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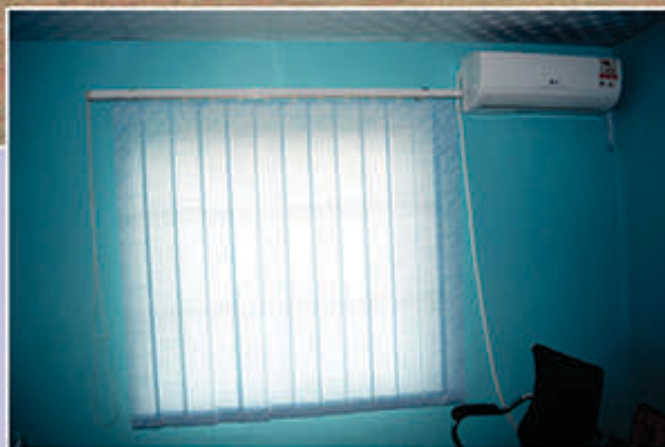
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In line with Management's desire and determination at providing a conducive working environment aimed at promoting operational efficiency, the Hadiza Bala Usman led Management has renovated the Drivers pool at the Headquarters, Marina Lagos.





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Concerned about the well-being of its retirees, the NPA management has organized a "know your retirement plan" program for its workforce due for disengagement from service in the coming weeks.

It is expected that this would be a regular exercise by the Authority.

It is hoped that all would take advantage of this program and prepare themselves for life after NPA.

Also, acquaint yourselves with tips you must know before embarking on a trip beyond the shores of Nigeria. In this edition, focus is on travel to the United Kingdom.

We also have on parade a pictorial of all the General Managers of a restructured NPA.

A big thank you to all who have sent in their contributions. We look forward to more contributions from you.

S. K. Ballah - Editor

Contributions are welcome from members of staff. You can send high resolution photographs of your events like birthdays, baby showers etc.

- Editor.

Quote

Of all the things that man has made, none is so full of interest and charm, none possesses so distinct a life and character of its own, as a ship.

-Henry Van Dyke

Archaival



The visiting British Ports Executive Director, Mr. Stevenson and his wife with the NPA Board members and senior European officials in 1958

WORK HOUR RELAXATION

Vox Pop

By Olubiye Omidiji & Ali Garba Hassan

WHO WOULD YOU PREFER TO STAY AFTER CHILDBIRTH, YOUR MUM OR YOUR MOTHER-IN-LAW?



Kenechi E. Okezie (Mrs.)
Manager Tariff and Billing

I would prefer my mother to stay after child birth because I am closer and more comfortable with my mum. I also relate better with her and have little or no reservations when asking for help or assistance.



Mercy Park Security Unit

My mother of course because she is my mentor who saw me and my siblings through thick and thin.

Lawal A.I.
Senior Manager Tariff and Billing HQ

My mother of course. Because I am most comfortable with her.



Meltok Josephine
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The woman's mother should come and stay and take care of the new mother and child. This is because the new mother needs someone she is free with and can send on errands round the house. She may not feel free asking her husband's mother to do certain task considered demeaning or disrespectful.

Tope Fadahunsi (Male)
Corp. & Strat. Comms Division

The husband's mother in-law should stay with her daughter for intimacy and deep emotional sharing opportunities. The wife remains comfortable around her own mother.



Aliyu Nakamba
Senior Manager Procurement

My mother in-law should stay. Because I believe the only person to give the best care is my mother in-law just as my mother in-law knows the new mother more than anybody and feel more free with each other.



Awobite Diepiriye (Mrs.)
Accounts Department

I prefer my mother to stay with me as she is the only one that can understand me and give me peace all around my house.



TECHNOLOGICAL NEWSPAPER

Wife asked her husband to give her the newspaper.

Husband: How backward you are? Technology has developed so much and

you are still asking for a newspaper?
Take my iPad...
Wife took the iPad and used it to kill cockroach on the floor.

Husband faints.
Lesson: Whatever your wife asks for, give her without blowing grammar. Show your sophistication at the office and not at home.

NOVEL WITHOUT STORY

A man returns a book to the library, banged it on the counter and yelled, "I read this entire novel; there are too many names of people and no story at all!"
The librarian looks up and responds, "Idiot! So you were the one who took the Attendance book?"

