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BOOSTING MARITIME SECURITY IN THE GULF OF GUINEA: NPA HOSTS INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH TEAM

In its renewed drive at further boosting the Security apparatus at the Gulf of Guinea, the Management of the Nigerian Ports Authority [NPA] represented by the General Manager Security Olumide Omotosho recently hosted a Research Team from the Kofi Annan International Peace keeping Training Centre (KA IPTC) Ghana to a round table discussion held at the Corporate Headquarters, Marina Lagos.

The group was on a tour of African countries to seek for ways of rubbing minds with relevant Maritime Security experts towards upgrading their human capacity level for the optimal realization of promoting and sustaining a safer Maritime environment within the Gulf of Guinea.

The Research team has members from Nigeria, Ghana, Angola, Benin, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire and Gabon with a three year mandate of providing an all encompassing framework to the region with an MOU with Inter-Regional Coordinating Centre [ICC] in Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) and Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

Omotosho while welcoming the Research Team to Nigeria stated that the visit was timely in view of the role of renewed collaboration and synergy would bring to the growth of the perennial security challenges being faced in the region. He solicited for renewed openness amongst member nations in the area of Intelligence sharing to forestall issues within the Gulf of Guinea.

The NPA Security Chief stressed that Management had overtime put in place various security measures to forestall threats across the nation's Seaports. Part of measures aside this is the increased synergy with the various Security agencies within the Country especially the Navy whilst commending the Hadiza Bala Usman led Management team for the CCCI which has brought great relief to various cases of crimes prevention and control.

In his response, the Head of the visiting Research Team Colonel Albert Ulrich informed the NPA Team that the Institute is an internationally recognized training institute comprising of over different professionals across the globe with world Class consultants.

The Institute according to him, is Research based with a course module of 19 courses ranging from ISPC Code, Maritime Terrorism Piracy and Armed Robbery At Sea, Arm Trafficking and Proliferation, Money Laundering, Illegal Migration At Sea, Human Security Management and Role of Intelligence in Fighting Piracy and Organized Crime amongst others.

He solicited for Management's support to the Institute through the sponsorship of officers and Staff of the Organization for short and long time training courses in Ghana.

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In this edition, we bring you report on the renewed strategies by the Management of the Nigerian Ports Authority in collaboration with other local and international stakeholders in promoting and sustaining Maritime Safety and Security within sub-Saharan Africa.

In actualizing the Management's promise of boosting activities in the Eastern Ports, we also report that the

Management is partnering with stakeholders towards the swift evacuation of overtime containers within the Onne Port Complex and its axis to attract more investment opportunities to the Port.

We also report that Delta Ports Complex has begun the evacuation of Marine litters on our waterways through a sensitization programme for host communities on the dangers of littering the coastline.

These among other juicy stories and regulars are for your reading pleasure.

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**A Ship is
always
safe at the
Shore, but
that is not
what it is
built for.**

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**KING DUKE IX OF
CALABAR (1895)
WORE TWO
CROWNS TO
SHOW HE WAS
CROWNED BY THE
BRITISH AS WELL
AS THE EFIK
PEOPLE**



DELTA PORTS SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME ON COASTLINE LINK-UP CLEAN-UP

The Nigerian Ports Authority's Environment Department in collaboration with a consultant organized a sensitization programme for one of the Delta Ports Host Communities for Marine Litters Action Plan implementation.

The theme of the programme was 'coast line link up clean up, the only cure for litters is you'.

The consultant explained what constitute Marine Litters to include things like Plastics, metals and medical instruments being dumped in the water ways highlighting the need for them not to throw them in their rivers because the litters along the waterways can cause accidents to Marine Transporters. They were also advised that since the river water also forms part of the water they are using domestically, the litters on the water can cause great damage to their health and it can cause infectious diseases.

The traditional ruler of the community His Royal Highness King Couple Markson Oromoni Mobene III, Pere Amakosu of Ogbe-ljoh Warri Kingdom represented by Chief Lucky Oromoni, in his speech said he was delighted by the kind gesture of the Nigerian Ports Authority and prayed that more of it should be carried out often.

Thereafter, the attendees were kitted with safety wears to perform clean-up exercises at the river bank.



MOVEMENT OF OVERTIME CONTAINERS NPA COLLABORATES WITH STAKEHOLDERS

The Management of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) is collaborating with relevant stakeholders towards the evacuation of overtime containers within the Onne Ports Complex and its axis with a view to finding a long lasting solution for the provision of space for smooth operations.

The Onne Port Manager, Alhassan Abubakar, represented by Engr. Sonny Nyandaiti, expressed satisfaction with the Management for the initiative in finding a long lasting solution to the menace of overtime containers which has affected port operations arising from limited spaces within the Terminals for stacking areas for fresh container vessels expected to call at the Terminal.

