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PRESS RELEASE

TWO MOSQUES INAUGURATED BY HEAD OF AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY

Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad visits three Ahmadiyya Education Facilities in Ghana

The Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, His Holiness, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad today visited three educational facilities founded and owned by the Community.

The first facility visited was the Ekumfi T.I. Ahmadiyya Secondary School which houses both Ahmadi and non-Ahmadi students. Indeed there are many more non-Ahmadi students enrolled, underlying the Ahmadiyya Community's commitment to providing free education across the board, regardless of creed, caste or colour.

During his eight year stay in Ghana, His Holiness was for a number of years, the Principal of this school. Indeed during his time there the school developed a great deal through his guidance and stewardship.

Upon entry at 11.30am, His Holiness was welcomed by a marching band made up of students. He was then escorted to his old office. Sitting at his old desk he wrote in the school Guest Book:

“Alhamdulillah – The school is progressing leaps and bounds. All the staff members, Headmaster and of course the students seem to be heeding their responsibilities. Allah bless them all. Amin. – Mirza Masroor Ahmad (21/4/08).”

The tour of the school concluded after His Holiness visited the house where he lived during his time as Principal. The building he had designed himself.

The second facility attended was Jamia Ahmadiyya Ghana, the Missionary Training Centre currently attended by 109 students from 15 different African countries. This visit was particularly significant as His Holiness officially opened ‘Masjid Noor’ a large Mosque built on the complex. As part of the inauguration His Holiness gave an address to the students of Jamia Ahmadiyya during which he reminded them of their great responsibilities as future ambassadors of the Community. He said:

“Your responsibility is not small. Indeed it is a great burden on your shoulders and as the Jama’at continues to progress the responsibilities you bear will ever increase... It is your duty to work hard and to concentrate on your studies. Your Jama’at and your parents sent you to Jamia so that you can go back and teach others what Islam truly is. Thus remember that if you fail to concentrate you will not be fulfilling your obligations.”

Developing the theme further, His Holiness said that as they increased in knowledge, the appearance, behaviour and attitudes of the students ought to develop side by side so that a true and living relationship with God Almighty could be fostered. Those who acquired knowledge yet did not practice what they had learnt were akin to hollow shells. Only when a person reformed himself could he begin to reform others. Through one person's example was another example born.

His Holiness instructed the assembled students that they ought not to assume that they would all be posted within Africa. He said they could be sent to countries within Europe or other parts of the world where the Community needed to spread. Thus it was important that they broadened the horizons of their study so that they were ready for the call of Jama'at.

After leaving Jamia Ahmadiyya, His Holiness inaugurated the Ahmadiyya Mosque in Potsin where he was also greeted by hundreds of Ahmadi. His Holiness raised the flag of Ahmadiyyat and then planted a tree in celebration of the Khilafat Centenary. The opening of the Mosque was yet another example of the continuing prosperity of the Ahmadiyya Community which is occurring despite the best efforts of opponents of the Jama'at and of Islam.

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