

COMMENTS FROM SOME BENEFICIARIES OF THE BOOKS DONATED BY CLEEN FOUNDATION TO INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND MEDIA ON MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2008 AT CLEEN FOUNDATION CONFERENCE HALL

Introduction

The comments below represents that of some of the beneficiaries of the books donated by CLEEN Foundation to institutions of higher learning and media practitioners as part of the activities for her tenth anniversary celebration.

- Representative of University of Nigeria Nsukka Dr. Omekwu C.O expressed gratitude to CLEEN Foundation on behalf of the Vice Chancellor of the University. He stated that his school was very grateful to be one of the beneficiaries of the books donation. He noted that he was particularly pleased that the Foundation decided to donate books to higher institutions as one of the landmarks in which the organization is dedicating its service to humanity. He affirmed that information is power and with information the dignity of man is restored.

Concluding he said that the University of Nigeria Nsukka will explore areas of collaboration with CLEEN Foundation particularly in the area of research.

- Representative of Ahmadu Bello University Zaria Prof Zakai Muhud thanked CLEEN Foundation for the kind gesture extended to the school on behalf of the Vice Chancellor of the university. He stated with pleasure that it is also interesting to know that CLEEN Foundation's area of focus is on police reform and that the Foundation has tried to diversify her area of work with the intention of getting more people involved.

Suggesting possible area of collaboration between CLEEN Foundation and higher institutions in the country, he stated that the Foundation should try to identify new areas of research and approach students of these universities to conduct research in these areas. This he said is because research is the in thing now. Concluding he said that this will further enrich CLEEN Foundation's research work and make it more practical than theoretical.

- Representative of University of Port Harcourt Mr. J.O Aina joined his other colleagues to express his gratitude to CLEEN Foundation on behalf of the Vice Chancellor of the university Prof Dan Baridam. He stated that when he was coming for the event, he had in mind he was going to take home a few number of books but was surprised, at the large quantity of books been donated to the school. Explaining that the usefulness of the books to the students of the University of Port Harcourt cannot be over

emphasized, he noted of particular interest CLEEN Foundation publication on Civil Society and Conflict Resolution in the Niger Delta. Concluding, he stated that the book will make an interesting read to all the students of the university.

- Representative of the Police College Ikeja ASP O. Ofem said that by the provision of the 1999 constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Nigeria Police Force is mandated to protect life and property. He affirmed that their work at the Police College Ikeja is to train and retrain the personnel after their recruitment. Speaking further, he made it clear that it is because the society is faulty that makes it difficult marrying the enforcement of law and what the constitution says. Concluding, he thanked CLEEN Foundation for the books donated to his college and particularly for her selfless service to humanity adding that the books will help them in training and retraining of police personnel.
- Representative of Print Media Mr. Olalekan Adetayo speaking on behalf of his colleagues in attendance thanked CLEEN Foundation for the kind gesture extended to them. Concluding he promised that they will continue to collaborate with the Foundation in making the society a better place in years to come.

Question and Answer Session

- Dr. Omekwu C.O of the University of Nsukka asked to find out what the universities would do for CLEEN Foundation in demonstration of appreciation for what the Foundation has done for them. Responding to the question, the Mr. Innocent Chukwuma, Executive Director of CLEEN Foundation thanked him for that brilliant question and started that the Foundation has been constrained in the area of how best to disseminate its research materials and publications down to the end users. He stated that the Foundation produces and disseminates the materials to stakeholders within the justice sector. Mr. Chukwuma said one good area where CLEEN can partner with the universities is in the dissemination of these materials to students and other end users. Speaking further Mr. Chukwuma stated that the CLEEN is trying to first of all create a network of scholars in these universities. Adding that when a new area of research is developed, the idea is for one scholar to focus on one aspect of the data collation and another scholar focuses on another data. Concluding, he noted that at the end of the day, they will be published in book form.