

Hello!

My name's William Doulome, student at Kwantlen Polytechnic University in Langley. It is a great privilege for me to be in this meeting, and with my presence here, I'd like to show my profound appreciations to the organization CILS as well as to the Ministry of Advanced Education for its kind support to this action. CILS is the solution of our needs to have equal opportunity to achieve our educational goals. How can a student study without textbook? It is not possible. I had completed a part of my education in Africa. We had just Braille as alternative format for our textbooks. Depending on the volume of the books, it took months to produce one and it became difficult especially if a student had to read many pages for a project. I had been student also in US about ten years ago, and my textbooks were on audiocassettes. For someone who is learning English like me, it was hard since there was no way to spell words. With CILS, we have many alternative formats, such as e-text, which I personally use. The e-text has improve considerably my quality of studying. I can read many pages, I can spell words and I can even copy passages if it is needed for an assignment. CILS does a valuable job which merits our admiration and support.

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