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The leading daily newspaper in the Seychelles, "Nation", published an interview with Ambassador Dragan Momčilović, on 21 August 2013.

The interview was granted after a farewell call by Ambassador Momčilović on President of the Seychelles James Mitchell.

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Serbian ambassador says f

The second Serbian ambassador to be accredited to Seychelles, Dragan Momčilović, said farewell to President James Michel and Vice-President Danny Faure yesterday at State House as he reaches the end of his three and a half year mandate.

Speaking soon after meeting the two leaders Mr Momčilović said he is very proud to have succeeded in strengthening relations between the two countries in certain sectors namely education where Seychellois students can now once again benefit from scholarships to study in Belgrade.

He noted that prior to 2010 there was an active technical cooperation framework under which there had been exchanges in various field and a number of scholarships but this somehow dwindled after the Josip Broz Tito era.

Mr Momčilović said during his three and a half year mandate he has worked to revive this cooperation and at present there are five Seychellois students studying in Belgrade in fields like medicine, architecture and construction, considered as need areas for Seychelles.

He said he is very proud to have been able to restore cooperation in that sector to what it was before and said his government is hoping to be able to further increase and even double the number of students.

Agriculture is another field where Mr Momčilović said cooperation is being explored.



Mr Momčilović paying his farewell call on President Michel

"We could bring our agricultural experts here to study your land and see what we can help you produce. There are some good agriculture institutes in Belgrade," he said.

Another area where cooperation is being strengthened is health, where Mr Momčilović said thanks to the effort of his country's honorary consul here, Dr Miodrag Todorović, "we are ready to

bring more Serbian doctors and specialists to help Seychelles".

Meeting the two Seychellois leaders yesterday Mr Momčilović said he delivered a message of good health and prosperity to the President and people of Seychelles from the Serbian President Tomislav Nikolić.

"Seychelles has made tremendous developments in the fields of economy,

infrastructure and Serbia praises it that and also for the leading role it played in the fight against piracy," Momčilović said.

Mr Momčilović said Serbia who has a contingent helping in the fight against piracy is happy and proud to be able to help Seychelles get rid of the scourge.

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