



GOVERNMENT OF RIVERS STATE

**MINISTRY
OF
EDUCATION**

ACTIVITIES PROFILE



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**DAME ALICE LAWRENCE NEMI
THE HON. COMMISSIONER FOR EDUCATION**



STRUCTURE OF THE MINISTRY

The Ministry has the Hon. Commissioner at the Helm of Affairs. The Permanent Secretary follows the position of the Hon. Commissioner and then Directors heading various departments. There are also Boards and Parastatals under the Ministry namely: Post Primary Schools Board (PPSB), State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB), Scholarship Board, Etc. There are also various Tertiary institutions apart from primary and Secondary Schools namely Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Rivers State College of Education, Rivers State Polytechnic Bori, River State College of Arts and Science, Port Harcourt.

MANDATE

The Ministry of Education is mandated to provide quality Education in a conducive environment and at minimal cost to the children, youth and people of Rivers State.

The Ministry has great commitment in the pursuit of the Vision and Mission statements.

POLICY OBJECTIVES:

To Provide Quality education, Enhance a State Education policy, Fine-tune Scholarship Award and Bursary Systems, Establish libraries, Build Model Schools in the State. The policies formulated by the Ministry in realisation of the targets of the State Government are tailored towards promoting qualitative Education that can measure up with the best practice and standards obtainable elsewhere in the world.

A STATE OF EMERGENCY was declared by the present Administration of Governor Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi IN REFORMING THE EDUCATION SECTOR which is now going through a major metamorphosis leading to a vibrant and pulsating sector:

VISION STATEMENT

To provide free and qualitative Education to the entire population of Rivers State.

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide citizens of Rivers State with a standard and good Education in partnership with Private sector, Parents, Non-Governmental Organisations and Competent Teachers in a conducive learning Environment.

EXECUTIVE REMARK

It is a common saying that a journey of a thousand miles begins with a step. And so on the 12th day of January 2009, Dame Alice Lawrence Nemi and her able team took their steps on the floors of the Rivers State Ministry of Education for a journey that has taken them so far to date. It was a journey that was embarked upon as a result of a simple change in portfolio. Dame Alice Lawrence Nemi saw this change effected as a result of portfolio swap not just as a mere change but an opportunity to bring about change. Consequently upon assumption of office, the task ahead was viewed with vigour.



