

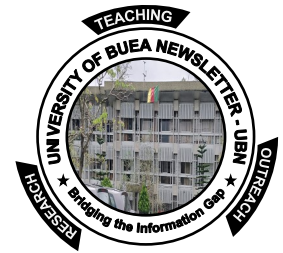


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## University of Buea Celebrates Commonwealth Day 2023



Celebrated under the theme: “Forging a Sustainable and Peaceful Common Future”, the University of Buea (UB) joined other Commonwealth countries to commemorate the 2023 Commonwealth Day.

Events marking the celebration of the day unfolded in campus A of UB March 15, 2023 in the presence of authorities, staff, and students of the institution. As part of activities to mark the day, the Cultural Village 1, 2, and 3 hosted a series of preliminary workshops organised under the following themes: Sustainable Peace; Entrepreneurship; and Climate Change.

The actual ceremony which saw the participation of the University community, including top management officials and invitees, took place in the ASTI Conference Hall. Speaking on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Teaching, Professionalization and Development of Information and Communication Technologies, Professor Nol Alembong reviewed the meaning, components, structures, and responsibilities of the Commonwealth of Nations to its members, Cameroon inclusive.

Still in the process of celebrating the day, Henri Michele, doubling as a student and member of the Commonwealth Club, UB presented King Charles’ message to the audience. In the message, the King acknowledged the committed efforts of Queen Elizabeth II in making the Commonwealth an impactful organization around the

world. In his concluding statement, the King said “listening to others, we find solutions to what we need”.

Another student, Ms Ashugani presented a message from the Secretary General (SG) of the Commonwealth of Nations, Rt. Hon. Patricia Scotland. In the message, the SG acknowledged the new leadership of the Commonwealth and touched on key talking points in current global discourse. To the SG, “where there is violence and conflict, we work for peace; where there is insecurity, we protect the culture, process and institutions of democracy; where there is poverty, we tackle it; where there is injustice, we challenge it”.

In addition, the Secretary General of the Commonwealth reflected on the activities of the late Queen and emphasized that in order to better tackle the global climate change and other related societal problems, it should be a matter of necessity to work together, reason together and seek solutions together. The SG’s message specified that though each Commonwealth country has its specificities, the goal is common good.

One of the activities commemorating the Commonwealth Day that kept the audience spellbound for slightly above 10 minutes was the life performance by members of the Commonwealth Club, UB. The performance highlighted the negative effects of economic crises and moral decadence in society.



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In addition, the performance underscored the challenges faced by society in attempt to meet up with increase in prices of basic commodities, and made certain recommendations in this direction. The sketch also highlighted the essence of peace, and was concluded with these words: “Let us break peace into pieces so that everyone should have a piece of it.”

A round table conference was organized with three presentations, moderated by Dr Sunjo Emile. All the presenters gave insights into the strategies and methodologies needed to get youth involved in policies geared towards fighting climate change, as well as negotiating and concluding peace processes. The involvement of youth in the peace process was given a high consideration because they are always involved in conflict, either as victims, perpetrators, or peace builders.

The event ended with the award of prizes to winners of the Scrabble Game Competition. Out of the

eight teams that competed, three won the first, second and third prizes.

In his closing remarks, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor/TIC expressed gratitude to organizers, facilitators, and participants of the 2023 Commonwealth Day. He thanked the Head of State, His Excellency President Paul Biya for making it possible for Cameroon to belong to the Gentleman’s Club, the Commonwealth of Nations.



**VICE-CHANCELLOR’S ADDRESS**



**Prof. Ngomo Horace Manga, Vice-Chancellor**

Within a very short time, the University of Buea Newsletter (UBN) has gained so much grounds not only in capturing news events and making them available for public consumption, but also by being regular as defined in the instrument of its existence as well as exploring research interests of the University of Buea. Indeed, the team in place has been working; a true testimony of commitment. We appreciate the team’s dynamism and sacrifices.