The NPA Management recently kicked the ball rolling towards this actualization through the installation of electricity and solar illumination for visitation while the Nigerian customs service (NCS) a stakeholder is willing to provide security during evacuation by Trucks.

The government warehouse at Onne Port is expected to receive about 189 units of overtime containers from West African container Terminal.

Industry watchers welcome this initiative by the NPA which would assist in making the port attractive especially with the Management's recent drive in making Eastern Ports attractive aside the Lagos Ports.



NPA RECEIVES TVC COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT TEAM

The Management of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) received a management team of TVC communications who paid a courtesy call to the Managing Director Hadiza Bala Usman at the Corporate Headquarters of the Authority in Marina Lagos.

The Managing Director Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) Hadiza Bala Usman presents a corporate plaque of the Authority to the Chief Executive of TVC Communications Andrew Halon during the visit.



MD NPA RECEIVES OUTSTANDING WOMEN AWARD

The Managing Director, Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Hadiza Bala Usman received an outstanding Women Leadership Award from The Officials of "These Executive Minds" (TEXEM) UK, led by the Senior Project Manager, Emmanuel Ekwe at the Authority's Corporate Headquarters, Marina, Lagos.

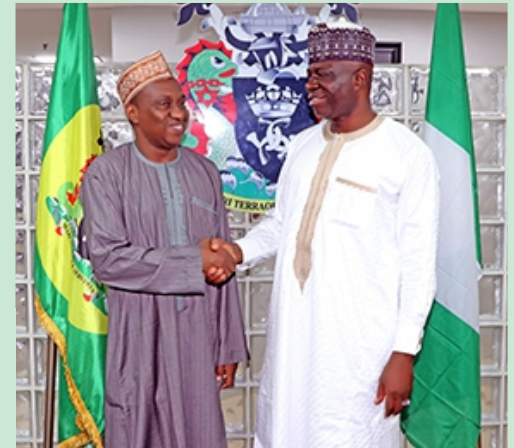
The Managing Director, Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Hadiza Bala Usman (2nd from left) receives the Award for outstanding Women Leadership from the Senior Project Manager, TEXEM UK, Emmanuel Ekwe, the Project Manager, TEXEM UK, Omotola Akerele (far left) and to the MD's right is the Associate Project Manager, TEXEM UK, Akorede Nurudeen during the visit at the NPA Corporate Headquarters in Lagos.



NPA RECEIVES COMMITTEE ON ICT AND CYBER CRIME

The Senate Committee on ICT and Cybercrime paid a working visit to the Management of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) at the Corporate Headquarters in Lagos. The Senate Committee who were on oversight functions sought to partner the NPA Management on the development and acceleration of ICT and Digital Technology galvanizing information technology along the dictates of international best practice.

The representative of the Managing Director, Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), and Executive Director, Engineering & Technical Services, Prof. Idris Abubakar (left) and the Chairman, Senate Committee on ICT & Cybercrime, Senator Yakubu Oseni (right) during a working visit to the Authority's Corporate Headquarters in Lagos.



FIRE OUTBREAK: NPA FIRE SERVICE TO THE RESCUE!

The Authorities Of The Lagos Island East Local Council Development Area led by Comrade Kamal Salau Bashua has appreciated the contributions of the Management of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) led by Hadiza Bala Usman for the prompt response of the Fire Service of the Authority which was able to combat swiftly the recent fire outbreak that occurred at one of the Council Offices recently.

The Council Chair who was represented by Mrs. I.F Usman, Council Manager informed the General Manager, Corporate and Strategic Communications Engineer Adams Jatto who received them on behalf of the Managing Director, Hadiza Bala Usman in his office stated that the fire incident was caused by an explosion of one of the inverters within the premises. The damage according to her would have been monumental but for the quick intervention and high level of professionalism exhibited by the men of the Fire Service. The General Manager, Corporate and Strategic Communications, Engr. Adams Jatto stated that the NPA Management under Hadiza

Bala Usman had often taken into cognizance the need to equip its workforce with modern tools for prompt intervention in a situation of this nature as well as continuous manpower development across board.

"It is our responsibility as a Corporate entity to ensure that we are our brother's keepers when things of this nature happens".

According to Jatto, the prompt response of the Firemen is an evidence of how effective and efficient our Fire Service Department is to safeguard life and properties within our business environment. The event he stressed would further reinforce the synergy between the NPA, Stakeholders and the Business Community at large.

The NPA Chief Spokesperson stated that Management would continue to ensure that it provides its services in a Safe, Secure and Customer friendly environment.



Health and Safety



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

LASSA FEVER OUTBREAK: ALERT! ALERT!! ALERT!!!

Introduction

The Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) has notified the public on the current outbreak of Lassa fever in the country which has affected appreciable number of States in Nigeria including Lagos. Lassa fever is known to be endemic in West Africa especially in Nigeria where it originated. This disease was named after a village – Lassa, where it was first discovered in 1969.