Dame Alice Lawrence Nemi
Hon. Commissioner for Education

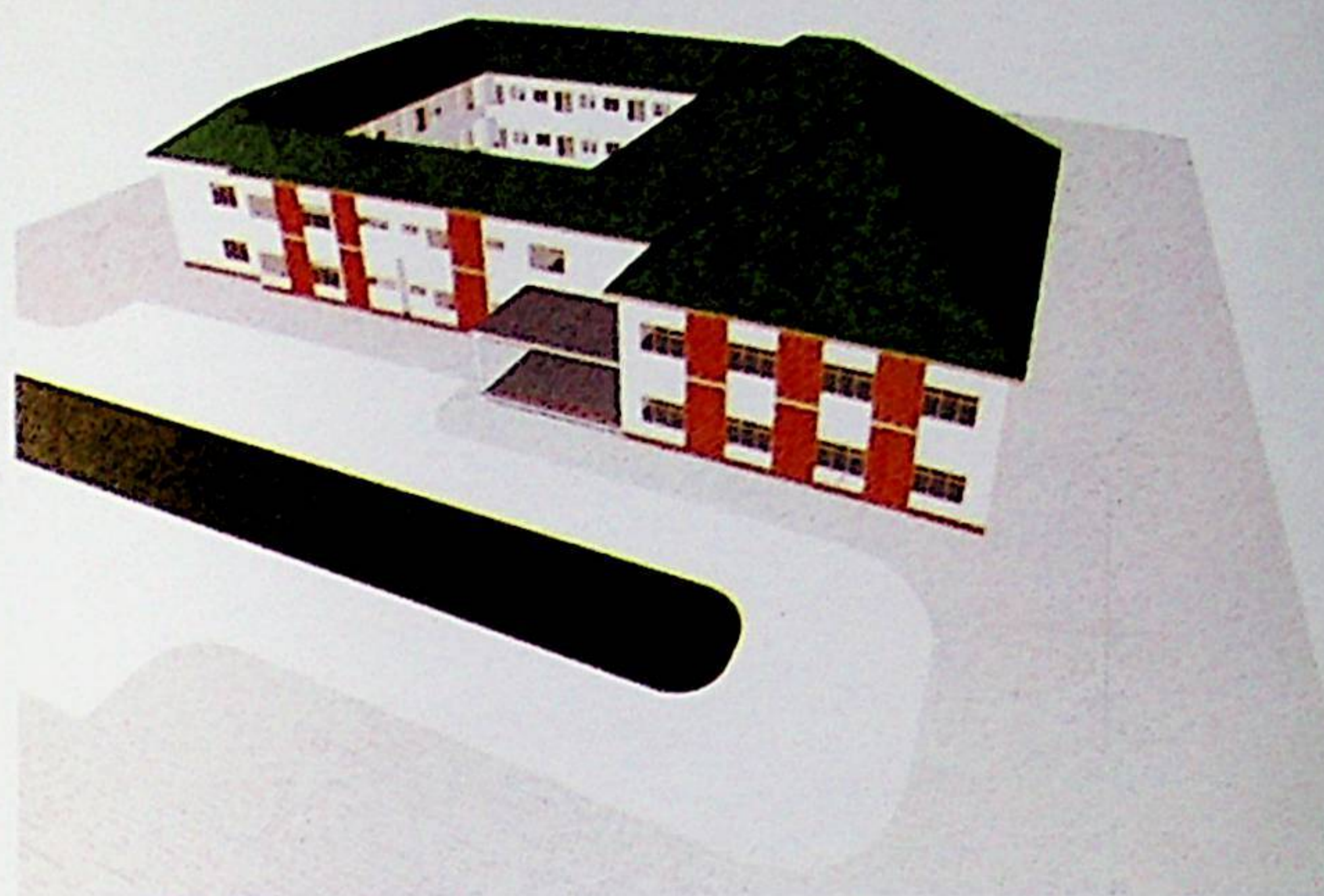


... On the task ahead

CONSTRUCTION OF MODEL SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN RIVERS STATE

Model Secondary Schools are to be built in each of the 23 L.G.A.s of the State to provide