During the Council Meeting of 20 December 2022, one of our councilors, Honorable Etombi Ikome Gladys pointed out that the University of Buea is so much involved in meaningful research, but added that such research is not visible. To this effect, the office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of Research, Cooperation, and Relations with the Business World (DVC/RCB) toured establishments in efforts to collect data on how research conducted in the establishments could be made more visible. We are working on the recommendations of the establishments towards establishing a Research Visibility Protocol for the University of Buea.

On behalf of the University community, I wish to express profound gratitude to Professor Kingsley Ngange for coordinating the tour to the establishments. We also appreciate the fact that he has put in his communication skills and energy to ensure

the timely production of the UBN. I call on all our stakeholders to see the necessity of encouraging the UBN to grow in content and reach. Let us use the UBN to sell our image and reputation.

This issue of the UBN, rich in content, ushers us into the 30th Anniversary celebrations of the University of Buea, scheduled for May 25-27, 2023.

We are happy to note that as an institution, UB continues to grow in strength. This is demonstrated by the number of students who keep knocking at our doors for admission, the strategic partnerships we strike on a regular basis, and the increasing number of mentee institutions under UB’s tutelage. We seize this opportunity to wish all our stakeholders; academic and non-academic staff, students, former students, the business community, and all other stakeholders a happy celebration of UB at 30. We call on everyone to be on board to make the celebrations resounding, so that they can reflect what we are, and what we have achieved over the past 30 years.

Happy 30th Anniversary Celebrations!



## Deputy Vice-Chancellor/RCB tours the Establishments: A way forward to Render UB’s Research Activities More Visible

Following the proceedings of the 20 December 2022 University of Buea Council Meeting, the Honourable Member of Parliament, Mrs Etombi Ikome Gladys, representing the National Assembly, vividly observed that though research is an integral element of UB’s agenda to seeking solutions to community problems and pushing forward development priorities, very little practical steps have been adopted to make visible the institution’s research efforts. To respond to the observation made in Council, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of Research, Cooperation and Relations with the Business World (DVC/RCB), Professor Kingsley Ngange immediately swung into action to address the situation.

The DVC/RCB toured all the Establishments with the exception of HTTC Kumba in three days; 24th, 25th, and 26th January, 2023.

During the three days tour to the Establishments accompanied by the Research Office, the DVC/RCB reminded Deans, Vice-Deans/RC, Heads of Department, and staff about the UB Council remark by Hon. Etombi Ikome Gladys. He then asked the establishments to propose ways in which research conducted at the University of Buea could be made more visible among staff, students, and end users like companies.

At the end of the three days tour, the University of Buea Newsletter gathered from the Establishments, twenty five recommendations which, if implemented, would improve the visibility of research conducted at UB. Among the suggestions were: creation of faculty websites; availability of institutional platform

for uploading of quality research contents; organization of conferences, seminars, and workshops; organization of books and articles launch; construction of a printing and publishing house; encouraging faculty journals; need for departments to engage in grant writing; putting in place of research visibility days; encouraging professors, associate professors, and lecturers to create research laboratories, etc.

The DVC/RCB reiterated that attaching importance to visibility will improve all categories of staff (Assistant Lecturers, Lecturers, Associate Professors and Professors), as well as enhance the image and reputation of the institution. Still in line with this, he mentioned that with UB’s research visibility, the institution’s position in university ranking in Cameroon, Africa, and the World will improve. Efforts on research visibility will also build a strong mechanism to fight plagiarism. Professor Ngange concluded that the recommendations of the establishments will be forwarded to the Vice-Chancellor for direction and possible action.



Visit to Faculty of Arts



Visit to FAVM

## UB Women Celebrate 2023 Women’s Day with Pomp



The University of Buea women on 8th March 2023 joined their counterparts the world over to celebrate the International Women’s day, enshrined in the United Nations (UN) Charter of 1977. Over the years, member states affiliated to the UN have been involved in activities marking the celebration of this day. Unlike other editions, the University of Buea women, against all odds, made great strides to give the 2023 women’s day a spectacular facelift.

