

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES

Friday, May 22, 2015

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf today received in audience the Special Envoy of the People's Republic of China (PRC) Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), His Excellency Mr. Zhou Yuxiao; also a former PRC Ambassador to Liberia.

Liberian leader welcomed Ambassador Yuxiao and expressed happiness that he could make it back to "his second home" after a long period of absence.

Mr. Yuxiao, for his part, indicated that he was in Liberia for three purposes: To share notes and views on Liberia-China relations and plans for the future; get President Sirleaf's opinion on how China could do better with the FOCAC initiative; and to consult and exchange views on international matters with emphasis on the United Nations.

He informed President Sirleaf that China was very pleased with its bilateral relations with Liberia and acknowledged excellent cooperation on issues of the economy, trade, education, health, security, among others. He pointed out that China is proud that it could stand by Liberia during the Ebola crisis.

Towards this end, the Chinese Special Envoy on FOCAC announced that China was fully ready to undertake and conclude all outstanding projects including the ministerial complex, the Monrovia Vocational Training Center, the renovation of the Samuel Kanyon Doe Sports Complex and expansion work on the Capitol Building - the seat of the Liberian Legislature.

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf today toured facilities at the TIBA Industrial Group and Garson Manufacturing both situated at the Monrovia Industrial Park in Gardnersville. TIBA Industrial Group produces 11 types of biscuits, while Garson Manufacturing produces variety of nails.

She praised the two manufacturing companies that have begun production in the country for creating jobs for hundreds of Liberians in the private sector and for proudly helping to uplift Liberia's economy.