comprehensive neighbourhood schools across the State. Key facilities include:

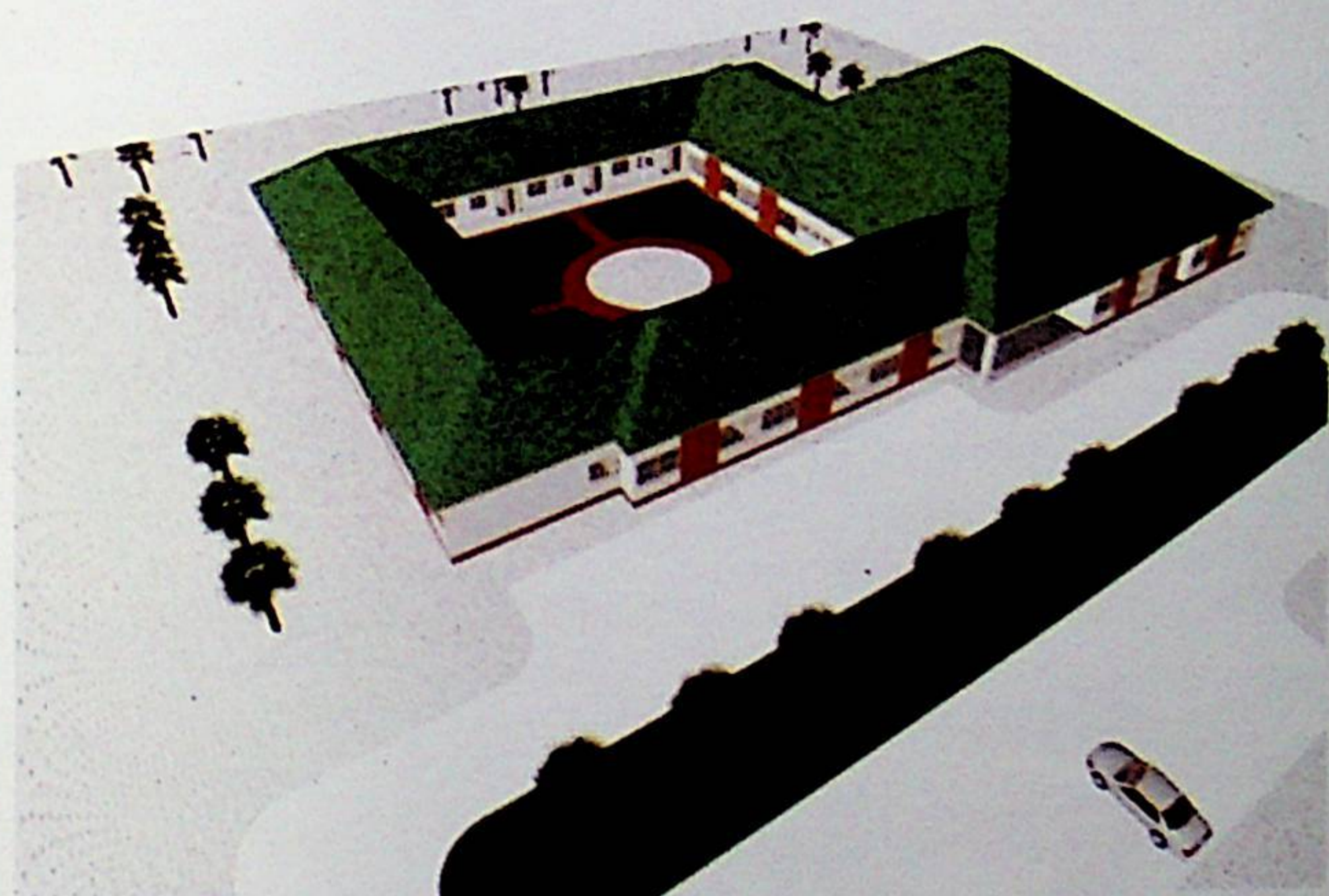
Laboratory/ Workshop (2),
 Theatre(1),
 Administrative Office/Library (1),
 Dining Hall (1),
 Classrooms (6),
 Dormitory (6),
 Twin Bedroom (6),
 Town House (2),
 Sports Field
 Demonstration Farm.