Occupational Health



OUR HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- Ngozi Obikili

According to WHO, health is a state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing; and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. It is a state of wellbeing or optimum operation. Health is of particular importance as is reflected in the saying that health is wealth. You need to be healthy to be productive at work. Our Wellbeing encompasses the physiology of our body systems and risk of disease especially cancer, heart diseases, diabetes etc; our mental health,

emotions, behaviours and beliefs; our disposable income and financial health; our interaction with people, co-workers, family and friends; and the environment where we live and where we work. The measure of our health may be absolute scale through the presence or absence of disease and ability or inability to function; or relative scale through our sense of wellbeing and the quality of life. Our work could affect our wellbeing resulting in a state of deterioration in our health condition. This is why today, special emphasis is laid on

health and safety at the workplace. This also brings us to the essence of Occupational Health which is defined as the promotion and maintenance of the highest degree of physical, mental and social wellbeing of workers in all occupations by preventing departures from health, controlling risks and the adaptation of work to people, and people to their jobs (ILO / WHO 1950). It involves anticipation, recognition, evaluation and control of hazards arising in or from the workplace that could impair the health, wellbeing and safety of workers. Our health and wellbeing is important to our organization to ensure optimal performance and productivity at work; and our longevity. Watch out on this Occupational Health Desk for information on our health and wellbeing.



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LAFARGE COMMENCES CEMENT OPERATIONS IN CALABAR PORT

By Chijoke Ukadike

Following the conclusion of talks with Calabar Port Management, Lafarge Africa Plc commenced the maiden voyage of the first batch of cement export to some neighbouring African Countries.

MV Melina, a vessel in Lafarge export fleet expected to convey 13,800 metric tons of bulk cement in jumbo bags to Tema Port in Ghana, arrived Calabar Port on Thursday, August 24, 2017 ahead of loading operations on Friday.

Speaking at a flag off ceremony organized by ECM Terminal, the Port Manager, Mrs. B. O. Olotu expressed

delight at the commencement of Lafarge operations which is export driven, adding that this will bring about increase in ship traffic in Calabar port. She expressed her optimism at the Lafarge operations, saying that the development would open the door for greater things to come into Calabar Port.

Olotu assured the new customers of the Nigerian Ports Authority's commitment at ensuring hitch-free cargo operations.

The Logistics Manager of Lafarge, Mr. Thilo Ackemann thanked the Management of NPA and ECM Terminals for hosting the operations.

The Lafarge official said that his



locations. He urged the Port officials to strive to ensure smooth and timely operations, in order to guarantee sustainability.

The Captain of the carrier vessel, Capt. Ahmed Hassan said he was honoured to be the one to make the first shipments. He observed that operations had been running smoothly and hoped that the tempo would be sustained.

The Acting General Manager, ECM Terminal, Mr. Adediran Akorede in response described the kick-off of the operation as a welcome development and assured that the ECMT Management would take all necessary steps to ensure smooth cargo operations in their Terminal. kudos to the NPA Management and Calabar port.

RETIREMENT PLANS; NPA SUSTAINS STAFF PREPAREDNESS



By Bidemi Agboola

The management of NPA in its determination to ensure that its retirees enjoy a stress free life after

work life, recently organized a sensitization and awareness programme aimed at ensuring they



optimally make use of the retirement benefits given to them.

The programme titled "know your retirement plan" was organised by the N P A ' S superannuation and Investment Division.

The MD NPA Hadiza Bala Usman represented by GM Human Resources, Yahaya Gana Bukar stated that the project which would be annually laid out for execution would go a long way towards shaping the lives of retirees.

The participants were drawn from would be retirees from across the nation's Sea ports in 2017.



EXECUTIVE ORDER ON PORT OPERATIONS

- The ease of doing business

In a sustained strive to ensure total adherence to the presidential order concerning 24 hour operations at the Ports, the Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) Hadiza Bala Usman has urged stakeholders at the nation Seaports to collaborate effectively towards the actualization of the tenets of the Executive Order across the Ports through the window of the institutionalized ease of doing business.

Part of the effective implementation of the executive order concerning the ease of doing business at Ports is the commissioning of a 24hour emergency Clinic to cater for health concerns by the Management of Nigerian Ports Authority. This is for prompt response to casualties.

The Management of Nigerian Ports Authority has also put in place effective machinery to comprehensively review the progress and challenges associated with the strive to ensure broad actualisation of the executive order which state thus:

There shall be no touting whatsoever by official or unofficial persons at any port in Nigeria. On duty staff shall be properly identified by uniforms and official cards. Off duty staff shall stay away from the Port except with the express approval of the agency head. The Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) security shall enforce this order with immediate effect.

Any official caught soliciting or receiving bribes

The new single interface station at each point shall capture, track and record information on all good arriving and departing from Nigeria...



from Port users shall be subjected to immediate removal from the Port and disciplinary as well as criminal proceedings in line with extent laws and regulations. This shall be applied with immediate effects.

All agencies currently physically present in Nigerian Ports shall within 60 (sixty) days harmonized their operations into one single interface station domiciled in one location in the Port and implemented by a single joint task force at all times without prejudice to necessary back end procedures.

The new single interface station at each point shall capture, track and record information on all good arriving and departing from Nigeria and remit captured information to the head of the MDA and the head of the National Bureau of statistics on a weekly basis.

Each Port in Nigeria shall assign an existing export terminal to be dedicated to the exportation of Agricultural produce within 30 (thirty) days of the issuance of this order.

