

**3rd inauguration
(May 8, 2025)
of one building holding 4 classrooms and toilets
for the Public Secondary School 4 of Abomey-Calavi
District of Aïtchédji
Municipality Abomey-Calavi
Republic Benin**

The students of Secondary School 4 in Abomey-Calavi could hardly wait for the opening ceremony. To prepare, they cleaned the yard of the school and planted flowers in the flowerbeds surrounding the building. The flowers also had to be watered daily. They washed the classrooms and carried the tables and chairs, donated by Mr. Dietmar Gans and Ms. Roswitha, into the new rooms. A carpenter from the Aïtchédji district and his apprentices sanded the tables and then varnished them. The students practiced songs and dances for the celebration. With these activities, April passed quickly.

On May 8th everything was ready:





As always, speeches were given.



The student representative thanked everyone involved



The school's director



and

the representative of the
Directeur Departmental,



the chief of the neighboring
district Aïfa



and

the mayor's representative

praised the commitment of the two associations "Bildungswerk Westafrika e.V." and "Actions de Solidarité." They thanked the partners, whose logos are visible on the building, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, and thus the German population and the Erftgymnasium in Bergheim.

After the speeches, the keys to the new classrooms were handed over to the student representative, who passed them on to the authorities.



With the keys in hand, the mayor's representative and all the guests as well as the students proceeded towards the building. After the ribbon cutting, the new rooms were opened and inspected.



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Afterwards there was dancing to the music of the orchestra “Vie et Culture”.



After the celebration was over and the guests had left, the students took possession of the classrooms without waiting for permission from the principal. When the principal asked, the students said that Ms. Toda had given them the keys. With such beautiful rooms right at their fingertips, they couldn't study in the shelter for another minute.



We thank all our friends and supporters for joining us on this project. It's a shame I can't convey the students' great joy through this paper.

It's already clear that the number of students will increase dramatically for the new school year. We should prepare for an expansion of this school, i.e., the construction of additional classrooms.

Thank you very much!!!
With kind regards,
Astrid Toda