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**Paramount Chief of Agogo, Ghana, Tours Broward County  
- Diplomat Hopes to Develop Economic Opportunities for West African  
Country -**

Paramount Chief Nana Akuoko Sarpong of Agogo, Ghana, will visit Broward County on Friday, July 20, 2007, to meet with Broward County Mayor Josephus Eggelletion, Jr., representatives from the Broward County Office of Economic Development, Port Everglades, and the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood Airport to explore economic opportunities. The Ghana delegation will also include high-ranking government officials from Accra, the capital. The international delegation will take guided tours of Port Everglades and the Fort-Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport.

“This is the second economic mission that Broward County has had with representatives from Ghana,” said Broward County Mayor Josephus Eggelletion, Jr. “Ghana has established a remarkable record of economic growth, expanding export opportunities and rapidly increasing private investment opportunities. Many Broward County businesses have already established ties with this country.” In January, Broward County’s Office of Economic Development hosted Ghana’s Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Kwame Bawuah-Edusei, to discuss economic opportunities.

Citrix Systems, Inc., the host of the Ghana delegation, has established technology and business training programs in Agogo, Ghana. Citrix Systems, Inc. is the global leader in application delivery solutions and recently received the Corporate Global Responsibility Award from Sister Cities International (SCI) for leading the inaugural Cyber Sister Cities Project that has connected Agogo and Fort Lauderdale with technology, training and an exchange of business knowledge. Citrix Systems, Inc. is headquartered in Fort Lauderdale. The Ghana delegation will also attend the Sister Cities International Annual Conference 2007 taking place at the Broward County Convention Center July 18-21.

“Of all the countries on the continent of Africa, Ghana shows the most potential for trade and foreign direct investment,” said Norm Taylor, Director of the Broward County Office of Economic Development. The Broward County Office of Economic Development participated in an exploratory trade mission to Ghana in February.

“This delegation's visit to Broward County and Port Everglades demonstrates their leaders' commitment to expanding international trade. I am especially looking forward to meeting Paramount Chief Sarpong, who I understand worked in Ashanti's cocoa and plantain fields as a boy and worked his way into leadership position through education and hard work,” says Port Everglades Director Phillip C. Allen. “Western Africa provides some unique opportunities for international trade, especially with regard to minerals, timber and other agricultural products.”

Port Everglades, located in South Florida, is ranked as one of the fastest growing container seaports in the United States according to the PERS import/export database. A world-class cargo handling facility, Port Everglades serves as an ideal point of entry for products shipped to and from Central America, the Caribbean, South America, Europe and the Far East. Port Everglades has direct access to the interstate highway system, is within two miles of the FEC rail hub and is just one mile from the Atlantic Shipping Lanes. Ongoing capital improvements and expansion ensure that Port Everglades will have the ability to handle the Port's growing container traffic.

The Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport (FLL) has become one of this country's fastest growing airports, employing nearly 39,500 people with an annual economic impact of \$2.6 billion. FLL recently completed an expansion program transforming its terminals, garage complex and local roadways into a more beautiful, user-friendly, easily accessible, modern, world-class transportation facility.

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