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The 97th Achimota School Founders Day Celebration

The 97th Achimota School Founders Day Celebration occurs on March 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, 2024. Three years ahead of the Achimota School Centenary, this year's Celebration maintains cherished traditions while challenging Akoras and, indeed, all Ghanaians to debate and rethink the Achimota vision with the theme - **Nurturing the Present, Restoring the Legacy**. The Celebration promises to be one of the most exciting ever, enriched with new dimensions and activities.

Specifically, the main activities and events are:

- Friday, March 1st - The bonfire and torchlight procession begins from the forecourt of the Administration Block at 6 pm;
- Saturday, March 2nd - The Cadet Parade at 8.30 am;
- Saturday, March 2nd – The Founders Day Grand Durbar at 2 pm; and
- Sunday, March 3rd - Thanksgiving Service at the Aggrey Chapel at 9 am.

Other activities for this year include the Dedication of the refurbished Assembly Hall and a Press Conference on the the Achimota School Endowment Trust (ASET) Fund on Thursday, February 29th at 9 am. Again, from 4 – 7 pm, same day, the Vernissage of an Art Exhibition, dubbed AKORAart, will take place at BAN2 Gallery, Community 3, Tema. This six-day exhibition will showcase the artistic works of Akoras, focusing on the Maestro - Amon Kotei - the designer of our nation's coat of arms.

The high point of the Founders Day festivity is **the Grand Durbar, taking place on Saturday afternoon**. It displays exquisitely a choreographed array of musical and dance forms from

diverse ethnic backgrounds, in keeping with Achimota's yearning for ethnic, racial, and religious harmony: **That All May Be One.**

Significantly, the extravaganza at the Durbar aligns with Ghana Heritage Month as the latter seeks to showcase the country's rich cultural and material heritage. Again, the School's physical infrastructure is an exemplary colonial-era edifice, which makes it one of Ghana's treasured material and cultural assets. In this connection, the ongoing renovation and refurbishment of the magnificent old Assembly Hall building by the 1974 and 1984 Year Groups is worthy of financial support from all well-wishers, as the School is, by all standards, a monumental national legacy. Meanwhile, the 1999 Year Group is raising awareness of the ASET Fund and fund-raising to ensure the seamless development and maintenance of this priceless and invaluable national heritage.

1974, 1984, and 1999 Year Groups of Achimota School – celebrating their Golden, Ruby, and Silver Jubilee since they left their Alma Mater - are individually or collectively responsible for organising the various events. **We invite Akoras, Ghanaians and well-wishers to a fascinating national heritage celebration.**

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