



Prof. Reid E. Whitlock chats with the CEO, Elumelu Foundation

SFB HOSTS TONY ELUMELU FOUNDATION OFFICIALS.

On Tuesday 9th August 2011, SFB was privileged to host Dr. Wiebe Boer, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Elumelu Foundation. He was welcomed to the School of Finance and Banking by the Rector of the School, Prof. Reid E. Whitlock.

The CEO represented Mr. Tony Elumelu, who is the founder and the owner of the “Elumelu Foundation” that originates from Nigeria. The foundation focuses greatly on the entrepreneurship development especially, in Africa.

During the CEO’s explanation about the foundation, it was stated that the spirit of entrepreneurship is what is needed to change Africa. This is because it is the source of people’s development and a means of enhancing people’s entrepreneurial capacities for further development. In Rwanda for example, the foundation is highly recognized and much is expected from it through mutual cooperation. SFB as an institution too expects mutual benefits from the foundation.



Prof. Reid and Dr. Wiebe having a tour around SFB CAMPUS

During a meeting that combined the CEO, Rector and some SFB staff members, a deep and an intellectual explanation about SFB's historical, current and future visionary achievements, weaknesses and plans were presented by the Rector of the school. From the open discussion that followed, there were signs that SFB has got both the opportunity and the potential to mutually collaborate and benefit from the foundation. Some of the domains highlighted that SFB would like to further develop include developing its entrepreneurship section, language skills development; making sure that its private company (PRISM) progress at higher levels as required, to mention but a few.

Members who attended the meeting also had chance to express their feelings about the insights regarding the foundation that were given to them by the CEO. The meeting ended with a hope that further collaboration between SFB and the foundation would bring economical benefits to the school at large.

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