

Cameroon – American Community of Houston Town Hall Meeting with Cameroonian Ambassador to the USA

His Excellency Joseph B. C. Foe-Atangana

Houston October 30th 2010

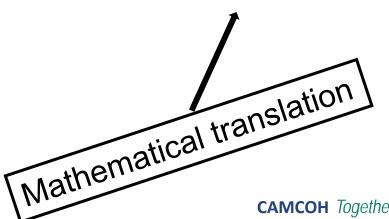
# 2009 Brainstorming Meeting



### What challenges and opportunities face our community?

- Lack of unified leadership
- Tribalism
- NW/SW and Francophone divisions
- Lack of spiritual leadership
- Lack of support to previous community organization
- Lack of recognition of problem

$$(x+a)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k a^{n-k}$$



# Challenges and opportunities



- Formation of a credible organization
- Ensure Cultural groups representation
- •Member benefits
  - Networking information
  - Necessary information about Houston area
  - CAMCOH's Life Insurance Policy
  - Cultural and recreational activities
  - Biennial Cultural Festival.
  - Annual community graduation celebrations
  - Emergencies assistance and funerals
  - Youth and educational activities
  - Tutorials
- Physical asset: Cultural centre



#### **CAMCOH Vision**



 CAMCOH is an umbrella organization dedicated to bring Cameroonians together under a unified leadership, enhance cross-cultural communication, promote professional development and education. We want to live in a Houston where we Cameroonians care about our diverse cultures and care for each other.

## **CAMCOH Objectives**



- Must be inclusive and be representative of all Cameroonians
- Aimed at uniting Cameroonians of all creeds to foster our unity
- Provide services and support to all Cameroonians
- Types of services ( to be delivered using community center)
  - Educational/health support
  - Immigration and legal assistance
  - Mentoring and counseling
  - Career development
  - Orientation of newly arrived
  - Home services
  - Life insurance
- Cultural & Spiritual development
- Enhance Economic Development

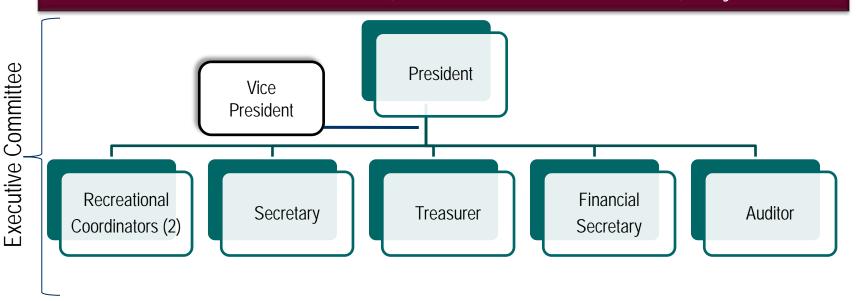
#### **CAMCOH – Structure**



General Assembly: Registered Members

The Advisory Council: Cultural & Professional Groups, Cameroon Organizations

The Board of Governors/ Trustees (3 Members + 2 non Members) : 2 years terms



The Committees: Membership and Outreach, Finance, Development, Life Insurance, Cultural, Youth and Children, Ad Hoc

# **CAMCOH – Up coming Events**

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#### Short term

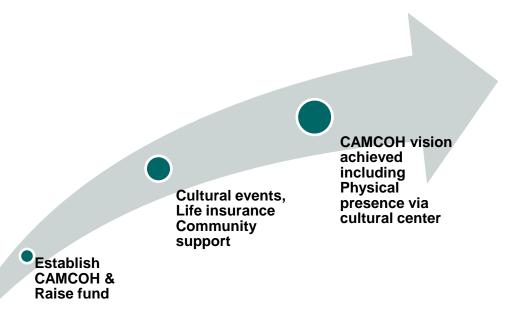
- Thanksgiving cultural bonanza Saturday, 20
  November 2010
- Visit to cultural group
- Participation in local events
- Fund raising for cultural centre

#### •Mid term

- Life insurance
- Cultural events
- Kids event in 2011
- Cultural centre fund raising- May 28, 2011
- Launching of CAMCOH May 28, 2011

#### Long term

- Achieve the vision of CAMCOH
- Projects in Cameroon



## **CAMCOH – Community Center**





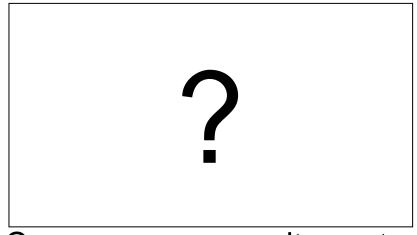
Turkey community center



Bangladesh-American center



India community center



Cameroon community center