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President Kibaki congratulates 44th US President-Elect

President Mwai Kibaki has sent a congratulatory message to President-elect Barrack Obama upon his election as the 44th President of the United States of America.

At the same time President Kibaki has declared tomorrow Thursday 6th November 2008 a public holiday to enable Kenyans celebrate the historic achievement by Senator Obama and our country.

President Kibaki said, "This is a momentous day not only in the history of the United States of America, but also for us in Kenya. The victory of Senator Obama is our own victory because of his roots here in Kenya. As a country, we are full of pride for his success."

In his message President Kibaki noted that President Obama's and Democratic Party unassailable victory was a clear testimony of the confidence the American people have not only in his leadership and vision for his country but for the world at large.

President Kibaki said in the message, "On behalf of the Government and people of Kenya, and on my own behalf, I join the rest of the world in celebrating and congratulating you on your election as the 44th President of the United States of America."

The Head of State noted that President Obama's victory was a true testimony of the faith and trust the American people have in the policies, values and ideals that he has devotedly advocated for.

President Kibaki termed President Obama's victory a culmination of a grueling campaign and highly competitive election which proved beyond doubts his determination and courage to overcome tough challenges.

He said, "I am confident that your Presidency shall herald a new chapter of dialogue between the American people and the world at large."

The President also expressed readiness of his government to work with the new American administration to further promote and strengthen the warm and cordial relations that exist between the two countries.

"We the Kenyan people are immensely proud of your Kenyan roots. Your victory is not only an inspiration to millions of people all over the world, but it has special resonance with us here in Kenya," said President Kibaki.