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FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

BE PREPARED TO MAKE NIGERIA GREATER,

HADIZA COUNSELS NPA CILT MEMBERS



The Managing Director of NPA, Hadiza Bala Usman has urged NPA Employees to be willing and determined to make sacrifices to enhance their capacity development as she is prepared to assist them.

The M.D, who gave this assurance in Lagos, recently, spoke at the virtual official inauguration and awards ceremony of the NPA-Chartered Institute of logistics and Transport, CILT Chapter, codenamed :NPA/CLT NEXT-GENERATION CHAPTER.

According to her, it was a thing of particular delight that youth of the organization came together to explore the opportunities that the CILT presents for the development of not only their individual careers but also the progress of the nation's, maritime sector as a whole.

She said : "In my experience, I have come to realise that one of the greatest pitfalls of youth is the inability to quickly come to terms with the responsibility that the future places on them. When youths do not understand the roles that they have in the future of a society, they are unable to explore the opportunities that the present offers them and build the necessary capacity for the future.

"This is why on a lot of occasions, when opportunity falls on the laps of young people, they are not sufficiently prepared to make the best of those opportunities to the benefit of society. This is why I am happy about NPA/CILT Next-generation chapter.

"It is heartwarming that you have not just come together in unity as one would expect of every staffer of any organization that aspires for progress, but you also made it a point of duty to develop yourselves and build the capacity of your members through your regular Zoominar series.

HADIZA BALA USMAN
MD/CEO, NPA

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In her resolve to enthrone a fool-proof succession plan in the NPA, the Managing Director of NPA, Hadiza Bala Usman, charged Nigerian youth under the auspices of the Youth Chapter of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) to strive to make Nigeria greater than it is now.

Also in this edition, Port Users and others Stakeholders in the industry are set to breathe a sigh of relief as NPA commences full implementation of the long-awaited E-Call Up system which will help to put an end to the perennial gridlock along the Apapa Port Corridors.

Your regular Vox Pop, sought to gauge the opinion of a cross section of workers on whether they are willing to work with their colleagues towards the realization of the set goals of the organization.

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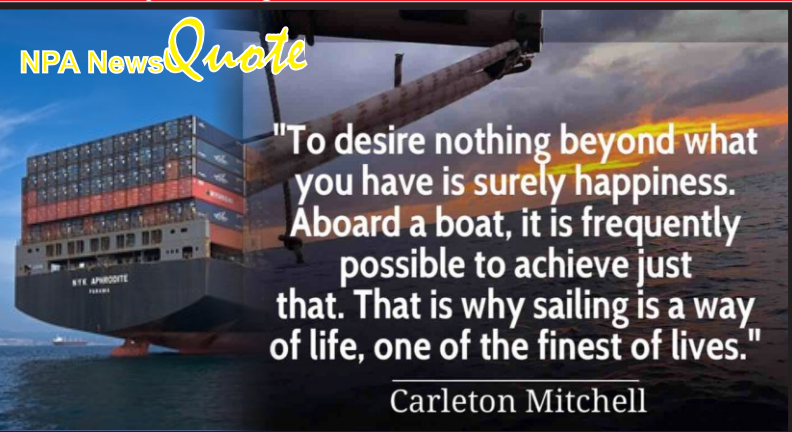
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THE HARBOUR MASTER'S STATION, THE MARINA, LAGOS, 1960.
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HADIZA SAILS ON AS NPA CEO



The Maritime Industry recently celebrated the news of the reappointment of the Managing Director of NPA Hadiza Bala Usman by the President for another term of 5 years.

The news of her reappointment, according to Industry watchers, did not come as a surprise. This is in view of the positive development and transformation recorded in the Industry since she took over the management of NPA.

Since the arrival of Hadiza as the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority, the Maritime Industry has been recognized as a major player in the development of the nation's economy.

With the fall in the price of oil across the international markets coupled with the rising cost of inflation, the Maritime sector has been a very reliable source of Government revenue in driving the Nigerian economy. Recall that Hadiza on her assumption of office in 2016 had promised to manage the Authority with optimal professionalism in achieving International best practice.

Hadiza who is the first female Managing Director of NPA has transformed the Authority to meeting the demands of 21st century.

On assumption of office, she commissioned the Command Control Communication and Intelligence system.

The application was to see the Authority working to protect the Nigerian Waterways.

She was of the opinion that for the Nigerian Ports to attract investors, it needed to improve on its security apparatus.

The CEO has also ensured that the port remains opened for 24 hours operations across the nation.

Various operational tools procured by Management especially the Tug boats have improved operations of the Ports.