Events marking the commemoration of the day started with the launch of activities 2nd March 2023, during which the University of Buea women registered present. The women led a walk from Clerk’s Quarters to the University of Buea. Their triumphant entry into the campus could not go unnoticed because of heavy chanting indicating joy and commitment to celebrate the day. Upon arrival on campus, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of Internal Control and Evaluation received the women in front of the Central Administrative Block.

The women, still in their efforts to make the 2023 edition a memorable one, organized a human investment initiative calling on all UB women to engage in cleaning their various work stations. The 3rd of March 2023 marked a UB special cleaning campaign programme.

The UB women also organized a mini trade fair on campus. The trade fair exposed their various skills in management and small scale business. Various business categories were showcased, including restaurant, fashion design, food and agriculture, amongst others. The trade fair was evidence of the efforts UB women are making towards poverty alleviation and women empowerment.

On the 4th of March 2023, the UB women planned and executed a solidarity visit to the Buea Central Prison with basic necessities to better improve on the living conditions of the inmates. They were received by the Superintendent, Ndingue Mikondo Simon Pierre who thanked the UB women for the initiative.

The last but not the least event marking the 2023 Women’s Day celebration among the UB women was a health symposium. In her address to the UB women, Dr Akoh Vera, a medical doctor in the UB Health Unit schooled participants on breast cancer. She drilled the audience on the causes, types, prevention, and treatment of breast cancer. The medic guaranteed

that patients who are diagnosed early of breast cancer have 90 % chances of living a full life.

On the theme of the 2023 Women’s Day Celebration, “Digital: Innovation Technology for Gender Equality”, Dr Ayuk Justine emphasised the need for women to be involved in the various forms of technologies to improve on their lives.

Wednesday, 8th March was the day. UB women came out in their numbers, displaying the aesthetic of professional designers in their regalia at the Presidential Grand Stand, Bongo Square. Speaking to the women on this special occasion, South West Governor, His Excellency Bernard Okalia Bilai, praised them for their innovative role in society from all spheres of influence.

The Governor’s discourse was followed by the march pass of various women groups, including the UB women. The Vice-Chancellor, his Deputies, and the Registrar were all present as a show of solidarity with the women.

The last segment of the programme took place at the Centre Universitaire de Recherche de la Langue Francaise (CURELRF). Here, the President of the University of Buea Women’s Association, Mrs Tangi Louisa in her speech thanked the Vice-Chancellor and the top management officials for making the event a success. In her presentation, she called on the women to take advantage of the growing digital world and create employment for themselves.

In response, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Buea, Professor Ngomo Horace Manga lauded the women for their commitment towards making society better. The event ended with merry making.



## University of Buea signs MoU with Redeemer’s University, Ede, Nigeria

The University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Redeemer’s University, Ede, Nigeria. This was during a solemn occasion that took place 26th January, 2023 in the Faculty of Science Boardroom, University of Buea.

The partnership agreement between the two institutions puts in action the cooperative endeavours of the Laboratory for Emerging Infectious Diseases under the governance of Professor Lucy M. Ndip and the African Centre of Excellence for Genomics of Infectious Diseases (ACEGID) headed by Professor Christian Happi.

In attendance at the signing ceremony was UB top management, delegation from the Redeemer’s University, the Consul General of Nigeria to Cameroon, His Excellency Ibrahim M. Bashir, the Consul General of Cameroon to Nigeria based in Lagos, Mrs Manga Bessem Elizabeth, the Vice-Chancellor of the Redeemer’s University Professor Anthony Enisan, and the Director of ACEGID, Professor Christian Happi.

While welcoming the guests, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Buea, Professor Ngomo Horace Manga thanked the Redeemer’s University for considering UB as a priority for partnership in the fight against infectious diseases.

Speaking on behalf of the Redeemer’s University, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Anthony Enisan highlighted the essence of the partnership agreement, with emphasis on skills development and transfer of competence. He insinuated that the partnership will facilitate for UB scientists to be in a better position to advise the government in case of the outbreak of an infectious disease.

The partnership agreement between the two prominent research centres will promote knowledge sharing on infectious diseases in both geographical locations, in order to maximise and develop a deterrent mechanism to limit the spread of infectious diseases. The MoU also promotes south-south cooperation in research that meets international standards. In addition, this maiden MoU between the two research laboratories will expedite the University of Buea’s efforts towards increasing research visibility.



