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Modern Training Center For LEC Soon

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MAC-L CEO Mr. Monie R. Captan

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Millennium Challenge Account-Liberia (MCA-L) of the Millennium Challenge Compact (MCC), Mr. Monie R. Captan, has disclosed that the MCC Project will build a modern state of the art training center for the Liberia Electricity Corporation (LEC).

The MCC is a US\$257 grant signed October 2, 2015 between the Governments of the United States of America (USA) and Liberia and is aimed at encouraging economic growth and reduce poverty in Liberia by focusing on improving the inadequate road infrastructure and increasing access to reliable and affordable electricity in the country.

Among other things, the program empowers the poor and promotes shared American values through a focus on improving land rights and access, increasing girls'

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primary education enrollment and retention, and improving Liberia's trade policy and practices.

Speaking at a media orientation on Friday, June 15, 2018, Captan said the center, which will be called the LEC Training Institute, will be built on the Bushrod Island, a suburb of the nation's capital, Monrovia.

According to him, in a bid to ensure quality learning, MCC will hire well-learned and qualified instructors to train staff of the LEC in different areas.

"This training center will be of great benefit to every Liberian as it will promote quality of service," Captan revealed.

The MCA-L head explained that LEC will partner with the Booker Washington Institute (BWI) in this drive.

As part of its project here in Liberia, he also disclosed that MCC will also build a modern customer service center that will address the plights of many customers of the LEC.

"This service center, I can assure you, will have all that any modern customer service center should have," he stated.

The LEC Customer Service Center, he further explained, will be built in Paynesville City, outside Monrovia.

Under the road component of the compact, CEO Captan

told the media that MCC is in the process of developing a five-year road maintenance plan.

In furtherance of its road project, he mentioned that the Compact is also in the process of building a road access data.

"We stand the opportunity to getting a second Compact, but it depends on how these activities are carried out," Captan, among other things, added.

The Minister of the Ministry of Information, Cultural Affairs and Tourism (MICAT), Lenn Eugene Nagbe, who also spoke at the Media Orientation, said the Compact is of great significance to the growth and development of Liberia, because it helps reduce the government's development burden.

"This is a clear roadmap of what our country needs to be developed," Nagbe pointed out.

"Electricity is holding Liberia back from development; likewise roads. It is still difficult for Liberia to development in the absence of road and electricity. And so, the programs of the MCC were not designed in isolation of our country's development plans. In fact, these projects and program are directly aligned with the Pro-Poor Agenda of this government," Minister Nagbe stated.