BRIEF PROFILE ANTHONY (TONY) OTENG-GYASI

For his bachelor's degree, **Tony Oteng-Gyasi** majored in Economics at the University of Ghana, in 1975.

After one year of National Service with the Research Department of the Bank of Ghana, (1975 to 1976), he joined the Ghanaian Operations of British Petroleum (BP). During his time at BP, he obtained his Diploma in Marketing from the Chartered Institute of Marketing, United Kingdom (UK). He spent nine (9) years working with BP Ghana and attended various overseas courses.

In 1986, his entrepreneurship instincts led to his resignation from BP. He set up his first Company, Tropical Products Limited, which he nurtured to become a successful trading and manufacturing firm. It became the largest manufacturer of industrial wood products in Ghana. He served two terms as the Vice-President of the Ghana Furniture Producers Association.

He entered the Law Faculty of the University of Ghana in 1986, after which he obtained the Qualifying Certificate in Law and was called to the Ghana Bar in 1989, following another two years at the Ghana Law School.

In 1997, he set up the Cable Manufacturing Company, called Tropical Cable and Conductor Limited. The modern factory in Tema is the first wholly Ghanaian-owned Cable Manufacturing Company in Ghana. The Company manufactures electric and telecommunications cables and is the first cable manufacturer in Ghana to obtain ISO 9001 Certification.

In 2007, he set up the only continuous casting and rolling factory to produce EC Grade Aluminum Rods in West Africa. The company, Western Rod & Wire Ltd. has become a source of raw material for aluminum conductor manufacturers in the region.

Tony Oteng-Gyasi won the year 2000 Empretec Star Award for Entrepreneurial achievement. In 2001, his Company Tropical Cable & Conductor Ltd was adjudged the fastest-growing Empretec Client Company. In the same period, the Company was shortlisted for the Award for Sustainable Development by World Aware Institute, the prestigious United Kingdom Charity with Her Majesty the Queen as a patron.

During Indutech 2005 (Industrial and Technology Fair), he was given an award for his outstanding personality in the electrical sector. He was selected in that same year as Marketing Man of the Year by the Chartered Institute of Marketing.

In 2018 he was adjudged the Manufacturing CEO of the Year by the Association of Ghana Industries.

Tony Oteng-Gyasi has served two terms on the Council of the Ghana Stock Exchange and has also been a member of the Council of the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA).

He is a past Chairman of the Governing Council of the University of Ghana Legon.

Tony served two terms as the elected President of the Association of Ghana Industries.

He has chaired and sat on several other boards. He sits on the Advisory Board of the Ministry of Finance & Economic Planning. He is the Board Chairman for both Tropical Cable and Conductor Limited and Western Rod & Wire Limited. An Honorary fellow of the Ghana Institution of Engineers he also is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Marketing Ghana and a past member of the Board of Directors of Zenith Bank.

The Republic of Ghana has conferred high National Honours on him twice as an Officer and a member of the Order of the Volta.

In 2022, he has been awarded a Papal Knighthood (Order of St. Gregory), by Pope Francis.

Married with five children, Tony Oteng-Gyasi is a keen squash player and reads voraciously.