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Greensboro, NC: 12/05/2007: A five-man delegation of the Liberia History and Education, Inc. led by Dr. Syrulwa Somah-LIHEDE Executive Director is expected to leave for Liberia on Saturday, December 8, 2007 to host the second "Culture-Driven Malaria" awareness program slated to be held on December 15-16, 2007 in Gbarnga, Bong County, Liberia.

The LIHEDE's delegation posed to attend the event, which is being organized by LIHEDE in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, include Dr. Horlin Carter, Sr., Director of African & African American Affairs, Rev. Maxine Carter, Rev. Dr. Gregory Headen, and Mrs. Loretta Headen. Already in Liberia to join LIHEDE's the delegation is Dr. Emmet Dennis, Director, Health & Social Welfare- LIHEDE.

During the formal opening of the event on December 15, 2007, Rev. Dr. Gregory Headen, Pastor, Genesis Baptist Church, NC will pray for the Prayer for the Success of the Cultural Driven Malaria Program and Alahaji Sawary, Iman, Central Mosque of Gbarnga, Liberia will pray for the nation and the Liberian people.

Other activities to be held during the event include soccer match, marching band, and cultural performances. The soccer match will be played at Gbarnga Soccer Field between LAC, Bong County Team and Club Bassa for the Firestone Trophy.

An Enumerical Service for Malaria Free Liberia will be held on Sunday, December 16 from 9:00am -10:50 am at Gbarnga Administrative Building to climax the program. It is expected to bring together all faiths, including Muslims and Christians. Among the religious leaders who will grace the occasion with their presence are Rev. Garcon Borbor, United Methodist Church, Rev. Dr. Gregory Headen, Genesis Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC and Imam Alihaji Amendou Sawary, Gbarnga Central Mosque. The Rev. Maxine Cater will make a presentation on Malaria/HIV/ADS during the Sunday program. Radio VERITAS and Radio Gbarnga are expected to prove coverage for the program.

It can be recalled that the first official "Culture-Driven Malaria Program" was held in the port of city of Buchanan, Grand Bassa County on August 11, 2007 characterized with radio panel discussion, town hall meetings and climaxed with a soccer match between Grand Bassa County Team (Bassa Defenders) and LIHEDE sponsored US and Liberia based

malaria soccer team (Club Bassa). Legislative and local officials of Grand Bassa County graced the events with their presence and expressed their support for the LIHEDE "Culture -Driven Malaria Program".

Other collaborators of this cultural-based initiative to combat malaria in Liberia are Ministry of Youth & Sports, The Liberia Agricultural Company (LAC), Firestone Natural Rubber Company, Liberia Environmental Watch (LEW), Malaria International Foundation, Cuttington University of Liberia, African Alliance of RI, and Dakar Etoiles Travel & Tours.

LIHEDE is also on record for hosting the first post-war Malaria Conference in Liberia on December 14-19, 2006 on the main campus of the University of Liberia in Monrovia in collaboration with governmental and non-governmental organizations. Collaborators for the Conference included the Liberian Ministries of Health and Social Welfare, Youth and Sports, Information, and Cultural Affairs and Tourism; BNetTV.com of Canada; US-based Congress of Racial Equality; United Nations General Assembly (President); United Nations Millennium Project; US-based Kill Malaria Mosquitoes Now Coalition; West Coastal Aerial Applicators, Inc.; Tr-Ac-Net consulting group; and AME University, Cuttington University in Liberia, and University of Liberia.

Those expected to grace the event in Bong County are prominent Liberians and friends of Liberia, including Hon. Ranney Jackson Superintendent, Bong County; Madame Jewel Howard, Sr. Senator, Bong County; Madame Esther Warbey, Mayor of Gbarnga City; Dr. Henrique Tokpa, President, Cuttington University; and Minister Varbah Gayflor, Minister for Gender & Development.

Other officials of government in Liberia, national, county and civic organizations in the United States invited to attend the occasion are Hon. Kofi Woods, Minister of Labor; Dr. Edward McClain, Minister of State for Presidential Affairs; Hon. Ambulai Johnson, Minister of Internal Affairs; Hon David S. Menyongar, Chairman, National Election Committee; Dr. C. William Allen, Director, Civil Servant Agency; Mr. James Tanu, Health Educator-USAID; Dr. Walter Gwenigale, Minister of Health & Social Welfares; Mr. Rufus, Karmoh, Director, Public Relations of Firestone; Mr. Andy Kear, Director, Public Relations, Liberia Agricultural Company; and Hon. Brownie Samukai, Minister of Defense.

In the Meantime, the LIHEDE is extending invitation and appealing to members and well wishers of LIHEDE, sons and daughters of Bong County and friends of Bong County to financially support the upcoming conference or attend to make it a grand success.

Sporting Events-Gbarnga Football Field

A. LAC Football Team vs. Bong County Football Team

B. Winner of A vs. Club Bassa, Defending Champions

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Lodging and Airline Information

By special arrangement with [LIHEDE](#), Gbarnga Motel will provide lodging at a **special rate of \$20**. For reservation and further information please call LIHEDE at 336-456-8075. Please **make your reservations ASAP**. The hotel is in the same city where the program will be held.

By special arrangement with [LIHEDE](#), Dakar Etoiles Travel & Tours at **(212) 684 8100; 866 343 2527; [dakaretoiles@ verizon.net](mailto:dakaretoiles@verizon.net)**) will serve as the official travel agency for the conference. All those flying to Liberia to attend the conference should contact Dakar Etoiles Travel & Tours.

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