



06 April 2025

His Royal Majesty,
Otumfuo Osei Tutu II
Asantehene, King of the Asante Kingdom
Manhyia Palace, Kumasi,
Ghana

**RE: An Open Letter to Asantehene by Rev. Prof. Azumah – Clarification and
Official Position of the Kusaas Diaspora Union (KUDU)**

Your Royal Majesty,

With due respect, the Kusaas Diaspora Union (KUDU), representing Kusaas across the globe and working in collaboration with our traditional leadership and community representatives, writes to express our concern regarding the recently circulated open letter authored by Rev. Prof. John Azumah, Executive Director of The Sanneh Institute, addressed to His Royal Majesty, Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, Asantehene.

We wish to state unequivocally that the views and propositions expressed in that letter are entirely his personal opinions. He neither represents the Kusaug Traditional Council nor speaks on behalf of the Kusaas, the indigenous people and landowners of Bawku and its traditional jurisdiction. Rev. Prof. John Azumah has no official capacity within the Kusaug Traditional Council. He is not part of the mediation team jointly constituted for the noble purpose of facilitating peace in Bawku; neither is he recognized as a spokesperson, nor is he backed by any mandate from the leadership or people of Kusaug. As such, any position he articulates must be seen as personal and independent and not reflective of the broader consensus or legitimate authority of the Kusaas.

While mediation efforts are still underway, we are particularly concerned that the timing and tone of this unsolicited intervention may be misconstrued as a strategic attempt to influence the outcome of the mediation process led by His Royal Majesty, Otumfuo. We, the Kusaas, hold Asantehene's leadership in high regard and trust in the integrity and neutrality of the process under his stewardship. To avoid any doubt, KUDU has consulted with the Kusaug Traditional Council, which reaffirms its unwavering support for the mediation process. The council remains committed to peace, unity, and the rule of law and is confident that the truth, justice, and historical legitimacy of the Kusaug people will continue to shine through as Asantehene leads the path to lasting peace.

We respectfully request all the good people of Kusaug and the Asantehene's mediation team to disregard the unsolicited suggestions and conclusions in the said open letter and to treat it solely as the isolated viewpoint of one individual. The Kusaug people stand united, and any decisions or proposals from our end will come through the appropriate, recognized traditional and legal channels.

We take this opportunity to reiterate that Naba Asigri Abugrago Azoka II has been recognized as the Paramount Chief of Bawku by a final and binding decision of the Supreme Court of Ghana in 2003 and by all the governments of Ghana ever since. We look forward to the mediation process as providing the basis for creating the conditions for a peaceful coexistence of the various ethnic groups in Bawku under the authority of Naba Asigri Abugrago Azoka II.

May the wisdom of our ancestors and the guidance of the Almighty continue to bless the reign of His Royal Majesty, Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, and illuminate his path as he works toward restoring harmony in our land.

Yours sincerely,

KUDU Communication Team

On behalf of the Kusaas Diaspora Union