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MARITIME SECTOR

A KEY DRIVE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NATION

The Maritime Sector in the developed nations of the world have often times been regarded by academia and professionals as a key player in the growth and development of any nation.

The Sector in recent times has often witnessed services of evolving experts and their opinion by way of policies in the area of fast tracking and a more operational efficiency aimed at meeting constant changes the world over in the line with best practices.

Our dear country Nigeria located within the West African region has constantly strived at its sustainability of its current status within the Gulf of Guinea through various efforts as having her own Deep Sea ports to keep in tune with modern day operations and more efficient Service delivery.

Several, scholars have come up with various benefits accruable through the use of the Deep Sea port in the nation's social and economic development.

According to scholars it would be able to handle a class of world largest Vessels carrying liquid, container, bulk, Roro and other types of cargoes in a very large quantity aside Lagos which has maintained a monopoly of some sought. Studies have shown that the coming into play of the Deep Sea port would further boost job creation within the system.

In addition, there is bound to be a steady rise in revenue generation as a result of the increase in the size and number of vessels that berth in our ports.

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DEESEA PORTS TO FURTHER BOOST TRADE FACILITATION

- MD NPA

The Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority, Hadiza Bala Usman has again reassured the Maritime Stakeholders and the general public of government's efforts and commitment towards making our Ports attractive and competitive as a hub status adding that enabling structures and environment need to be improved upon to meeting International standard by the present Management for a seamless operation across board.

Speaking on a radio 91.3 FM programme "The Guru" monitored by NPA on-line news crew recently, she affirmed that in as much as Management was concluding plans at renovating existing structures, it has also concluded plans for a new port to enhance operational efficiency and service delivery.

She further stated that Dredging towards the berthing of new and bigger vessels has began for the Ports to have increased the volume of vessels berthing on Nigerian Waters. According to her, there has been an appreciative increase of about 25% of vessels from December 2018 till date which has further facilitated trade within the Sub-Saharan Africa.

"Deep Sea Port would allow for 17/18 meter draft. It would accommodate large Vessels coming into the Ports, to compete favorably away from the 11 meters to avert the diversion of Cargo to other countries". She further assured Port Users at Onne on the readiness of the Port to receive Vessels with a seamless and uniform port charges across the ports in the country which has opened the choice of users as against the earlier monopoly by certain Terminals dealing in oil and gas.

The Managing Director assured callers that the Management was aware of the gridlock which has persisted in Apapa and its axis. She stated that Management has taken steps at addressing this through the opening of the Lilypond Transit Truck Park to be followed by and Tin Can Island Transit Truck Park.

She called on renewed synergy and cooperation with relevant government agencies in its plans at creating enabling environment and infrastructure such as the call up system and Transit Truck Park which would assist in eradicating the trucks that park indiscriminately on the bridges.



In this edition, the Newsletter takes a look at the impact of Deep Sea Ports to the growth and development of the maritime sector and most especially to trade facilitation within the sub-Saharan Africa. Highlighted also, is the NPA Management's readiness for improved revenue generation for the country through further dredging of our waterways to accommodate bigger vessels.

We also report on the need to further ensure the improved safety and security of our waterways through the acquisition of modern tools and capacity training for effective trade facilitation which was again brought to the fore at a recent sensitization workshop organized by the Federal Ministry of Transportation.

The redeployment and appointment of some Port Managers and key officers by the Management of the Authority in a bid to reposition the nation's seaports for improved service delivery is also reported.

I am convinced that our other pages would as well make interesting reading to you.

