



Hon. Victor Bockarie-Foh



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Born 69 years ago at Jimmi Bagbo Chiefdom in Bo District, Southern Province, His Excellency Vice President Victor Bockarie Foh was educated in that chiefdom and the Government Secondary School, Bo, better known as 'Bo School' before he entered the oldest college South of the Sahara - Fourah Bay College (FBC) - and graduated with Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics in 1969.

During the 1969/70 academic year, the young graduate taught Economics and Government at the Ahmadiyya Secondary School, Kissy Dockyard, Freetown, and made history as the first indigenous Sierra Leonean graduate teacher in that school whose staff at the time was dominated by foreign teachers including Pakistanis.

After a transient period in the classroom as a young Sierra Leonean graduate, Mr. Foh found it expedient to join the Sierra Leone Civil Service in 1970 and rose to the rank of Senior District Officer before he quit the service in 1982 respectively.

As government official who worked in eight of the twelve administrative districts in Sierra Leone, the seasoned politician is abreast of the geopolitics of that country. Having left the Sierra Leone Public Service, Vice President Victor Bockarie Foh decided to inject his wealth of administrative expertise and knowledge of the country into the All People's Congress (APC) Party.

Barely a year after he graduated from FBC, he formally joined the APC as a registered and paid up member. And because of his loyalty to the party, many Sierra Leoneans have respect and admiration for his political stance especially a man who hails from a region that is almost dominated by another political party, the Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP).

In fact, many Sierra Leoneans have often compared his party loyalty to the late Hon. Mannah Kpaka of the SLPP fame, who remained a blue-blood SLPP until he died a few years ago. The late man would have pitched tent with the APC because of his relationship with the founder of the APC, the late President Siaka Probyn Stevens, but he refused to be convinced as a result of his undying loyalty to the SLPP.

Since 1970, the newly appointed VP had loyally and devotedly served the APC Party in several capacities including Regional Chairman, Southern Province, Assistant National Secretary General and National Secretary General, a position he held for two consecutive terms before he was appointed as Sierra Leone's Ambassador to the People's Republic of China.

Like the late Hon. Mannah Kpaka, the new Vice President had never parted company with the APC Party even at the trying times of the party, a feat that has made him unique in the party. His unflinching loyalty and invaluable services to his party and country in 1980 earned him the coveted national award of Member of the Order of the Rokel (MR) by the late President Siaka Probyn Stevens.

Mr. Foh's was very instrumental in the drafting of the current 1995 APC Constitution and coincidentally became the first Assistant Secretary General under the constitution. It is the same



constitution that was used to expel former Vice President Alhaji Samuel Sam Sumana from the APC for “anti-party activities and dishonesty”.

He was later elected National Secretary General of the APC at the Party’s National Delegates Conference in Port Loko in 2005, which also coincided with the National Delegates’ Conference of the SLPP in Makeni. H.E Victor Foh also proved his worth not only to the APC but also to the nation when it came to bringing pressure to bear on the National Provisional Ruling Council (NPRC) military junta to wash their hands off partisan politics. He was amongst the forerunners for ushering in democracy and political pluralism in the country’s new political dispensation.

The seasoned politician together with few others established the All Political Parties Association (APPA) to mount pressure on the military junta to quit the political scene. He served that Association as National Secretary General and Chief Executive Officer respectively before he concentrated on serving his party through and through.

Upon the restoration of constitutional order in 1996, Mr. Foh continued to play vital role in ensuring that the APC was alive and kicking. During the 1996 presidential and parliamentary elections, he was the running mate of the APC presidential candidate, Eddie Turay. That was the time majority of the members, supporters and sympathizers had abandoned the party. But he was one of the steadfast members of the party and he was amongst the five members that represented the APC in Parliament that year, where he made a niche at the temple of fame because of his vast knowledge of the 1991 Constitution and his finesse in debating pertinent issues in the august body.

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