



• President Akufo-Addo exchanging pleasantries with one of the chiefs

# Nkwanta South chiefs hail President for sterling leadership

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**T**HE chiefs and people of Nkwanta South have hailed President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo for his sterling leadership that has witnessed remarkable and progressive development in the area.

Nana Obonbo Sewura Lupuwura II, Paramount Chief of Achode, made the remarks in his speech at a durbar organised in his honour during his two-day working visit to the Oti Region.

According to him, President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo's leadership had made the people in the area to enjoy tremendously from his generosity in the areas of rehabilitation of the Nkwanta market and magistrate court, construction of three-class-

room

fund. Nana Lupuwura noted that Nkwanta South remained a very important food basket of the country where volumes of yams, cassava, maize and groundnut were cultivated.

Unfortunately he said bad roads remain a challenge making it difficult to transport the food items to the marketing centres.

He said "It is the expectation of our farmers especially, the yam and Cashew Farmers Association to increase their production from the current level of 50,000 metric tonnes to 150,000 metric tonnes for yam production and cashew from the current level of 200 hectares to 300 hectares in the coming years".

He however, enumerated some of the challenges confronting the farmers as post harvest losses, procurement of two tractors to enhance the yam and

of a permanent office block for the Municipal Education Office which was currently in a very bad state.

President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo in response, thanked the chiefs and people of Nkwanta South for coming out in their numbers which was a sign of appreciation of the people to continue to support the government.

He reminded the people that unity and peace was very key to development and asked them to sustain the peace in the area.

The President later cut the sod for the construction of a two-storey complex to house the Regional Agriculture Directorate.

The building which is supposed to be completed in eight months will have 17 offices, a conference room and storage areas.

He said the project was aimed at

and business support.

Minister of Roads, Mr Amoako Agyemang, assured the people of government's commitment to complete all roads in the Oti Region, especially the Eastern Corridor Road. He said he was however not happy about the road as the project had developed a lot of potholes.

He reminded the people that the President had directed his ministry to reconstruct the road from Dodi Pepesu-Nkwanta for pothole filling and

to welcome address, the Oti Region Minister, Mr Kwasi Owusu Yeboah, called on the people to continue to support the government to distribute the regional offices across the region.

That, he said would facilitate rapid development of the region.