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SUSPENSION OF HIGH-RISK SHIPS, PORT TOURS AND ACADEMIC INTERNSHIP DUE TO COVID-19

PRESS RELEASE:

Following the declaration of COVID-19 as a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO) and Ghana recording seven (7) positive cases as of March 17, 2020, the Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority has taken the rare but critical decision to suspend all Port tours by schools and organizations with immediate effect.

In addition to this, the Port Authority is liaising with shipping agents to identify all high-risk vessels that may be coming into the country for the necessary precautionary action to be taken. Already, the Authority, in consultation with agents of cruise vessels has advised the postponement of all cruise ships scheduled to take berth at the Ports of Tema and Takoradi respectively and assures the general public that all other high risk vessels will be treated with the same urgency.

The Port Authority would also like to take this opportunity to inform all prospective students who wish to undertake their internship with the Port Authority that, this window is suspended until further notice and advises students to avoid coming to the offices seeking such opportunities for health and safety reasons.

Again, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, visits to patients admitted to our Health facilities in Tema and Takoradi will be strictly regulated and urge family members and loved ones to bear with the medical teams while they do their utmost best to care diligently for the patients under their care.

We wish to assure the public that there is no immediate threat to the Port community but this action has been taken out of abundance of caution and part of our collective effort as a nation to beat the virus and safeguard the health of our stakeholders and the general public.

Meanwhile the Port Authority will continue with its sensitization exercise of Port users and all stakeholders and wish to encourage each and every one to follow the precautionary measures as outlined in our sensitization exercise by officials of Port Health, GPHA Medical Team and Marketing and Corporate Affairs Department.

We urge the public to be rest assured that we will resume all port tours and other public-spirited assignments as and when conditions are favourable.

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