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Celebrations commemorating the 164th independence anniversary of Liberia are scheduled to commence on Saturday, July 23 in Washington, D.C., United States of America.

The "All Liberian Day" cultural extravaganza, which is expected to bring together thousands of Liberians and friends of Liberia, will be held on the grounds of the Embassy of Liberia, located at 5201 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

According to a dispatch from the Liberian Embassy quoting the Minister Counselor for Press and Public Affairs, Mr. Gabriel I.H. Williams, this year's 26th celebrations will showcase various aspects of Liberian culture, including cultural troupes and mask dancers.



Mindful of the important role the Liberian Diaspora plays in the rebuilding process of the country, ten select Liberian-related organizations and institutions have been chosen to participate in the celebration. All participating organizations/institutions will each have a booth to showcase and provide relevant information about their activities, mandates and accomplishments in Liberia and elsewhere.

This year's celebration is being held under the theme: "Liberia Rising," with the slogan, "Do Your Part, Get Involved!"

Among the entertainers being featured at this year's cultural extravaganza are: the Pan African Dance Company from California, Iron-side and the Moga Band, celebrated gospel artist Kanvee Adams of the popular "You will carry my Load" song, Glorious Lamps International from Philadelphia, and renowned international soprano Nyenpu Burl, as well as several Liberian upcoming recording artists, including Patrick Juwle, Joseph Coleman, Knero, and Naomi Cojolo Kolleh, commonly known as Princess of Praise.

Other activities of the Independence Day celebrations include an Intercessory Worship Service, which will be held July 24th at 4:00 p.m. at the Lamb of God Lutheran Church, 7415 Buchanan Street, Landover Hills, Maryland, as well as sporting events, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at Riverdale Recreational Center in Riverdale, Md. The Embassy is hosting the intercessory service in collaboration with the Liberian Ministers Association, while the sporting events are being held also in collaboration with the Liberian Community Association in the Washington Metro area. The celebrations will be climaxed by a diplomatic reception on July 26th.

Liberian community leaders and organizations from across the United States are also invited to participate in the events commemorating the 164th Independence anniversary of the Republic of Liberia.

Last year's Independence Day celebration brought together nearly 10,000 participants from across the United States.

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