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New Release (SAVE-THE-DAY)

Greensboro, January 30, 2007: The Liberian History, Education Development (LIHEDE), Inc. in collaboration with the Maryland Liberian Community, African Coalition of Virginia, Delaware Community Association, Liberians and Friends of Liberia are sponsoring a FORUM entitled: "THE ROLE OF LIBERIANS IN DIASPORA IN THE CONTROL OF MALARIA IN LIBERIA" on Saturday, March 10, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The theme of the forum is "Mobilizing Liberians in the Diaspora for action to control malaria in Liberia." Its objectives are to strengthen working relationships among government agencies, NGOs, Community-Based organizations, associations, academic institutions, businesses and industries to ensure effective implementation of President Bush's Malaria Initiative (PMI) program in Liberia; to develop an active civic society to ensure accountability in the mechanism for implementation of the PMI program; and to ensure the program benefits the general population of Liberia, especially the vast majority living in rural communities.

On December 14-18, 2006, LIHEDE hosted the first post-war National Malaria Conference on the main campus of the University of Liberia in Monrovia in collaboration with governmental and non-governmental organizations, including the Liberian Ministries of Health and Social Welfare, Youth and Sports, Information and Cultural Affairs and Tourism; BNetTV.com of Canada; US-based Congress of Racial Equality; United Nations General Assembly (President); United Nations Millennium Project; US-based Kill Malaria Mosquitoes Now Coalition; West Coastal Aerial Applicators, Inc.; Tr-Ac-Net consulting group; AME University, Cuttington University in Liberia, and University of Liberia.

One of the highlights of the Conference was an invitation extended to officials of LIHEDE during the Conference by the US Embassy in Liberia, to witness the historic announcement made by President Bush via satellite, naming Liberia as a focused country to benefit from the PMI funds. Liberia is therefore expected to receive 2.5 million in 2007 and 8 million in 2008 to combat the deadly disease-malaria.

It is against this backdrop that LIHEDE in collaboration with community organizations will be holding a community forum on Saturday, March 10, 2007 to brief the Liberian Community and friends of Liberia in Maryland on the outcome of the recent National Malaria Conference, and solicit views from the public relative to a forward plan to engage and support the Liberian Government in the implementation of the PMI program in Liberia.

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