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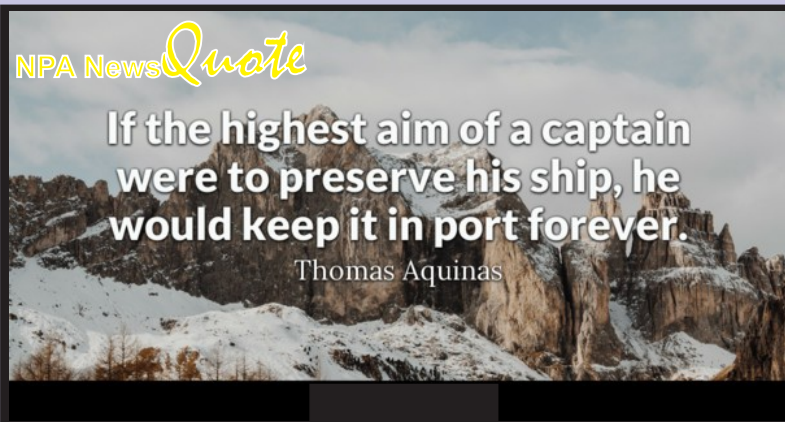
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NPA NewsQuote

If the highest aim of a captain
were to preserve his ship, he
would keep it in port forever.

Thomas Aquinas



Archival



Traffic on Carter Bridge, Lagos in 1963.

WORK PLACE HEALTH:

NPA MANAGEMENT EDUCATES WORKFORCE ON PREVENTION OF EAR DAMAGE



Place Noise Induced Hearing Loss organized by the Occupational Health Services Department of the Organization for employees of Tin Can Island Port and Lagos Ports Complex (LPC) held recently at the Spicery Hotel Campbell in Lagos.

A clinical Audiologist, Doctor Simeon Afolabi informed the gathering on the need to guard against various factors that could lead to hearing loss, some of which include Loud Music, Shouting, Ear phones, Engine Sound and Knockout amongst others.

In addition, the Medical practitioner stated that members of the Workforce should make use of aids such as the Engineering control to forestall earing damage stating that ear damage could lead to permanent deafness to an employee as this would make the Organization suffer man-hour loss as well as increase the cost of medical treatment on employees on the part of Management.

He called on Management to conduct hearing test for its workforce every two/ three years with a view to forestall hearing damage before it deteriorates completely thereby affecting productivity and greater service delivery which are key amongst Management's thrust of providing services in line with International best practices.

The Assistant General Manager of the Occupational Health Services Department Mrs. Ngozi Obikili appreciated the Management for supporting the Department towards assisting the Organization in having a healthy workforce which would effectively lead to optimizing the potentials of the Workforce for improved efficiency across board.

The Management of Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) has urged employees of the Organization to pay special attention to their health needs most especially their ear by avoiding various acts that would lead to hearing loss adding that recent medical research has shown that there is an increase in incidents relating to ear injuries which if not prevented through early detection and managed by qualified professionals could lead to permanent hearing disorders. These remarks were made on behalf of Management by the General Manager Medical Services Dr. (Mrs.) Chinwe Abama at the opening of a three-day Sensitization and Enlightenment programme on Work

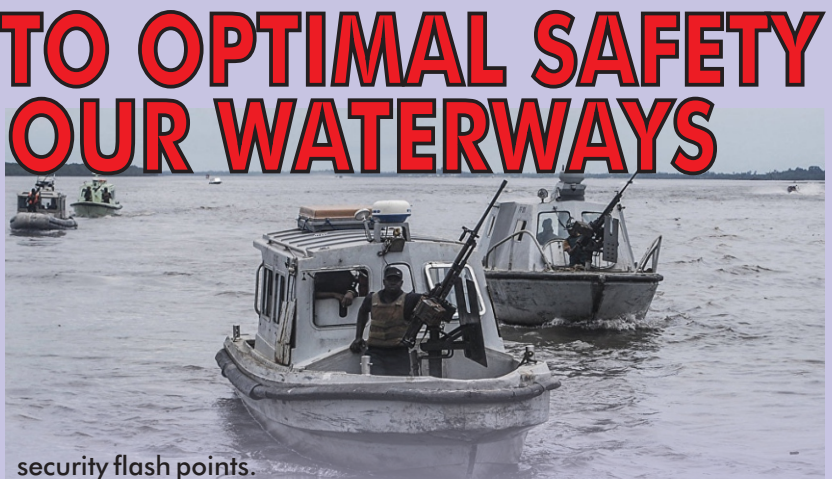
WE ARE COMMITTED TO OPTIMAL SAFETY AND SECURITY OF OUR WATERWAYS

- FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Federal Government of Nigeria has assured relevant Stakeholders and Port users that it would channel its human and financial resources at its disposal in its quest at securing the country's waterways in view of the incessant acts of criminality being faced currently such as bunkering, kidnapping and stowaway. It added that these trends needed to be addressed at all fronts in view of the reduction in the number of Vessels plying the Nigerian waters which might affect the Gross Domestic Product and especially the country's resources.

