

NEC Accredits LPDP as New Registered Political Party



Chairman Korkoya presents Certificate of Accreditation to LPDP Organizing Chairman Edward K. Gobah

The National Elections Commission (NEC) has accredited the Liberia People Democratic Party (LPDP) as the newest registered political party in the country.

The LPDP was accredited at a ceremony held Thursday, July 23, 2015 at the headquarters of the Commission in Monrovia.

During the ceremony, the Chairman of NEC, Cllr. Jerome George Korkoya, said the accreditation of the PDPL is a result of the party's fulfillment of all requirements associated with the registration of political parties as required by the laws of Liberia.

He called on the LPDP and other registered political parties in the country to bolster the work of the Commission by contributing substantially towards the sustenance of democracy in the country.

Chairman Korkoya urged political parties to begin engaging in regular voter education activities that would generate mass citizens participation in electoral activities. He said such activities would help build confidence in the fledgling democracy of Liberia.

Chairman Korkoya announced that the Commission currently has thirteen more applications for the formation of new political parties.

The accreditation of the LPDP brings to seventeen, the total number of registered political parties in the country.

Meanwhile, the Organizing Chairman of the LPDP, Cllr. Edward K. Gobah, has extolled the National Elections Commission for the scrupulous scrutiny of documents submitted by his party which has resulted to its accreditation as a registered political party in the country.

The formation of the LPDP began on October 26, 2014 when Organizing Chairman Gobah wrote a letter to NEC Chairman Jerome G. Korkoya, declaring the intention of several Liberians to establish a new political party in the country.

Consistent with the standards set in Chapter (E) 3.7 (a) of the revised guidelines on the registration of political parties and candidates promulgated by the Commission on May 14, 2014 and the New Elections Law of Liberia, the LPDP satisfied all requirements for registration including the submission of two bank accounts of 15,100.00 United States Dollars and 8,400.00 Liberian Dollars respectively; an Indemnity Insurance Policy of 100,000.00 United States Dollars; and the establishment of a headquarter in the City of Monrovia, among others.

