

DAASEBRE OTI BOATENG CONFERRED AS VICE-CHANCELLOR.

Daasebre Professor (Emeritus) Oti Boateng has been conferred as Vice-Chancellor of the World Academy of Letters.

The formal inauguration took place at a special Vice-Chancellor Commencement Ceremony within the Halls of St. John's College, Cambridge University, England, at the 2010 World Forum on Saturday, 21st August.

The crowning point of the ceremony was reached at 10.30am when the Resident Chancellor, J. M. Evans, invested Daasebre with the Academy Sash by placing it around his neck in a symbolic gesture. Other items pertaining to the appointment included a signed and sealed Resolution, 11 by 14 inch Commencement Diploma, and a personal seal embosser.

According to the Resident Chancellor, Daasebre's selection for this honourable distinction was based not only on the respect he commands as an eminent ruler and leader in Ghana but also by his demonstrated unlimited dedication to expanding the frontiers of thought and intellect.

In response, Daasebre thanked the Academy for the great honour and trust reposed in him and gave a firm assurance that he will act with assiduity and zeal to preserve the Academy's standards of extraordinary knowledge and accomplishment on the international level. He urged the Forum to stand firm by the truth and place honour and virtue above the merely external advantages of rank and fortune. He also expressed the hope that many sons and daughters of Ghana and Africa would emulate his example to achieve higher laurels to assist both the country and continent to develop rapidly.

The World Academy of Letters functions as a truly global setting to share knowledge and to memorialize breakthrough work and accomplishments. The Academy's focus continues to honour intellectuals and achievers.

The 2010 World Forum, which was organized jointly by the American Biographical Institute (ABI) and the International Biographical Center (IBC), brought together about 150 academicians and achievers from over 40 countries of the world for a splendid week of cultural and educational exchange aimed at fostering positive change and verifiable steps towards global solutions.

Present at the ceremony was Professor Kwaku Danso-Boafo, Ghana High Commissioner to the United Kingdom and Ireland, who represented the Government of Ghana, and a large delegation of Ghanaians whose attendance became more visible with their impressive Kente Cloths.

At a reception hosted for the Ghanaian delegation in the Fisher Building after the ceremony, Professor Kwaku Danso-Boafo commended Daasebre for his immense contributions to the progress of the country and urged Ghanaians to consider his current appointment as a great honour to the whole nation. He called on the youth to take Daasebre as their role model to inspire them towards the future. The High Commissioner announced that he was in the process of organizing one of the biggest gatherings of Ghanaians in the UK in October where various sustainable youth programmes will be launched to assist the youth and appealed to all Ghanaians to attend.

As a Vice-Chancellor of the World Academy of Letters, Daasebre Professor (Emeritus) Oti Boateng will be part of a tradition of hundreds of years of Academia. He is now entitled to use the “Vice-Chancellor” accreditation before or after his name.