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Liberia: Dr. Cohen and Rapoport meet with Liberia Education Minister Dr. Joseph Korto

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Liberia Education Minister, Dr. Joseph Korto welcomes Dr. Adam Cohen and Benjamin Rapoport at the Ministry of Education, Monrovia, Liberia.

Speaking during an interactive discussion with Dr. Adam Cohen and Mr. Benjamin Rapoport at the Ministry of Education today, Mr. Korto said it was a welcoming development to engage in a partnership with other

institutions around the World if education system in Liberia will be invigorated. He commended the organizer of I-Help Liberia Project for the initiative established in helping to improve both the Science curriculum and science education in the Country. Dr. Joseph Korto said the Vernier technology introduced in the school system by the I-Help Liberia team is currently helping teachers and students to speedily do their assignments and other physical examinations.

Minister Korto admitted serious gap in science education in Liberia but expressed optimism that Science program at the Ministry of Education is working out possible plans in bringing the program to Pre-War status. He said science education in modern days require sufficient physical examination which needs to be blended with the theoretical aspects for better results.

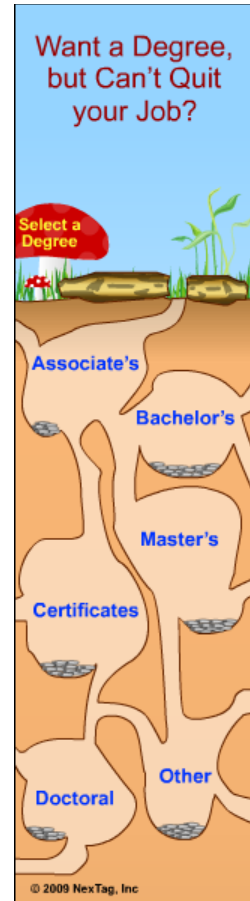
Speaking on behalf of the visiting I-Help delegation to Liberia, an Assistant Professor of Physics and Chemistry at the Harvard University, Dr. Adam Cohen thanked the Minister of Education for affording them the opportunity to discuss Science education in Liberia. According to Dr. Cohen, their mission to Liberia was based on inspiration given them by their former High School Science Teacher Mr. Asumana Jabateh Randolph. He said they were proud recipient of many gifts Liberia offered them through Asumana Jabateh Randolph terming it as Liberia foreign assistance to the United States Government. Commenting on the desire of Science education judging from the four days they have stay in Liberia, Dr. Cohen said it was a wonderful experience to see people desirous of science education in Liberia but admitted that there existed some impediments. He named some of the impediments as updated

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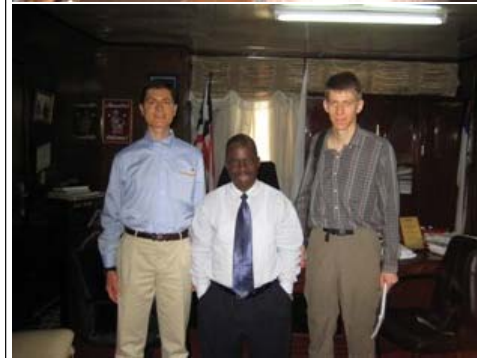
textbooks and limited materials to do practical work.

For his part, Mr. Benjamin Rapoport also of Harvard University admonished teachers and students to take advantage of their environment. He said the environment of Liberia constitute a Laboratory by itself. He also challenged teachers attending the meeting with Minister Korto to organize an Association to help do collective work in the areas of science.

The second phase of activities at the Ministry of Education took the guests to Thursday Science session at the conference room of the Ministry of Education where Science department's Chairman of all Universities in Monrovia attended. At the workshop, both guests and teachers were able to exchange views about science education in Liberia. Key among the discussions was the plan to establish updated website for Liberian Science teachers. The guests urged the teachers to also engage in the process of consultation for proper awareness in the development of science.



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(L-R) Mr. Benjamin Rapoport, Dr. Joseph Korto and Dr. Adam Cohen



Dr. Cohen and Mr. Rapoport meet with the Liberian Universities Science Teachers Association (LUSTA)



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