

FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

Dear Countrymen/women & Friends,

This issue of ***FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER*** is mainly celebratory as we recall the jubilant mood with which we greeted the birth of Ghana fifty years ago on March 6 1957. On that day, led by our First President, Osagyefo Dr Kwame Nkrumah, Ghana declared its independence from British colonial rule.

“Ayekoo” to all Ghanaians in the Diaspora and friends of Ghana on our Golden Jubilee! We have embarked on our fifty-year journey with boldness and courage and have gallantly faced the difficult challenges that have come our way throughout those years.

Happily, we are celebrating our Golden Jubilee at a period in our hitherto chequered history when we have achieved stability and peace, and are steadfastly pursuing and adhering to democratic principles, respect for human rights, the rule of law, media freedom and pluralism with vibrant private participation. And these give us great joy to join in the celebrations.

I acknowledge, with gratitude, the support my office has received from many Ghanaians, Ghanaian-Canadians and friends of Ghana to make the Canada version of these celebrations successful. I salute you all and urge you to continue co-operating with the Mission to make Ghana proud.

As already agreed with and communicated to executive officers of the various Ghanaian-Canadian Associations, the Mission will be represented at some activities in the provinces. It is worth reiterating that we believe our involvement in local events and activities will further strengthen cordial ties already existing between us and give meaning to our common partnership.

I have attached copies of my ***Goodwill Message*** to all Ghanaian-Canadian Associations, my speech at the launch of our Golden Jubilee celebrations, and Mission’s programme of involvement in the provinces.

On behalf of our President, His Excellency John Agyekum Kufuor, the Ghana High Commission in Ottawa and Consulates in Toronto, Edmonton and Vancouver, and on my own behalf, I say ***AYEKOO*** and wish you all ***HAPPY 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS AND GOD’S BLESSINGS FOR THE FUTURE.***