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The Managing Director of NPA, Mohammed Bello koko emphasized that there was no truth in the assertion that a fully operational Lekki Deepsea Port would adversely affect the Apapa and Tincan Island Ports respectfully.

Speaking in Lagos recently, in his paper titled "Lekki Deepsea: Gains, Challenges and Potential Threat to Lagos Ports" at a Retreat Organized by the leadership of the League of Maritime Editors in Lagos, Bello koko asserted that the seeming neglect of hinterland connectivity at the Lekki Port is likely to be a major problem for the optimisation of the benefits of the project investment and the efficiency of the Port operations.

LEKKI DEEPSEA:

NO HINDRANCE TO APAPA AND TIN CAN PORTS OPERATIONS

The MD added that while a lot of attention had been on Maritime space, there is complete neglect of the intermodal linkages such as no train connectivity at Lekki Port, even the road connectivity is grossly inadequate.

Bello koko proffered that the acceptance of Barge Operations in the short run, while also working on intermodalism and multi-modalism which should guarantee the fluidity of cargo evacuation and ultimately efficiency of port operations.

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The Managing Director of NPA Mohammed Bello-Koko has asserted the urgent need to provide hinterland connectivity to fast-track the success of the Lekki Deep Sea Ports, detail is contained in this edition.

While the One-on-One column features the erudite and indefatigable General Manager Corporate and Strategic Communications Division, Mrs Oluyemisi Oyinlola, whose dream is to lift the division to higher heights.

The vox pop column gives us a reflection of our readers opinions on the just ended year. Others are your regulars like, Birthdays, Health and Safety then Serialisation. Enjoy this seasonal package.

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Thought
is the wind,
knowledge
the sail, and
mankind
the vessel.
August Hare

OUR VISION: TO BE THE MARITIME LOGISTICS HUB FOR SUSTAINABLE PORT SERVICES IN AFRICA



FROM THE
ARCHIVE

A VIEW OF THE CARTER BRIDGE STREET, LAGOS IN THE 1950S

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WHEN YOU MASTER THE RUDIMENTS OF YOUR JOB, YOU WILL DO WELL IN LEADERSHIP - O. OYINLOLA - GM, C&SC

Can we meet you?

My name is Mrs Oluyemisi Oyinlola, the General Manager, Corporate and Strategic Communications Division NPA.

what's your plan for this division?

I want the Corporate and Strategic Communications to be a division that will be first among equals in NPA, a division that is the voice of NPA, which will portray the image of the Authority, better than it is now, in the eyes of stakeholders even beyond NPA, we will be the brand of NPA.

You have been an experienced person in the system. For over 3 decades, therefore you are in a position to advise young professionals across NPA and particularly in the Corporate and Strategic Communications division. How will you like to advise younger officers?

Yes, I have been here over 3 decades. I think it is necessary for up and coming professionals to be dedicated and learn the rudiments, wherever they serve, for those in Corporate and Strategic Communications, it is essential they learn the ropes, everything that goes on in every unit of the Division. So, that when they are placed in leadership position in future, they can work effectively. When you learn the ropes, you can work anywhere it helps your career. It helps broaden your horizon. You need to read/study what is being done in other Divisions. It's not just what you are doing in this division. I think it's necessary, very key to their career as they progress in NPA.

What will you like to add to this interview that the questions have not covered?

I want management to grant Corporate and Strategic Communications Division the wherewithal to excel. We are the brand ambassador of NPA the ones people meet first, we are the ones that serve as the voice of NPA, not just in and even outside pertaining to the maritime industry, we have a magazine that goes beyond NPA, our press releases goes beyond NPA, we want a situation where our magazine, for example, will be like Time Magazine of the world so it's necessary we

get the wherewithal, we get the approvals we require. Management has to assist us to do that, they have been doing it, but they need to go the extra mile because like Oliver Twist 'we want more and more so that's what I think, for example, our magazine, we want to improve the reach of our magazine, to international frontiers and then even, as we have in house reporters, we need to educate/train them.

Finally, we would like to know what is your guiding principle, what's your philosophy of life?

Each day at a time, take each day at a time and trust God, because if God is by your side, you will conquer/overcome. Thank you very much.



