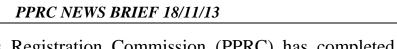


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The Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC) has completed another phase of its Flagship Programme "Political Education".

The exercise which was held in Makeni on Saturday 9th November 2013, in Bo on 11th November 2013 and Kenema on 14th November 2013 brought together representatives of the Ten Registered Political Parties in Sierra Leone.

In his statement during the start of the exercise in Makeni, the Chairman of the Commission Hon Justice M.E. Tolla Thompson says this exercise is part of the Commission's activities to strengthen the capacity of Political Parties. The programme he says is as a result of findings during the 2012 Elections which show that Political Parties were unable to sensitize the electorates about their manifestos. This he said led to people making uninformed choices during the elections as people voted on regional or tribal lines.

The meetings were climaxed with Group Work and presentations on Internal Administration of Political Parties, Inter Political relationships among/between political parties, Conduct of Political Parties immediately before and during elections, Conduct of Political Parties in Power Post Elections, Conduct of Political Parties in opposition post elections and how to make good use of the media during elections.

The sessions were facilitated by Mohamed Pa Momoh Fofanah Esq and Abdul Karim Kamara Esq.

Statements were also made by representatives of the Ten Political Parties, Civil Societies, the disabled, Police and Council Representatives and Paramount Chiefs.

In another development, the Commission also monitored the Annual Delegate Convention of the All Political Parties Women's Association (APPWA).

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