

MTHE Hosts Chief Minister on Institutional Needs

The Ministry of Technical and Higher Education has held discussions with the Chief Minister, Mr. Jacob Jusu Saffa, on key areas of support for the Ministry. This meeting took place at the Ministry's conference room at New England Ville.



In his statement, the Minister of Technical and Higher Education, Prof. Alpha Tejan Wurie, stressed the need to critically examine the Ministry from its two main arms, vis-à-vis the



technical arm and the higher education arm. He intimated the Chief Minister on the inexistence of a Directorate of Higher Education in the Ministry since its establishment, recommending that there be some form of consultancy in a bid to address the existing gap. According to Prof. Wurie, the Directorate of Research, Planning and Development also needs more personnel to enhance efficiency in its quality of service delivery. He further mentioned the inadequacy of water in the country's public universities with specific reference to Fourah Bay College, especially in the dry season, entreating the Office of the Chief Minister to see how electronic water pump and a storage tank for raw water could be made available to deal with the concern. Prof.

Alpha Wurie further mentioned that Njala University has over the years generated its own water and electricity which has been quite challenging to them as a university, commending

the Chief Minister for exhibiting leadership in approaching Orange to provide Njala with a 500-kva generator.



The Chief Minister, Mr. Jacob Jusu Saffa, thanked the Ministry of Technical and Higher Education for hosting him, applauding Prof. Wurie for his tremendous outputs in ensuring that technical and higher education are properly heightened. He mentioned the centrality of his Office in coordinating, facilitating and following-up on the mandate of other ministries, departments and agencies. According Mr. Saffa, the Office of the Chief Minister was initially created without knowledge of its operational mandate, and key amongst the reason for his visit was to enhance better understanding of his role as Chief Minister, recognize key deliverables of the Ministry of Technical and Higher Education in terms of its ongoing projects, its challenges, and how his office

can be used to render support. He assured the Ministry of Technical and Higher Education of his unwaivering commitment to ensuring that its existing challenges are addressed.



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