The Apapa Port shall resume 24 hour operations within 30 (thirty) days of the issuance of this order.

...HADIZA COMMISSIONS 24/7 EMERGENCY CLINIC

The Managing Director NPA Hadiza Bala Usman has assured Stakeholders of the Present Management's determination at bringing to the fore the dividends of democracy and good governance to the Port Community at large. She made statement during the recent commissioning of a 24 hour emergency clinic for all health related issues as related to Operations within the Apapa Port Complex [LPC].

According to her "A healthy Nation is a Wealthy Nation". Management she further stated that would strive to ensure that the facility is put into optimal use with the state of modern equipment/tools in line global trends at the facility.



Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Hadiza Bala Usman (4th left), Executive Director, Marine & Operations, Dr. Sokonte Davies (3rd left), GM Physical Planning and Development (PP&D), Engr. Mohammed Ahmed Rufai (2nd left), General Manager, Western Ports, Arc. Abiodun Gbadamosi (2nd right), Port Manager, Lagos Ports Complex (LPC), Hajia Aisha Ali Ibrahim (right) and other Stakeholders at the commissioning of the Emergency Clinic at the Lagos Ports Complex, Apapa, Lagos.

THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU EMBARK ON THAT TRIP



If you are planning your first vacation beyond Nigerian borders, there are some important things you need to consider. Recently, a lot of people visit different locations across the world every year for vacation, business, schooling etc. For whatever purpose, travelling to International countries gives one the opportunity to learn something new. Below tips will help you to ensure you have an ultimate experience wherever you go: Firstly, procure an ECOWAS passport from passport office Ikoyi or Festac passport office, Amuwo odofin, Lagos (For more details consult, Corporate & Strategic Communications Division, consult protocol unit)

Know your international Passport number by heart: The passport is an identification document that is issued by a governing authority. The purpose is to certify the identity and citizenship of an individual and to facilitate the movement of people between countries. The passport is not just a mode of identification but also a form of authentication. It is important to know your passport number by heart in case you need to fill out a form and do not have your passport handy or worse, if it gets missing or stolen.

What is a UK Visa?

A UK visa is a document that is required if you want to travel to the United Kingdom for education, business, tourism, work or to reside in the country.

Which types of UK visas are available to Nigerian Citizens?

There are short stay and long stay visas

For short visits, you can get a tourist or visitor's visa. They include:

Marriage visitor visa

Permitted paid engagement visa

Short-term study visa

Parent of a Tier 4 child visa

Standard visitor visa (This is the visa you will need to apply as a tourist)

What are the standard UK visa requirements?

Across all UK visa types, to get a UK visa, you will generally be expected to provide a combination, or all of the following documents:

- * A valid ECOWAS travel passport

- * A UK visa form that is filled online

- * A recent passport sized colored photograph on a white background. It should be 45mm x 35mm wide.

- * The required visa fee – This is determined by the dollar rate

By Ebere Alaezi-Offia

- * A copy of the passport data page

- * Letter of invitation

- * Financial proof through a recent original bank statement – six months

- * Original marriage certificate for those traveling with their spouses

- * Parents traveling with children should have original copies of the birth certificates.

- * A copy of a letter of introduction from employer

- * Details of hotel bookings and flight bookings

UK visa application process from Nigeria

This simple process could be followed when applying for a visa,

1. Fill the application form online

You can apply for the visa at the Teleperformance UK application centers located in Lagos and Abuja. The company works in conjunction with the UK government for immigration and visas. Once the required documents are provided, filling the form is an easy process.

2. Pay the fee for the type of visa you want

After filling the form, you can go to the UK immigration and visa website and find out the type of visa you want to apply for. The fees for different visas vary and visiting the website will make you know of the application fee needed.

After paying your visa application fees, your fingerprints and photo will be taken at the application center. Your visa fee will non-refundable.

3. Book an appointment

After filling the form and paying the fee, you will be given GWF number that you will use later. You will receive confirmation of the date of your hearing through an email. The email will also contain information on the

location, and documents required for the appointment.

After booking an appointment with the UK visa application center, you will need to register your details on the Teleperformance website. Lack of registration will deny you access to attend the appointment. The performance of your application can be tracked on the website.

4. Go for the appointment

On the given date, you attend the appointment at the UK visa application center. You should not be late for the appointment since it might cause delays that will lead to you having to rebook the appointment. Your bio-metrics will be taken on the day of your submission.

You should bring the following:

Your passport

The required documents

Printed copies of the online visa application form and appointment confirmation.

When can you submit your application?

Applicants can submit their complete application form, requirements and ECOWAS passports on weekdays from 8.30 in the morning to 4.30 p.m. without including public holidays.

UK visa Nigeria processing time: How long does the visa application processing take?

The visa application processing normally takes four to six days. However, it can take longer if you have a history of rejection or crime. There is also a premium same day service that costs a whole lot more.

Who, What And Where

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