

# Ghana Wins 3<sup>rd</sup> Sub-Regional ASPnet Choral Competition

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The Sub-regional competition lies within the framework of the 2001-2010 International Decade for the promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence to the benefit of the world. The messages conveyed by the songs related to the aim of the competition which is to reinforce cooperation, intercultural dialogue, brotherhood, international understanding and friendship among students between the ages of 15 to 21 in the West African sub-region.

**G**hana, represented by Crown Prince Academy, placed first in the third edition of the Sub-Regional UNESCO Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet) Competition. The competition was organized by the Togo National Commission for UNESCO. The UNESCO ASPnet schools invited to participate in the competition were in Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Nigeria, and Togo. Burkina-Faso was not able to turn-up.

Ghana was represented by 15 pupils from Crown Prince Academy, a choirmaster and the National ASPnet Coordinator who is a member of staff of the National Commission for UNESCO. The Proprietress of the school led a further 39 member supporters, 8 of whom were teachers to observe the event.

This is the second time Ghana has placed first in the close contest. Ghana, represented by the Armed Forces

Basic School placed first in the maiden edition in 2005 and placed third in the 2007 when St. Johns Preparatory and JHS competed in the second edition.

Unlike other countries in the sub-region who have their ASPnet Schools in the Senior Secondary Schools, Ghana has its UNESCO ASPnet Schools at the basic Level. This notwithstanding, the choristers were able to compete with their friends drawn from second cycle Schools in the sub-region and brought home the Grand Trophy presented by the Honourable Minister for Higher Education and Chairman of the Togo National Commission for UNESCO.

The choristers, back home, were given the honour to meet the Honourable Minister for Education and Chairman of the Ghana National Commission for UNESCO, Hon. Mr. Alex Tettey-Enyo during the 34/2 meeting of the National Commission. ■