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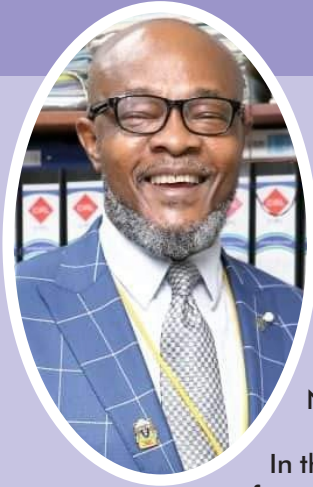
The Editorial Team, Online Production, NPANews celebrate with our amiable Managing Director, Mohammed Bello- Koko as he marks 365 Days in office on the 15th February, 2023. CONGRATULATIONS SIR.

365 Days in Office

CONGRATS



From the Editorial Suites

The President and Commander in Chief, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Mohammed Buhari, on the 15th of February, 2022 approved the appointment of Mohammed Bello-Koko as the Managing Director, NPA.

In this Edition, we also sampled opinion of our employees on the recent fuel scarcity and effect on productivity.

Others are from our regulars: Events, Health & Safety, Work Ethics, Maritime Terminologies as well as the Serialization of Freedom of Information Act.

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Contributions are welcome from members of staff. You can send high resolution photographs of your social events like birthdays, marriages, burials, etc.



"IF ONE DOES NOT KNOW TO WHICH PORT ONE IS SAILING, NO WIND IS FAVOURABLE."

Add a subheading
- SENECA

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



FROM THE
ARCHIVE



Independence Day parade, Lagos 1.10.1960 . Source: Life Archives



WORK ETHICS

Work Ethics is the set of moral values and principles people use in their jobs. People that have strong work ethics are more productive and consistent in their careers. That in turn, aids in personal as well as organizational growth. Ethics at work are the ideas and norms that governs the conduct of employees, employees and organization. It is important that we are aware of them so that we can respect them when we were in our workplace. Today, we have the opportunity to re-inject morality into our workplace and good ethics the front-barrier position.

ROLE OF GOOD WORK ETHICS
Increase professionalism, efficiency and effectiveness, it also enhances Staff productivity, Positively influence staff attitude and behaviour conducts, increase the Authority image and responsibility and reduces immoral conduct in work place.

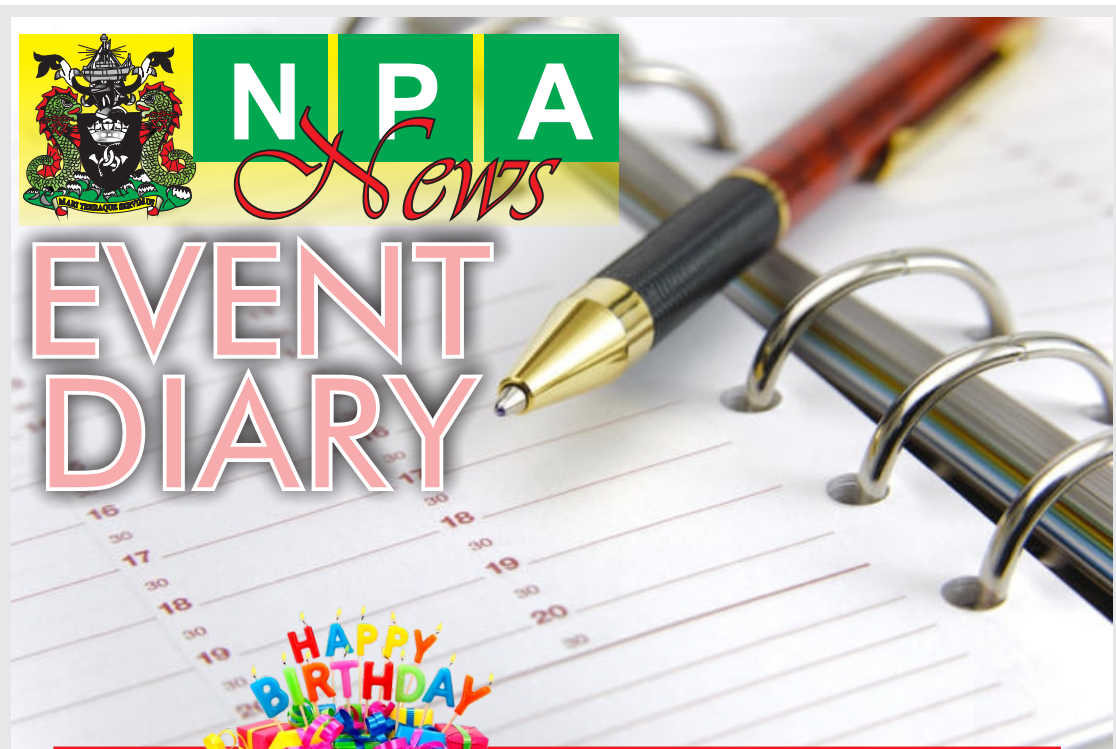
Quote; " If you got the confidence and the work ethic, you can make any dream come true."