These remarks were made recently by the immediate past Honourable Minister of Transportation, Hon. Chibuike Amaechi during the presentation and flag off of newly acquired and installed, Maritime Security equipment through partnership agreement with a foreign security firm HLSI Systems Organized by the Federal Ministry of Transportation held at Eko Hotels Victoria Island Lagos, According to him, the general public would in the coming weeks witness a massive improvement in the security of our waterways as a result of the equipment being installed and implemented in stages and would come to full stream in the first quarter of 2020.

He stressed that, part of the contractual agreement with the foreign experts would witness the training of our Security personnel from the relevant security agencies to complement other security apparatus and gadgets which would be installed in the Creeks and other



security flash points.

He urged participants at the Press Conference to ensure that the project succeeded in view of the political undertone and benefits a few crave rather than the general benefits of a majority across board to relevant stakeholders in the sector.

In addition, he applauded specifically the Management of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) for the noticeable improvement in the Ports operations in the area of cargo clearing from the Ports which has further enhanced quality services across board and positioned the country's Maritime sector in line with International best practices.

Amaechi also informed the gathering about the completion of the rail lines from Iju in Lagos to Ibadan while assuring all, that the Iju to Apapa axis still ongoing would be completed soonest, recalling that presently over 60% cargo is being evacuated through the rail lines which has greatly reduced the gridlock in Apapa and its axis.



IN-HOUSE UNION EXECUTIVES PAY COURTESY VISIT TO MANAGEMENT

The Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) Hadiza Bala Usman has again called for the cooperation and renewed synergy between the Management and the workforce of the Authority through the House Union towards the sustainability of Management's thrust adding that this would further enhance operational efficiency and renewed excellent service delivery across board.

This call was made recently by the Authority's Chief Executive Officer, during a courtesy visit of the Executive Members of the Senior Staff Association of Statutory Corporations and Government Owned Companies (SSASCGC) led by the President, Comrade Abdullahi Abubakar to the Corporate Head Office, Marina, Lagos.

Speaking further, the Managing Director said her Management, is looking forward to the Union Executives bridging the gap between Management and the workforce by effective reportage through effective collaboration and synergy toward improved operations and excellent customer satisfaction.

???In response to an address by the President of the union, Comrade Abdullahi Abubakar, the Managing Director, said "I have noted your grievances?? (requests) and would ensure that actions are taken immediately to address these issues".

Earlier in his address, the President, Comrade Abdullahi Abubakar appreciated the positive efforts of the Management to the welfare needs of the workforce, most especially as it concerns strategies at improving operational efficiency in the area of Manpower Development for Productivity Improvement, Long Service Awards, Health Care Services, Operational Vehicles, and Provision of Pilot Cutters for effective service delivery amongst others.

He however, appealed for further and enhanced improvement in the provision of such welfare packages and working conditions of the employees across board.

Present at the parley were the top echelon of the Organization's Management team and the Executive members of the Union.

NPA REDEPLOYS PORT MANAGERS,

APPOINTS NEW TECHNICAL ASSISTANT (ADMIN TO MD)



In a bid to reposition the nation's seaports for improved service delivery in line with next level mantra of the Buhari led administration, Management of the Authority has approved the immediate redeployment of some Port Managers along with the appointment of a new Technical Assistant (Administration) to the Office of the Managing Director.

