

Lift LBS Inauguration speech 06 June 2024 (Alimatou Jabbi)

Good afternoon to you all, I would like to welcome all our guests, parents, teachers, ,children, our well-wishers and all protocols duly observed.

I would like to specially welcome our partners all the way from Holland. Toos and Arie, Professor Bert, Irma and Roeland, we welcome you all for joining us today.

It is worth knowing that this wonderful 8 classroom building with an office, staffroom, computer lab, a borehole and 8 toilets, we are about to open, were all sponsored by AFAS Software Foundation in The Netherlands through Education for The Gambia Foundation.

The funds were coordinated by Arie and Toos who are the Coordinator and Secreatry General of Education for The Gambia Foundation respectively.

Please extend our sincere heart- felt gratitude to AFAS Sotware Foundation. Thank you AFAS Software Foundation.

For Bert, he has been a head teacher of various Lower Basic Schools in Holland, he played key roles in helping our foundation with furnitures, laptops, desktop computers, digital boards and overhead projectors.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Arie and Toos for their wonderful contributions towards lift school and the community as a whole. They devoted their time and energy for us. Arie played a vital role in the community of Sukuta Madina.

I fully remembered when parents appealed for a Lower Basic School. Arie and Toos quickly organised a meeting with the parents and SMC Chairman Sulayman Fadera. They took pictures and videos which they shared in The Netherlands and finally AFAS Software Foundation came to our aid which makes our dream come true and today we are all benefiting. The children are having their education in a conductive environment in their door steps.

Education for The Gambia Foundation offered free education for 42% of Lift students, six (6) staffs were also sponsored to have their professional training at Gambia college with lunch and transport, free lunch for all the students, free dental care services, hygiene project, learning materials, sporting jerseys, footballs, clothing, health equipment, rice for sponsored children and needy families, boxes for sponsored children and their families as Christmas gifts.

Arie, Toos, Amy and Frans, AFAS Foundation thank you all; we appreciate all your kindness towards humanity and particularly Lift school.

My thanks goes to Mr. Sulayman Fadera; he is a special person with honesty, gratefulness and commitments.

Thanks also goes to husband Mr. Jabbi, he gave the two lands for free with no cost to anyone. He helped in the formation of Education for The Gambia Foundation and is still existing.

I also thank the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education for given us the license to operate as a school.

My special thanks to parents too for their usual cooperation and support. I would like you to encourage your children to study hard, make books their best friends.

We don't only teach them to learn subjects, we also put good morals in them as they are the future leaders.

Ladies and gentlemen, I extend my heart felt gratitude to each of you for making this official opening a successful one.

Thank you all