

## TU-GREEN-GOLD LIBERIA SIGNS HISTORIC MoU



L-R, Gerrad Singh & Morris Dougba of Green-Gold, Rep. Lawrence Morris, Rev. Townsend - VP for Institutional Advancement, Prof. Wreh-Wilson - President of TU , Rep. P. Mike Jurry, Andrew Macguna , Assoc. VP Gbalee Gray of TU at the historic MoU signing ceremony.

On Friday, October 19, 2018, Tubman University (TU) and Green-Gold Liberia (an alternative energy company) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the Capital Building on Capitol Hill in Monrovia. The signing ceremony was witnessed by Maryland County District #1 Representative P. Mike Jurry, and Montserrado County District #1 Representative Lawrence Morris. The TU-Green-Gold initiative is aimed at teaching students of Tubman University to produce biogas from fibrous waste of the sugarcane, household garbage, coconut husk, and other agricultural wastes. The renewable energy initiative is expected to create jobs and at the same time replace tree charcoal with *bio-coal* as energy source for household consumption. Prof. Elliott Wreh-Wilson, President of TU signed on behalf of TU while Mr. Morris Dougba, Sales and Marketing Manager of Gold Green-Liberia signed for his organization.

Speaking at the signing ceremony Prof. Wreh-Wilson said “We embrace the idea of the partnership because it will greatly help the University and the students especially through the knowledge and the teaching”.

For his part, Mr. Dougba said the partnership will not only provide practical knowledge for students but also will generate income for TU and the community of Harper and Maryland at large. In addition, he highlighted that the goal of the project is to safeguard the environment by considerably mitigating deforestation for the production of firewood and charcoal.

Rep. Jurry stated that he has confidence in the partnership and stressed that though Maryland County is at a disadvantage due to its distance, he will endeavor to bring development to Harper District and Maryland County at large.

“I am moved by the brilliance of my like-minded colleague (Jurry) to seek the interest of his people,” said Rep. Morris.

Green-Gold Liberia on its Facebook page expressed thanks and appreciation to Rep. Jurry and Prof. Wreh-Wilson for the tremendous step forward in the field of alternative energy development in Liberia.

It can be recalled that Mr. Gerrad Singh, Lead Consultant of Green-Gold Liberia visited TU (August 28-September 3, 2018) through the initiative of Rep. P. Mike Jurry, an outstanding alumnus of Tubman College of Technology (TC) and TU. During his stay in Harper, Mr. Singh of Green-Gold Liberia and TU Administration held negotiations for the establishment of a Sustainable Energy Development Program at TU. The alternative energy program begins at start of second semester in 2019 and students from the Colleges of Engineering and Agriculture are expected to benefit.