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### **ACTIVITY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2014**

#### **1. 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014: National Youth Day**

CAMGEW VTC along side other institutions from the private and public sector took part in the match pass activity organized to celebrate the national youth day in Oku. The National Youth Day is a day set for youths all through the national territory. There were 23 institutions that participated with many youths and community members watching the match pass. The match pass activity started at about 11 AM with the singing of the National anthem.

CAMGEW-VTC had a total of 24 students and teacher who took part. Present at the occasion were all administrative and traditional authorities of Oku. The reason why CAMGEW-VTC participated was to show-case their production to attract a market and get more students register to CAMGEW-VTC. The performance of CAMGEW-VTC was highly applauded by the public and dignitaries of Oku and its environs who were present for the march pass.

During the match pass CAMGEW displayed all its departments. Materials and products made by CAMGEW were also displayed during the match pass.

CAMGEW's students and trainers that marched gathered for picture taking and general refreshment.

#### **Successes**

- All the trainers in the VTC took part in the march pass
- All students that are regular in school took part in the march pass
- The Public was amazed by the enrollment and applauded the marching displayed by CAMGEW-VTC.
- All students and trainers in the VTC applauded and welcomed the gesture made by the Director for the refreshment.

#### **Recommendation**

- We do not have a flag. As an institution we need to have a national flag to use during match pass and other public activities. Other schooling institutions have them.
- We should follow up event leading to any activities which concerns us. This way we will be able to know reasons why we are not considered as a school despite our status. This could encourage other students to enroll in our school as they will not just feel as doing apprenticeship.



**Youth day 2014 VTC March pass**

## **2. 20<sup>th</sup> February 2014: 50th Anniversary of the Reunification of Cameroon.**

Following the presidential decree making 20<sup>th</sup> February 2014 a public holiday for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the reunification of Cameroon in the Anglophone zone; match pass activities were organized in all the regions, division and Sub division of Cameroon

For this event, the military, police, schools and legal institutions including political parties march pass tribunes. In Oku at the Municipal grand stand in the presence of the D.O for Oku, the Mayor for Oku, the traditional authorities and other dignitaries CAMGEW took part in these events.

For this occasion CAMGEW displayed all their departments including the forestry department where they marched using bee suits to the applauded of all including the Director of CAMGEW. We also displayed products made in CAMGEW VTC like shoes, dresses, sandals etc.

CAMGEW students and trainers after the marching gathered for pictures and general refreshment.

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- We were able to display all our departments including the forestry and apiculture department.

### **3. 26<sup>th</sup> February: Pedagogic Inspection from the Regional Delegation of MINEFOF North West**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2014 a three man pedagogic inspection team from the regional delegation at the North West region of Cameroon visited CMAGEW VTC. At their arrival at about 3:30 pm they went straight to inspect the VTC institution, the equipment, the number of students and appreciated all what they saw. The equipment was enough for the institution, and other innovation CAMGEW VTC had that other institutions did not have like a bed for nursing mothers and girls, a project to put on poultry and a rabbitry to train students on animal rearing to improve on their livelihood. The center was appreciated and they recommended that more advertisement should be made to improve on the number of students and the sales of the VTC. The log book, timetable and other material used for training was also appreciated. The aim of this visit was to assess the degree of quality training given to students and see the infrastructure and equipment in place for training.

#### **Points advanced by the inspectors for the improvement of the VTC activities**

- That CAMGEW VTC should prepare end of 1<sup>st</sup> term report cards for the trainees in the shortest possible time. This could motivate them to work harder when there is competition.
- That a black board should be made available for teaching purposes.
- Plastic bags and sealing machines should be bought so that our finished products be parceled by us at the VTC.
- Lobbying from mission schools like the Presbyterian and the Baptist schools to produce uniforms and shoes for them. They indicated that with the Catholic schools it could be difficult because they had their own VTC's.
- We had to reinforce on the competence based approach. That student could be here for more than two years if they did not master their trade. That Vocational Training was not just a school but mastering what you do.
- That a flag stand should be raised in the school premises.
- The school sign board should have the Ministry of Employment and Vocational Training's name well written on it.
- Departmental meetings should be held to harmonize programs at the Divisional level.
- A calendar of activities should be produced every term.
- A library should be made available for the students.
- We should apply from the community for scholarships and from the ministry.
- That trainers should go for refresher courses when possible
- Trainees should go for internship. To this, the inspectors said it would be better at the end of their course and not any other time.
- That an ASSOCIATION of VTC promoters should be formed in the Bui Division. Through this Association, they could easily table their problems to the ministry and they would also have greater strength.
- We also needed a First Aid Box.

There was some refreshment which was offered to them by CAMGEW VTC. The inspectors were very much impressed.



Pedagogic Inspectors with CAMGEW VTC Staff and students

### **Visit of the Peace Corps Team on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2014**

CAMGEW-VTC was happy to have the Peace Corps team that came visiting to the institution to create possibility for partnership in line with volunteers. The team explained to CAMGEW what they do and how their institution could be of help to CAMGEW and VTC. CAMGEW promised to stay in touch with them while they left telling us they will contact us later.

CAMGEW participated in National day celebration on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014

CAMGEW staff and students of VTC marched during the national day celebration. The march pass was different because CAMGEW-VTC students had a new uniform. The uniform was black and white. CAMGEW amazed the public as she marched pass with items produced by CAMGEW-Vocational Training on their hands for demonstration. This time CAMGEW marched with a national flag. Students were so happy. CAMGEW Director Wirsiy Emmanuel received a meritorious award during the national day celebration. The award recognized CAMGEW and staff efforts in protecting the Kilum Mountain Forest, poverty alleviation and employment opportunities.

CAMGEW ended her day celebrating with students and teachers.

### **OTHERS**

CAMGEW had to buy much material to keep the various workshops busy. The greatest problems faced in the various workshops are the need for many materials for training and production. Producing a variety from these material increases our market. There are periods with poor markets but the technicians could be kept busy by producing items for good periods when there is a market. We have been working hard to get a market for shoes and dresses. The shoe department looks promising.



Peace corps representative with CAMGEW-VTC staff