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# Alan Kyerematen: a long Serving Patriot

The New Patriotic Party has had its fair share of ups and downs, satisfaction and disappointment, glory and shame, joy and pain. After the ban on political parties was lifted as the country was preparing to go back to democracy and establish the Fourth Republic, like-minded people who shared the same political philosophy gathered to form political parties. Jerry John Rawlings, the military ruler of Ghana at the time founded the National Democratic Congress, some Nkrumaists founded the People's National Convention, others formed the National Convention Party while those who shared the same liberal economic principles as J. B. Danquah and K.A. Busia reunited (having been split into the United National Convention and the Popular Front Party in the 1979 elections) to form the New Patriotic Party.

It must be pointed out that forming a party to compete with Jerry Rawlings' NDC was not a task for faint-hearted men. Many

people who were members of some of the antecedents of the NPP joined Rawlings' NDC. Perhaps, joining the party founded by the most powerful man in the country was the easier option. In spite of that, there were brave men who chose to stand up to Jerry Rawlings and speak truth to power. Some of these bold men are : Professor Albert Adu Boahen, Peter Ala Adjetey, Bernard Jao Da Rocha, John Agyekum Kuffuor, Nana Addo Danquah Akufo-Addo and Alan John Kyerematen.

Today, the NPP is the largest political party in the Republic of Ghana. By some distance, it is the most attractive party in Ghana. The party did not achieve that feat overnight. The men and women whose blood, sweat, tears and money contributed immensely to the making of the NPP and to the successes that the party enjoys today must be idolized. It is in this regard that I shine the spotlight on Alan John Kyerematen.

becoming its founding Chief Executive at the age of 35 in 1990. As a result of his vast experience in management and entrepreneurial leadership, Alan Kyerematen became the chairman of the Young Executive Forum of the New Patriotic Party, a position he occupied for nine years. The Young Executive Forum was formed by highly successful young men who had achieved huge successes in their private lives. This powerful group of young executives used their power and influence to entice other successful businessmen to join the NPP and provide financial support to enhance the development of the NPP. It is therefore not surprising that Alan Kyerematen, Peter Mac-Manu, Albert Kan Dapaah and other founding members of the Young Executive Forum of the NPP continue to inspire the youth in the party to give their all to the party as we try to consolidate our gains.

Again, Alan Kyerematen's exceptional leadership qualities ensured that he served on the National Executive Committee of the NPP for over a decade, serving under legendary National Chairmen B. J. DaRocha and Peter Ala Adjetey. During this period, he also served on the Economic Management Team and Finance Committee of the party to bring his renowned financial expertise on board as the party sought to wrestle power from Jerry Rawlings' NDC.

In fact, one of Alan Kyerematen's most outstanding contributions to the NPP was his serving on the NPP's negotiating team for the Great Alliance between the NPP and the National Convention Party prior to the 1996 elections. The effect of the Great Alliance on the growth of the NPP was evident in the party's

performance in the 1996 elections. J. A. Kuffuor, the leader of the NPP got an impressive 39.7% of the votes. Impressive; because in 1992, the NPP got less than 35% of the votes. From humble beginnings, the NPP had made a giant stride towards capturing power. Winning the hearts of Ghanaians through alliances proved to be vital in the 2000 elections when J. A. Kuffuor got the crucial support of the CPP and other parties in the run-off. Kudos to Alan Kyerematen and the others whose smart negotiating skills made these alliances possible and by extension made the party's first electoral victory in the year 2000 possible.

Alan Kyerematen's competence, character and commitment to the the NPP earned him the appointment as Ghana's Ambassador to the United States of America in 2001. While he was away, Alan never lost touch with the party. Indeed, he supported NPP USA in various ways and till date, members of the NPP USA branch remember fondly his contributions to that branch.

In 2003, President Kuffuor appointed Alan Kyerematen to take charge of the Trade Ministry. Alan continued to serve the NPP in various ways and in 2007 when the party was looking for a new leader, a very significant section of the party saw him as the man to take over as the leader of the party. In that year's NPP primaries, Alan Kyerematen pulled 32.3% of the votes. As no candidate secured, the required 50% + 1 vote, a run-off, a run-off was, therefore, on the cards. For the sake of the party's unity and having been told that his time will surely come, Alan Kyerematen rejected the chance of contesting in the run-off and threw his support behind Nana Akufo-Addo.



Alan Kyerematen was a highly successful young man at the time the NPP was founded. He had been a junior executive at a subsidiary of Unilever International in Ghana at the age of 22 and had also worked with the United Nations to establish EMPRETEC Ghana,

Results at a glance	
1 Nana Akufo-Addo (1,095 votes)	9 Prof. Shikwasa Osei (23 votes)
2 Alan Kyerematen (728 votes)	10 Obetsebi-Lamprey (22 votes)
3 Alhaji Ali Mahama (146 votes)	11 Konadu Agyaraku (19 votes)
4 Yaw Osafo-Mafo (83 votes)	12 Frimpong Boateng (12 votes)
5 Dan Bawa (52 votes)	13 Bookyie Agyemang (10 votes)
6 Osei Ankomah (34 votes)	14 Kwabena Agyemang (9 votes)
7 Owusu Agyeman (28 votes)	15 Owusu-Adjapong (6 votes)
8 Addo-Kuffuor (22 votes)	16 Adjetey-Barwah (6 votes)
	17 Dr Arthur Kennedy (1 vote)



## *Alan Kyerematen: a long Serving Patriot Contd....*

In view of Alan Kyerematen's significant dedication to the NPP from its founding till date and his loyalty to President Akufo-Addo, he has once again been appointed Minister for Trade and Industry. In fact, Alan Kyerematen was the first to be named minister after Nana Addo was sworn in on 7th January, 2021.

