Mr. Inoue helped CCTI set clear objectives for upgrading its workshop into a modernized auto-workshop. He proceeded by requesting Toyota Ghana to assist CCTI to upgrade and attain the Toyota Ghana Authorised Service Shop status. Toyota Ghana helped in freely training teachers and students of CCTI on general auto-repair and on professional handling, servicing and repair of Toyota vehicles. The thorough process took two years to complete but the impact is substantial and has created a direct link between Toyota Ghana and CCTI automobile department for exchange of ideas and relevant information. Toyota Ghana topped up this training process with a prototype New Generation Corolla to facilitate the exposure of the students to modern vehicles with sophisticated features.

Though, Mr. Inoue’s volunteer activity in Ghana expired in March, 2011, he applied for an extension. The extension denied him of certain personal comfort, but he was spurred on by his strong passion to see CCTI workshop certified by Toyota Ghana as a Service Shop.

Mr. Ernst Henry Kojo Lyall, the Principal of CCTI said: ‘Mr. Inoue was very passionate about the project. We had lots of challenges and access to resources was a huge constraint for us. But, top on the list of constraints was finance. We had to rally round to gather funds to finance the renovation of the workshop. We had no access to government funds for the project. Mr. Inoue exercised lots of sacrifice and JICA helped us purchase the necessary modern equipment we needed. He made sure that our teachers were properly trained. He facilitated the training of our teachers and students at Toyota Ghana and ensured that the automotive department of CCTI complied with all service standards required by Toyota Ghana. Now, more than 16 students can have practical lessons using hi-tech diagnostic mechanical equipment at our workshop at any point in time.’

Mr. Jacob Asamani, Head of Automobile Department of CCTI said: ‘We thank JICA, Mr. Inoue and Toyota Ghana for their great contributions which helped transform our workshop into a modern one with excellent diagnostic equipment. Our students can now have more qualitative practical sessions and we can serve all Toyota customers in the Central Region and earn some income for our school. We still need more assistance from all our stakeholders to ensure the sustainability of our current international service standard.’

Mr. Lyall also advised the Ministry of Education to set up funds or establish provisions that will help educational institutions execute similar projects which are both beneficial to the development of qualitative learning for students and ensure technological advancement of society.

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