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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OURSELVES ALONE DIES WITH US; WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD REMAINS AND IS IMMORTAL.” — [Albert Pike](#)

## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the very first edition of the MECA 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary monthly journal. In this journal, expect to get all details of events and activities commemorating our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary plus other interesting articles. You will also have an opportunity to update yourself with recent events around the globe, get useful tips, job adverts, and much more. Join us in this ride as we celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Montreal cultural group composing mainly of English speaking Cameroonians.

*Editor in chief: Hilda Nansi*

### **O** RIGIN, MIGRATION AND SETTLEMENT OF THE MANYU PEOPLE.

The indigenous population of the Manyu Division who today constitute the tribes like the Banyang, Keakaas, Anyangs and Bokis all originated eastward from Ekoi in South Eastern Nigeria. The real factors responsible for their movements remain clouded because it is based on speculation. However, Ejagham and Banyang oral traditions hold that inter-tribal wars, the escape from slave raiders and the desire by some Efik fishermen to do fishing at the Manyu River were the three fundamental factors responsible for the people’s migration.

In their Southward movement from Nigeria, the people were led by a hunter, Akwen who took them through the forests, crossing rivers and streams, and trekking upon hills and valleys. They subsequently arrived the Ekok border and eventually settled at the forested area today known as Eyumojock from where internal dissension led to a split within the group. This was because the leader of the group Akwen, began raiding some of his able men and sold them out of the group as slaves, to Nigerian slave traders who wandered across the length and breath of the border in search for escaped slaves.

Those who separated from Akwen’s group later settled elsewhere and opened up new sites for their settlement. It is believed that the villages of Kembong, Ndepaya and Mbakem came into existence because of the separation and majority of the Ejagham speakers traced their origin from this historic movement.

*Author: Cromwell Enow*

**The MECA PHILANTROPIC AWARD.** MECA Montreal instituted this award since 2012 to honour members of our community who have selflessly perform community services to improve our community. So far, there have been 6 winners of this award cutting across all works of life. This year we are receiving nominations for the award. Prospective candidates for this prestigious award must able to show what they have done that has impacted our Cameroonian community either in Canada or back in Cameroon positively. Please send in your nominations to the committee in charge of the selection using [info@mecamontreal.com](mailto:info@mecamontreal.com)



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**MECA MONTREAL**  
**HOW IT ALL STARTED**

It all started in April 2007 when some manyu elites initiated by Mr. Valentine Eyong, Mr, Julius Ashu & Mr Takang Edward who later became the pioneer president of the association came together to discuss the unity of the Manyu people based in Montreal Canada. In August of the same year the association was formed and it was decided upon to rotate the hosting of the meetings with the intention to know where each and every member resides.



Mr Takang Edward – Pioneer President

The association was officially launched in 2009 as *Manyu Elements Cultural Association Montreal-Meca*. Today we are proud to have over 40 registered members with lots of achievements.

**Theme of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration:**  
*Make A Better Canada by Understanding Your Neighbour's Culture.*

- ✚ Understanding your neighbour's culture to live in harmony
- ✚ Avoid cultural clash
- ✚ Help new immigrants understand Canadian culture and facilitate integration

**CELEBRATING**  
*10 Years*

- ✚ Mutual understanding leads to a healthy society

**CAMEROON NEWS**

*Trafficked child recovered*

A missing child, Ndoh Bidai Daniel, kidnapped on 15 November 2016 has been found.

The five year old was abducted in Maroua by Salamatou Djibrila 24 years. According to Gendarmerie sources, the captor, ironically a mother of a 3 year old boy, used candy to lure Ndoh Bidai Daniel at a time he was playing with siblings.

The child was taken from Garoua to Nigeria as part of a



trafficking scheme that is recurrent within the Northern Regions of Cameroon.

The parents of the child immediately alerted the forces of law and order and the search for the little boy intensified.

Salamatou Djibrila had financial motivations and planned on selling the child for a yet to be disclosed sum of money.

In Nigeria, the child trafficker, for the deal to mature, unfortunately, got discovered by the aunt of her victim.

The Nigerian security forces were alerted and the little boy was quickly recaptured from the hands of Salamatou. They were all conveyed to the Gendarmerie in Garoua where Salamatou unremorsefully detailed her intentions.

The security officials in the Region, on the occasion of this happy end to such a sad story, called on the population to be vigilant and intensify the fight against child trafficking.

*Source:Eden Newspaper*

**MONTREAL NEWS**

*BOMBARDIER CHAIRMAN WANTS HIS PAY BROUGHT BACK TO 2015 LEVELS*

A public uproar over a hefty increase in compensation to senior executives at Bombardier prompted the company's chairman to ask his board of directors late Friday to scale back his pay to 2015 levels.

Total compensation for the Montreal-based manufacturer's top five executives and Beaudoin was

US\$32.6 million in 2016, up from US\$21.9 million the year before.



PIERRE BEAUDOIN Bombardier CEO

The Quebec government gave Bombardier (TSX:BBD.B) roughly US\$1 billion in 2016 while the federal government recently announced a \$372.5-million loan package for the firm's CSeries and Global 7000 aircraft programs.

*The Canadian Press*

### CAMEROON COACH HUGO BROOS WELCOMES FECAFOT INQUIRY

Coach Hugo Broos has told BBC Sport he welcomes an inquiry by the Cameroon Football Federation (Fecafoot) into the administrative problems suffered by the African champions.



Hugo Boss – CMR Coach

The latest issue was when the team were denied lunch at a hotel on Tuesday due to an unpaid bill.

Later that day Cameroon lost 2-1 in a friendly to Guinea after which he said he was considering his future.

“I’m happy with the reaction because they realised what happened,” he said.

“If they want an inquiry, it means they know there were mistakes and maybe in future those mistakes won’t happen again.”

The 64-year-old Belgian conceded that his reaction may have been a ‘little bit too heavy’ but that there was a good reason for his approach. “I hope that things will change after my comments – this is the most important thing,” said Broos, who won the Africa Cup of Nations last month in spite of having worked on the continent for just a year.

“In a few months, there is the Confederations Cup and we are playing against the best teams in the world (Germany, Chile, Australia) so everyone has to be awake again.”

His words have already had a reaction with Fecafoot opening an inquiry into the matter on Tuesday, while also stating that the circumstances which prompted Broos’ public complaints were ‘unacceptable.’

### JUST FOR LAUGH

Akpors was very drunk and was struggling to open his door with his key. His neighbour asked him “sir can I help you open the door?” Akwen responded “don’t worry, just help me hold the house straight, I can open the door”.

### JOB NEWS

#### Job Vacancy and Wage Survey, third quarter 2016

Canadian employers had 402,000 job vacancies in the third quarter, and the national job vacancy rate was 2.5%.

Both the overall number of job vacancies and the job vacancy rate in the third quarter were little changed compared with the third quarter of 2015. However, there were notable changes among the provinces and territories

Compared with the second quarter of 2016, the number of job vacancies (seasonally unadjusted) increased by 2.4% in Canada, while the job vacancy rate was unchanged. The job vacancy rate refers to the share of jobs that are unfilled out of all payroll jobs available. It represents the number of job vacancies expressed as a percentage of labour demand, that is, the sum of all occupied and vacant jobs.

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**NEXT Edition scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup> will include:**

-10 Anniversary celebration details

-10 reasons to visit Montreal in 2017