Management has taken up the challenges of bigger vessels berthing at the Ports in order to promote economy of scale in the industry, also with the dredging of port channels, our ports now witness enhanced operations and smoother service



HADIZA BALA USMAN
MD/CEO, NPA

POETRY

with 'Sola Adesanwo

ON CLENCHED FISTS

We are generation
Which arrived from the
Long journey of the
womb
On clenched fists.

That is why they detest us
Our clenched fists
encapsulate our angst
Of copious brutalities
Of job reserved for
Blue bloods.

It signify our fight
Which puncture their
pride,
That clenched fist
Unites us all.

Whether we are on hijab
One leg on crushes
Or a mum nursing a tot
Even if we walk on
wheelchair.

With our fists
And blaring voices
We will drown them
Into Atlantic, and bring
Forth a new season soon.



AMBULANCE; NPA BOOSTS MEDICAL SERVICES



The management of the Nigerian Ports has positioned an ambulance at the NPA Headquarters Building, Marina, to serve all the NPA officers and staff in the case of medical emergencies. This is in line with management priority to staff welfare.

In a memo signed by the General Manager, Medical Services, Mrs C.E. Akpa, she added that the situation would remain the same pending the reopening of the Marina clinic.

Mrs Akpa also asserted that earlier circulated medical telephone lines should be called during the emergencies, adding that ambulance drivers have been rostered on monthly basis to man the vehicle.

APAPA GRIDLOCK: E CALL UP SYSTEM TO THE RESCUE



There appears to be an end to the perennial gridlock at Apapa and the access towards the port as the NPA Management commences the implementation of the E Call Up system, Electronic Truck Operations (ETO).

According to reports from the Corporate Headquarters Marina, the Hadiza Bala Usman-led Management is certain that with the commissioning and implementation of the E-Call system, the hardship faced by the truck drivers, workers and other stakeholders in the Apapa community at large would soon be a thing of the past.

The E- Call up application also known as the ETO is technologically driven. It is a system derived from the synergy between the Authority and a private firm, Transit Truck Park Limited, (TTP).

According to a statement released by the Chief spokesperson of the Authority, Ibrahim Nasiru, all Trucks plying the Port axis would have to conform and adhere strictly to the rules guiding the application.

Nasiru asserted that "As part of the effort aimed at finding a permanent solution to the problem of truck congestion around Apapa and its environs, the Authority is pleased to announce the commencement of ETO. All trucks doing Business at the Ports will be required to park at the appropriate Truck Parks until they are called up to the Port through the ETO application" the statement explained.

Management while calling for the support and cooperation of all, stated that punitive measures would be taken against defaulting parties.

Stakeholders spoken to by the online crew of the newsletter affirmed that the application would work. They applauded the Management of the NPA for the move.

Part of the benefits the application would bring is that the Cost of Doing Business in the Port would reduce. Public infrastructure would not be stretched, and more revenue generation.

Health and Safety

SAFETY TIPS AT HOTELS



There is need to be extra careful when lodging in a hotel to avoid ones items from being stolen, kidnapping, videoing, rape and overexcited staff badgering into your room without an invite. Some safety tips are:

1. AVOID UNTRUSTED TRAVEL/HOTEL

Ensure you lodged in a hotel well known and within a safe environment. For one's safety, think less of a cheaper hotel to lodge in.

2. AVOID FREE WIFI

Never connect to a free or untrusted Wifi. Ensure the use of a VPN (Virtual Private Server) when connecting to a hotel Wifi. Free Wifi has a potential of been hacked and using it might expose you to fraudsters.

3. DOUBLE CHECK THE ROOMS

Before accepting a given hotel room, check and ensure that the windows and doors lock properly to prevent someone entering the room easily.

4. KEEP DOORS LOCKED ALWAYS

Ensure you lock your doors always. Also use lock option i.e. security chains, deadbolts, metal locks e.t.c for double protection.

5. OPENING OF HOTEL ROOM DOOR

Never open the door without first confirming the identity of the person knocking at your door. The use of peephole before opening the door for anyone gives a bit of safety caution. Never open the door for anyone even if he/she is the hotel staff if you have no business with the person.

6. BOOK UPPER FLOORS

Upper floor provide some level of privacy, not reachable by intruders compared to ground level which is easily accessible through the windows. Best rooms are the middle floor of a hotel because they are high enough

to prevent someone from breaking in and reachable by fire-fighter truck ladder in case of an emergency.

7. BE SECURITY CONSCIOUS

Be vigilant and security conscious when lodging in a hotel. Watch out for illegal movements, unfamiliar faces that look suspicious.

