

ELECTION OF THE PRINCIPAL OF MWNPHS AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF International Visitor's Leadership Program Alumni Association Cameroon

Ms. Brunhilda Beh Fuchi, the Principal of MWNPHS took part in the most cherished International Visitor Leadership Program organized by the U.S. Department of states in October 2019. After four years of giving back to the community specifically in the field of education, she was elected as Secretary General of the IVLP Alumni Association in Cameroon.

We are proud of the work she doing as a Principal and also supports her in her new function in the alumni association.

IVLP Cameroon Launches Alumni Association To Promote Impactful Leadership

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The International Visitor Leadership Programme, IVLP Cameroon, has launched an alumni association that is geared at promoting impactful leadership.

The official launch of the IVLP Alumni Association took place on April 15 during a historic constituent assembly in Yaounde.

The event brought together IVLP alumni (otherwise known as IVs) from across the country that adopted the association's guiding policies, celebrated, shared experiences and discussed incorporating lessons into the association's mission in order to make a long-lasting local impact.

Besides launching the association, a newly-elected bureau was installed to lead the association's efforts to promote impactful leadership in Cameroon. The elected officials, who will serve for two years, will focus on building a robust network of IVLP alumni, fostering collaboration, and advancing the mission of the IVLP programme in Cameroon.

Speaking shortly after the General Assembly, the newly-elected President of the Association, Pastor Eric Sankum, expressed gratitude for the support received from the US Embassy in Cameroon and the US State Department as well as US taxpayers and IVs.

"...On the basis of the values of gratitude, excellence, and teamwork, we are tasked with establishing a very long-lasting alumni association. We are establishing a strong team of interconnected individuals in order for this fledgling association in Cameroon to become an influential entity. Our in-



IVLP Participants pose for a family picture

terconnectedness will be our greatest strength, enabling us to multiply the impact of the IVLP association in Cameroon and around the world," Pastor Sankum said.

Karen Tang, Deputy Public Affairs Officer representing the US Embassy in Cameroon, praised the Cameroon IVLP Alumni Association and the impact of the IVLP programme.

"The International Visitor Leadership Programme has made remarkable contributions around the world. As Cameroon alumni take their experiences into their communities, we anticipate seeing similar positive outcomes at a local level."

She added: "Since its inception in

1940, over 200,000 emerging leaders from around the world, including over 500 from Cameroon, have visited the United States under the IVLP to experience firsthand US society and culture.

Like other exchange programmes, IVLP is not just about developing one's professional skills, but also about making enduring relationships with American counterparts and connecting with other alumni to make an impact back home. The most effective and lasting impact happens when alumni work together to achieve common goals."

The establishment of the IVLP Alumni Association Cameroon marks a significant milestone in the history of

the IVLP programme in Cameroon. Through its activities, the association aims to promote the values of the programme, which include mutual understanding, respect, and collaboration.

The IVLP is the US Department of State's premier professional exchange programme. Through short-term visits to the United States, current and emerging foreign leaders in a variety of fields experience this country firsthand and cultivate lasting relationships with their American counterparts. Professional meetings reflect the participants' professional interests and support the foreign policy goals of the United States.

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