CONSTRUCTION OF MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN RIVERS STATE

In the same vein, the Government has approved the building of Model Primary Schools numbering 250 to be evenly located in various parts of the State. Key facilities include:

Classrooms(14),
 Library,
 Auditorium,
 Toilets(16),
 Staff Common room,
 Headmaster's office.



IMPROVED WELFARE & TRAINING OF TEACHERS

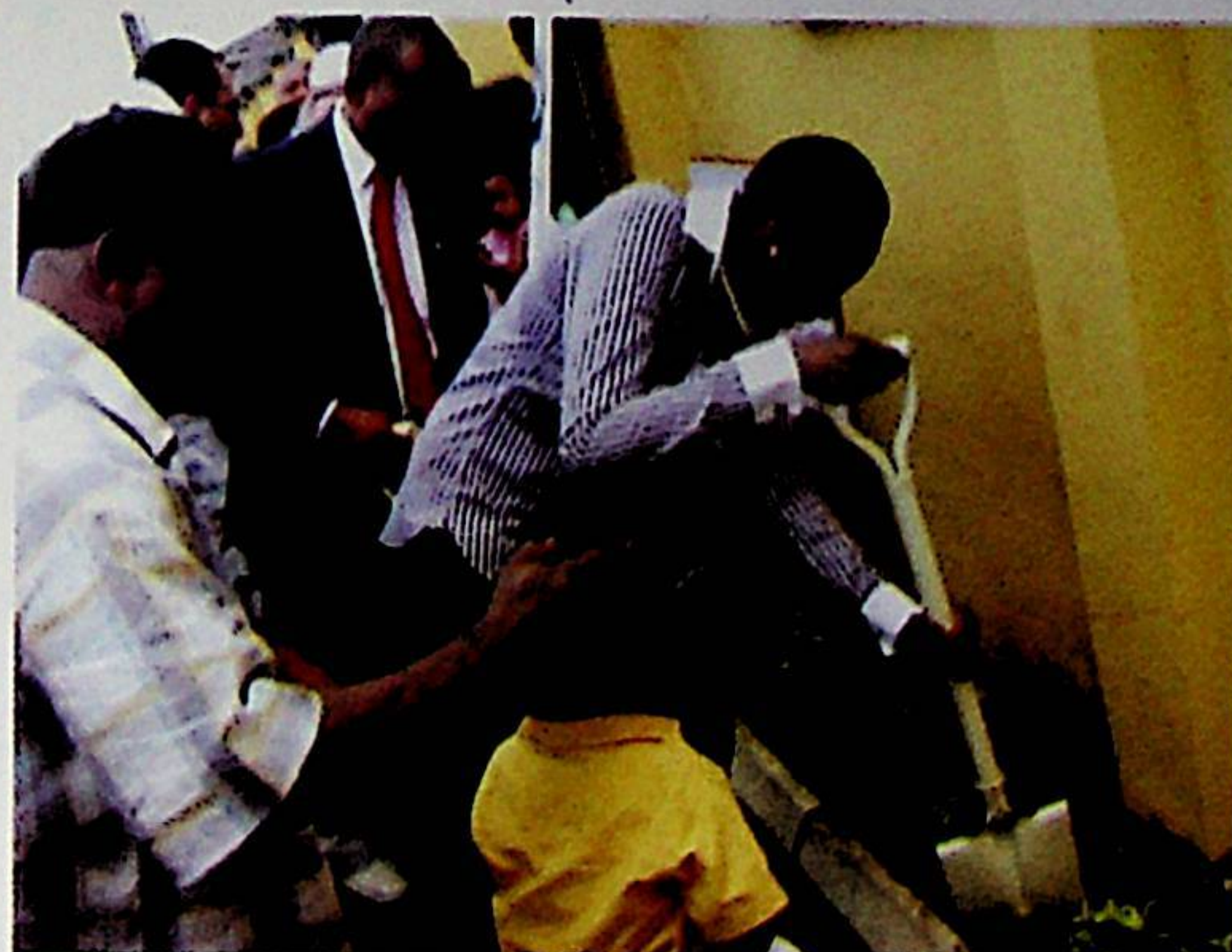
Attitudinal change to official responsibility and re-orientation of teachers in the state is considered paramount in re-branding the education sector in the state. The ministry in this regard considers the welfare of The Teacher as an important issue. Apart from improved Teachers welfare, the Ministry is also desirous of giving awards to teachers who excel in discharging their responsibilities. The Ministry is also organising training and Certification for teachers in partnership with the British Council. At the end of the training the teachers will be assessed and certified by the University of Cambridge.





