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Het bestuur van de stichting kan met tevredenheid terugkijken op het afgelopen jaar. Reacties van bezoekers aan Gunjur over tuyn in Gunjur zijn positief. Daar maken wij als bestuur ons geen zorgen meer over. De eerste stappen naar verzelfstandiging van de school in Kololi zijn gezet. Daar kijken we met vertrouwen naar en volgen het op de voet.

Dit jaar zijn er bij de "Graduation Ceremony" geen bestuursleden geweest en heeft de staf een mooie ceremonie georganiseerd. Bijgaand sturen wij u het verslag van de secretaresse/onderwijzeres Joanna Badjie.

THE GRADUATION CEREMONY.

The graduation ceremony was on Thursday 31st October 2019. The ceremony started by four (4) o'clock. It was opened by a musical dance. The entertainment went on for about thirty (30) minutes, Then Mr. Cheyassin.A. Faye the computer teacher did the introduction.



Mr Salieu Puye elaborate on the how the school started and the important of the school, according to Mr Puye Education is never too late but to basic education than not to have anything, he went on to say that the graduating student should not only stop with their level three certificates but should be eager to strive for more.

Marie Coker the headmistress of the school gave a speech concerning the school, according to Mrs. Marie Coker the headmistress, Education is never too late for anyone therefore all have to strive towards it. According to her the Adult literacy class in kololi consist of different students from different countries in Africa namely Senegal, Guinea Bissau, Guinea Conakary and other countries. Most of these students leaves their country to Come to the Gambia to learnt how to Speak, Write and read in English. According to her we have many success, stories from many of our former students, especially when they go back to their countries., Most of the goes back to their countries and work with the Government handle big post and are well paid. These students are the ones that in turn direct their colleges to come to the Gambia and follow the class.

According to Maries we graduate many students yearly. Most of the student within the Gambia has never been to school. In the beginning the student never know how to write, read and speak English but we are

happy that before they complete the three years studies, they are able to write, read and speak. Most of them never stop there with their Certificates but further their studies.



Mrs Marie Coker elaborate on the centre, according to her the intention of the centre is to mold, create and encourage learning for adult to be confidence in themselves as well as creating an environment where adult, who are parent s can help their children with their home work as well as to be self-independent and to be able to find a decent job to help their family.

Mrs. Marie Coker encourages the participants to continue reading and writing for them to be perfect in speaking the English language.

She emphasis that we the staffs are proud of all the student because they motivated us tirelessly. Then she wish them all the best.

Mrs Maries express her are gratitude to the board in in the Netherlands according to her words alone can't express how grateful we the staffs of the foundation for their support all the past years.

She thanks all the staffs for our job.

Then I, Joanna Badjie read the speech sent to us by mail by the foundation.

Letter of the board: Graduation ceremony October 2019.

Dear students of the Holland Foundation Adult Education.

Today is an important day for you all. Today we have the graduation ceremony for the students who passed their final exam. This graduation ceremony shows the result of your effort to get the certificate during several years of hard study at the school of the Holland Foundation.

But without your motivated teachers it wouldn't be possible. They had to deal with students of different levels. That it is many times not easy, but today you see that it is possible.

More and more we see that this certificate is appreciated in The Gambia. With this certificate you can prove that you followed a literacy training.

This doesn't mean that we are satisfied and lean back. The job you once started is never finished. The demands of the society increase every year, so you have to react and increase the level of the education of people. That counts also for the students of our school.

That's why the board decided to improve the quality of the school by increasing the number of class hours. For that reason, we were looking for a new teacher. We are happy that Mrs. Aminata Bah joined the team. The intention of the board in the Netherlands is also that after 21 years the school will become more independent from the Netherlands. The board thinks that this must be possible. About 5 years ago we made the big women garden in Gunjur independent and it is still a success and it is now time for the school in Kololi. Our goal is that the school will be independent from the Netherlands in 2023. Then we celebrate 25 years Foundation Adult Education The Gambia.

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Making the school independent is only possible when there are more financial sources from The Gambia and abroad. Also, the contribution of the students has to increase to realize this.

Aminata Bah is not only a new teacher but also responsible for finding out how to make the school independent. She will contact the Gambian authorities and companies to ask support for this plan. Unfortunately, it was not possible for the board to send a board member to the ceremony of today. The board members have to pay all the traveling costs themselves and sometimes they prefer to use the money for other purposes.

The board wish you all a lot of success and hopes that the certificate you get today opens more doors to a better future.

The board of Holland Foundation Adult Education. (Stichting Adult Education The Gambia)

Speech of the student Theodore Tawiya.

Good evening Mr. Chairman., vice chairperson, members of the executive board of Kololi Multi Purpose Learning Centre Lectures and teachers, fellow students and colleagues.

Today miles another milestone in our strive to achieve and succeed. After so many months of hard study, dedication and determination, we can keep our heads high as we have passed yet another difficult period. The certificates we received from the centres should open more challenges and opportunities in the future. My advice to fellow graduates: please do not relent in your efforts to be successful. When one door closes, another one opens. Therefore, the prices of development does not take place over night. I thank you so much my teachers and lectures. Thank you for the valuable time you have spared for us. We are quite impressed with you and your work ethic. We shall never forget you. Thank you for giving us the opportunity.

Thank you everyone. Thank you Kamarta.

Then Mr Serign Faye make a closing remake thanking the foundation and the student for their hard work.

Tot slot.

In 2023, na 25 jaar Stichting Adult Education The Gambia wil het bestuur ernaartoe werken dat de school in Kololi zelfstandig wordt. Wij realiseren ons dat dat mogelijk niet hetzelfde is als financieel onafhankelijk. De kans is groot dat we de school nog een aantal jaren zullen moeten blijven sponsoren. In welke vorm dat gegoten moet worden is nu nog niet bekend. Er zijn contacten met het ministerie van onderwijs in Gambia en lokale en buitenlandse bedrijven worden benaderd. Wij vertrouwen erop dat u ons in deze overgangsfase zult blijven steunen. Het streven is ook om een reserve op te bouwen voor de school in Kololi om de overdracht t.z.t. probleemloos te laten verlopen.

Tot slot bedanken wij u weer voor uw belangstelling en steun in het afgelopen jaar. Wij wensen u fijne feestdagen toe en een gezond en gelukkig 2020.



Heeft u nog vragen, opmerkingen of suggesties?

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