Credit: Adekoya N. Y. (Mrs.)
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To be continued....



EVENT DIARY



Happy Birthday

The Executive Director, Marine & Operations Hon. Onari Brown celebrated his birthday on the 13th February, 2023. He was supported in cutting of his birthday cake by the Executive Management of NPA. Congratulations sir.



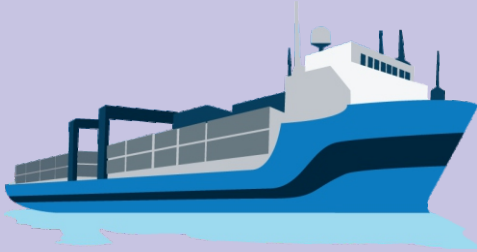
HAPPY Retirement

The officers & staff of Employment & Labour Relations Department congratulate Mrs. Aderibigbe Arinola Iyola on her Voluntary retirement from the services of NPA on February, 2023. Wishing her a happy retirement.

Celebration of Life



We sympathize with Mr. Olugbenga Soyomi of Corporate & Strategic Communications, Hqtrs. Over the demise of the family Patriarch, Mr. Victor Onamade Soyomi. The burial activities took place on the 18th February, 2023 at Ipara- Remo, Ogun State.



MARITIME TERMS

APRON..... The area immediately in front of or behind a wharf shed on which cargo is lifted. On the "front apron" cargo is unloaded from or loaded onto a ship. Behind the shed, cargo moves over the "rear apron" into and out of railroad cars.

BARGE..... A large, flat-bottomed boat used to carry cargo from a port to shallow-draft waterways. Barges have no locomotion and are pushed by towboats. A single standard barge can hold 1,500 tons of cargo or as much as either 15 railroad cars or 60 trucks. A barge is 200 feet long, 35 feet wide and has a draft of 9 feet. Barges carry dry bulk (grain, coal, gravel etc.) and liquid bulk (petroleum, vegetable oil, etc.)

BERTH..... The wharf space at which a ship docks. A wharf may have two or three berths, depending on the length of incoming ships.

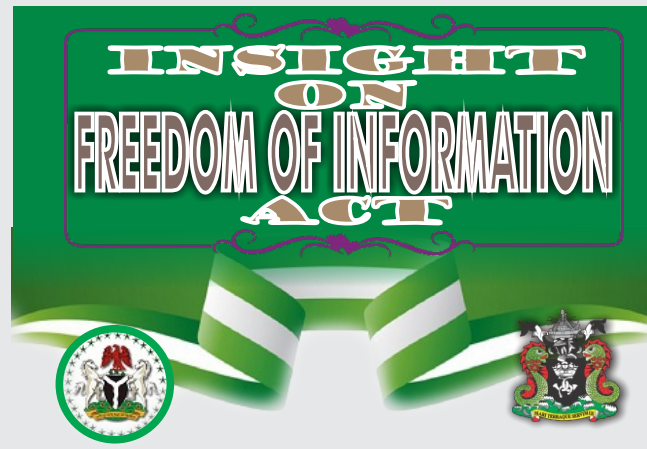
BILL OF LADEN..... a shipper A contract between and carrier listing the terms for moving freight between specified points.

BOLLARD..... A line- securing device on a wharf around which mooring and berthing lines are fastened.

BONDED WAREHOUSE.... A building designated by Customs authority for storage of goods without payment of duties to Customs until goods are removed.

BREAKBULK CARGO.... Non-containerized general cargo stored in boxes, bales, pallets or other units to be loaded onto or discharged from ships or other forms of transportation.

To Be Continued in Our Next Edition



LAW OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA (FOI ACT)

ARE YOU AWARE?