In the latest redeployment, the erstwhile Port Manager Lagos Port Complex (LPC) Mrs Aisha Ali Ibrahim has been moved to the headquarters as Asst. General Manager Operations while Mrs Olotu Bolanle Funmilayo Port Manager Calabar Port takes over as Port Manager of LPC . Umar Abubakar Garba is the new Port Manager TCIP, he was Port Manager at the Rivers Port Complex. Simon Okeke remains Port Manager, Delta Ports while Mrs Asien Marie Ehemeri replaces Mrs Olotu as the new Port Manager for Calabar Port. Engr. Akporherhe Emmanuel moves to Corporate headquarters as Principal Manager Safety as Alhassan Ismaila Abubakar retains his position as Port Manager Onne Port. Engr Yunusa Ibrahim Anji Principal Manager Environment moves to Rivers Port as the new Port Manager.

Isah Idris Danazumi is now the new Technical Assistant (Administration) to the Managing Director. He takes over from Musa Shehu Yaro who now moves to Procurement Division as Assistant General Manager.

The Managing Director, Hadiza Bala Usman enjoined the new appointees to rise up to any challenge in their respective roles as the Authority is poised to deliver on its mandate to facilitate international trade in a safe and secured environment.



TWO ELEVATORS RENOVATED IN DELTA PORT

Two elevators in Delta Ports Warri (Administration Block and Harbours Department) which were hitherto not working were recently commissioned.

The MD promised sometime ago during her maiden visit to Delta Ports that she would fix the elevators, this she has done. The Port Manager enumerated some of the landmark achievements the MD has done but not limited to the following, the dredging of the Escravos Bar, fixing of the Harbours Control Tower Elevator which has met one of the ISO 9001, 2015 requirements for the Harbours Department.

The fixing of the elevators will alleviate the problem of climbing up for the workers especially those in Harbours Control Tower. The Port Manager promised that both elevators would be judiciously used by the workforce.

Health and Safety

By Engr. Dafe T. S. Prin. Manager, Safety

ELECTRICAL SAFETY



Inspect all electrical cords and outlets for cracks, fraying or other damage. If you find any damage, stop using the cord immediately and contact the Electrical Engineering Unit to repair the outlet.

If you use an extension cord, make sure that it is the proper type for the equipment or appliance so that it is not overloaded. To avoid tripping over the cord, don't place it in a heavy traffic area unless you have taped it down.

Avoid overloading an outlet; seek Electrical Engineering Unit's assistance where necessary.

Make sure that you switch appliances and tools off before unplugging or plugging them in.

Frayed electrical cords, loose or broken electrical wires, broken outlet covers and receptacles, and worn or broken electrical plugs are dangerous and should be repaired or replaced before being used again.

Moisture and electricity do not mix. Placing liquids on or around electrical equipment (such as computers, radios, copiers, printers or microwaves) increases the risk of electrocution if the liquid spills and gets into the electrical equipment. This includes wet or sweaty hands.

Never use electrical tools on damp ground or around water

Never place an antenna near electric power lines

Keep a safe distance from transformers or any electric generating device

Never insert anything (especially metal) into an electrical

appliance (such as a toaster, sockets)

Do not overload electrical outlets with too many electrical plugs.

Buy one surge protector with many outlets instead

Wear rubber gloves and rubber boots when working near electrical components

Inspect tools and appliances for wear and damage prior to use

Use electrical tape for joints ; do not use cello tapes or paper tapes

Always use the correct size fuse, never use a fuse with a larger amperage allowance than the original

When working near electric power lines, use ladders made of wood instead of metal

If you have a bad feeling about some work concerning electricity, stay away

Know where breakers and electrical boxes are and how to switch them off in case of an emergency

Do not use electrical outlets or cords with exposed wiring

Do not touch a person or electrical apparatus in the event of an electrical accident. Always disconnect the current first.

REMEMBER THAT:-

A DANGER FORESEEN IS HALF AVOIDED.

AN ACCIDENT COULD BE A ONE WAY TICKET TO DISABILITY RETIREMENT

DANGER NEVER TAKES A VACATION.

DON'T BE SAFETY BLINDED, BE SAFETY MINDED

WACT, TRUCK OPERATORS APPLAUD NPA

West African Container Terminal (WACT), Onne and the Chairmen of Flat & Cargo Trailer Drivers Association were among those that applauded the quick intervention by Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) Management to provide "unpaved access" road to truck drivers at Federal Ocean Terminal (FOT), Onne Port complex.

