

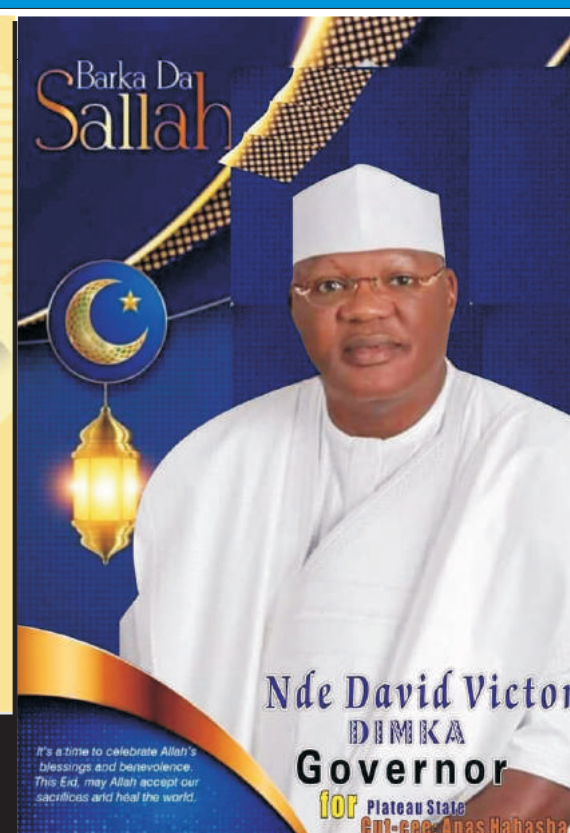
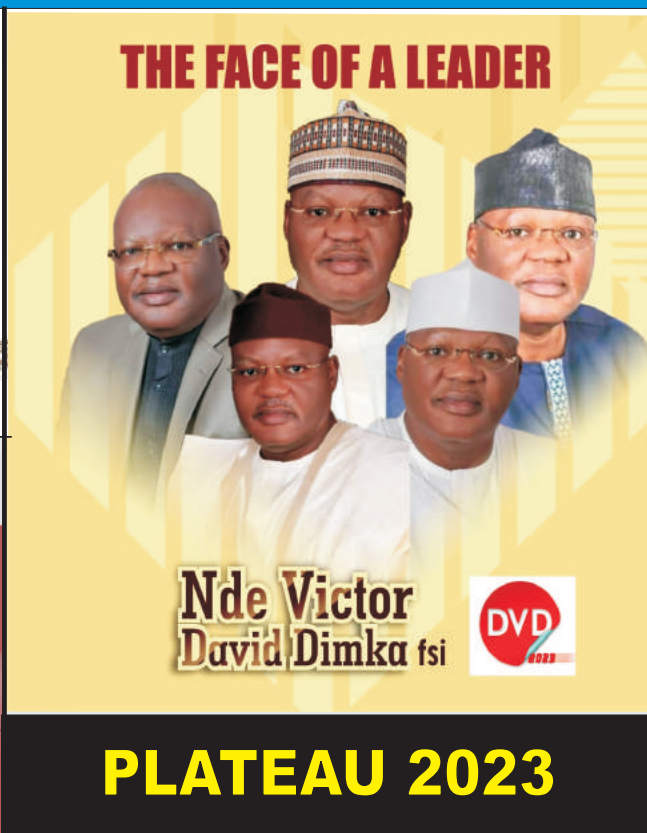
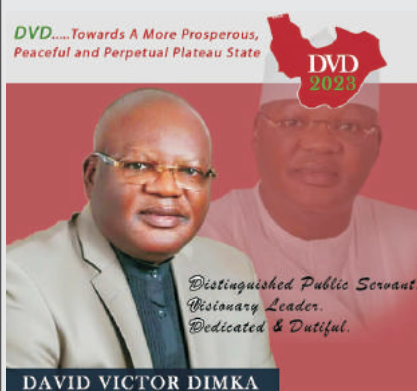
THE GAMES OF THE XXXII OLYMPIAD BEGINS AS TOKYO HOSTS THE WORLD



With so much concerns, criticisms and calls for its cancellation, and even behind the original schedule, as this is the first time an Olympic Games will be postponed, the 2020 Olympics, a prestigious global games hosted in Tokyo-Japan (which became the choice of the games during its selection at the 125th IOC Session in Buenos Aires in Argentina in 2013) has finally begun; although devoid of the fans, funfare and fireworks fully expected of an event of such magnitude and importance. The IOC and 2020 Tokyo organisers faced with so many confrontations mostly arising from the Covid-19 pandemic have demonstrated leadership, confidence, professionalism and a looking forward spirit that culminated to the games commencement.