Nigeria's Freedom of Information (FOI) Act was signed into Law on May 28, 2011, after the longest Legislative Debate in the history of Nigeria. The Debate lasted for over twelve (12) years. The Law was passed to enable the public access government information.

11 (1) A public institution may deny an application for any information the disclosure of which may be injurious to the conduct of international Affairs and the defence of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), an application for information shall not be denied where the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs whatever injury that disclosure would cause.

12 (1) A public institution may deny an application for any information which contains-

Records compiled by any public institution for administrative enforcement proceedings and by any law enforcement or correctional agency for law enforcement purposes or for internal matters of a public institution, but only to the extent that disclosure would-
Interfere with pending or actual and reasonably contemplated law enforcement proceeding's conducted by any law enforcement or correctional agency,
Interfere with pending administrative proceedings conducted by any public institution,

Deprive a person of a fair trial or an impartial hearing,

Unavoidably disclose the identity of a confidential source

Constitute an invasion of personal privacy

under Section 15 of this Act, except, where the interest of the public would be better served by having such record being made available, this exemption to disclosure shall not apply, and
Obstruct an ongoing criminal investigation

Information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to be injurious to the security of penal institutions

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, an application for information shall not be denied where the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs whatever injury that disclosure would cause.

(3) A public institution may deny an application for information that could reasonably be expected to facilitate the commission of an offence

(4) For the purpose of section (1) (a), "enforcement proceeding" means an investigation that-

(a) pertains to the administration or enforcement of any Act, law or regulation;

(b) is authorized by or by or pursuant to any Act, law or regulation

13 Every government or public institution must ensure the provision of appropriate training for its officials on the public's right to access information or records held by government or public institution, as provided for in this Act and for the effective implementation of this Act.

Health Safety



ROAD SAFETY FOR KIDS

- 13 RULES YOUR KIDS SHOULD KNOW

It may be tough to ensure your children's safety all of the time, especially when you cannot be with them constantly. Hence, giving them lessons on road safety for kids can be useful when they walk to school, take the bus, or go outside to play.

Unlike adults, children do not have the maturity to know what to do and what not, when walking on the roads.

1. KNOW YOUR SIGNALS

Help your kid learn about the [traffic lights and signs](#), and what each color indicates.

Green means 'go': Only when the signal turns 'green', vehicles move ahead.

Red means to 'stop': When the signal turns red, all the vehicles have to stop.

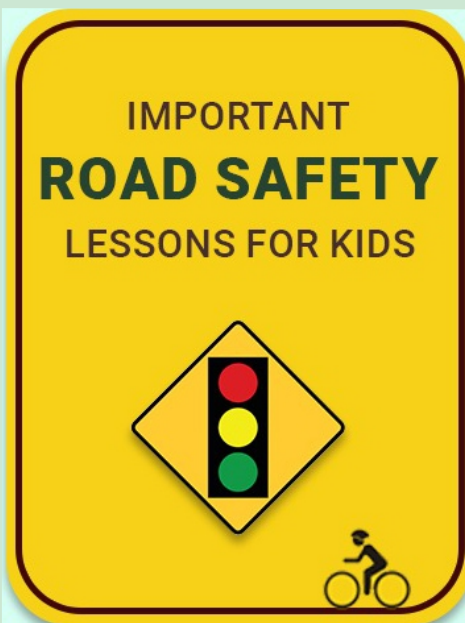
Yellow means to slow down: When the signal turns yellow, vehicles should slow down and prepare to stop.

The 'Walk' or a walking man symbol at intersections are for pedestrians.

Cross the road only if these signs turn green. But look to the left and right to ensure no vehicles are approaching.

Never cross the road if the sign says 'Don't Walk' or if the walking man symbol turns red.

Sometimes a hand symbol is used instead of the walking man or 'Walk' signals. Tell your kid about that too. If there are other symbols for pedestrians, you should make it a point to let them know. Gradually, teach your children about the other essential traffic signals they should know.



2. STOP, LOOK, AND CROSS

Your child may have to walk to school or the bus stop and back. They may only have to cross the street after the school bus drops them off. Even if they don't, they may have to cross the street to get to a friend's house or a neighbor's. Whatever the case is, you should teach your kids to cross the road safely.

Always look for signals and use the pedestrian crossing to cross the road. In the absence of such markings, here is what you should do:

Look to your right and then to the left and back to the right to see if there are any approaching vehicles.