To conclude, Alan Kyerematen has served the New Patriotic Party very well as a founding member, as a chairman of the Young Executives Forum, as a member of the NPP's negotiating team for the Great Alliance, as Ambassador to the USA, as a Trade Minister, as a

member of the National Executives Committee, as a member of the Economic Management Team of the party, as a member of the Finance Committee of the party and in many other roles that cannot be fully listed here. His experience, character, and competence has helped the party greatly in so many ways. Join me as I doff my hat to celebrate an inspiring long-serving Patriot, Alan John Kyerematen.



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## *Asante Akyem Youth Appreciates John Alan Kyrematen*

The people of Asante Akyem Central express deep appreciation to Chief Alan John Kwadwo Kyerematen for giving the District Steel Factory and Cassava Processing Factory under the auspices of Ministry of Trade and Industry which will provide Jobs and cash for not less than 5,000 people in the District! The people are so happy and can't keep calm on social media.

Below is a note of appreciation penned on social media by a resident of the District.

"Thank you for giving Asante Akyem Central, Business resource center, steel factory and cassava processing factory. we appreciate. The two factories is set to provide 5000 direct and indirect jobs in Asante Akyem Similar projects will be in your constituency soon. The man to end our unemployment permanently

Jobs Jobs Jobs Jobs

My Alan, Your Alan, Our Alan

People of Asante Akyem Central.

## *Asante Akyem Youth Appreciates John Alan Kyrematen*



**Business Center**



**Cassava Factory**



**Rider Iron & Steel Ghana Ltd**

Sir Alan John Kwadwo Kyerematen , the people of Asante Akyem are extremely grateful, May God guide and protect you for the future! The industrious Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo and Ghana are Proud of you !

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# Alan's Vetting on 25th Feb. 2021

## What to expect

Mr. Alan Kwadwo Kyerematen, the Minister-Designate for Trade and Industry made a number of pronouncements at his last ministerial vetting in January 2017.

Without mincing words, he gave deeper insights on the "TRANSFORMATIONAL AGENDA" which the government was going to embark on.

This was garnished with the promotion of "made in Ghana Goods" as the center pivot of the agenda thereafter. Among other things he said that, his focus was on job creation, thus the "INDUSTRIAL TRANSFORMATION AGENDA".

This, he said would be achieved by focusing on five main thematic areas.

That is:

1. Enhancing the competitiveness of "Existing Local Industries".
2. "One District, One factory", that estimatedly was going to create massive employment all over the country by visionary projections.
3. Add value to our "natural resource base".
4. Identify potential strategic "export commodities".
5. Identify import substitution products to enhance our foreign exchange.

He noted that government was then committed to working with the private sector to realize its vision of the "One District, One Factory" programme; and that there were a lot of good will from the private sector towards this particular programme.

His vetting brought to light, as the First Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joe Osei Owusu) said, that "The Transformation Agenda is heavily dependent on what your ministry is set to do" this means that the agenda to transform the Ghanaian economy has largely been underpinned on the hardwork of Hon. Alan Kyerematen and the competent team of people who assists his abilities to get the job done at the Trade Ministry.

Four years on, Hon Alan Kyerematen has been retained as Trade Minister and it would be indeed great at his vetting as he shares with the Vetting Committee of Parliament and for that matter

Ghanaians, the steps, taken by his ministry to achieve the promises he made before and what new things to be expected this time round.

One thing we cannot ignore about Alan's submissions, is the logical coherent manner with which he articulates his carefully crafted thoughts, thinking on his feet, as though he were reading a manual. Another promise that Mr. Kyerematen made at his last vetting was how he was going to work with the finance ministry to ensure that the EXIM bank lives up to its mandate of supporting the private sector.

It is believed that, this exercise has seen the light of day and the EXIM bank has as a matter of fact supported many businesses in Ghana to thrive than their beginning.

We however expect to hear details of how the government of Ghana has worked hand in hand with the EXIM bank to provide funding and technical support to many Ghanaian businesses.

Furtherance to the earlier submissions, he spoke about how he was going to bring to life, the president's vision, to reduce the levies at the port, cut some ancillary taxes and beat interest rates down.

Now, as he comes to meet Ghanaians again, we are optimistic as it were and has always been in his political space, anticipating his succinct details on how he's going to align his transformational agenda to a more tangible policies and the modus for manifestation.

We cannot go without mentioning the recent trade agreement between Ghana and United Kingdom which was sealed by the man ALAN.

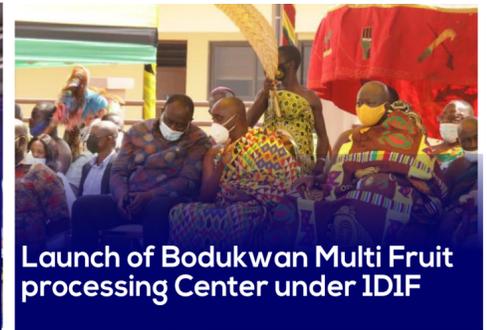


Even though, many have read excerpts about how beneficial this would be for both Ghana and the UK, this vetting provides a platform for the man himself to tell Ghana what exactly we stand to gain from this agreement and recommended ways to position ourselves as a people or a nation to benefit from this agreement.

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Election 2020  
Engagement with traders at  
Kaneshie



Launch of Bodukwan Multi Fruit  
processing Center under IDIF



Election 2020  
Bantama Constituency Health Walk



AfCFTA Trading Launch



At Okyehene's Birthday



Launch of Bodukwan Multi Fruit  
processing Center under IDIF



Launch of Nissan Vehicle  
Assembly Plant



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