

## ***FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER***

Dear Countrymen/women & Friends,

This is the second issue of ***FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER***. I must apologize for the delay. This should have been published more than a week ago since these messages are planned to be monthly with the primary aim of enabling me stay in touch with you.

As this year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ghana's independence from British colonial rule, I would like to take the opportunity of our Golden Jubilee to say "***Ayekoo***" to all Ghanaians in the Diaspora and friends of Ghana. Admittedly, the fifty-year journey has been arduous and very challenging but as a people, we have proved equal to the task.

Given the utmost importance our President, His Excellency Mr. J. A. Kufuor, our government and the entire nation attach to these celebrations, activities have been planned for the entire year. We are all encouraged to get involved wherever we find ourselves. Indeed, by setting up a Presidential Commission for the Golden Jubilee celebrations, our President had in mind precisely this idea of the involvement of all Ghanaians and friends of Ghana everywhere. Not only was the Commission required to organize events and activities throughout the year, it was also tasked to ensure that every citizen of Ghana joined in the celebrations.

Here in Canada, I know my office can count on the support of all Ghanaians, Ghanaian-Canadians and friends of Ghana to make the Canada version of these celebrations successful. Let us co-operate to make Ghana proud.

As promised in the maiden issue of ***FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER***, the Mission will this week forward to all Ghanaian-Canadian Associations that have sent their programs to us, the final program drawn for Ghana's 50<sup>th</sup> Independence Anniversary celebrations in Canada. This will indicate activities and events at which the Mission can be represented and, where possible, the level of its representation. It is our hope that the Mission's 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 a copy of my ***New Year Message*** delivered on December 31 2006.

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 wish you all ***HAPPY GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS***.