What is Lassa fever?

It is a zoonotic (transmitted from animal to human), acute, viral and haemorrhagic illness with incubation period of 2-21 days duration.

Mode of Spread

The Lassa virus is transmitted to humans via:

Contact with food or household items contaminated with rodent urine or faeces

Person-to-person infections and laboratory transmission can also occur, particularly in hospitals lacking adequate infection prevention and control measures.

Signs and Symptoms

These include - fever, general weakness, and malaise. After a few days, headache, sore throat, muscle pain, chest pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, cough, and abdominal pain may follow. In severe cases facial swelling, fluid in the lung cavity, bleeding from the mouth, nose, vagina or gastrointestinal tract and low blood pressure may occur.

Prevention and control

Good Personal and Environmental Hygiene

Avoid direct contact with infected animals and persons

Regular hand washing with soap and water

Eliminate bushes and household rats/rodents in surroundings

Adoption of Universal Health precautions when attending to infected persons

Contact tracing of infected persons.

In case of any symptom experience post contact with rodents or affected persons, please report to the nearest clinic.

For further queries about this disease, please contact the Occupational Health department at your location.

Promoting Optimal Health in a safe work Environment

WHAT IS BEHAVIOURAL SAFETY?

Behavioral safety is the application of behavioral examination on human performance to the problems of safety in the workplace. Often employees involve in unsafe practices which are any actions that could jeopardise the safety or wellbeing of an individual or cause them harm or injury.

Unsafe Behaviors - These are dangerous acts that often result in injuries and can be identified with common sense and experience.

Avoid Unsafe Workplace Behaviors

- Walking under suspended loads.
- Blocking out or bypassing safeguards.
- Using an ungrounded portable electric hand tool.
- Bypassing a lockout process.
- Lifting loads that are too heavy or awkward.
- Overloading a scaffold or forklift.
- Talking on cellphone while working which may lead to distraction
- Allowing an unauthorized person into the building.

Unsafe Conditions

- Defective tools, equipment or supplies.
- Inadequate supports or guards.
- Congestion in the workplace.
- Inadequate warning systems.
- Fire and explosion hazards.
- Poor housekeeping.
- Hazardous atmospheric conditions.

WORK HOUR RELAXATION

Vox Pop

DOES FIRST IMPRESSION REALLY MATTER IN YOUR DEALINGS WITH A PERSON?



When you meet someone for the first time, your brain is hardwired to compute in almost one tenth of a second whether the other person is trust-worthy, attractive, likeable, competent and aggressive.

So yes, first impressions are extraordinarily important when you meet someone.

INNOCENT OGBUEHI
HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
ONNE PORT COMPLEX



Body language speaks louder than voice when it comes to first impression. Though it is known that many people get a little nervous when meeting someone for the first time. For example, in a business setting, you have to ask yourself what is the business dress code? So you can dress appropriately. You have to know the tradition and norms of that business setting for your first impression to earn you the positive look.

The following can help someone to present him or herself appropriately and win the mindset of the other fellow. (A) Always be on time in everything you do. (B) Present yourself appropriately (C) Be yourself. (D) Get that winning smile. (E) Be open and confident. (F) Talk less.

BARNABAS GAMANIEL
ADMINISTRATION, HQ



First impression really matter in my dealing with a person because it is like the first judgement you pass on an individual when you meet for the first time. It could be positive or negative impression, as this impression is created within seconds. Also, as things change in life that person with negative impression can become better in future.

DR MARKUS SUSARI
MEDICAL, CALABAR



Yes, it matters, because it could determine if the relationship is good or bad, but time changes thoughts and opinions. So how you continue to behave will determine the overall look or perception you have for a person.

IBRAHIM DASURI ABDULHABIB
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It creates an opinion about a person, though one may be opportune to change first impression (if it is circumstantial) but then it is very rear. First impression matters to me, the way you talk, your body gesture and your facial expression.

RETIOLA ASESUWA ANNA,
MEDICAL DEPT. DELTA PORTS



The first impression really matter because we tend to judge others by their look, body language and create an impression about that person in our minds.

In fact, our entire relationship with a person at a first meeting will be a signal for judgement within sixty-seconds

ATABO MOHAMMED
CORPORATE AND STRATEGIC PLANNING, CALABAR



Yes, it does matter because the first impression says a lot about an individual. For example, if the first impression a person gave you was a little bit off the radar then you would know that you have to be careful when dealing with that person in the future.

MUSTAPHA TAIYE
ADMIN, HQ



I think first impression really matter a lot. Your first impression gives a lot of information about you to people, most especially the people meeting you for the first time. For me, your first impression tells and gives me so much about you.

As the saying goes "you are addressed the way you are dressed".

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