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Twelve Years On, a New Chapter Begins: Minister of State, Minister of Higher Education, Professor Jacques Fame Ndongo, visits AIMS Cameroon's Permanent Campus in Ngeme

Limbe, Cameroon, twelve years after his initial visit to the rented premises of AIMS Cameroon at Crystal Gardens, Professor Jacques Fame Ndongo, Cameroon's Minister of State, Minister of Higher Education, and Chancellor of Academic Orders, returned to Limbe on July 1, 2025, to witness a remarkable transformation: The visit of AIMS Cameroon's new two storey building in Ngeme.

The Minister was accompanied by a distinguished delegation, including the President of the AIMS-Cameroon Advisory Council; Professor Ngomo Horace Manga, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Buea; Professor Remy Magloire Etoua, Rector of the University of Yaoundé I; Mr. Bernard Okalia Bilai, Governor of the South West Region; Mr. Viang Mekala, Senior Divisional Officer for Fako; and the mayors of Limbe's municipalities.

The visiting officials expressed admiration for the scale, architectural elegance, and strategic vision of the new facility, describing it as both inclusive and timely. Professor Fame Ndongo commended AIMS Cameroon's remarkable progress in establishing a world-class training hub for Africa's brightest young minds in the mathematical sciences.

The visit of AIMS Cameroon's new two storey building in Ngeme marks a pivotal advancement for the institution, reflecting the vision of the Center President, Professor Mama Foupouagnigni, and the steadfast support of the Government of Cameroon and the Limbe City Council. More than an academic upgrade, the facility is designed to nurture collaboration and community among students, researchers, and faculty.

Ground Floor Amenities & Facilities

The ground floor features a comprehensive suite of amenities, including a restaurant, a large kitchen with an adjoining storage area, six operational offices, and an infirmary equipped with two medical rooms. It also offers 40 student rooms and public restrooms, including facilities adapted for individuals with reduced mobility or disabilities.

First and Second Floors: Research, Academic, and Executive Spaces

The first floor places research and technology at the forefront, hosting six research offices, two IT rooms, a server room, two classrooms, and 40 additional student rooms. Accessibility remains a priority, with inclusive restroom facilities incorporated throughout, accessed either via the staircase or the elevator.

On the second floor, academic space expands with a spacious amphitheater, two classrooms, six administrative offices, two lecturer offices, and 34 accommodations for faculty and teaching assistants. The roof top terrace adds functionality and prestige with a VIP room, supplementary restrooms, and a 30- cubic meter water tank to ensure consistent utility services.



AIMS Cameroon Ngeme

During a working session held in one of the amphitheater's, Professor Foupouagnigni expressed gratitude for the government's enduring support and acknowledged the strides made. Yet he underscored the need for continued investment, remarking, alluding to growing demand for space and resources. Previously constrained by limited capacity at the former campus, AIMS Cameroon is now set to welcome over 200 students annually, more than tripling its intake and broadening access to advanced training in mathematical sciences.

Minister of State Praises AIMS Cameroon Project and Reaffirms Government Support

The Minister of State commended the construction, expressing his wholehearted satisfaction and astonishment at the thoughtful design and meticulous execution of a project of such scale. Echoing the government's earlier stance on annulling land certificates issued to encroachers on AIMS Cameroon land, his recent visit reaffirmed the administration's unwavering support for AIMS Cameroon in its efforts to evict unlawful occupants.

Looking ahead, AIMS Cameroon has announced bold plans to introduce a bachelor's program in mathematics excellence and diversity, reinforcing its commitment to inclusive education. The institution envisions awarding scholarships to one-third of its students, an initiative designed to expand access to high-quality scientific training for promising learners across Cameroon and the wider continent.

This development signals a deepening collaboration between AIMS Cameroon and the Government of Cameroon, while simultaneously strengthening integration within the pan-African AIMS Network. As the campus enters this transformative phase, its growing footprint underscores a resolute dedication to nurturing Africa's next generation of scientists, problem solvers, and changemakers.





● **Conference on Geometry and Topology, 2–5 July**

From July 2–5, AIMS Cameroon hosted the Conference on Geometry and Topology, drawing mathematicians and researchers from across the Africa. The event provided a dynamic platform for exchanging ideas, presenting cutting-edge research, and exploring new directions in these fundamental fields of mathematics. Participants engaged in stimulating lectures, problem-solving sessions, and collaborative discussions that bridged theory with potential applications.

The atmosphere was one of curiosity and discovery, with both seasoned experts and emerging scholars contributing to the dialogue. By the close of the conference, new connections and research partnerships had taken shape, promising to advance the frontiers of geometry and topology.

Math Women Bootcamp

From August 5–14, 2025 the Math Women Bootcamp at École Sonara brought together 40 passionate girls determined to pursue mathematical sciences. The intensive classes challenged them to deepen their understanding and build strong problem-solving skills. Throughout the program, inspiring talks covered career paths, professional development, and the unique challenges women face in the field. Participants learned practical strategies to handle backlash and build self-confidence in communities where STEM careers are not always encouraged.

Students going on an internship

July also saw several AIMS Cameroon students preparing to embark on internships that will take their skills beyond the classroom and into real-world problem-solving.

These opportunities span diverse sectors, from research institutions and tech companies to development organizations across Africa and beyond.

Each placement is designed to challenge students to apply their mathematical expertise in practical, impactful ways. The academia and staff have worked closely with partners to ensure enriching experiences that align with each student’s career goals.

As they set off, the students carry both the technical knowledge and the confidence to make a tangible difference wherever they go.





Math Women Bootcamp

The bootcamp created a supportive space where these young women could connect and empower one another. To wrap up the program, students took part in quizzes and a mini-Olympiad that tested their knowledge and skills.

Those who stood out for their excellence were recognized with prizes, adding excitement and motivation.

This impactful activity was partly funded by Elsevier and AIMS Cameroon, in collaboration with École Sonara, strengthening partnerships to support girls in STEM.



Orientation of New Cohort of Students

The Center President of AIMS Cameroon, Prof. Dr. Mama Foupouagnigni, has welcomed 108 new students for the 2025/2026 academic year, urging them to embrace multiculturalism, Pan-Africanism, and the network's core values.

The two-day orientation introduced staff and services covering academics, safety, wellness, IT, F&L, finance, the MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program, and gender at AIMS.

This diverse group 77 men and 31 women from 18 African countries will undertake a rigorous Mathematical Sciences program.

Guided by 12 tutors, about 60 lecturers, and a strong alumni network, they are expected to develop independence, innovation, and leadership while advancing Africa's scientific future

A Fresh Start: New Cohort Dives into Learning at AIMS Cameroon

After a week of orientation and settling in, the new cohort at AIMS Cameroon officially began their academic journey with the first classes of Skills Block 1 on August 25, 2025.

The atmosphere buzzed with excitement as students stepped into their sessions on language training, professional development, and programming with Python.

Beyond languages, students also began shaping their professional identities through the Professional Development and Entrepreneurship course, where lessons on personal branding, networking, and reputation building took center stage. The week rounded off with Introductory Programming with Python, igniting curiosity and creativity as students wrote their first lines of code.

With this blend of learning and discovery, AIMS Cameroon's new cohorts are off to a strong start ready to explore, connect, and create.

