

COMMONWEALTH OF LEARNING

Supporting material for the Department for International Development (UK) Multilateral Aid Review, 2010 – a sampling of letters of appreciation:

From letters to the President of COL:

“I hereby wish to express profound gratitude of the Ministry of Higher Education, as well as my encouragements, with regard to the accomplishment of your supreme missions and the consolidation of excellent relations between Cameroon and the Commonwealth.” – Jacques Fame Ndonga, Minister of Higher Education, Republic of Cameroon, 2007.

“On behalf of my Government, I want to thank you for the wonderful work you are doing in Sierra Leone in enhancing access to education and training programmes.” – Bockari K. Stevens, High Commissioner for the Republic of Sierra Leone to Canada, 2008.

“May I take this opportunity to thank you and your organisation for your contribution to our education sector and the kind sentiments expressed therein and wish you continued personal good health and prosperity” – Lieutenant General Seretse Khama Ian Khama, President of the Republic of Botswana, 2009.

“As a university that is still developing into its dream, keeping strong links with progressive institutions such as the Commonwealth of Learning remains an essential part of our success. I take this opportunity to thank you and COL for the several initiatives and activities it has undertaken with the National University of Samoa. NUS values the innovative stance COL has taken to accelerate us into the information age and assist with the delivery and sharing of educational information, tools and ideas vis Learning4Content as well as enabling us to participate in VUSSC activities” – Le’apai Tu’ua Ilaoa Asofou So’o, Vice Chancellor and President, National University of Samoa, 2009.

“First of all I must congratulate you and your team for formulating the Performance Indicators for ODL Institutions. I am pleased to inform you that the OUM’s Quality, Research and Innovation Council (QRIC) decided to adopt the COL Performance Indicators starting in 2009 ... The QRIC believes that the ten COL Performance Indicators (PIs) will enable us to self-assess and benchmark against other ODL institutions as part of our conscious efforts to drive quality into the ten areas addressed by the COL PIs. Our team has made some modifications to suit our needs.” – Anuwar Ali, President and Vice-Chancellor, Open University Malaysia, 2009.

“I am aware of the high reputation of the Commonwealth of Learning and of Jamaica’s significant relations with the organisation, having had some exposure to its work when I held responsibility for Commonwealth matters at Headquarters. I therefore thank you for the useful updates on the activities of the Commonwealth of Learning by way of the material you have enclosed.” – Sheila Sealy Monteith, High Commissioner for Jamaica to Canada, 2010.

Regarding COL’s eLearning for International Organisations Programme

“The World Health Organization (WHO) started working with COL in 2002 to adapt the *Writing Effectively for UNHCR* print-based workbook into digital format for WHO staff. COL has been involved in two revisions/updates of the learning CD-ROM ... We know that COL is the only intergovernmental organization with expertise in technology mediate learning at a distance. COL has produced excellent training result throughout our partnership and we would recommend them without reservation.” – Eveline Coveney, Staff Development, Global Learning and Performance Management, World Health Organization, 2010

“The United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) started working with COL in early 2007 to develop the course *Writing Reports for OIOS*. COL is also responsible for delivering the course to about 80 OIOS audit staff all over the world ... Based on the excellent feedback from our learners, we have just re-contracted COL to deliver the course to a new batch of learners.” – Gurpur Kumar, Internal Audit Division, United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services, 2010

Regarding COL’s *Connections/EdTech News* newsletter:

“I’m especially interested in getting the hardcopy of each issue of the COL newsletter. It’s still one of the best of its kind anywhere.” – Gary Coldevin, 2009

“I receive newsletters from all around the world and COL’s is by far the most useful, but also the most interesting, best written and best designed.” – Stephen Conger, 2009

“As always, a very interesting and information rich ‘Connections and Ed Tech News’” – Colin Latchem, 2009

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