INTRODUCTION OF OPERATION CLEAN AND GREEN THE SCHOOLS IN RIVERS STATE

Determined to maintain sanity and provide a decent and impressive learning environment the Ministry recently introduced Operation Clean and Green Schools in the State. The exercise is aimed at inculcating the spirit of cleanliness into the teachers and pupils. To sustain this programme, a periodic inspection of schools is being carried out with a view to exposing schools that are not complying with the exercise and also honouring schools that keep the best environment. A task force aimed at checking trading and extra-academic activities on school premises has been inaugurated to compliment the effort of the present Government to maintain serenity and calm atmosphere in school premises.



INTRODUCTION OF SCHOOL FEEDING

Providing free Lunch at Lunch time in schools is currently being explored and considered by The Ministry. It is the desire of the Ministry to partner with corporate Organisations and Individuals to introduce free lunch to Primary and Secondary Schools in the State. This will serve as a kind of incentive that will boost the interest of children within school age to easily enroll and by so doing addressing truancy and the problem of child literacy.



IMPROVED INSPECTORATE DEPARTMENT

Realising the need to sustain the present effort to reposition the educational sector, the Inspectorate department of the Ministry which is charged with the primary responsibility of ensuring that schools' activities and programs are properly organised and executed according to established standards has been revitalised and reinvigorated. This is aimed at ensuring that educational policies are strictly implemented and complied with in the State.



FAMILIARISATION VISITS

Alongside providing the enabling working environment were visits to the various Schools, Boards and Parastatals under the Ministry.

The scene below, shows various pictorial sessions of The Hon. Commissioner's visit to the State Primary and Post Primary Schools Boards.



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Pictures Showing The Hon. Commissioner's visit to The State Post Primary Schools Board.



Pictures Showing The Hon. Commissioner's visit to The Rivers State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB)



