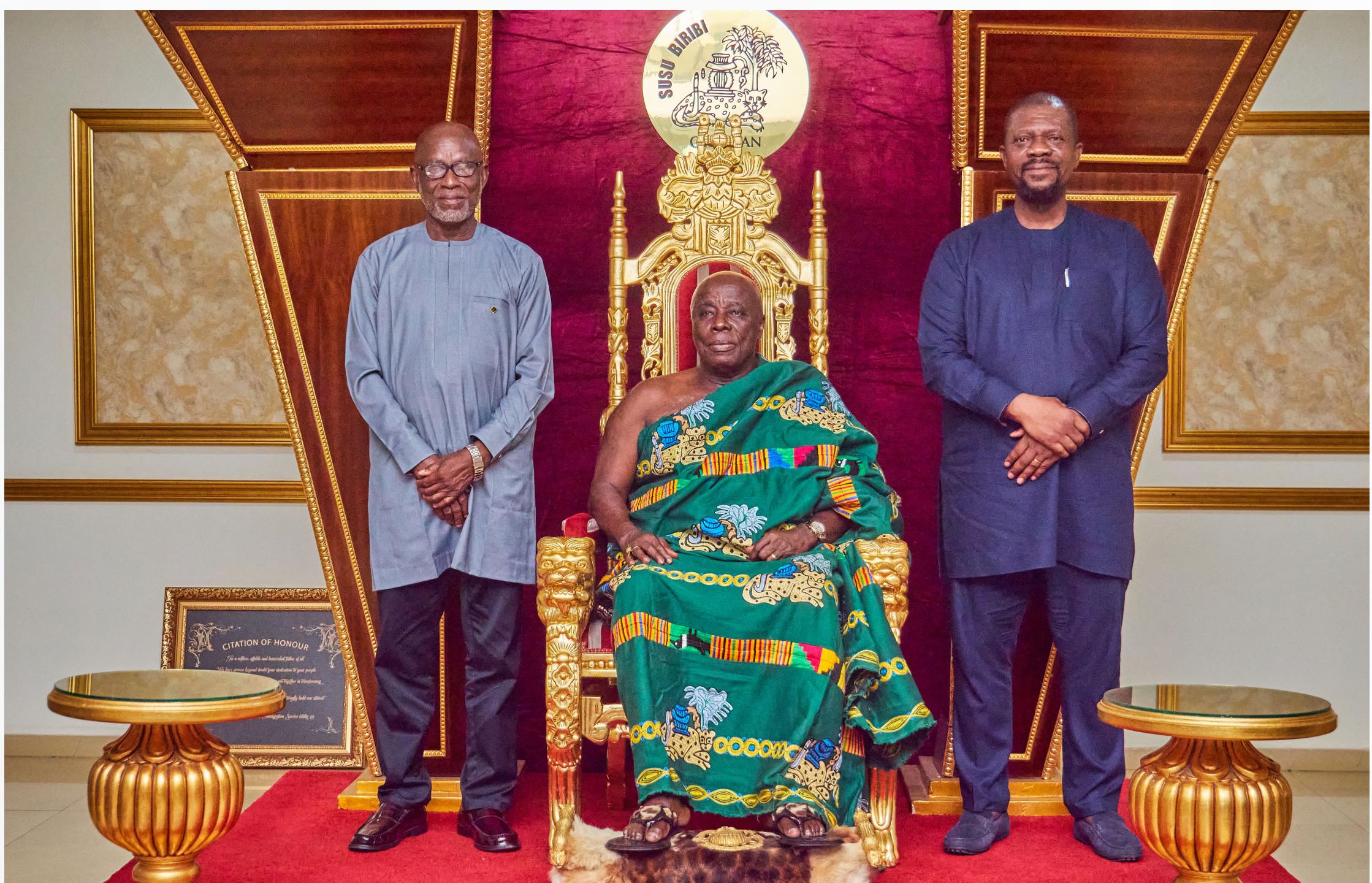
















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