

**GOODWILL MESSAGE BY MR. MOHAMMED BELLO KOKO
MANAGING DIRECTOR NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY AT
UNVEILING OF LOGO AND THEME OF DALA DRY PORT AND
KANO ECONOMIC & DIASPORA INVESTMENT SUMMIT ON
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Protocols....

I count it a great privilege and a good fortune to be asked to deliver a goodwill message on this historic unveiling of the Dala Dry Port which is a prelude to the Kano Economic and Diaspora Investment Summit.

Let me on behalf of the Management and staff of the Nigerian Ports Authority commend His Excellency Governor Abdullahi Umar Ganduje for the farsightedness and economic wisdom that birthed this project.

The Dala Inland Dry Port aligns with our relentless drive at the NPA to attain seamless port-hinterland connectivity through multi modalism as evidenced by the increasing use of barges to reduce and ultimately eliminate the gridlock faced in the Lagos Ports.

The successful resumption of movement of cargo by rail from Lagos to Kano last year and the increasing efficiency and extension of our rail lines signposts an unprecedented growth in commodity traffic which we must prepare for by having in place competitive reception facilities of the capacity that the Dala Port offers.

Given its strategic location in the commercial hub of Kano, and its proximity to some of our landlocked neighboring countries whose markets the Nigerian economy can leverage, the NPA is poised to partner with Dala Inland Dry Port in advancing some of our initiatives geared towards facilitating export.

To this end, let seize this moment to inform we are set to launch the first set of Export Processing Terminals, which will be a one stop shop where all inspection, consolidation and stuffing of export-bound are to be conducted in a synchronized manner that will

eliminate all the challenges and inefficiencies that hitherto render our exports uncompetitive.

I am reliably informed that Dala Dry Port is in collaboration with a foremost Port Terminal Operator, SIFAX Shipping to promote seamless logistics management and coordination of the hinterland activities preparatory to eventual transportation of cargo through the maritime mode. This I must say is an uncommon demonstration of seriousness to take off.

Before I take my seat, let me congratulate the good people of Kano state, stakeholders and indeed all Nigerians on the birth of this noble cause.

I thank you very much for listening and God bless.