8. KNOW THE EXIT POINTS

Once you check-in, take a moment to walk around the facility to know the terrain, the different entry and exit points. Check the facility escape plan in case of firebreak or attack.

9. USE OF HOTEL SAFES

Use of hotel safe may look good but it can be easily compromised. Ensure you do not use easy password. If the safe looks compromised, do not use it.

10. NEVER ACT AS A TOURIST

Whenever you stay in a hotel overseas, don't make it too obvious you are a foreigner. Avoid acting like a tourist to wave off criminals who will think you already know about their schemes. Most often, tourists are major target.

11. ENSURE NOBODY FOLLOWS YOU

Whenever you are entering a hotel or walking down the stairs, elevators, car park e.t.c, ensure you are not being followed. If you're walking towards the elevator, car park and you notice someone following you, act like you forget something, make a fake phone call, or try to lace your shoe, or stand aside and watch the person leave. If the person did not leave, call the attention of the hotel security.

12. ACTIVATE THE "DO NOT DISTURB" SIGN

Activate the do not disturb sign when you are out of your room to give the impression that you are inside.

SAFETY QUOTES

1. If You're Not Safety Conscious, You Could End Up Unconscious. So Think About It
2. The Key To Safety Is In Your Hands
3. Safety Rules Are Your Best Tools

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

WORK HOUR RELAXATION

Vox Pop

WOULD YOU RATHER WORK ALONE OR WITH OTHER COLLEAGUES? GIVE REASONS.



I would rather work with other colleagues as team work is a prerequisite.

Two components make a proper whole. On the contrary, some researchers posit that combined efforts lack ownership standard.

In summary, working with other colleagues is a panacea to managerial disparity.

UANGBAOJE, ABRAHAM A.

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Where a job requires a variety of skills, team members focus on their respective abilities to ensure faster completion time.

Secondly, when addressing a problem, team work enables us produce effective and diverse solutions as each person views the problem from a different perspective.

GBEFA, ONYEINBRAGHA GEORGE

Accounts Dept. Calabar Port Complex.



It's better to work with colleagues because one tree cannot make a forest. As human you sometimes need to attend to some needs within the working hours and somebody has to cover your work in your absence. Practically there are jobs that one person cannot do.

ADE OMONDIA SUNDAY EHI

Security Dept. Delta Ports, Warri.



I will work with other colleagues because the nature of my job involves repairs and installation of AC and Refrigerator. To succeed, you need the technical inputs and contributions of other colleagues.

OBABU GODFREY

Engr. Dept. Delta Ports, Warri



I will like to work with my colleagues, when you work with your colleagues, you will be more efficient and gain more working experience on the job compared to those who always like to work alone. working with colleagues will broaden your knowledge and it creates a strong relationship even outside the office, it is not advisable to work alone.

TOVISHEDI PETER STEPHEN,

C&SC Div. Marina, Lagos



Two heads, they say, are better than one. So, I would rather work with my colleagues than work alone, this encourages new ideas and better ways of solving problems, and of course, you know there is no dull moment.

INNOCENT OGBUEHI,

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Hoping to hear from you soon.

- Editor.

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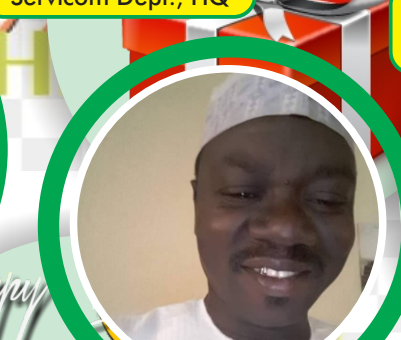
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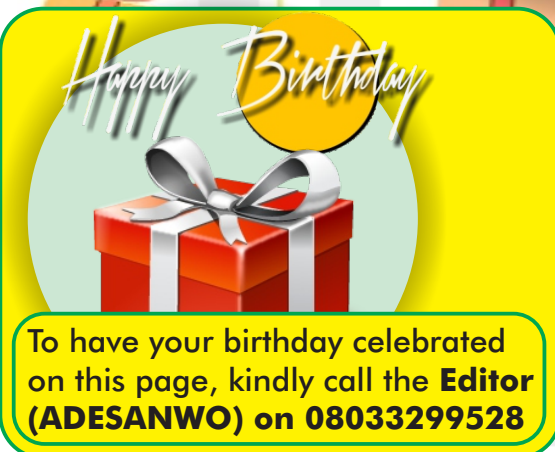
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