

## CULTURE

We are sorry for the lateness which has resulted from inaccessibility to connection in town this last days.

I'am writing here on the behave of SITCHEPING ELYSEE,MEGANG\par GHISLAINE AND I DJOMO HERMAN\ where by we worked on culture and brought out the folowing.

### DEFINITIONS OF CULTURE.

- 1: Arts collectively: art, music, literature, and related intellectual activities, considered collectively  
Culture is necessary for a healthy society.  
popular culture
2. Knowledge and sophistication: enlightenment and sophistication acquired through education and exposure to the arts  
They are people of culture.
- 3.Shared beliefs and values of group: the beliefs, customs, practices, and social behavior of a particular nation or people  
Southeast Asian culture  
People with shared beliefs and practices: a group of people whose shared beliefs and practices identify the particular place, class, or time to which they belong
5. Shared attitudes: a particular set of attitudes that characterizes a group of people  
The company tries hard to avoid a blame culture.
6. Growing of biological material: the growing of biological material, especially plants, microorganisms, or animal tissue, in a nutrient substance culture medium in specially controlled conditions for scientific, medical, or commercial purposes
7. Biotechnology biological material grown in special conditions: biological material, especially plants, microorganisms, or animal tissue, grown in a nutrient substance culture medium in specially controlled conditions for scientific, medical, or commercial purposes
8. Tillage: the cultivation of the land or soil in preparation for growing crops or plants
9. Improvement: the development of a skill or expertise through training or education  
physical culture

As our conserved,we limited our research on the origin,political and socio-economical organisation of some tribes of the western highlands of Cameroon.these tribes include the BAMILEKE'S,TIKER'S,AND THE BAMOUN'S.

### TIKER'S

They originated from NIGERIA in the northern region of Africa whereby they immigrated to the northern region of Cameroon in Garoua.Defeated by Tchamba in a territorial war,they re-immigrated to the western region of Ngaoundere and were still defeated by the chief UTHMAN DAR FODIO of Ngaoundere.They then move to the southern region of the country were they located and are presently located at the MBAM AND half of the north west region of the country.  
socio-political organisation;At the head of the palace is a fon with absolute powers.He is assigned to his to his duties by "TAKEBU",order and security is ensure by an association called NGULIRON.The fon is a polygamus person with wives which can exceed 100women with the first wive called the queen mother and has got a influence in the palace.

### BAMOUN'S

ORIGINE:They originated from Sudan where they migraterd into Cameroon.they have as acestor NCHARE who had detached them selves from the TIKER'S wher by they on to settle to REFUM before moving down towards the southw where they crowned many chiefs.

### THE BAMOUN'S CIVILISATION:

NJOYA,17th successor of nchare represented the cultura laspect of Bamoun civitisation.He inveted thd Bamoun writing and established a card of his kingdom established on a pure religion between is synthenes between Islam and Christianity.

POLITICAL AND SOCIO-ECONOMICAL ORGANISATION: The Bamouns organization resembles that of the Bamileke's and Tiker's whereby the MFON (king) holds all the powers and incarnates the powers of the ancestors. He is equally polygamous with his wife known as QUEEN MOTHER with powers superior to the other king wives. The king has at his disposal or services 4 groups of officers called NJO descendants of the noble family.

CASE STUDY IN THE BAMOUN CULTURE, (Ngoun):

Ngoun is a festival formally organized once yearly but now once after two years. This festival came as a result of a war between the Bamoun's and the Bamileke's whereby the Bamoun's were victorious. During this war, the Bamoun lost many soldiers. Thus decided to organize a festival to commemorate the predeceased their ancestors did. On that day, their ancestor's had to cut off the head of their enemy and capture one of the prisoners to present to their king in sign of their victory. Nowadays, the Bamoun people have the opportunity to judge their sultan (king) on the activities he carries out while on the throne. If guilty, his head was formally cut off but today, he will be dethroned and given a punishment. If not guilty, he will regain his throne during the festival whereby he will sing a song to his people in sign of joy and happiness and a young man presented to him to whom he give a punishment of his choice. \par

THE PYGMIES

They are found in the eastern and southern region of Cameroon and are mostly short in nature. They are divided into their groups namely the BILRAYA found in YOKADOUMA, next is the BAKOLA found in LOLODOF, finally are the YOKO. They consider the most primitive form of life that exist in Cameroon. They mostly live in isolated dwellings or hamlets ranging from 10-100 persons. Their houses are built in form of cave made out of tree branches and its leaves. They mostly live in the forested part of Cameroon where there is the availability of land to carry out their subsistence shifting cultivation method of agriculture which involves the movement of their families alongside. As sustainable activity, they carry out hunting and shifting cultivation to a lesser extent. Thanks to the availability of the rich forest of Cameroon, which provides them with resources such as various animal species, medicinal plants and fruits which has enabled them sustain a living. The men do the hunting while the women fetch fruits such as mangoes and other from the forest. They are also renowned for mystical practices (magic) and for traditional medication.

Signed Herman.

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