

Centre Pasteur can now boast of better services - General Manager

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The Manager of Centre Pasteur of Cameroon, Prof Elisabeth Carnell, has disclosed that the health facility can now boast of improved services thanks to a donation from the Japanese government.

The MagPix System and MALDI-TOF are two expensive machines acquired thanks to the cooperation ties between the government of Cameroon and that of Japan. These machines were donated to Cameroon with the aim of improving on the health services of the people.

Speaking to the press at the end of a tour of the facility recently, the Director of the Centre Pasteur of Cameroon noted that at the level of the facility, there is the need for skill innovation, reason for the constant search for new developments and progress.

"As such," said Prof Elisabeth Carnell, "if we decide to stay contented with what we have, we would not be able to move forward. We are permanently in search of new things to ameliorate our services".

"At the reception, we have been able to change completely which is more open, lively, with registrations permitting patients who come in to be registered and get number and later be received. We equally proceeded in the opening of new payment centres so as to reduce the hours of wait," she noted, adding that they "were also able to separate vaccination from laboratory analysis".

Prof Elisabeth Carnell furthered that in a bid to ameliorate their services, the health facility is now open 24/24, seven days a week, permitting patients to visit at any time of the day or night for any test or analysis, as there will always be a doctor at their service to take care of them.

Currently, Centre Pasteur receives at least 500 patients among whom are students and elderly persons, she revealed.

"In the nearest future, I will say before the end



Prof Elisabeth Carnell: General Manager of Centre Pasteur of Cameroon

of next month, it wouldn't be necessary coming back to the centre to collect your results which sometimes come out late or you find patients sitting for long hours waiting for their results. They will receive their results directly in their email box and all they need is to put in a password and have their results," the Director explained.

The Head of Service at the Bacteriology Unit of the Centre Pasteur, Dr Ngane Rosanne, in her presentation, noted that the MALDI-TOF machine found at the hospital is a donation from the Japanese Embassy to the government of Cameroon, to improve on the health service in the country with different functions.

To Dr Paul Alain, the second machine known as the MagPix System is capable of analysing over 50 specimens at the same time, reducing cost and time wasted.

The two machines which are a donation from the Japanese Embassy in Cameroon cost 62 and 56 millions FCFA and are regarded as major strides that will go a long way to improve on the health sector in the country.

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