## Deputy Director General of the Directorate General of International Partnerships of the European Union, Mrs Myriam Ferran visits UB



The date was Thursday 2nd February 2023 and the time 12:50pm when the UB community comprising of the top management team, Deans and Directors, and Vice-Deans and Deputy Directors turned out to welcome the Deputy Director General (DDG) of the International Partnerships of the European Union, Mrs Myriam Ferran.

The delegation of the February Guest was headed by the European Union Ambassador Philippe Van Damm, accompanied by the Team Leader Gulf of Guinea at the Directorate General for International Partnerships Berenice Muraille, Head of Cooperation at the EU Delegation in Cameroon Jerome Pons, Team Leader of the Economic section in the EU Delegation to Cameroon, Patrick Illing and the Head of the EIB Regional Representation for Central Africa, Nikolaos Milianitis.

The high profile delegation during the brief but impactful visit to the University of Buea, made three stops in the following order: Central Administrative Building, Orange Digital Centre, and the ASTI conference room. In his welcome words to the delegation, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ngomo Horace Manga thanked them for coming and appreciated the European Union for having UB in mind. Thereafter, the Deputy Director General remarked that the visit was aimed at exchanging words with the institution and later to have wider exchange with students from the various Establishments on the following issues: European Union - Africa relations, and Cameroon-European cooperation.

The Registrar of the University of Buea, Professor Eneke Bechem took turn to present the historical evolution of the University of Buea since 1993 following the Presidential Decree governing its creation in 1992. The evolution was great with far reaching impact considering that the University, which opened its

doors to students in 1993 with less than 1000 students, running three faculties (Arts, Science, and Social and Management Sciences), all in one campus, could now boast of over 30000 students in 11 Establishments and 4 campuses. The delegation appreciated the evolution of the University of Buea and looked forward to fruitful collaborations now and in the future.

After a brief stop at the Orange Digital Center, the delegation, accompanied by the UB community, made the final stop at ASTI where representatives of students from all the Establishments were gathered to receive the guests. During the exchange session with students, the DDG used the occasion to examine the students' knowledge of the European Union.

A series of answers were given by students representing the various Establishments and the members of the delegation were satisfied with the responses from the audience. A series of questions and doubts were received from the audience. Prominent among them were what the EU could do to prevent brain drain, considering that those on scholarships hardly come back. In relation to this, it was responded that the ERASMUS MUNDUS programme is intended to support students' academic pursuits back home. The visit ended with group photographs.



## Research Quality at UB increases following improved Quality of Teaching Staff

The University of Buea made prodigious strides following the two sessions (May and November 2022) conducted by the Comite Consultatif des Institutions Universitaires (CCIU) to promote to different ranks, teaching staff of Higher Education.

The result of the May and November Sessions 2022 put the University of Buea into the following levels of research strength:

Session	Lecturer	Ass. Prof.	Professor	Total
May	17	2	1	20
Nov.	22	12	11	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>65</b>

In all, a total of 65 teaching staff changed grades. This places them on better grounds to conduct research for individual, institutional, and national development. The Faculty of Science topped in all the ranks.

The Faculty of Laws and Political Science made outstanding results especially at the professorial level. Generally, majority of those promoted during the two sessions were Lecturers. This can be explained by the fact that over the past few years fol-

lowing the Head of State's call for special recruitment of 2000 teaching staff into the Higher Education corps, the University gained a substantial number of newly recruited staff under the rank of Assistant Lecturer.

The increased number of Associate Professors and Professors equally increases the number of potential intake of students into post graduate programmes.

It is now incumbent on the newly promoted staff to put in efforts so that they can continue conducting meaningful research that puts the University of Buea on a positive spotlight. The conduct of their research will also increase the research visibility of UB.

