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**PRESS RELEASE**



**PARLIAMENT ENDS QUIZ COMPETITION, PPRD EMERGES VICTORIOUS**

The Parliamentary and Public Relations Department (PPRD), the victorious Department was formed in less than two years ago as envisaged by the Clerk of Parliament, Hon. Paran Umar Tarawally and approved by the Parliamentary Service Commission, chaired by the Speaker of Parliament, Hon. Dr. Abass Chernor Bundu to provide effective and efficient inter-parliamentary relations, public relations through pressers, protocol and travel related services to the Parliament of Sierra Leone.

Following a week-long intensive quiz competition on the said HR Manual amongst 14 Departments, PPRD won the penultimate prize tag of NLe 10,000 after defeating Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) in three successive rounds in the finals by 18-10 total scores tallied.

Therefore, the judges pronounced PPRD as the Best Department and PBO as the second best.

The Department is ably headed by Sheku Lamin Turay and deputized by Mrs Mary Koroma, who is assisted by five unit heads in light of the services we provide to MPs, Staffers, the Press and the General Public.

Sheku and Mary are presumably the youngest Director and Deputy Director in the Parliamentary Service. This is also true for our competitors, Betty, Zainab and Lawrence.

At group stages, PPRD defeated Committee Department, quarter finals, PPRD defeated ICT Department, at semi finals, PPRD defeated Legislative Department and at the finals, PPRD defeated PBO Department and won the enviable prize, which 14 Departments entered the competition to win, but the baby old emerging Department emerged victorious.

Few years ago, PPRD was technically excluded from competing for best department because of its age, knowing fully well of its capacity to deliver.

Our three competitors were Betty Musa, Zainab Dumbuya and Lawrence Kamara who were dubbed as the youngest and the sharpest.

Betty Musa was our lead quizzer, witty and brilliant throughout the duration of the competition and was secretary to the immediate past Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas, and also support the secretariat of the Parliamentary Service Commission.

Zainab Dumbuya is also brilliant and recently won best female staff of the dissolved Fifth Parliament in an award and symposium organized by independent journalists reporting on Parliament.

Lawrence Koday Kamara is also brilliant and recently won best male staff of the dissolved Fifth Parliament that was organized by independent journalists reporting on Parliament.

It was a week-long quiz competition organized by the Human Resources Department, headed by its Acting Director, Christiana Syl-Turay as a strategy to rollout the Human Resources Manual approved by the Parliamentary Service Commission as a learning tool to read and understand the content of the said manual aimed at providing a safe and conducive work environment for all.

The Question Masters were the Clerk of Parliament and the Director General respectively and were supported by three judges. The quiz competition was organized on a knockout basis to determine the winner in a week-long battle amongst 14 Departments in the Parliamentary Service.

Congratulating the winners, the Director General of Parliament, Mrs Finda Findosia Fraser said that they were going to put suggestions box to get feedback and that objective of the quiz

competition was met by creating awareness amongst staffers in light of understanding the content of the HR Manual of Parliament. This is a welcome idea that will document learnings and improve the process in the future.

Directors, Deputy Directors and Staffers of Parliament congratulated PPRD for winning the quiz competition on the HR Manual saying they deserved it and won against all odds.

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