The alternative road upgrade was a response from the Port Manager, Alhassan Ismaila Abubakar to address initial road congestions as a result of the un-motorable state of the alternative access road at FOT, Onne Port recently. In an interview, the Port Manager said the road had deteriorated to the point that trucks could not use it and so following the prompt intervention from NPA Headquarters the road was improved upon to be passable for Container trucks.

Commenting on this alternative "unpaved access road", the Operations Manager of West African Container Terminal (WACT), Mr. Innocent Ogbuji in a telephone interview said the upgrade of "Road B", (the alternate road) at FOT, Onne Port was a big relief from traffic chaos and a huge value added to customers and other road users.

He commended the Port Manager and the NPA top Management for their support in responding promptly during the period of distress as a result of the traffic challenge at the Port.

Also in separate interviews, Chairman Flat & Cargo Trailer Drivers Association of the Maritime Workers Union of Nigeria at Onne Port, Comrade Adolphus Ugwu and a 40ft truck driver, Mr. Joseph Eze, applauded the Managing Director of NPA, Hadiza Bala Usman, and the Onne Port Manager, Alhassan Abubakar for their quick intervention in upgrading the deplorable road at FOT.



WORK HOUR RELAXATION

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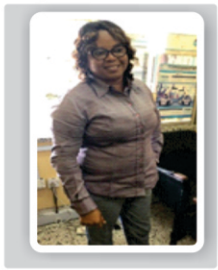
SUICIDE CASES ARE ON THE INCREASE IN THE SOCIETY. HOW DO WE CURB THIS TREND?

To have a good relationship with your God which is genuine salvation.

Be not anxious of anything. Avoid greed, jealousy, envy, be patient and consistently, pray to your God. Have full confidence that it will be well by yourself with good and mature friends, people that will keep you busy, help and lead you in the right way and never be idle for an idle mind is the devil's workshop.

Ahamba Roseline

HR/Opts Dept Delta Ports, Warri



The increase in suicide and suicidal attempt as a trend arises from mental health disorder resulting from persistent depressive moods.

The solution therefore is for the Government to embark on awareness towards treatment of mental health cases. This basically imply effecting the right of its citizens to basic and necessary healthcare facilities such as Hospital, Health Centres, access to treatment and employment of the best qualified medical personnel.

Nwachukwu Eze

Legal Department, Delta Ports, Warri.



Depression, frustration, failed intimate relationships, fear of rejection and poor governance, we all know are the major causes of this menace in our society.

Awareness of self-confidence should be promoted through NGO's Media houses, government agencies, churches, mosques and other platforms to educate the society more about not relying on "Suicide" to escape emotional disaster, low-self-esteem, inferiority complex disabilities people face every day. Additionally, the society should realize that self-love is the best weapon to curb emotional drainage.

Alice Edemekong Inyang

SERVICOM, HQ



People should be meant to under-go psychological test. More so there should be provision for employment for the citizenry. The government should make the economy better and viable. If the economy is good people will be happy. Many Nigerians are not happy because you give so much and get so little from the system. We should be vigilant and also be our brother's keeper. We should try as much as to show love and concerns if we discover that someone is going through difficult situation or being depressed. Government should look into issue of salary increase for workers.

Adaji Charles

HR/Oprs., HQ



The Government should provide realistic social programmes that will take care of the unemployed and the vulnerable in our society. Secondly the issue of corruption should be sincerely tackled and ensure transparency in governance, so that the dividend of democracy is delivered to the people. Provision of employment and basic social and infrastructural facilities. National Orientation Agency (NOA) must educate, enlighten, sensitize and re-orient of the issues concerning suicide on our society. Also encouraging people to consult Imams and Pastors or even Psychologist for counselling. In conclusion, it is a collective effort as we all must be vigilant, ready to help, support and assist those in need.

Bello Haruna

HR/Oprs., HQ



I think suicide should be the last thing on one's mind because we can always start afresh. When you feel depressed, take some time and make sure you nurture yourself with good nutrition. Always express yourself with good nutrition. Always express yourself because life is too sweet too think of anything unhealthy.

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