

## PERSONAL DATA (CV)

### NATIONALITY

Republic of Benin.

### NAME

ZOMAHOUN Dossou Cyr Rufin.

### DATE OF BIRTH

June 15, 1964.

### PLACE OF BIRTH

Dassa-Zoume, Republic of Benin, West Africa.

## Academic Background

### -BENIN

1974- 1979 Elementary School.

1980-1986 Junior High and High School.

1986-1987 Benin National University: Graduated from Linguistics and African Culture .

### -CHINA

1987-1993 : Beijing University of language and Culture: Department of language and culture:  
Obtained Master of Arts Degree in Chinese Language and Literature.

1992- Present : Educated Correspondence Marketing Course (from EDUCATEL, Belgium)

### -JAPAN

1994-1996: Graduated from Gakkuo Japanese Language School, Koiwa, Tokyo-Japan

1996-1999 : Obtained a Master Degree in Sociology from Sophia University Yotsuya-Tokyo

1999-2002: Completed Doctoral (Ph.D) Course Requirement of Three Years of Lectures.

All grades were "A "except" for one "B", Sophia University Yotsuya, Tokyo-Japan.

# Titles of Thesis

## -CHINA

- 1- Bachelor of Arts: His Excellency, Democratic Founding Father of China Dr Sun Yat Sen (Sun Zhong Shang) –Comparison with President KEREKOU Mathieu. Patriotism.
- 2- Master of Arts: The Confucian Educational Thinking and its Influence on South-Asian Culture.

## -JAPAN

- 1- Master's Degree: Problems in Achieving the Universality of Elementary Education in Benin:  
A Comparison with China and Japan.
- 2-Ph.D Degree: Social Stratification and the Employment Problem in Developing Countries: The case of The Republic of Benin.

# Employment and Activities

## -CHINA

**September 1993-March 1994:** Embassy of Republic of Rwanda, Beijing –China .Worked as a translator Chinese –French – English.

## -JAPAN

**1994-1996:**

Served as a translator for various African Personalities (Presidents) on private visits in Japan.

**April 1994-March 1998:**

Jesuit China-Center (J.C.C) Wakamiya Nakano, Tokyo. Assisted the Director.

**April 1998-2002**

\*Become a T.V.personality in Japan, regularly appeared on many TV stations Included T.B.S Television.

\*Authored two books in Japanese in Japan which were generously supported by T.B.S. Television. The titles of the two books were "Zomahoun view of Japan" (1999, Kawada Shobo, was declared Best Seller) and "Do African Countries Benefit from Globalization?" (2000, Kawade Shobo).

\*Donated royalty income from the two books to build three fully equipped elementary schools in Benin for at least 1,020 students and spent lecture income on digging many schools and village wells .Also spent royalties income from books and lectures on donations to Caritas, other NGOs and UNICEF (U.N). Co-authored a third book sponsored by T.B.S. Television and published by Kawade Shobo in 2001.

\*Co-authored with others, a book entitled: Japan's Justice: Domestic and International dimensions (2003, Ochanomizu Shobo)

#### -AWARDS

**November 2001:** Presented in Barcelona, Spain with an academic leadership and accomplishment) by Junior Chamber International Inc. (J.C.I.-A United Nations Organization Consultative Institution).

**July 2002:** Grand National Order of Benin (Benin's Highest Civilian Decoration) awarded by the President of the Republic of Benin.

**November 2009:** Prize for social contribution by the Foundation for Encouragement of Social Contribution (FESCO) .

#### -2002- PRESENT

Sometimes lectured at Kyoritsu Women's University, Tokyo, Japan (Subject: Intercultural Communication)

In addition he established a foundation (IFE Foundation) in 2002 with four purposes:

- A. Digging Deep Wells.
- B. Promoting Primary Education.
- C. Promoting Environmental Protection measures.
- D. Promoting Asian -African friendship:

-regarding N° 4 of the above, he built a " Japan House" (In Benin) to teach Japanese language and Culture to young Africans .It is staffed by 2 Japanese volunteers who were university professors .The Japanese Language and culture are taught in "Takeshi Nihongo Gakko" in Cotonou,Benin.Many students also came from Germany ,Russia ,Philippines etc... It was the first Japanese language school in Africa ( September 1<sup>st</sup> ,2003) It is free of charge till now.

-April 2004- March 2006 : Special Adviser to the President of the Republic of Benin ( H.E. General KEREKOU Mathieu) in charge of Economic Affairs in Asia and Pacific Ocean.

-April 2006- May 2011: Special Adviser to the President of the Republic of Benin (H.E. YAYI Boni) in charge of Economic Affairs in Asia and Pacific Ocean.

-March 2002—June 2012: Chairman of IFE Foundation (Non-Profit Organization)

-NOW

-Appointed by the President of the Republic of Benin, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Japan (Tokyo) as same as Ambassador of Benin to Singapore ,Malaysia, Philippines ,Indonesia ,Korea(Seoul), Popular and Democratic Republic of Korea (Pyongyang),Australia, New Zealand ,Papua New Guinea, with residence in Tokyo.

- **Since August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012:** Has presented Credentials to His Majesty AKIHITO, Emperor of Japan.

Tokyo, March 7th, 2014

Signed



ZOMAHOUN-Dossou- Cyr-Rufin

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Benin to Japan