### UB through the American Corner Raises Cancer Awareness

On the 3rd of February 2023, under the coordination of the Director of Library, Professor Rosemary Shafack, the American Corner in commemoration of the international day for the fight against cancer, organized a health awareness session with the aim of educating the participants on the causes, treatment and complications of cancer. The theme of the event was "Closing the Cancer Gap: What is your take?" The coordinator, in her introductory statement, emphasized that the programme was aimed at sensitising the population on cancer and the various precautions to be adopted to reduce its frequency. Interestingly, the two speakers who thrilled the audience with their presentations were medical students of the University of Buea: Epienjume Davis and Tanko Eyong. Participants were educated on cancer prevention and treatment.

### U-Games 2023: First Blocked Training Ends in UB

In preparation for the 2023 Cameroon University Games (U-Games), scheduled to take place in the University of Ngaoundere from April 29 to May 6, 2023, the University of Buea organized the first blocked training from 8th to 17th February, 2023.

Within the training, the campus saw athletes preparing in various sports disciplines that would feature during the university games. The second round of the blocked training comes up early April 2023.

This year's U-Games hold under the theme: "Contribution of the university games to the construction of peace and sustainable development". The games return after suspension in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

## FOMIC Polytechnic, Landmark Higher Institute and JSF Polytechnic extend scope of Mentorship Commitments with UB



FOMIC Polytechnic, Landmark Higher Institute and JSF Polytechnic have extended their mentorship programmes under the tutelage of the University of Buea (UB).



This was during a ceremony organized in the Boardroom of the Central Administrative building, Thursday 9th February, 2023, to enable these Private Higher Education Institutions (PHEIs) sign specific agreements with their mentor institution, UB.



The ceremony, attended by the representative of the Minister of Higher Education, representatives of the PHEIs, and top management officials of UB, was presided over by the Vice-Chancellor of UB, Professor Ngomo Horace Manga.



In his opening remarks, the VC used the occasion to define the necessity of the mentorship exercise. To this effect, he recounted that it would have been impossible for the Cameroon Government to run higher education programmes alone. He said this explains why the Head of State gave the mandate of training to PHEIs under the mentorship of state universities.

The representative of FOMIC Polytechnic said his institution is proud of UB's mentorship. He emphasised that there would have been chaos with the quality of degrees produced by PHEIs in the absence of mentorship.

On behalf of the Landmark Higher Institute, the Registrar used the opportunity to thank and congratulate UB for expediting the pace at which their documents were handled.

Similarly, the representative of JSF Polytechnic in his appreciation of the government policies to enhance PHEIs thanked the Ministry of Higher Education for its contribution towards the growth of PHEIs in Cameroon, and UB for opening its doors for mentorship.

After the signing of the MoUs, the representative of the Minister of Higher Education congratulated UB for all her engagements in mentorship and announced to the audience that UB has proven its worth nationally and internationally. The concluding statements by the VC confirmed that the expedite nature of handling files was because of the new breed of administrators in top management at UB, who have come in with a lot of dynamism and innovation.

## Department of English Law joins the rest of the world in Commemorating the International Human Rights Day

Celebrated under the theme, "Dignity, Freedom and Justice for All", the Department of English Law, under the patronage of the Faculty of Laws and Political Science (FLPS), University of Buea, joined the international community to commemorate the 2022 edition of the International Human Rights Day, December 10, in the Dorothy Limunga Njeuma Amphitheatre.

The Department celebrated the day under the theme: "Fighting Human Rights Abuses to Ensure Dignity, Freedom and Justice for All".

The event started with a group walk from the FLPS (Amphi 750) to Amphi 250, to the Open Amphitheatre and back to Amphi 750. Professor Sone Patience Munge, Vice Dean in charge of Research and Cooperation in the Faculty of Laws and Political Science, on behalf of the Dean of the Faculty, Professor Atangcho Nji Akonumbo, welcomed all participants and established the context of the celebration. This was followed by a word from the Head of Department of English Law; Professor Elizabeth Nkongho and a keynote address from Mr. Tambe Tiku Christopher, the South

West Regional Branch Head of the Cameroon Human Rights Commission (CHRC).

