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TURKISH CEO OF AFRO-ANATOLIA EXTENDS INTER-PARLIAMENTARY VISIT TO SPEAKER THOMAS

In a courtesy call on the Rt. Hon. Speaker of Parliament, FATIH ILHAN the Chief Executive Officer for the Afro-Anatolia Consultancy Services has on Wednesday 19/11/2025, outlined a bold new chapter in Sierra Leone-Türkiye ties. The Türkiye-Sierra Leone Inter-Parliamentary Friendship Programme is set to become a conduit for experience-sharing, business networking and capacity-building across a range of sectors.

ILHAN told Speaker Segepoh Solomon Thomas that the programme would enable lawmakers from both nations to exchange insights on mining, agriculture, culture, technology, industry and education. “Türkiye’s rich history, advanced technology and vibrant industrial base offer lessons we could adapt to Sierra Leone’s development agenda,” he said.

Speaker Thomas welcomed the proposal, praising the initiative as a “timely boost for our parliament’s outreach and a catalyst for economic growth.” He assured that he would assemble a

ten-member delegation to travel to Türkiye early next year, signalling a concrete step towards a deeper inter-parliamentary collaboration.

The visit underscores a growing appetite for South-South cooperation, with both sides eyeing opportunities to translate diplomatic goodwill into tangible projects. It is anticipated that such exchanges could pave the way for joint ventures, training programmes and cultural exchanges that reinforce the bonds between the two countries.

As the parliamentary friendship programme takes shape, it is expected to foster not only legislative dialogue but also people-to-people connections that will endure beyond the conference tables. The upcoming delegation will be closely watched as a barometer of the programme's potential to turn diplomatic intentions into development outcomes.

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