

On behalf of the World Lebanese Cultural Union, we welcome you all with open hearts to this glorious occasion where we are commemorating the positive Ghanaian Lebanese interaction which has existed for over a century.

By unveiling this setup of statues, we are representing the Lebanese emigrant and his Ghanaian brother who shared the shiny and rainy days while facing together the obligations due by them towards the development of this great nation.

The World Lebanese Cultural Union is an independent, non-political and non-religious worldwide organization aiming at consolidating and sustaining the cooperation and happy relations existing between the Lebanese immigrant and those of Lebanese origin with the hosting countries and its people in particular and Lebanon with the Lebanese immigrants all over the world in general. The organization is the official representative of all Lebanese immigrants in the world.

By today's commemoration we are confirming that the Lebanese and their descendants have become part and parcel of this country and bear all responsibilities attached to it in order to maintain its progress.

The Lebanese involve themselves in all aspects of Ghanaian life whether commercial, industrial, constructional, educational, medical, or cultural, confirming by that their total commitment to the national life of this country in line with the obligations and aims of the World Lebanese Cultural Union.

We are honored today by the presence of the government officials of both countries Ghana and Lebanon as well as members of the cultural setup of honorable chiefs and members of various social and cultural organizations.

We render our sincere thanks to the government and people of Ghana for hosting our citizens and their descendants who are enjoying that Ghanaian hospitality and citizenship and hope that continuous cooperation and understanding will prevail.

Not to forget the Ghanaian army participation and sacrifice in UNIFIL and its contribution towards the peace and security to our people in the south.

The presence with us today of General Erskine the former commander in chief of UNIFIL is greatly appreciated.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are very much grateful for your presence and for sharing with us this function and wish the government and people of Ghana continuous success locally and international.

Long live Ghana, long live Lebanon, and long live Ghana-Lebanon cooperation.

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