

Article: The Career Fair Caravan

On Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at Henri Sylvoz High School in Moanda, the Career Fair Caravan was organized by the mining company Comilog (Compagnie Minière de l'Ogooué), under the supervision of Mrs. Koumba Jessica, a member of the HR Education Section. This event was aimed at final-year students, including 9th graders, 11th graders, and seniors.

During this event, engineers, doctors, and administrative staff from the company came to present their various professions.

Today, we, the students of Senior GT1, who attended the presentation on the Medical field, would like to share our experiences and the knowledge we gained during this day.

Testimonials: Billadress, Eloane, Lydia, and Sarah, Senior Students

Billadress:

My classmates Lydia, Eloane, Sarah, and I are all interested in pursuing careers in medicine. It's not just because this field fascinates us, but also because it's a dream we each hold dear.

In the room where two people spoke to us about different branches of medicine, they introduced us to their specialty: occupational health. The first speaker was the Chief Physician in Occupational Health, and the second was the secretary for Occupational Health.

For two hours, they shared details about their educational journeys—high school, university, and professional careers. They also showed us their medical equipment, explaining the names of the devices and their purposes. At the end of their presentations, we asked questions about the field, such as the potential salaries and the number of years of study required. It was a rewarding and very helpful experience, especially for us seniors who are about to finalize our career plans.

Sarah:

During this career day, we were introduced to various professions such as medicine, engineering, and administration. I decided to explore medicine because it's a field I genuinely love and want to pursue.

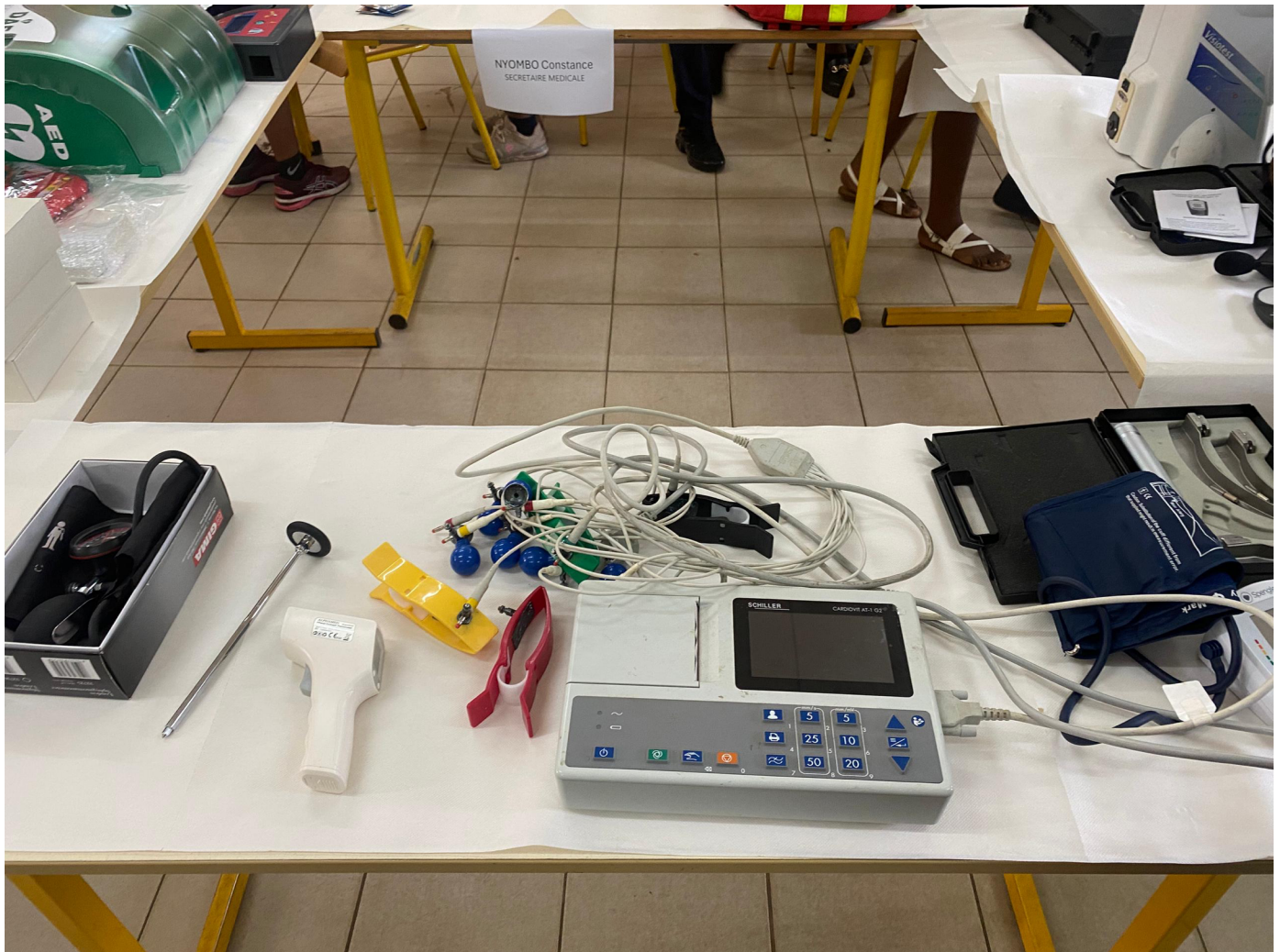
In the room, we were welcomed by a man and a woman. The woman was the secretary, and the man was a doctor, both specializing in occupational health. They shared their personal journeys, but the doctor's story resonated with me the most. He explained how he completed general medical studies at university and later specialized in occupational health. He was then recruited by Comilog to work for the company.

The secretary mentioned that her job is well-paid, as is the doctor's. They took turns explaining their roles: the secretary is responsible for welcoming patients, scheduling appointments, and preparing weekly reports. The doctor's role involves treating employees, responding to

emergencies at construction sites, and conducting health checks to ensure workers are fit for their jobs.

They also showed us medical tools like the vision screener, blood pressure monitor, stethoscope, thermometer, gloves, and others, explaining their uses. Afterward, we asked more questions, which they answered thoroughly. By the end of the session, I felt enlightened and inspired. It was an incredible experience to participate in this event.





Eloane:

The Career Fair Caravan was a great experience for me. Although I'm more inclined toward a career in biology, I learned about another branch of medicine. The presentations were smooth, engaging, and even funny at times. I was especially fascinated by the role of the occupational health assistant.

What stood out to me was not only their ability to handle numerous patient files but also their psychological approach—being able to reassure and communicate with patients, helping them feel safe and open. They emphasized the importance of professional secrecy, explaining that doctors must be discreet, and all patient information must remain confidential.

This experience really opened my eyes and gave me new ideas for my future career path.

Lydia:

Here's what I learned from the presentation:

Discovering the Equipment:

- Demonstration of tools for assessing risks (e.g., sound level meters, air sensors).
- Testing personal protective equipment (EPI).

The Importance of Prevention:

Occupational health focuses on anticipating workplace risks (physical, psychological, chemical) to enhance employee safety.

The Key Role of Occupational Health:

Health professionals in this field play a vital role in evaluating employees' medical conditions, monitoring their health, and implementing solutions tailored to each workplace.





This was just a glimpse of what this group of students learned during the Career Fair Caravan. It was a memorable day for Henri Sylvoz High School, enriching for these final-year students who must now make informed decisions about their future careers and orientation projects. A big thank you to Comilog for their significant involvement in the development of these students, and to everyone who took the time to guide, educate, and inspire them. Thank you so much!