If yes, wait for the vehicle to pass and then cross the road.

Never cross at bends.

Never cross between stationary vehicles.

Adults should always accompany children aged less than six and hold their hand when crossing the street.

3. PAY ATTENTION – LISTEN

Teach your kids that they may not always be able to see an oncoming vehicle, especially if they are standing near a bend. Therefore, they should listen to know if a vehicle is approaching. Cars and other vehicles on the road often use the "horn" at bends and at unmanned intersections to indicate that they are nearing. Tell your children:

If they hear a horn, stop and look to the left and right to see if any vehicle is approaching.

Listen for engine sounds nearby to know if there is a moving vehicle – explain how a loud noise indicates the vehicle is nearby, and a faint sound means it is away. The sound of tires also means that a vehicle is approaching.

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

WORK HOUR RELAXATION

VOX-POP

The lingering fuel scarcity in the country has been very uncomfortable to an average Nigerian especially the working class. We sampled opinions on the effect of the scarcity on productivity.

Fuel scarcity has become a strong determinant of the price of goods/ services in recent times and has affected the nation's citizens in carrying out their daily activities. Some commuter vehicles are parked at home due to lack of funds while some queued for long hours at the petrol stations expecting to get fuel to commute passengers to various destinations which has also affected seamless activities in the ports as well as other businesses. A journey that usually cost little amount for a drop, say between N200 to N500 has now tripled. Workers nonchalant attitude to work, lateness and malingering from duty has increased significantly due to scarcity of purchasing power and fuel. In addition, the daily spending of an average citizens has skyrocketed due to high rise in food stuffs which was triggered by the fuel scarcity.



Mrs. Ekpemandu S C.
E & LR, HQ

It is a very nasty experience. Honestly for an oil producing nation to go through this type of situation does not speak well of us as good manager of resources. It calls for questions on government to take care of the entire citizens. The ministry of petroleum resources should be overhauled, particularly the dept. of petroleum resources independent marketers association should wake up to their responsibility.



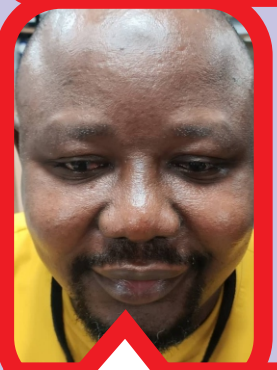
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Gaiya Ibrahim G.
Procurement, HQ

Lingering fuel scarcity in the country is a phenomenon that has brought untold hardship to Nigerians in the Country. The situation has led to the negative effects on the loss of man hour, stress, anxiety and inflation in the country. As an individual, the lingering of fuel scarcity has impacted negatively on my productivity in so many ways. I usually spend considerable number of hours at the filling station on queue, this reduces the time that I usually spend in doing my job. Furthermore, after being on the queue for hours naturally I get exhausted and this affect my performance on my duty, thereby resulting to negative impact on my productivity. Cashless policy has also contributed to the hardship in the country. I thereby call on the Federal Government to speedily take necessary steps to address the issues in order to ameliorate the suffering of the masses.

Fuel scarcity has brought untold hardship to us as it has affected the living standard of the people. We see the cost of food items, inflation in transportation and many others which has led many to absent themselves from work. Productivity has not been the way it used to be.



Subair Adebayo Taiwo
C & S C, HQ



Blessing Etim
Security Dept. HQ

Hmm, it's no longer news of the scarcity lingering in Lagos. It is always causing traffic congestion which have resulted in additional traffic gridlocks everywhere. The cost of food, goods and services have skyrocketed beyond the means of ordinary people. The burden is saddled more by the poor, thereby increasing suffering and poverty level. There is high cost of living, cost of doing business for customer's/ port users and even to buy things. Transport fare increased by about 100% which affected food prices and productive man hour as a result of queuing to get fuel at the stations. This has also affected electricity supply. All of these have contributed in reducing the morale of workers to put in their best at work hence productivity is at a very low ebb.



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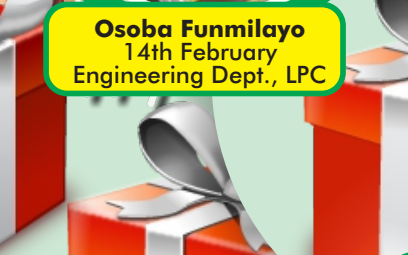
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