The first speaker Mr. Ayuk Nkwa Pascal, presented on the Role of National Human Rights Institutions in the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights. The Second speaker Mr. Ayuketang Brandon discussed the Role of the Courts in the Protection of Human Rights and Barrister Orock Kelly concluded the discourse with a presentation on the Protection of Vulnerable Groups in Cameroon.

The workshop ended with a debate on the topic "Is the promotion and protection of Human Rights in Cameroon a myth or reality?" by the Master's and Ph.D. students of the Department. At the end of the workshop, the students and the general public were sensitized on human rights issues and tasked to be human rights advocates everywhere and at all times.





## University of Buea's Laboratory for Emerging Infectious Diseases Organizes three-day Capacity Building Workshop

The Laboratory for Emerging Infectious Diseases under the leadership of Professor Lucy M. Ndip organized a three-day capacity building workshop for the outbreak of infectious diseases and the surveillance of transboundary animal diseases in Cameroon. While opening the ceremony, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor/TIC, Professor Nol Alembong, speaking on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor congratulated the team for putting in place all the necessary itineraries to run the workshop. He welcomed all the participants from almost all the ten regions of the country as well as a resource person from the United States of America. Those involved in the training workshop were veterinary technicians working directly on spot with the animals whether in form of diagnosis or treatment.

The second day of the workshop was the actual training where the participants were given the good doctrine on how to go about the process of collecting samples from animals. Pre-test questionnaires were formulated to guide the participants on training. To assess the level of understanding and make the workshop more practical, a field visit was carried out around the Molyko vicinity where pre-test questionnaires were administered to farmers.

The last day was mostly practical. This part involved

the active participation of all the participants in the necropsy examination. A sheep was slaughtered and skinned for the necropsy. After a careful examination of the sheep in entirety, the participants came out with details of the internal structures and health of the sheep in the necropsy report.

The capacity building workshop was aimed at training veterinary technicians who will be charged with the duty of collecting 30 different samples a month to be sent to the Laboratory for Emerging Infectious Diseases for testing and transmission to the US Department of Agriculture. The workshop is the first phase of a highly competitive externally funded project won by Professor Lucy M. Ndip. The project will last for five years.

The UBN spotted Mr Kamela Landry, a veterinary technician from the Littoral Region during the training. He expressed satisfaction by confirming that his skills in the collection of samples have improved. He equally promised to share the knowledge acquired with those who could not attend the workshop. The award of certificates of participation ended the three days training programme.



## Department of Banking and Finance organises First Edition of Banking and Finance Days



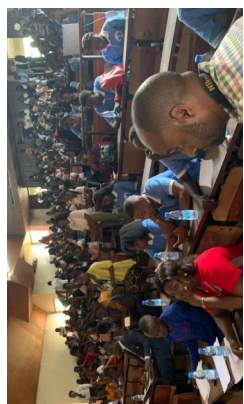
The maiden edition of the Banking and Finance Days took place 25th and 26th October, 2022 under the theme: “Banking and Finance Education and job market opportunities”. The aim was to enable students interact with professionals of the Banking and Finance sectors. Focusing on students that are trained by the Department, this programme further created an avenue for the students to sell their talents to banks and entrepreneurs of the finance industries.



Featured on the first day were welcome speeches, starting with that of the Dean of the Faculty of Social and Management Sciences, Professor Yenshu Emmanuel Vubo who acknowledged the presence of all partners invited for the event, all the students and lecturers present. He indicated that organising such programmes matches with the two principal pillars of research and outreach which are very important missions of the University of Buea. The Dean emphasised the importance of Banking and Finance programmes and the extent to which they have assisted former students to succeed in life. To end, he declared the Banking and Finance Days opened.



Speaking as the Head of Department, Professor Messo-mo Elle Serge expressed gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Buea, officials, and guests for their contribution to the success of the days. Like a technician, he pointed out the main reasons behind the programme and enlightened participants on the objectives of the first edition of the Banking and Finance days, which were: to create an avenue for students to sell their talents to the business world, and to create an avenue for Banking and Finance graduates to get sources of finance and business counselling for their self-employment projects by financial institutions.