Kudos also to the Government of Japan for its willingness, preparations, support and diverse precautions put in place to ensure all-round safety both to its citizens and visitors alike. While, Japan is not new to natural disasters the country over the years through determination and innovative approaches has become a highly resilience nation turning challenges to opportunities and victories. With diverse measures put in place and a state of emergency even declared to stem the surge, spread and severity of the coronavirus Delta variant, Japan has also proven to the world that it is a nation of care, hospitality, safety and respect for global citizens' welfare.

The summer GAMES OF THE XXXII OLYMPIAD, with the motto: United by Emotion has now been officially opened by Japanese Emperor Naruhito and graced by French President, Mr Emmanuel Macron and U.S. First Lady, Dr Jill Biden, who led the American delegation among other few VIPs. Starting on July 23th and ending on the 6th of August, 2021, the games is featuring about 205 nations, over 11,000 athletes, 339 events in 33 sports. While, it is expected that the medal tables will be filled with the known traditional *champions-countries*; so many surprises will also be springing up as competing athletes who have come to immortalize their names and make their country proud will be making many tabloid headlines. Here is also appreciating the Embassy of Nigeria, under the leadership of *Ambassador Kazuyoshi Matsunaga* for commendable diplomatic and development works in the country, for supporting Sports growth in Nigeria and for facilitating the travels of the 2020 Tokyo Olympics Nigerian contingents to Japan. Acclaim Nigeria International Magazine is also wishing the nation's team featuring 60 athletes and participating in 10 sports and all participating teams success in the ongoing games. **ANN**





Lagos State Intensify Efforts On Sustainable Employment And Wealth Creation Opportunities Promotes Economic Prosperity And National Growth..As Ministry Hosts Seminar on: 'Realities Of The Global Job Markets'

In pursuant to Governor Sanwo-Olu's good-governance strides and in ensuring continued citizenry prosperity, safety and comfortability, the Lagos State ministry of wealth creation and Employment is living up to its ministerial goal and simultaneously strengthening the government on its 'Greater Lagos' attainments. Established in 2015, the Ministry's vision is anchored on striving to be an enabling institution that creates sustainable wealth for Lagos citizens through promoting and sustaining entrepreneurship and employment via effective use of wealth creation strategies and resources by collaborating with all stakeholders.

With a well tested, trusted and tactical staff led by the Honourable Commissioner, Mrs. Yetunde Arobieke, LSMWCE is robustly advancing and sustaining efforts in delivering on targets set. It is training youths on innovative, technological and sought-after skills acquisition and deployment as tools for job opportunities; engaging stakeholders and experts on recruitment strategies; providing capacity support for artisans and tradesmen for economic growth; partnering in their vocations and commercial activities and celebrating their events; organizing seminars, workshop and information dissemination forum for effective communications; counseling and mind-re-orientation, creating platforms for employability by linking employers and job-seekers; facilitating and enlightening on the Conditional Cash Transfer initiative programme of the Federal Government to alleviate the suffering of masses among others.

***"WE HAVE DRASTICALLY REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT,
UNEMPLOYABILITY IN LAGOS"...Commissioner***

In furtherance to its drive and mandate, the Ministry hosted its series of 'Mindset-Reorientation programme'. The event held at the State Secretariat Auditorium on the 6th July, 2021, themed 'Realities of the Global Job Markets' was centered on helping youths to productively channel their energies toward career skills development that will improve their employability, standard of living and promote efficiency and profitability. With the obvious declining of white-collar jobs in the society, it becomes necessary to re-orientate the minds of youths to be flexible towards growth and the realities of the dynamic labour market, as well as modifying their behaviour.