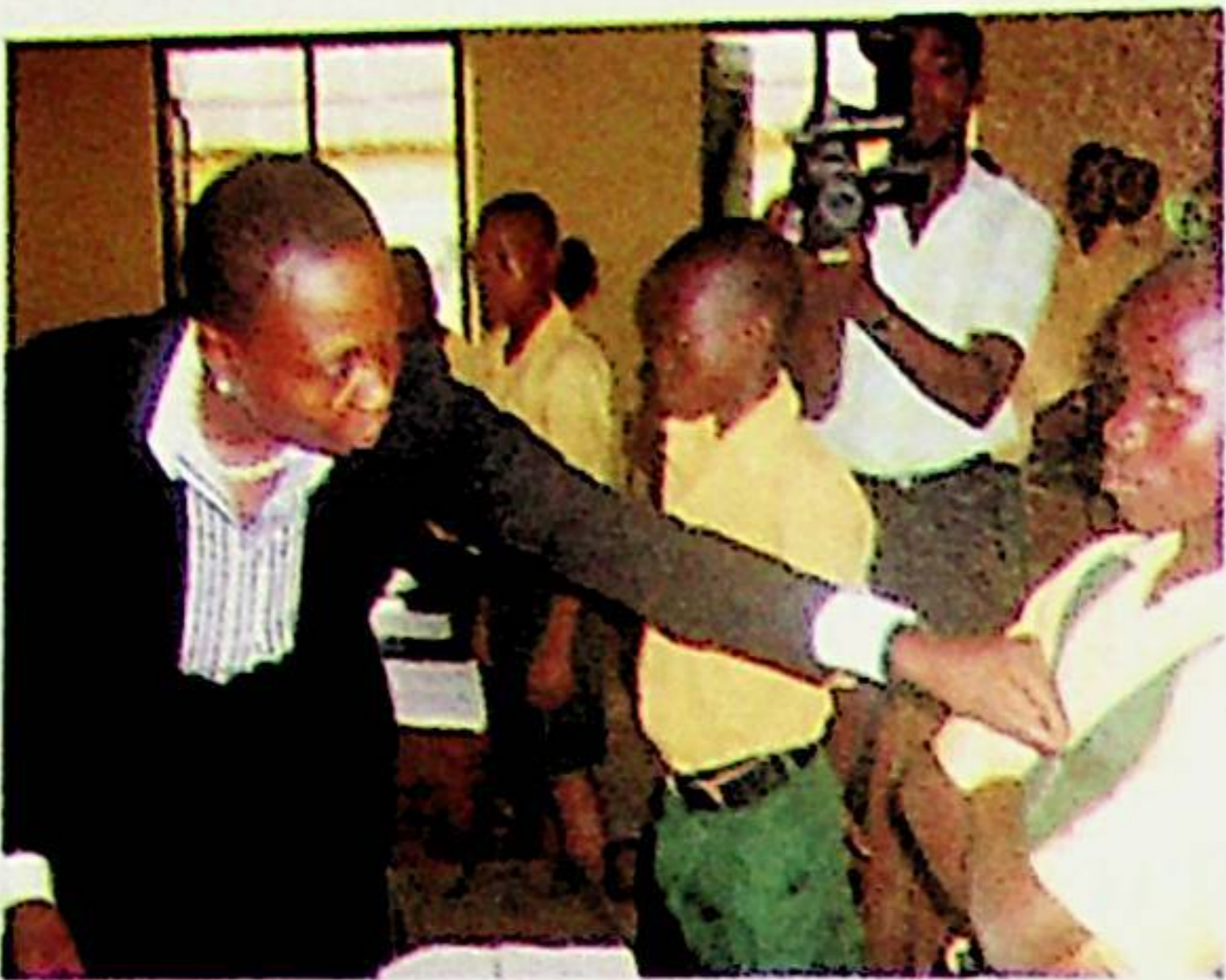
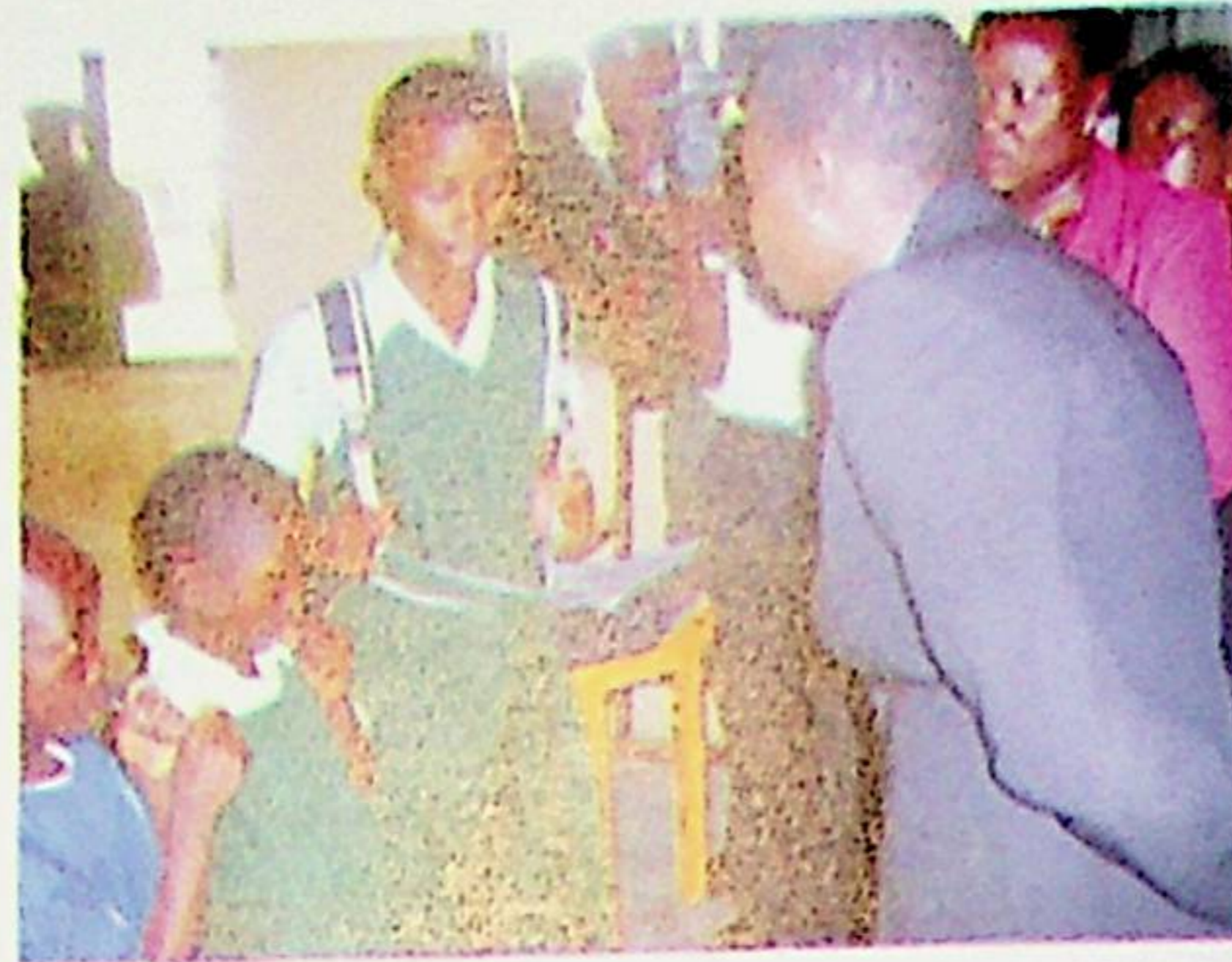
The Rivers State College of Arts and Science is one of the existing tertiary Institutions under the portfolio of The Rivers State Ministry of Education. The institution is set up to provide both preliminary academic preparatory courses and also Certificate Programs. Recently, The Hon. Commissioner and her team embarked on an inspection visit to see things for herself.



