Liberia: Two Young Harvard Scientists visit Liberia Medical College

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In a bid to touch all science related institutions in Liberia, the visiting I-Help Liberia Science delegation on June 17, 2009 visited the Medical College of the University of Liberia and met with the Deans and Faculty Staff of the institution. The visit according to I-Help Liberia Project Coordinator based in Liberia, Abraham Jabateh is to acquaint the visitors with activities at the institution and the ways in which his Organization can help improve academic work at the institution.

In a brief welcoming ceremony at the campus of the Medical College in Sinkor, the Dean of the Medical School expressed happiness over desire expressed by the visiting Science experts to have a sit-in with them. Dr. Tabeh Freeman outlined several inadequacies that confront learning activities at the Medical College and called on meaningful partners to help in whatever way possible in bringing the Medical College to pre-war status. He named inadequate textbooks for students to use as research materials, as well as new and updated internet facility for students to access.

He said although the College has an IT program, little is done to update it to modern standards. He complained on minimum budgetary appropriation from central government which according to him is hampering efficient productivity at the institution. According to Dr. Freeman, once the IT program is efficient and is at the disposal of the students, administration will reinforce IT education among Medical students for swift access to the internet. He also called for the digitization of the Medical Library at the institution to meet the reality of the day.

For his part, the Dean of the School of Pharmacy called for students exchange program with other high profile Universities around the World. Dean Kear further maintained that once students from other Universities and students from the University are accorded the opportunity to share medical ideas, it will help foster the exchange of ideas and thoughts.
Responding to the surmountable welcome at the Medical College, an Associate Professor of Chemistry and Physics at Harvard University, Dr. Adam Cohen thanked the administration of the College for affording them the opportunity to discuss basically about the development of the institution. He started by thanking the people of Liberia for the great aid provided to the people of America through Mr. Asumana Randolph who inspired them to enter in the profession of Science. He said the motivation from Mr. Randolph has made them to be Scientists and they have come back to Liberia to pay back some of the many helps Liberia sent to them. Mr. Asumana Randolph teaches Science at the Hunter College High School in New York. The two young American Scientists are graduates of the Hunter College High School and proud recipients of many lessons thought by their former teacher.

Also speaking at the brief meeting with the Administration of the Medical College, Mr. Benjamin Rapoport urged both instructors and Deans at the Medical College to embark on outreach program to attract many High School students to venture in the areas of Science and technology. He said the outreach program could include students club where each student will assist other in acquiring some affordable materials and other meaningful venture. After the meeting with the faculty, the visiting guests took the opportunity to lecture scores of Medical students at the auditorium of the University. Key points stressed at the lecture session were different ways to access the internet, the technicality in running clinical files, and the different between tropical medicines and traditional medicines.

Dr. Cohen and Mr. Rapoport later visited the Smart Nursing School in Sinkor and conducted another lecture session among both instructors and students at the institution. They are expected to drive over seven hours in the rural areas of Liberia specifically the Phebe hospital in Gbarnga and the Ganta Methodist Hospital in Nimba County.
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