In her remarks at the programme, Honourable Commissioner Arobieke, said in part that "A well-orientated and empowered youth would have been well educated, informed and equipped with necessary information on vocational competence and other skills needed for livelihood, especially re-orientation of the mindset of youths on facing realities of life and in the labour market ...stating that it is important to enhance the leadership and employability skills of the youths in recognition of the gap between skills possessed by applicants and needed by employers, considering the huge mismatch in the labour market". She further assured that government will not only train the youth, but also ensure that they have easy access to finance for their business ideas through the Lagos State Employment Trust Fund (LSETF).

The event paraded respected experts on the subject matter. The various guest speakers delivered very aptly on their assigned topics and broadly educated the participants comprising youths drawn from all corners of the state. The beneficiaries (young men and women) who attended and effectively participated at the event also responded ver encouragingly during the Questions, Answers and Comment sessions.

The elated youths during the interview sessions with the Magazine conveyed their appreciation to the Ministry, Honourable Commissioner and Mr. Governor for this impactful initiative and look forward for more productive engagements of this nature from the Ministry..Acclaim Nigeria International Magazine was there and covered the event. **ANN**

Event in pictures



LOVE, PATRIOTISM AND SERVICE TO FATHERLAND



General Lucky Irabor
Nigerian Chief Of Defence Staff

LEO Irabor was born on 5 October 1965 in Aliokpu Agbor, Ika South Local Government Area of Delta State, Nigeria.

He gained admission into the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA) Kaduna as a member of the 34 Regular Course in 1983 and was commissioned Second Lieutenant on 28 June 1986 into the Signals Corps of the Nigerian Army.

Irabor attended military and civil courses both locally and abroad. He attended Armed Forces Command and Staff College, Jaji (AFSCS) for his Junior Staff Course in 1995 and Ghana Armed Forces Staff College, Teshi, Accra, Ghana for Senior Staff Course in 2000/2001 amongst others. He equally attended the National Defence College in Bangladesh in 2010 and Harvard Kennedy Schools of Government and Executive Education, the USA in 2012 and 2017 respectively. Irabor obtained a bachelor's degree in Engineering from Obafemi Awolowo University and holds two Masters Degrees from University of Ghana and Bangladesh University of Professionals, Dhaka.

He was the immediate Chief of Training and Operations, Defence headquarters, took over from the erstwhile Commander, Major General AA Tarfa. On the 26th January 2021 he was appointed the new Chief of Defence Staff by President Buhari Muhammadu Buhari. Major General Lucky E.O. Irabor is the Chief of Defence, Training and Operations (CDTOP) at the Defence Headquarters, Armed Forces of Nigeria

As the CDTOPs, he oversees training and operations in the Armed Forces of Nigeria under the direction of the Chief of Defence Staff. Specifically, he undertakes periodic reviews of a broad range of policies and activities relating to training and operations in the Armed forces. In addition to his schedules, he is the Chairman of the AFN Committee on COVID-19. The Committee is working to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease in the establishments of the Armed forces in line with Nigeria Centre for Disease Control protocols. The Committee is also giving support to the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19 including the deployment of Medical Personnel across the country to boost the available manpower in the management of the coronavirus pandemic in Nigeria. The General was formerly the Theatre Commander of OPERATION LAFIYA DOLE, North-East Nigeria as well as Force Commander Multinational Joint Task Force in the Lake Chad Basin Area. The operations focused on Counter-Terrorism/Counterinsurgency.

He is an intelligent and multi-award-winning recipient including laurels in military services, United Nations Awards and several other distinguished Medals and honours in Nigeria and abroad.

TACKLING INSECURITY AND STRENGTHENING NATIONAL SAFETY Nigerian Government Takes Delivery of Super Fighter Jets

The Nigerian Military and other security forces are ambitiously, aggressively and tactically advancing actions against banditry, terrorism, and all forms of criminality in the country. For these gallant officers and personnel, the plundering, rapes, cultism, abductions, killing sprees, arson and all sorts of unthinkable acts of evil perpetration **MUST BE PERMANENTLY STOPPED !**.