The first edition of the Banking and Finance Days was marked by several presentations. To make the programme more dynamic and suitable to meet its objectives, the following presentations were done to give the participants the opportunity to understand the essence of the event:

- The effectiveness of Banking and Finance Education for Job Opportunities in Cameroon (Messomo



Elle Serge).

- Employment opportunities in the United Bank for Africa (Muriel Anonjei Nghoh).
- Career orientation for Banking and Finance students, assessment and employable skills highly demanded by employers (Ndille Bridget).
- The Pedagogy of Financial Education among students of the University of Buea (Zinkeng Martina).
- Key success factors for entrepreneurship (Yapithe Michel Eugene).
- Human Capital Management (Dinka Berka)
- Issues of regulation and compliance in Banking Institutions (Azah Cletus Ahmed)
- Professional assessment and the different employment opportunities applied to banking and finance (Ikome Hermine).

After the presentations and considering the need of the students, their training, and growth of the Department, the following recommendations were made: the curricula of the Banking and Finance programme should reflect the needs of the job market; entrepreneurship as a course to be incorporated in the present programme, particularly to the undergraduate programmes of the department that will train students on how to write and create business projects relating to Banking and Finance; and finally, students should register into the UBA graduate programmes.

The two days event ended with a word of thanks from the Head of Department to all the stakeholders who facilitated the first edition of the Banking and Finance Days.



## UB pays technical visit to two mentee institutions in Douala

The University of Buea has two new institutions in its mentee list, all based in Douala, Cameroon's economic capital. The institutions are Institut Universitaire et Stratégique de l'Estuaire (IUEs/INSAM) and St. Bernard Higher Institute. The technical visit to the two institutions, aimed at assessing the suitability of the institutions to run proposed programmes under UB's mentorship was paid Monday, February 20, 2023. The UB delegation was led by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of Teaching, Professionalization, and Development of Information and Communication Technologies (DVC/TIC), Professor Nol Alembong, accompanied by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of Research, Cooperation and Relations with the Business World (DVC/RCB), Professor Kingsley Lyonga Ngange and some Heads of Establishment.

Beginning with IUEs/INSAM, the visiting delegation was introduced to staff of the institution, the mission and vision of the institution, and the programmes the school is proposing for UB's mentorship. These include a B.Sc. in Physiotherapy and a B.Sc. in Medical Imaging Technology. In return, the DVC/TIC introduced the UB delegation, including the representative of the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS), Professor Anna Njunda.

In his opening remarks at INSAM, Professor Nol Alembong stressed that quality assurance should be the watch word. Staff of the institution listened to the DVC/TIC and DVC/RCB, and also answered questions raised by both officials as well as the representative of the Dean/FHS. Thereafter, the delegation visited the image room, computer unit, and some laboratories.

At St. Bernard Higher Institute, the UB delegation was welcomed by staff, led by the promoter of the Institute, Dr. Tasha Manases, a graduate from the University of Buea. Again, Professor Nol Alembong stressed that the essence of the technical visit is quality assurance. He noted: "We are happy to be part of this initiative. You

are from UB, and you know our standards. We expect that while accompanying you in this venture, we would see the tools you have put in place to ensure quality". Professor Alembong also remarked that as an employer, the promoter has opened opportunities for job creation; a factor which the Ministry of Higher Education strongly recommends through the design of academic and professional programmes.

On his part, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of Research, Cooperation, and Relations with the Business World, Professor Kingsley Lyonga Ngange, while presenting at each institution, drilled the mentees on the process that follows after the technical visits (cooperation agreements).

In all, St. Bernard presented two schools: the School of Business and the School of Health Sciences. The School of Business hosts programmes such as Accounting, Banking and Finance, Management, Marketing amongst others, while the School of Health Sciences has two programmes – Medical Laboratory Sciences and Nursing.

The technical visit at St. Bernard took the team to: the Physiotherapy Demonstration Room, Laboratory Demonstration Room, Library, Nursing Demonstration Room, Lecture halls, and the Computer Demonstration Room. The St. Bernard Medical Centre also gives students the platform to practice.

