
Ghana, Cuba collaborate on 'Year of Return 2019'

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A four-member Cuban delegation from the African Cultural Centre in Cuba has held discussions with the Minister of Tourism, Creative Arts and Culture, Mrs Cathrine Afeku, in furtherance of a collaboration between Ghana and Cuba on the upcoming “Year of Return 2019” programme to be hosted in Ghana.

The delegation was led by the Cuban Ambassador to Ghana, Mr Pedro Luis González Despaign.

The other members were: a renowned Cuban sculptor and painter, Alberto Lescay; an associate researcher of the African Cultural Centre, Mr Marino Fuertes, and Dr Manta Emilia Cordies Jackson, also from the African Cultural Centre in Cuba.

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During the delegation’s courtesy call on Mrs Afeku at her office in Accra last Friday, she said the group was in Ghana to share knowledge and skills with its Ghanaian counterparts in respect of the programme

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She said Ghana would host more than 500,000 diasporans in the celebration of the event that is to commemorate 400 years of the first docking of a ship that carried Africans into slavery in the Americas.

The tourism minister told the delegation that since President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo officially proclaimed 2019 as the 'Year of Return' for all diasporan descendants of Africans who were captured and transported into the Americas as slaves in the 17th and 18th centuries, a lot of people had shown interest in returning to Africa.
