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HEAD OF AHMADIYYA COMMUNITY AND PRESIDENT OF GHANA HOLD TALKS

President Kufuor welcomes Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad to Ghana

On 16 April 2008 the Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, His Holiness, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad met with His Excellency, the President of Ghana, Mr John Agyekum Kufuor at Castle Ossu in Accra.

The two leaders spoke about a number of issues such as the Education and Agricultural systems within Ghana. Further, His Excellency, the President spoke of the outstanding contribution made by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Ghana.

During the meeting President Kufuor spoke of how Ghana was, through the Grace of God, developing in all fields. The President acknowledged that this development was a direct result of the prayers of His Holiness. Citing one example, President Kufuor recalled how His Holiness, upon their previous meeting in 2004, had expressed a belief that oil would be found in Ghana.
President Kufuor said that through the prayers of His Holiness this goal had been achieved in 2007. Hearing this news, His Holiness commented that he hoped that Ghana could utilise this oil in good ways so that it would continue to develop as a country for the betterment of its people.

President Kufuor made comment of how the Ahmadiyya Community in Ghana had made such a vast contribution to the ongoing development of Ghana. He said that apart from the collective effort of the Ahmadiyya Community, on an individual level the Community had produced many number of outstanding individuals who had contributed to all aspects of Ghanaian society. Continuing upon this theme the President said how recently the Government had granted some school buses to the Ahmadiyya Community but he said this was not out of any favour but was the due right of the Community due to its long history of serving mankind in Ghana.

The President commented how despite his busy schedule he would be attending the Opening Session of the Khilafat Centenary Jalsa on 17th April 2008. Before the meeting concluded His Holiness observed that Ghana had developed a great deal since his previous visit in 2004 and he hoped that this development would continue. The meeting closed with His Holiness presenting the President of Ghana with a gift which he the President duly appreciated and commented that he would take home with him.

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