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AN ADDRESS PRESENTED BY THE PRINCIPAL OF THE GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL (GTHS) ALABUKAM ON THE OCCASION OF THE INAUGURATION OF THE GTHS ALABUKAM WATER PROJECT BY THE DIVISIONAL OFFICER FOR BAMENDA 2, MR KOLOKO JEAN PIERRE, TODAY 26TH MAY 2011

The Divisional Officer Bamenda II.
The lord mayor Bamenda 2
The Representative of the Executive Director of Kamerun4Afrika
The Divisional Delegate of Secondary Education Mezam,
The Divisional Delegate of Water/Energy Mezam
His Royal Majesties Fons and Ardos.
Distinguished personalities
Dear Parents/Guardians,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

We feel proud and greatly honoured to welcome the Divisional Officer for Bamenda 2 Mr. Koloko Jean Pierre to GTHS Alabukam for the second time in less than three months. The memories of your last maiden visit to this School is still very fresh in our minds. Despite your very pressing and exacting commitments, you have personally come to inaugurate the GTHS WATER PROJECT. On behalf of the entire student body and staff, I whole heartedly welcome you to this brief but historic ceremony. May I also extend warm greetings and welcome to the infatigable Divisional Delegate of Secondary Education Mr. Munda Nwufor Mathias and his colleague of Water and energy for the honour at this handing over/reception of our Water Project donated by kamerun4Afrikaclub.

To all the personalities who are accompanying the Divisional Officer, we equally welcome you and happily recognize your presence in this celebration of the fruit of the partnership between the GTHS ALABUKAM and Kamerun4Afrika. We therefore regard your presence here today as amoving force that will go a long way to consolidate our efforts in molding young Cameroonians with global perspectives and objectives.

The Government Technical High school Alabukam came into being in September 2005 as a first cycle institution with an initial enrolment of 144. As a result of the mankon community endeavour in the rapid infrastructural development of the School was exceptionally upgraded to a Technical High school in 2009 with the following specialties and options:

| 1 ST CYCLE | 2 ND CYCLE |
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| Building construction | Civil Engineering |
| Carpentry | Cabinet Making |
| Electricity | Electrotechnique |
| Accounts | Accountancy |
| Home Economics | |
| Clothing industry | |

With an ever increasing enrolment which now stands at 803, the school counts 55 teachers out of this number 14 are on the PTA pay roll. The Vast land area of 12.5 hectares with several gentle slopes in a natural learning envirmnt specially allocated by the pioneer architect of the school Fo S.A.N Angwafo III of mankon have been partitioned as follow:

1. An area for the 1st cycle
2. An area for the second cycle
3. An area for the Administrative Block and staff quarter
4. an area for dormitories
5. An area for a sports complex,
6. An industrial zone

An enough land reserved for the eventual upgrading of the school.

Our mission is therefore to train the Children who can conveniently:

- Create their own jobs at the end of the training

- Be recruited in a Parastatal, accompany or join the Cameroon Public service
- Continue their studies in any higher institute of learning (university) after obtaining the Baccalaureat certificate.

The creation of the college of Technology in the university of Bamenda is therefore a source of inspiration to the future of technical Education in general and GTHS ALABUKAM in particular.

We are gathered here today to appreciate the partnership between kamerun4Afrika and GTHS ALABUKAM.

The relationship between GTHS ALABUKAM and Kamerun4Afrika is as old as the school. In 2006, Dr. Saningong D Akuma, the President founder of Kamerun4Afrika visited GTHS alabukam to pay tuition for dozens of school children who were on scholarsip under his Club. He went round the school and took keen interest in Technical Education hoping that lives of the Children under his charge will eventual improve especially when they become gainfully employed after leaving School.

In January 2010, we wrote to Dr. Saningong D. Akuma, the President founder of Kamerun4afrika for assistance for a water project. This was as a result of the many water related illnesses that the children suffered from as a result of drinking water from running streams and other doubtful sources where animals and some humans defecate. Another source of frustration resulting from children falling in transe during the months January and February during which the children could not support the heat and failed shot of water to quench their taste on campus.

We lack the words to use to thank Dr. Saningong Divine Akuma for providing to us a very precious gift. But certainly each school child will think of Kamerun4Afrika each time he or sips this water, each time he uses the water in the workshop for practical work, in the Laboratory, in cleaning the classrooms and in keeping the school compound clean. The VIP toilets under construction by Kamerun4Afrika when completed will improve drastically on the sanitation situation of the school. The teachers say Thank you,...thank you a million times for this special assistance.

Permit us also render our immense thanks to Government through the Divisional officer Bamenda 2 for the Borehole project which permitted us to have this extension of the water project.

Like Oliver twist, permit us make these fervent appeals for the following pressing needs :

- Construction of four classrooms to accommodate the final year classes next academic year 2011-2012.
- A carpentry woodwork machine for practical work in the wood workshop.
- An administrative block for the 15 offices already needed by the administrative and technical staff.
- A school bus for the day-to-day running of the school.

Distinguish personalities,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Kindly allow me end my word of welcome here, but before I do just that, I want to pray to God Almighty to Chair this ceremony and further pray him to grant journey mercies to all of us to our respective homes at end of today's ceremony. Thank you for being so generous, thoughtful and so true. And thank you most of all for just being you.

Thank you for your wonderful patience and kind attention.

Longlive GTHS ALABUKAM

Longlive the Ministry of secondary Education

Longlive the Republic of Cameroon.