

FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

Dear Countrymen/women & Friends,

I welcome you all to the maiden issue of ***FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER***. This is planned to be a monthly message from the High Commissioner intended to enable her stay in touch with all Ghanaians in the Diaspora and friends of Ghana especially in Canada. Where possible, this page will carry current home news for our general consumption.

As the year draws to a close, I would like to take the opportunity of the festive mood to say a big ***THANK YOU*** to you all for the wonderful way you have received me and my family, and have so far made my stay in Canada peaceful and enjoyable. I pledge to do all I can to serve you and Mother Ghana across Canada.

My recent familiarization tours of Toronto, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver in the west of Canada were both useful and memorable thanks to many of you who devoted your time, energy and other resources to ensure my team enjoyed the trip. All meetings held with Ghanaian Communities and some Businesses in these cities, as well as in Ottawa, were extremely fruitful and encouraging. Participation was very high and common platforms for future interactions were built.

I know that my office can count on your continued support and trust in the years ahead. I hope to visit as many of our brothers and sisters in other parts of the country as possible in the weeks and months ahead.

The Mission plans to forward to all Ghanaian-Canadian Associations that sent their programs to us, as earlier requested, the final program drawn for Ghana's 50th Independence Anniversary to enable us participate in the various celebrations throughout Canada. It is our hope that the Mission will be represented at as many locations as possible to give meaning to the Ghanaian Community - Ghana Mission's partnership and involvement in our Golden Jubilee (50th Independence Anniversary) celebrations.

As requested by many of you during our recent interactions, I have attached extracts of information provided by Ghana Customs Excise and Preventive Service (CEPS) in respect of importation of vehicles to Ghana.

On behalf of our Most Esteemed 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 wish you all a ***Very Merry Christmas*** and a ***Prosperous New Year***.