

A REPORT ON

VISIT OF AMBASSADOR PHILIPPR LE GALL THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES TO THE GLOBAL OPEN UNIVERSITY NAGALAND

Ambassador Philippe Le Gall, High Commissioner of the Republic of Seychelles visited The Global Open University Nagaland at Dimapur on 29th of November 2017. The visit of the High Commissioner of Seychelles of the Republic of Seychelles became a reality after The Global Open University Nagaland received the Torch Bearer Institution Award from the Re:Think India of India tourism on 27th September at Scope, New Delhi. The award was received by the Registrar of The Global Open University Nagaland Dr Imotemsu Ao. On this award distribution ceremony Ambassador Philippe le gall was a Guest of Honour, who graced the occasion delivering a short but impressive speech. After receiving the award on 28th of November 2017, the Founder Chancellor of The Global Open University Nagaland, Dr Priya Ranjan Trivedi, who has personal contact with the Ambassador Philippe Le gall, conveyed his desire to meet the High Commissioner, together with the Registrar Dr Imotemsu Ao and the Vice Chancellor, Dr H.N.Dutta. On receiving the invitation Dr Priya Ranjan Trivedi, Dr H.N.Dutta and Dr Imotemsu Ao visited the High Commissioner at given time on 28th September 2017 at C-1, Anand Niketan, New Delhi-110021, the official residence of Ambassador Philip Le Gall.

Ambassador Philippe Le Gall, High Commissioner of the Republic of Seychelles was very happy on receiving the Torch Bearer Institution Award by The Global Open University Nagaland and congratulated all of us and the tourism industry at Seychelles is renown the world over began to discuss on tourism in Seychelles and discussed how The Global Open University Nagaland may promote tourism education as per its programs. Being encouraged, we proposed if Ambassador Philip Le gall, the High Commissioner, may like to visit The Global Open University Nagaland. At this, a quick response was received from the Ambassador Philippe Le Gall, High Commissioner of the Republic of Seychelles, who desired to visit The Global Open University Nagaland during the Horn Bill Festival in Nagaland in the during of November- December 2017. The Founder Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor and the Registrar of The Global Open University Nagaland proposed if academic collaboration of The Global Open University Nagaland with Seychelles could be a reality for promoting education on tourism among the students of Nagaland, At this the High Commissioner offered to discuss the issue with the Seychelles Tourism Academy to offer a final decision on such collaboration per signing an MOU. The Founder Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor and the Registrar of The Global Open University Nagaland were very pleased and welcomed the kind gesture of the High Commissioner and offered thanks for proposing such academic vision for the students of Nagaland and giving consent of visiting The Global Open University Nagaland at Dimapur during December 2017.

On November 2, 2017 an E-mail was received from Ambassador Philippe Le Gall, High Commissioner of Seychelles, which addressed to the Vice Chancellor and the Registrar of The Global Open University Nagaland confirming the visit of the High Commissioner to The Global Open University Nagaland on the same day of his arrival at Dimapur on 29th of November 2017. The E-mail also referred to his desire to witness the Horn Bill Festival on December 1st, 2017. About his visit, the High Commissioner intimated to the Government of Nagaland through the Resident Commissioner, Government of Nagaland, New Delhi mentioning his desire of witnessing the Horn Bill Festival. The Global Open University Nagaland also intimated the desire of Ambassador Philippe Le Gall to the Parliamentary Secretary, Tourism, Government of Nagaland and Ambassador Philippe

Le Gall was greeted to witness the Horn Bill Festival both on 1st and 2nd of December 2017. On 2nd December Ambassador Philippe Le Gall was declared the Guest of Honour of the Festival

On 29th of November 2017, Ambassador Philippe Le Gall, High Commissioner of the Republic of Seychelles was greeted and received at the airport by a team of officials and students led by the Vice Chancellor and was invited to the university. At the university the High Commissioner was greeted by the Chancellor Mr T.N.Mannen and the Registrar along with students. The High Commissioner thereafter addressed a public meeting as the Chief Guest, wherein the High Commissioner outlined the salient features of the Memorandum of Understanding to be signed between The Global Open University Nagaland and the Seychelles Tourism Academy. The MOU was signed by the High Commissioner on behalf of the Seychelles Tourism Academy and by the Chancellor Mr T.N.Mannen on behalf of The Global Open University Nagaland. In the meeting, the High Commissioner released a book entitled “ Eastern Himalayan Domestic Architecture : With Special Reference to North East India” edited By Dr H.N.Dutta and Dr Imotemsu Ao. Thereafter Ambassador Philippe Le Gall departed from Kohima to Kohima to witness the Horn Bill Festival. From The Global Open University Nagaland, the High Commissioner He was accompanied by Faculty Member Sri Supong Longkumer, Assistant Public Information Officer Nchumthung Ovung and Assistant Administrative Officer Akok Longkumer ..

On 30th of December 2017, Ambassador Philippe Le Gall, visited the historical Khonoma Village, The Heritage –the Former Home of the Deputy Commissioner of the bygone British era, Kohima Museum at Kohima and had his official discussion with the Mr C.Apok Jamir, the Parliametary Secretary Tourism, Government of Nagaland at Hotel De Oriental Grand

On 1st December 2017, spent on Kisama village attending Horn bill Festival 2017, along with the Chief Guest of the opening ceremony of the Festival Sri Ram Nath Kovind , the Honorable President of India Sri P.B.Acharya, the Honorable Governor of Nagaland, Sri T.R.Zeliang, the Honorable Chief Minister of Nagaland.

On 2nd December 2017, Ambassador Philippe Le Gall, as a Guest of Honour, being declared by the Government of Nagaland, witnessed the Hornbill Festival together with the Honorable Governor of Orissa Dr S.C.Jamir, his wife and other dignitaries. The same day Ambassador Philippe Le Gall, came down to Dimapur and stayed at Hotel Acacia and Ambassador Philippe Le Gall was seen off by the Vice Chancellor and Registrar and who departed to New Delhi on 3rd December 2017.

The visit of Ambassador Philippe Le Gall High Commissioner of the Republic of Seychelles and signing of the MOU between The Global Open University Nagaland and the Seychelles Tourism Academy would remain as a historical day for the university as it will open up doors of the students of Nagaland for future academic collaboration with the Seychelles Tourism Academy, Government of Seychelles in the field of tourism.