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In the early stages of IMBA, most students were from the countries have diplomatic relations with Taiwan. After graduation, some of them returned to their countries and served in public sectors. This time, we invited Ibrahima Kinteh who graduated from IMBA in 2010. He has been working at Ministry of Finance & Economic Affairs, The Gambia for many years. He uses what he learned from Taiwan, and tries to improve the life quality of The Gambia. Let's see what he exactly does for his country!

Ibrahima chose to work in Government instead of the private sector, because he wanted to broaden his scope and understanding of development issues. Moreover, he received a lot of supports from his country in his school time, so Ibrahima also wanted

to devote himself to the society. These are the reasons why he keeps working in government.

Working in Ministry of Finance & Economic Affairs over 10 years, Ibrahima did a lot of things to make the country better. As an employee of Government, he needs to observe the problems of the society and try to solve them to make the people in Gambia have comfortable life quality. In 2018-2021, The Gambia has a National Development Plan to improve the access for people to have safe drinking water. They still have a long way to go in ensuring universal access as it is not just a matter of physical access but also management of water at the household level which requires a lot of health education as well as change in behavior and practice

of water storage. To mitigate the above particularly at the rural areas, Ibrahima and his members are promoting the local initiatives to raise funds and sink boreholes for use and management by the community. That's what he's recently doing now.

In the spare time, Ibrahima keeps attending seminars and workshops to get some new knowledge and skills. From his perspective, learning is continuous and ongoing, as such, one never stops learning until he or she dies. Even though he has a stable job, he keeps attending numerous training programs to stay top-notch in the execution of his functions. Ibrahima plans to retire as a civil servant. After retirement, he would like to launch a business venture in commercial agriculture to create a place for younger professionals to grow and develop. He is willing to share his knowledge and experience to the people who need it. He will keep exerting the social impact to his country to assist the younger generations to develop their abilities.

For the students who are going to enter the workforce, Ibrahima would like to give some suggestions to you. In his opinion, different countries may have different required skills for the young people. For Gambia, the government is putting emphasize on entrepreneurship development to reduce the pressure on their already-saturated labor market. Taiwan may have the different required skills for the freshman. However, Ibrahima recommends every student improve the presentation skills. Students with good presentation skills will



know how to market themselves and survive in the fierce competitive market. For the current students, Ibrahima would like to suggest you make the best use of the excellent services and facilities at NTHU. Moreover, he would like to recommend the foreign students to travel around Taiwan in the spare time and enjoy the beauty of Taiwan!

Lastly, Ibrahima still remembers the time in NTHU. He enjoyed studying in NTHU, and felt in love with this cozy environment and excellent services and facilities. Even though he had a thrilling experience for writing thesis, he finally completed it and learned a lot from it. Because of this journey, after he returned to work at Ministry of Finance & Economic Affairs, he was promoted to a higher position. It also made him to have more power to do more for The Gambia. We are grateful to have an international alumnus to share us his experiences and impacts in his country!

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