

### NEWSLETTER

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### ST. Mary's College was honored by the visit of the minister of Secondary Education.

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#### ST. MARY'S INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE HAD THE HONOR OF RECEIVING THE MINISTER OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

On Thursday, May 30th, 2024, St. Mary's International College & University Institute (SMICUI) received a distinguished guest, the Minister of Secondary Education, Minister Pauline Nalova Lyonga. Accompanied by the Governor of South West Region, Gov. Bernard Okalia Bilaï, D.O of Tiko, Bukame Armstrong Kawa, Mayor of Tiko, Chief Mesoso, and the SW Regional Delegate of Secondary Education, Dr. Hanna Etunde Mbua. The Minister Pauline Nalova Lyonga

toured the college's impressive facilities, guided by Paul Tizibong Atang.

The tour included a close look at the learning environment, where Minister Lyonga even took a moment to try out some of the computers and educational equipment. Impressed by the magnificent infrastructure, and commitment to student education, the Minister profoundly congratulated the

founder Paul Tizibong Atang, and expressed her sincere appreciation.

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### THE MINISTER ENCOURAGES AND CONGRATULATES THE FOUNDER PAUL TIZIBONG ATANG

Impressed by St. Mary's International College & University Institute's quality and infrastructure, which she visited on Thursday, May 30, 2024, the Minister of Secondary Education, Pauline Nalova Lyonga did not hide her satisfaction.

After visiting the facilities of St. Mary's College, guided by the institution's founder Paul Tizibong Atang, the Minister of Secondary Education praised the school and extended her congratulations to the proprietor. « Everything here respects the standards of Cameroonian and international education, including wellequipped classrooms where the spacing between each student has been well respected. The infrastructure is very good, the philosophy of the school is good. In terms of standards, this is exactly what we want. I admit that St Mary's College in Mudeka-Tiko is а beautiful creation. I decided to come and visit the school to show others what we mean by an institution that meets international standards. So, we think that from there, all other colleges will be able to copy what we mean by standard establishment. This is also why we are here. This is a great opportunity for us. It's really super! This is an opportunity for me to congratulate the owner of this college and his family who have done a wonderful job. This is really a plus compared to what Cameroon already has. I hope the journalists here are exemplary and will say exactly what we see here ».





#### PAUL TIZIBONG ATANG

« My vision is to offer young people the same learning conditions in Europe and the United States »

The visit of the Minister of Secondary Education to St. Mary's International College & University Institute gave us the opportunity to speak with the founder of the institution. Paul Tizibong Atang answered our questions relating, in particular, to the problem of roads and school fees.



#### Why did you build St. Mary's International College here in Mudeka-Tiko, Southwest Region?

I chose to build the school here in Mudeka-Tiko because St. Mary's is a national and international school that covers the General, Commercial and Technical education. The school is not far from the Littoral, the West, Centre and NW Regions. Its in the heart of our country. We can therefore, easily accommodate students from different regions of Cameroon. Many Cameroonians are looking for English-speaking schools where their children can learn under good conditions. Instead of sending their children to Europe or the United States, they can now send them to St. Mary's. I decided to build this school here in Cameroon to meet this and other needs.

In terms of infrastructure, you have offered Cameroon and Africa one of its most beautiful schools, but the road that leads there is in a pitiful state. During the official launching in April, you called on the public authorities. Did they hear your call?

I was with the governor yesterday May 29th 2024 and he told me that he had asked the mayor to make an effort to resolve this road problem. Today, when the minister arrived, as soon as she got out of her car, she said that the school is very beautiful but there is no road. She immediately brought that up with the mayor and insisted that before the students come in September, she wants the





mayor to have fixed the road. The mayor promised the minister that he will do the earth road this year, and next year, he will tar it as he will include it in the 2025 budget then. The minister informed him that if it's not done, she will inform her colleagues in Yaounde.

Another concern is tuition fees. Given the size and quality of the infrastructure, we imagine that to register a child, a parent

### will have to pay a lot of money. Is that the case?

I didn't build this school to get rich. I built St. Mary's to bring something new to the education of our young people. That's why the tuition fees we set are not exaggerated compared to what you see and what we offer. We hope that all young Cameroonians will come to learn here, under good conditions. My vision is therefore to change the situation in schools here in the country, by offering young people the same learning conditions in Europe and the United States. As I said before, many Cameroonian parents send their children to study in Europe and the United States because they want to offer them the best learning experience. Today, St. Mary's College is there and offers them the same conditions and experiences as schools in Europe and the United States.





### MINISTER'S VISIT











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### PRISTEL UBENDOU « We are ready for the 2024-2025 school year »

According to Pristel Ubendou, the Vice Principal of St. Mary's International College & University Institute whom we interviewed during the Minister of Secondary Education's visit on Thursday, May 30, 2024, everything is ready for the start of the school year in September 2024.

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2024-2025 school year. As you can see, everything is ready in terms of infrastructure and functionality. We are waiting for September to start classes. Parents are currently registering their children, and we already have a good number of children registered. Remember that spots are very limited, and registration will soon be closed.

### Will the college and university be operational in September 2024?

No, in September 2024, only the college will be operational. It is in 2025 that we will open the university.

Before the start of the school year

#### in September 2024, you will organize a summer camp. How are the preparations going?

Yes, we have summer camp here in July. It will be a very lively summer camp with many cultural and fun activities that will allow participants to spend a pleasant and unforgettable time in a magnificent setting. The children will leave with lots of good memories because it will be great.

Yes, we are ready for the



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Registration for St.

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requirements to St. Mary's and

University Institute has already

begun and is ongoing. The

doors are open to everyone. As

soon as a parent registers the

child here, we start with a level

test to see where the child

needs growth so that we can

Are you ready for the start of

the school year in September

intervene to improve his level.

when does registration begin?

