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Washington D.C. November 26, 2024-Ambassador Dowana's contributions to Liberia's presence on the international stage have been notable. As he prepares to return, Embassy staff members took the opportunity to express profound gratitude for his patience, professionalism, and fatherly care – qualities that defined his term in Washington D.C. Many praised him for his unwavering commitment to his duties amidst numerous challenges, establishing a legacy of resilience and dedication.

In his farewell remarks, Ambassador Dowana commended the staff for their sacrifices and unwavering commitment to representing Liberia abroad. He acknowledged the challenges inherent in foreign service but highlighted the rewards of patience and dedication. "The role you play in upholding our nation's dignity is invaluable," he noted. "Your collective efforts ensure Liberia's voice is heard on the global stage."



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Al-Jerome Anasta Chede Sr.
H.E. Jeff Gongoer Dowana, in attendance

His farewell was tinged with emotion as he lamented the reality that he might not see his colleagues again. Yet, his parting message was filled with hope and encouragement. Ambassador Dowana urged the staff to extend the

same respect, courtesy, and dedication to his successor, ensuring smooth continuity at the Embassy. "The strength of a mission lies in unity and professionalism," he stated.

The farewell program wasn't just about words. Attendees delighted in a sumptuous array of traditional Liberian dishes, expertly catered by Befree Catering LLC. The culinary experience offered a taste of Liberia's rich culture, with dishes that beckoned memories of home. To complement the feast, there was an assortment of champagne, beer, and wines, ensuring plates and spirits alike remained elevated throughout the evening.

The gathering served as a poignant reminder of Ambassador Dowana's impact, both professionally and personally. As the embassy prepares to welcome new leadership, the legacy of Ambassador Dowana's tenure will undoubtedly inspire continued commitment and excellence in service to their homeland.

Through laughter, reminiscences, and a sense of profound appreciation, His Excellency's farewell celebrated not just an end, but the enduring bonds forged over years of dedicated service. The echoes of his fatherly guidance and wisdom will surely grace the halls of the Embassy for years to come.

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