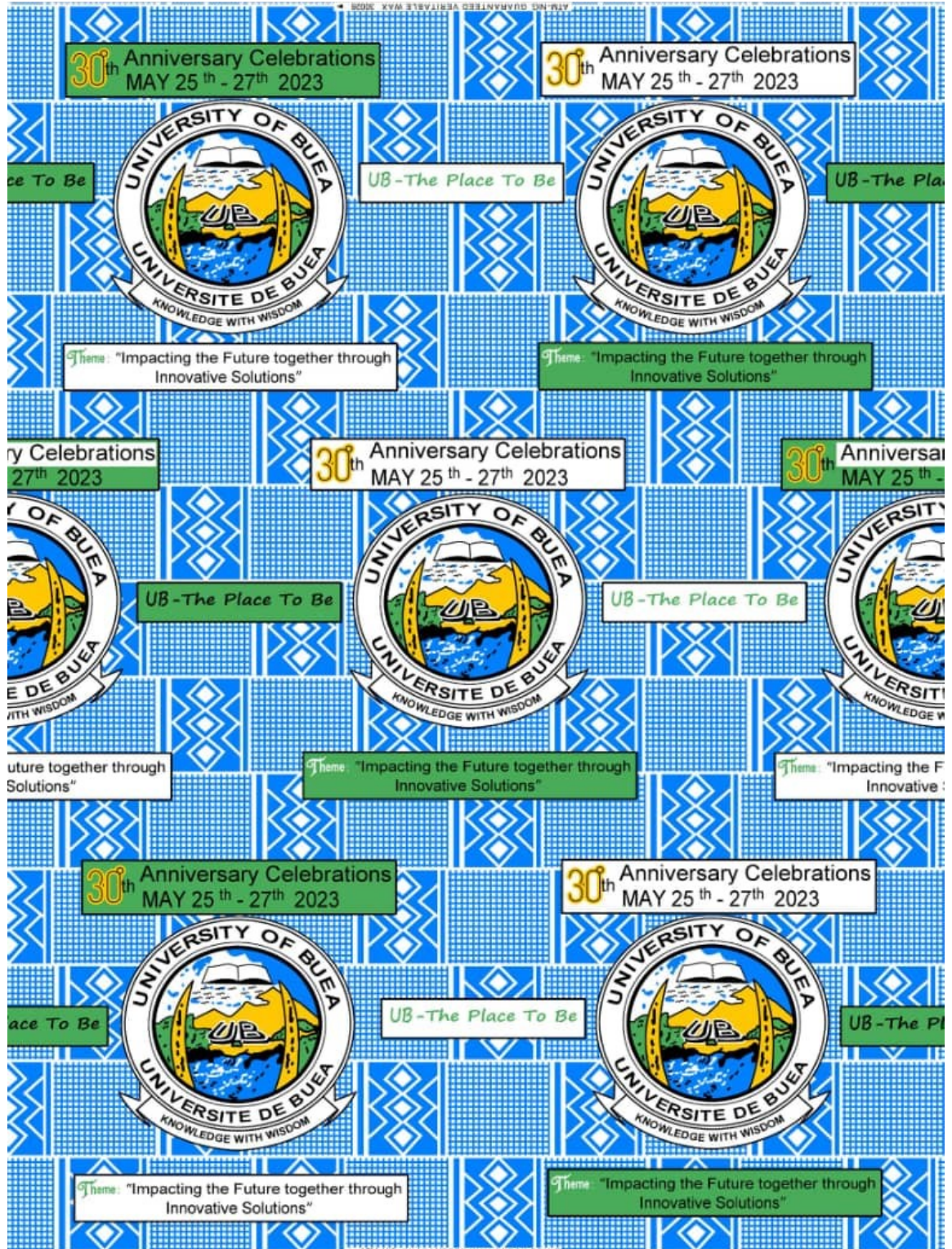
The UB delegation expressed satisfaction with both institutions and appreciated the promoters for their efforts.



# University of Buea 30th Anniversary

UB @ 30

Grab your piece of the Anniversary Fabric  
And Join us celebrate  
UB, May 25 – 27, 2023



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