AMERICA: SHOCK AND AWE

Peacock in the garden

Armada towers race for the sun
chandelier of diamond and emerald
doors held ajar for all to sip
through your golden china of opportunities.

But you make me wonder as you
set stage to fragment
fragile toga of global umbrella
body
as you trade
labour of the valiant past

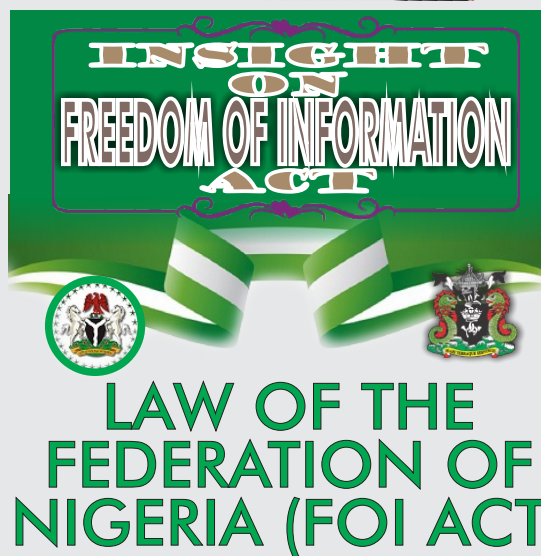
You shock me to awe
as you send soldiers to suicide
over juicy pots of black gold
and run amok after silhouette.

America, you shock me to awe,
roam the globe for stinks,
yet stench oozes from your
bedroom
feed and cloth umbrella body
who is sacred, snores at your
tantrums.

America, you shock me to awe
difficult to decipher your mirage
reasons
and I, rooted at the same spot, I
am left confused
because the more I see, the
more I lose respect
for you America!
you shock me to awe.

**Shock and Awe were President
Bush catch phrase for the US
versus Iraq war in Gulf in 2003.*

Extract from MUSINGS OF A QUESTER



LAW OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA (FOI ACT)

Substantive rules of the institution

Statements and interpretations of policy which have been adopted by the institution, Final planning policies, recommendations, and decisions;

Factual reports, inspection reports, and studies whether prepared by or for the institution;

Information relating to the receipt or expenditure of public or other funds of the institution;

The names, salaries, titles and dates of employment of all employees and officers of the institution;

The right of the state, public institutions, or of any private persons(s)

The name of every official and the final records of voting in all proceedings of the institution;

(e) a list of –

Files containing applications for any contract, permit, grants licenses and agreements, Reports, documents, studies, or publications prepared by independent contractors for the institution, and

Materials containing information relating to any grant or contract made by or between the institution and another public institution or private organization;

(f) the title and address of the appropriate officer of the institution to whom an application for information under this Act shall be sent, provided that the failure of any public institution to publish any information under this subsection shall not prejudicially affect the public's right of access to information in the custody of such public institution.

(4) A public institution shall ensure that information referred to in this section is widely disseminated and made readily available to members of the public through various means, including print, electronic and online sources, and at the offices of such

public institutions.

(5) A public institution shall update and review information required to be published under this section periodically, and immediately whenever changes occur

(6) A person entitled to the right of access conferred by this Act shall have the right to institute proceedings in the Court to compel any public institution to comply with the provisions of this section.

(7) Public institutions are all authorities whether executive, legislative or judicial agencies, ministries, and extra-ministerial departments of the government, together with all the corporations established by law and all companies in which government has a controlling interest, and private companies utilizing public funds, providing public services or performing public functions.

3. An application for access for a record or information under this Act shall be made in accordance with Section 1 of this Act, For the purpose of this Act, any information or record applied for under this Act that does not exist in print but can by regulation be produced from a machine, normally used by the government or public institution shall be deemed to be record under the control of the government or public institution.

Illiterate or disabled applicants who by virtue of their illiteracy or disability are unable to make an oral application for access to information or record in accordance with the provisions of subsection (1) of this Section, may make that application through a third party.

An authorized official of a government or public institution to whom an applicant makes an oral application for information or record, shall reduce the application into writing in the manner prescribed under the subsection (1) of this Section and shall provide a copy of the written application to the applicant.