The Hon. Commissioner arriving on an unscheduled inspection visit to The Rivers State College of Arts and Science



SCHOOLS VISIT CONTD.



Determined to get first hand information and to see things for herself, The Hon. Commissioner also visited some Secondary and Primary Schools in the state to interact with both the teachers and the pupils.

Pictures showing the Hon. Commissioner and her team interacting with both teachers and pupils in some of the schools visited.

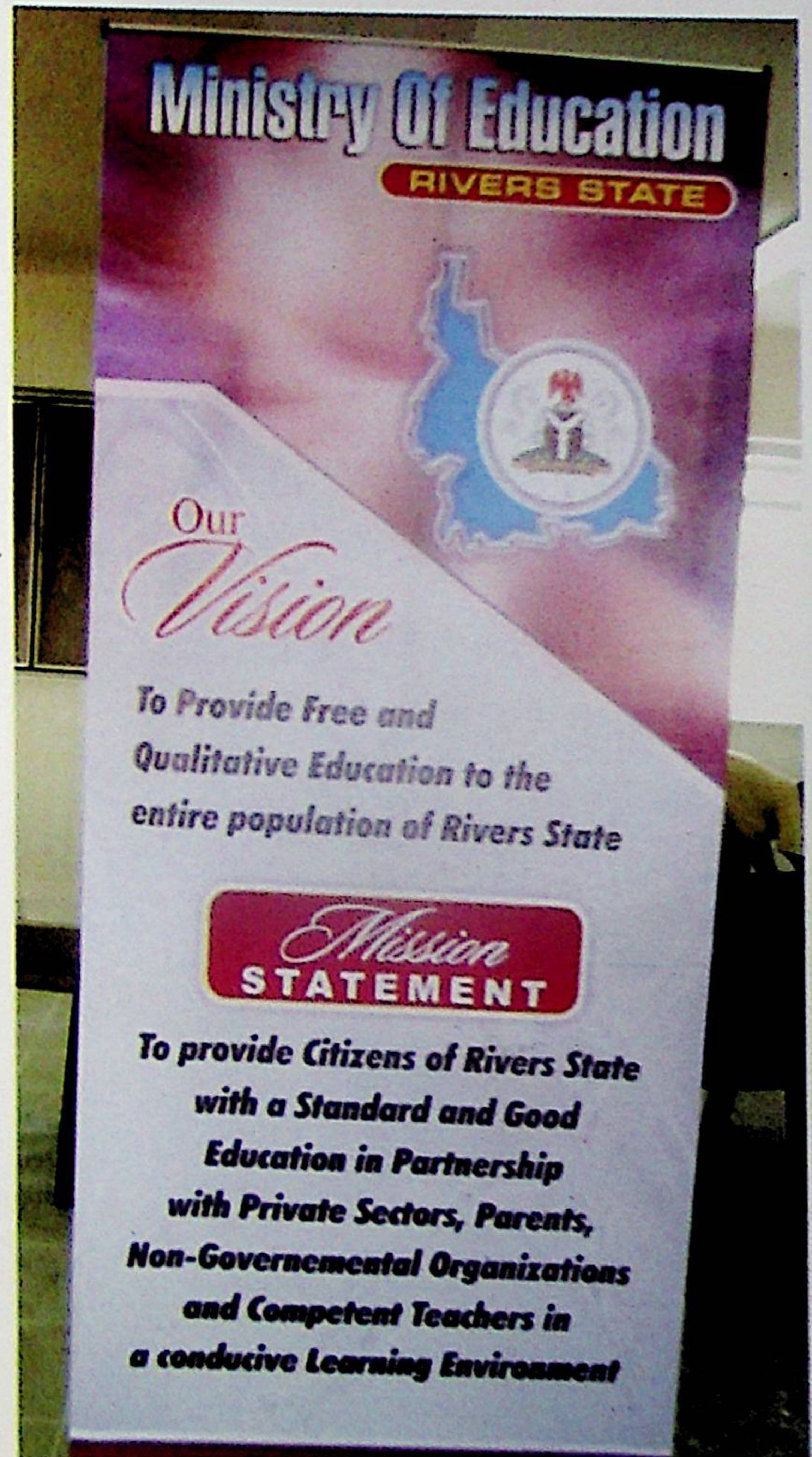




PUBLIC PRESENTATION OF VISION & MISSION STATEMENTS OF THE MINISTRY

Part of the initiative introduced by The Hon. Commissioner in the drive to reposition the Education sector in the State, was the Re-branding of The Ministry's Vision and Mission statements. The Re-branded Vision and Mission statements was therefore presented to the public on Thursday, 19th February 2009 to mark the formal implementation.

Pictures showing the Hon. Commssioner and other dignitaries at the occasion which was held at Protea hotels, GRA Port Harcourt.





ICT EQUIPMENT FOR SCHOOLS

As a Ministry that is open to both individual and corporate partnership in the pursuit of her Vision and Mission Statements and that believes in team work, MTN Communications Limited under her Schoolnet program donated some computer equipment to some selected schools in the State.

Pictures show the Hon. Commissioner and other senior staff of the ministry receiving the equipment on behalf of the schools.





VISIT TO SITE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MODEL SECONDARY SCHOOL EBUBU, ELEME

The completion of the construction of Model Secondary Schools in the State within the stipulated time is of foremost importance to The Ministry of Education as a Mega project. Recently the Hon. Commissioner paid an unscheduled visit to site for Model Secondary School Ebubu, Eleme Local Governement Area.



Here the contractor on site, Godon Development entertains some questions from the Hon. Commissioner for Education while others listen with rapt attention.

VISIT TO SITE FOR THE PROPOSED FRENCH VILLAGE

Promoting and encouraging the development of French language in public schools in the State as another common language is also part of the dreams of the Ministry of Education under Dame Alice Lawrence Nemi, Hon. Commissioner for Education.

Picture here shows a recent visit by the Hon. Commissioner in company of Deputy Managing Director Total Nigeria, major partners of Alliance Francaise to site for the proposed french village.





AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

The strive for excellence and aspiration to greater heights is foremost in the scheme of things at the Rivers State Ministry of Education. This standard is also demonstrated in the various Boards and Parastatals under the ministry. Recently, The Universal Basic Education Board (UBE) was honoured by the Federal Ministry of Education as the Best organised UBE Board in Nigeria. Picture here shows the Hon. Commissioner and the Acting Chairman, UBE Rivers State displaying a cheque valued at N100m which was given as a prize to the UBE Board for being the Best organised UBE Board in Nigeria.





FORMAL INTRODUCTION OF THE 2009 SCHOOLS QUIZ & DEBATE PROGRAM

As part as activities to properly groom the pupils in primary and secondary schools in the state in both Science and Art based subjects, the Ministry in partnership with Oceanic Bank PLC, is presently organising state-wide quiz and debate competitions which will be in public view as soon as the elimination series are exhausted. The competition was declared open and formally introduced in a recent meeting of Principals of Secondary Schools in the State which held at model Girls Secondary School, Rumueme. At the end of the competition, prizes and trophies will be lifted by Best Performing participants, pupils and teachers of best schools. Picture here shows the Hon. Commissioner, the Permanent Secretary and others at the formal introduction of the competition to School Principals.





PROMOTING THE BEST PRACTICE & EXAMINATION ETHICS IN RIVERS STATE SCHOOLS

There is no doubt that examination malpractice has eaten deep into the fabric of the society including our schools. This has given stakeholders in the Education Sector a great challenge to combat the menace. On 19th March, 2009 the Rivers State Ministry of Education in her bid to eliminate examination malpractice in schools in the State commenced the process by organising a workshop on Examination Ethics with the overall theme: 'Towards the best practice and sustained examination ethics in Rivers State'. The workshop was attended by statutory examination bodies, JAMB, NECO and WAEC including School Administrators and staff of the ministry. The workshop was organised in partnership with FCMB at Novotel Port Harcourt. Picture below shows the Hon. Commissioner declaring the workshop open.



