HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES - Tuesday, November 17, 2015

➤ President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf led an array of senior government officials to the French Embassy and signed the Book of Condolence following the coordinated terrorist attacks that killed at least 129 persons and injured more than 350 others, with 99 being very critical. The barbaric attacks took place at six different locations across Paris on Friday, November 13, 2015.

The Liberian leader said, after signing the Book of Condolence and consoling the French Ambassador to Liberia, H. E. Mr. Joel Godeau, that her visit to the French Embassy was to extend deepest condolences to her French counterpart, H.E. François Hollande and through him, to the Government and People of France, particularly the bereaved families for the senseless tragedy that killed so many of their citizens.

➤ President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf today attended the official opening of a two-day Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprise (MSME) Conference, Trade Fair and E-PLUS Program held at the Monrovia City Hall.

She commended Liberian entrepreneurs and described their commitment in making a giant step as significant and critical to youth employment, job-creation and poverty reduction.

The Liberian leader said amid 90 percent of the country's population mainly youth, the private sector – as an engine of growth - provides the best space, opportunity and option to empower the many young people out there. She challenged Commerce Minister Axel Addy to begin the process of ensuring produce made in Liberia are available on the shelves of supermarkets in the country.