4. Where information is applied for under this Act the public institution to which the application is made shall, subject to sections 6, 7, and 8 of this Act, within 7 days after the application is received-

Make the information available to the applicant

Where the public institution considers that the application should be denied, the institution shall give written notice to the applicant that access to all or part of the information will not be granted, stating reasons for the denial, and the section of this Act under which the denial is made.

5. (1) Where a public institution receives an application for access to information, and the institution is of the view that another public institution has greater interest in the information, the institution to which the application is made

Health and Safety

IS YOUR HOME SAFE WHEN YOU GO ON VACATION?



For many people, annual leave and travelling means vacation and a vacation can mean leaving your home for a longer period of time than usual.

Many people who go on vacation wonder if their house will be safe while they are away. When you go on vacation, the last thing you want is a phone call telling you that your house was robbed- or even worse- coming back from vacation and discovering damage and loss. Here are some tips for securing your home.

Before you leave, check every door and window to make sure that everything is locked and sealed, including your garage door, shed, and basement windows. Also, make sure that you have no spare keys lying around that are "hidden" under a mat or under a rock. Burglars know where to look and a key gives them easy access. If you have a sliding window or door, put a piece of wood or a long metal rod on the

track so that it can't be pushed open.

Set timers on lights outside of your house. The darker it is outside your house, the more appealing it is going to be for burglars because they cannot be seen. Also, timers help give the impression that someone is home.

Make sure that your newspapers and mail are picked up or put on hold. If papers and mail are piled up outside your house, it is obvious that someone has not been home for a while.

Leave some blinds or drapes open. If your house is completely closed off, it is going to look like no one is there. If you make it appear more normal, it is less obvious that you are away.

Arrange to have a trusted family member, neighbour or friend to check on your home. Even if it means having them going into the house to water the plants, they can take a peek around to make sure that everything is okay.

Going on a vacation is an excellent reminder to ensure you have an updated inventory of household goods which may include appliances, jewellery, firearms, and other valued items.

If you have any cash, jewellery, or any other valuables in your home, take them out and put them in a safety deposit box. It costs money for this service, but it is far better than if someone were to break into your home and find your valuables.

If you are a firearms owner, please ensure you secure and store all firearms in accordance with the Firearms Act and Regulations.

Set timers on electronics inside your house. Put one on a lamp or even a radio. If someone is watching your home and sees that there is no activity going on inside your house, it is a clear indicator that you are not home. Make sure that your home security system is on. Don't forget to tell your friend or family member the code so that they do not set off the alarm when they check on your home.

A vacation is supposed to be a relaxing time. There is no reason why you should have to spend time worrying about the safety of your home, as long as you make sure to take the necessary precautions.

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

WORK HOUR RELAXATION

VOX-POP

LOOKING BACK IN RETROSPECT, WOULD YOU SAY YOU ARE ABLE TO ACHIEVE ALL THAT YOU SET OUT TO ACHIEVE IN 2022? KINDLY SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE.

I would not say I have achieved all my proposed plans for year 2022 but I would rather say I have made progress as most of my set plans were achieved. With this I would give myself a pass mark for year 2022.

Suleiman sani



Retrospectively, I had a long list of things I wanted to achieve by the end of 2022. Top of my list was planning to start a certification in hair making and salon enterprising. This has always been my passion and I plan to do this as my retirement business. I am starting the certificate early in order to master these skills before my retirement from public service.



Sarah Oghomienor
Audit, HQ

Not really! I didn't achieve all that I set out to achieve in 2022 due to personal reasons and some of my goals was difficult to achieve.

Na'im Abdullahi
ICT, Onne Port



I have not been able to achieve all but nonetheless, it's been a year of modest achievements in the sense that there's quite a lot to be proud of when one looks back.

Engr. Richard Terfa Unde
Facility Management, HQ



Coming out of the lockdown, the year started on good footing (released of promotion) To an ends make the personnel start looking up for good year ahead in the area of staff trainings among other motivational incentives but to our dismay just little happened. Gradually things began to dwindle, it got to a point where the only thing on the increase is inflation, our income shrank; and we are now left to the mercies of God because we are alive and healthy as the year is concluding.



A.K Muktar
Fire service, Tincan

FEEDBACK

FEEDBACK:

Dear Readers,
To serve you better, kindly feed us back with your opinion, suggestions and criticisms.
Hoping to hear from you soon.

- Editor.

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