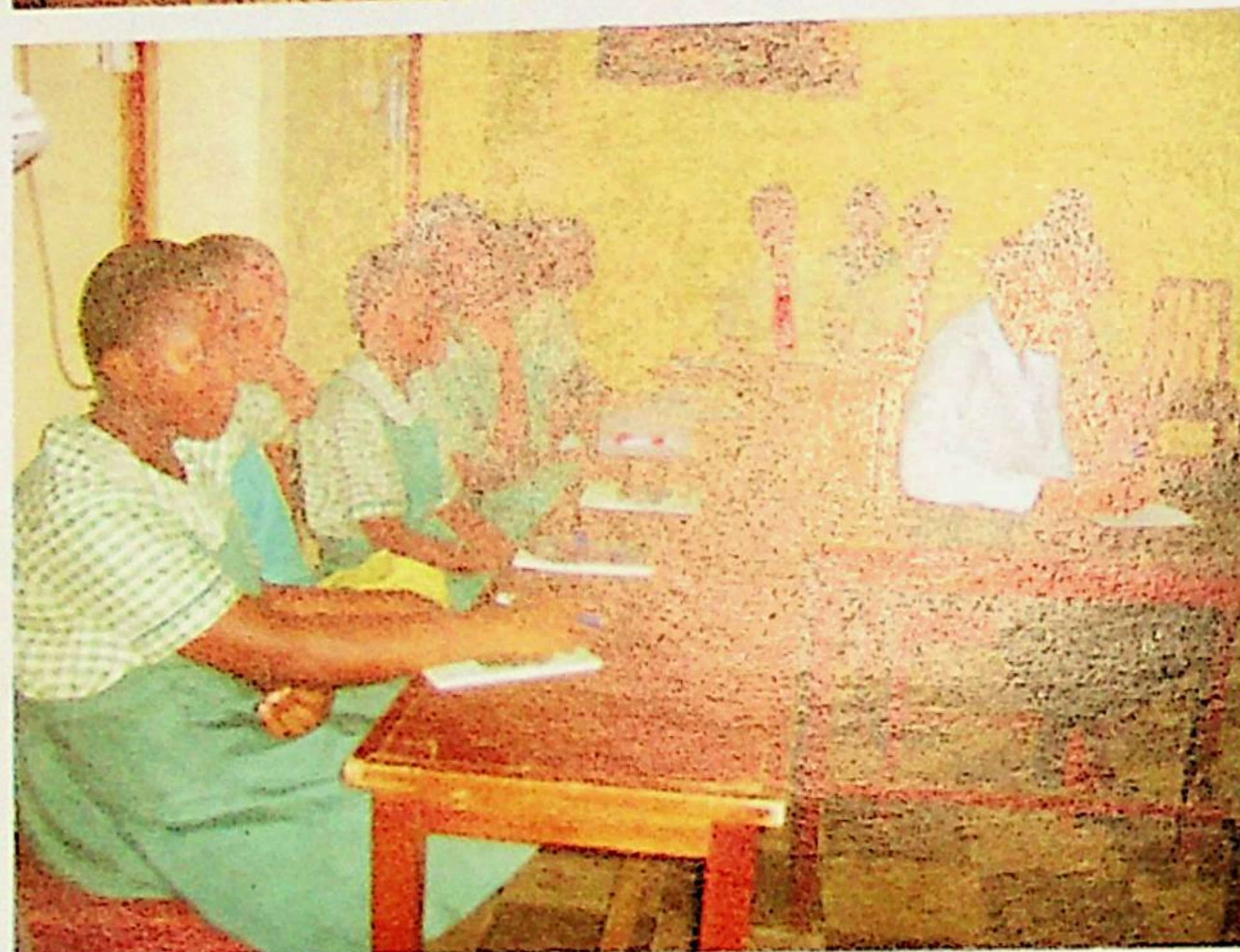


OPERATION CLEAN AND GREEN THE SCHOOLS IN RIVERS STATE

The Rivers State Ministry of Education is committed to providing the Best learning Environment obtainable in other developed societies in the various schools in the state. In this regard, The Ministry recently Launched The Operation Clean and Green Schools in the State on the 27th of March, 2009. The program which is aimed at restoring sanity and best learning and conducive environment to our schools was Launched at Model Girls Secondary School Oromenike by The Hon. Commissioner amidst pomps and pageantry. Pictures below show various stages of the event in which The Hon Commissioner and others demonstrated the cleaning and greening exercise in the school.



... A COMMITMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-LINGUAL SOCIETY



The promotion of a multi-lingual society is considered a necessary stimuli to the growth of Nationhood and capable of opening new vistas in Human Development and Capacity building. The Rivers State Ministry of Education is therefore poised to partner with other stakeholders in language development and proficiency. In this regard, The Ministry in partnership with UBA and Alliance Francaise is organising Holiday Lessons for the study of French. The lessons will be holding at Alliance Francaise from 6th to 24th April, 2009. Pictures here show The Hon. Commissioner and representatives of Total Nigeria, major partners of Alliance Francaise at the opening of the Holiday lessons.



Watch out for more of the series.

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