

# Stay away from sports betting

## • Dr Adutwum to students

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**T**HE Minister of Education, Dr Yaw Osei Adutwum, has charged students across the country to stay away from betting and rather concentrate on their studies.

He said engaging in betting would not inure to their benefit as it would make them addictive, among other things, thereby preventing them from what they wanted to become in future.

"It is going to consume your time, it would consume your emotions, your mind and everything would be taken away

from you. You would not be the kind of person God created you to be because betting has a way of destroying you," he said.

### Lecture

Dr Adutwum said that at the Ninth Baraka Policy Institute Public Lectures in Accra. The event, which was attended by members of the public and students, was on the theme: "Towards Achieving the SDGs on Education: Tackling Social - Economic Forces Against Progress in Ghana".

He said students should not fall for things that they thought would make them rich quickly, adding that education was what would make them rich.

Dr Adutwum said the

government was doing a lot in the area of education to prepare Ghanaian children for the 21st Century.

"That is why I believe we need to reform and fine our education system to make it respond to the needs of the 21st Century. The needs of 21st Century Ghana is the place we are able to create a more robust middle class, create an education system that through innovation solve problems," he said.

### Better days

The Minister of Education said the better days of the country were ahead of Ghanaians, and building on the legacy of other governments would create a more robust and better education system that would change the socio-

economic fortunes of the country.

Dr Adutwum said the South Koreans and Singaporeans had been able to do it and that Ghana could also do it.

He said the way to change the country was to look at the education system and that was exactly what the government was doing through the provision of infrastructure, among other things.

### Focus

The Board Chairman of BPI and former Managing Director (MD) of Stanbic Bank, Naa Alhassan Andani, said the organisation's focus was the Sustainable Development Goals on education.

The Founder of the Gifted and Talented Education, Anis Haffar, urged the students to

form pressure groups in their schools to help spread the message against betting among their peers.

He said they should be change-makers in their schools and "this is a crusade you have to embark on in every school you are in".

The General Secretary of the Christian Council of Ghana, Rev. Dr Cyril Fayose, said students should say no to gambling and indicated that he would take the message with the council.

Contributing to the discussion, the Head of the National Office of the West African Examinations Council, Wendy Addy-Lamptey, told the students that betting would not give them money but take whatever they had away from them.

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