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Norway set to support South universities

By Ater Garang Ariath

Government of Norway yesterday signed a deal to help universities in Southern Sudan improve their academic status.

"We strongly believe that higher education is important for the creation of intellectual capacity to produce and utilize knowledge, and empowerment and awareness of both female and male students," said the Consult General of Norway in Juba, Ingrid Ofstad.

The Government of Norway through its Consulate General in collaboration to University of Juba and Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in higher education will work together to develop the capacity of Southern Sudan Universities.

The celebration of university cooperation between Sudan and Norway kicked off yesterday at Nyakuron Cultural Centre Juba attended by many officials both in the Ministry of education, public Universities and many education partners from the Norway.

The Undersecretary of General Education in the Government of Southern Sudan Mou Mou Athian and Atem Kuir Jok, the Undersecretary of High Education in the same Ministry of Education welcomed the move taken by the Norway Government to impart capacity building in Sudan high learning institutions.

Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Higher Education will build capacity in Southern Sudan Universities by installing Library and science training centers starting at Juba University.

Early this year, Norwegian minister of International Development and Environment, Eric Solheim, met with the students and professors at the Juba University and said his government is committed to invest in youth.

Jok who represented the Minister of Education Job Dhalruai Malou in the occasion urged the Norwegian delegation to do more especially creating exchange programs among Universities of both countries.

He said Southern universities require more inputs to build their capacities in the next few years. Professor Aggrey L. Abate Vice Chancellor of Juba University appreciated the Royal Norwegian General Consulate in Juba, the Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in High Education (SIU) and Juba University for the occasion.

The Chancellor said his administration is faced with enormous challenges, including lack of sufficient space for accommodation with large numbers of students and academic staff lacking lecture halls.



GoSS alternative education bleak in Juba prison

By Justin Rubo

Government of Southern Sudan's efforts to educate 74 minors lying in Juba Prison is proving fruitless. An attempt to teach them in cells is disillusioned by an overwhelming numbers where all classes are sandwiched under a single roofing, despite academic levels, to receive their lessons.

"Since 2006, I know in and out, that most of these children whether in primary one, two or three are taught in the same class. Some are learning, others are playing, what will come out of that learning?" Louis Garang, Deputy Director of Juveniles Reform told the

Citizen yesterday prison in Juba is confrontation with international organizations for inmate number of prison premises. Correction Adviser of education, and for child protection prison and conclude learn are thwart numbers of child Garang said corner behind bars in Juba and that the effort fruitless one.

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