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HE France Alumni Ghana Platform, an online social and professional network that will bring together all Ghanaians who have previously studied in France in any discipline, has been officially launched in Accra.

There are already about 250 members and it is recreted that about 800 more alumni would join the

In addition to this platform, an alumni association will be created in the very near future, with the support of the French Embassy to organise and animate the network.

Launching the France Ghana Alumni Platform,

the Ambassador of France to Ghana. Mr Francois Pujolas, said the network was a gateway to a vast range of opportunities in line with the strengthening of ties between France and Ghana. He said it would also

corporations to harnes skills of alumni in the facilitate connections among alumni and serve as a hub for Ghanaian and French ess the

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educational fairs in both Accra

professional space.

Mr Pujolas noted that France had a significant reputation of industrial excellence, with more corporations being the leaders in their respective fields from aeronautics to health and than 25 international

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in France, from courses of study, from the participants They will give insight into education attendance to answer questions from all the top universities and tertiary institutions in France in and Kumasi have representatives

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The ambassador said the platform would allow the alumni to access career opportunities with the organisation, as they would be able to post their Curriculum Vitae (CVs), manage profiles and engage in intellectual exchanges.

Campus France
Ambassador Pujolas said the Campus France
Ghana team had already identified a potential
network of between 600 and 800 former students
that they could mobilise.
To date, he said about 250 alumni had already
registered on the platform.

Mr Francois Pujolas (2nd left), French Amwith some of the alumni at the launch

economic, cultural and linguistic contexts as created links between alumni and Ghanaian

students in France.
"It will also help bring in different partners, particularly companies," he stated and added that "It is a real tool to support job search and an impetus to the cooperation between France and Ghana."

Study in France

Mr Pujolas said he was happy to note that the fourth Ghana-France Higher Education Conference that started last Tuesday and the first-ever Study in France Fair being held in Accra and Kumasi were expected to highlight and strengthen partnerships between universities in both countries and promote

languages.

The two-city educational expo being held under this year's umbrella initiative of 'France and chana:1957-2017; moving forward together' and being organised by the French Embassy in Ghana, in collaboration with Campus France and Institut Français, marks 60 years of bilateral relations between the two countries.

programmes were offered at the master's and doctorate levels in both French and English For his part, the Director, Marketing and Scholarships Department of Campus France, Mr Olivier Chiche-Portiche, said more than 1,200

languages.

He said being bilingual and multicultural also provided job opportunities at an international level as the French language was spoken on all continent.

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