

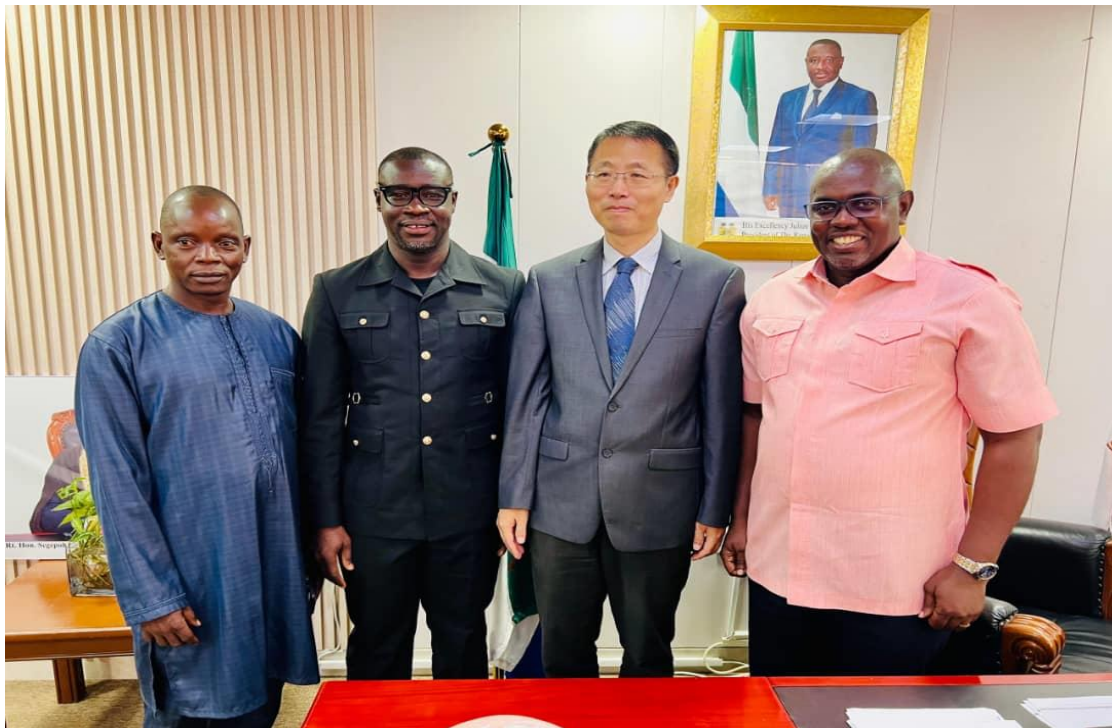


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DEPUTY CHINESE AMB. PRESENTS CHEQUE TO LEADERSHIP OF PARLIAMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MOBILE OFFICES

In a showcase of an undiluted bilateral relationship between the Chinese Embassy and the House of Parliament, the Charge d'Affaires of the Chinese Embassy in Sierra Leone, Mr. Zhang Dianbin, presented a cheque to the parliament's leadership to establish Mobile Offices.

Presenting the cheque to the Speaker of Parliament in the presence of the Deputy Speaker, the Clerk of Parliament, the Deputy Opposition Leader, the Charge d'Affaires of the Chinese Embassy, Zhang Dianbin said the presentation was premised on the request the House Speaker made to the Chinese Embassy, to help with Mobile Offices within Parliament. He assured the Speaker that China would always be ready to assist the House of Sierra Leone Parliament. He also assured Mr. Speaker that China has the strongest determinism to cherish the bilateral cooperation between the Chinese Embassy in Sierra Leone and the Sixth Parliament.

In receipt of the cheque for the construction of Mobile Offices, the Rt. Hon. Speaker Segepoh Solomon Thomas expressed profound gratitude to the Chinese Embassy and the Government of the People's Republic of China for such timely aid. Speaker Thomas appealed for permanent offices like the one China built for Ghana. As per law, Speaker Thomas made it known to the Deputy Chinese Ambassador that any grant given to any of the branches of the Government of Sierra Leone should be laid in the House of Parliament. He assured the Deputy Chinese Ambassador that the cheque would be laid in the House of Parliament before implementation. He also assured the Chinese Deputy Ambassador that he would be formally invited on the day when the grant would be laid in Parliament.

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