

# **REPORT ON KKOTDGONGNAE VOLUNTARY PROGRAM HELD ON SATURDAY, 20TH MAY 2023 AT KKOTDONGNAE, SEOUL**

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this report is to provide a detailed account of the voluntary program organized by the Kkotdongnae Catholic parish in Seoul, South Korea, on Saturday, 20th May 2023. The program aimed to serve the marginalized and disadvantaged members of society, with a particular focus on the elderly.

## **II. BACKGROUND**

Kkotdongnae is a well-known Catholic community associated with the Kkottongnae Brothers and Sisters of Jesus, a religious order founded by Father John Oh Woong-jin. The community has gained recognition for its charitable and social welfare activities, including running programs such as orphanages, homes for the elderly, rehabilitation centers, and shelters for the homeless.

## **III. PARTICIPATION AND VENUE**

This year, some GHASKA members from Seoul volunteered to participate in the program which comprises of five (5) students and two (2) representatives from the Ghanaian Embassy, were invited through the Ghana Embassy to participate in the program. The event took place at the Kkotdongnae premises.

## **IV. PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

The voluntary program was divided into two major sessions: the Opening Ceremony, Cultural Display, and Lunch Break.

## **V. ACTIVITIES**

- *Feeding of Vulnerable Groups*: The primary activity focused on providing meals to the elderly, who were identified as the less privileged and vulnerable members of society. The participants actively engaged in serving and ensuring that everyone was adequately nourished.

- *Assisting Elderly Groups:* In addition to providing meals, the volunteers assisted the elderly in wearing protective clothing, ensuring their comfort and well-being.
- *Presentation of Appreciation Letter:* A heartfelt appreciation letter was presented to the Head of Mission, who had made a generous donation of winter clothing to the GHASKA community during the 2022 End of Year Party. The gesture was acknowledged and celebrated as a valuable contribution to the community.

## VI. CONCLUSION

The Kkotdongnae voluntary program was held on Saturday, 20th May 2023, at the Kkotdongnae premises was a resounding success. The volunteers, including GHASKA members, actively engaged in activities aimed at serving the less privileged and vulnerable elderly population. Through their charitable initiatives, the Kkotdongnae community, under the leadership of Father John Oh Woong-jin, made a positive impact on the lives of those in need. The event served as a testament to the community's commitment to social welfare and its dedication to making a difference in society.



*Seoul Region Representative who volunteered*



*Cross-section of GHASKA members*





*Appreciation letter from GHASKA for Winter Clothing donated*



*Representative from the Ghana Embassy in Korea*



On behalf of GHASKA President, William Ebo Ansah a member read the appreciation letter



Feeding the less privileged and vulnerable in society on the premises



## APPENDIX

### Appreciation letter from the Ghana Embassy for the collaboration with GHASKA

To GHASKA members

I would like to sincerely express my heartfelt appreciation for your outstanding participation and unwavering effort during today's KKOTDONGNAE voluntary program.

First and foremost, I am immensely impressed by your commitment to making a positive impact within their community as representatives of Ghanaian culture.

Furthermore, I want to personally extend my gratitude about working with GHASKA. Your enthusiasm, positive attitude, and willingness to go above and beyond have truly left an indelible mark on this event.

Looking ahead, I hope that we can support to incorporate a traditional Ghanaian performance into their program for next year, as it would be a unique and enriching showcase for attendees who have not experienced foreign cultures.

Once again, thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Best regards

Esi Han/ Coordinator