Effective national security means:

- Citizenry, foreigners and visitors in the country should not live in fear of peril.
- People should be at liberty to live and go about their normal lives and engage in legal activities in any corner of the country.
- The various states and Geo-Political Zones should not become endangered/No-Go arenas.
- Our roads, airports, schools, homes and markets places should not be death traps and targeted points for kidnappers,
- Food security and sustenance must be continually guaranteed and farmers should be protected and encouraged to produce food.
- Business, economic activities and livelihood must be restored and sustained.
- Our gallant soldiers and security operatives must be well trained and regularly motivated, military formations and arsenal well equipped and protected at all times.
- Nigerian territorial space must be free and safe from external aggressors

The federal government in recognition of these is reinforcing and reinvigorating efforts toward fortifying its national defence and strengthening nationwide security. This was further expressed through its procurement of **12 A-29 Super Tucano** fighter-jets from the United States. These propeller-driven-fast and warfare aircrafts armed with two-wing mounted machine guns can also be used for training, Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) among other functions. It is therefore pleasing to note that the Nigerian Air Force has taken the delivery of the first batch of (six) A-29 Super Tucano aircraft into its inventory. These combat aircrafts will be used at bombarding, dislodging and completely annihilating all forms of terrorist activities and insurgents operations in the country.

It is hoped that with these aircrafts addition boosting the air fighting capabilities of the Airforce the nation will begin to heave huge sighs of relieve and security efforts begins to yield expected outcomes,

...It's Sure Bad Nawa and Bad Days Ahead For The Bad Guys

KUDOS To Flt. Lt Abayomi Dairo For His Gallantry And To The Nigerian Military And Security Agencies For Their Selfless Services And Love For A Nation.



Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal Oladayo Amao @, Hon. Minister of Defence, Major General Bashir Magashi (Rtd), Chief of Army Staff Lt.Gen Faruk Yahaya (l) in front of one of the super fighter jet in Kano

"I HAVE INCREASED THE VISIBILITY OF POLAND IN NIGERIA...Ambassador Tarnawska



Ambassador Tarnawska flanked by ANIM Abuja Bureau staff with the Editor-in-Chief displaying publication

Her Excellency, Dr Joanna Tarnawska, Polish Ambassador to Nigeria's diplomatic duties, discussions and delegations are ensuring that Poland becomes more noticeable in Nigeria. Speaking to *Acclaim Nigeria International Magazine (ANIM)*, during the media outfit courtesy-call to her at the Embassy in Abuja, the quintessential and exemplary Envoy beamed with a smile and proudly remarked 'I have increased the visibility of Poland in Nigeria. Before, and during the worsening Covid-19 pandemic that is crippling much of the nations' activities and global advancement; and even as economies begin to slowly and gradually restart, Madam Ambassador's pursuits is to continually put Poland in the frontline of active diplomacy and development efforts in Nigeria.

Known and respected in the nation's diplomatic circle, a guest to several celebratory and national development events, and host to key stakeholders engagements with the Polish Embassy, Dr Tarnawska, one of the few women Ambassadors in Nigeria, is making profound statements and strides that are increasing the need for more engagements with Poland in Nigeria. She is bolstering existing bilateral ties, advancing MoU in areas such as aviation, agriculture, defence, science and tech, education, etc. and other wide range of development co-operations are expanding and mutually beneficial, and building new relationships between Poles & Nigerians.

Not only is Dr. Tarnawska a warm and vivacious personality, she is also a scholarly mind who during our interactions spoke very passionately on her background, Africa connections, Poland post-war evolvement and global recognition & respectability, academic growth and ongoing works as Head of Mission amongst other. She is always proud of an incredible team she is blessed with.

Nigeria is obviously blessed to have such a distinguished diplomat on her soil at this moment in time and ANIM appreciates the opportunity of access and audience with her

Watchout for leadership and Embassy roles in our publication next edition. **ANN**

Kudos to Ambassador Joanna Tarnawska and her great team in Nigeria.

NETHERLANDS ADVANCE DEVELOPMENT NIGERIA: ANIM Crew visits Consulate General In Lagos

Netherlands presence has tremendously grown in Nigeria over the years with incredible impact seen and felt across many sectors of the economy. The Dutch nation interests and involvements with Nigeria are advanced by its Mission (in the country) led by the Embassy in Abuja and supported by its Consulate-General in Lagos.

Netherlands and Nigeria shares many growth activities in common, and the mission continues to partner with key growth players in public and private sectors of the country towards political cooperation, defence ties, trade and commercial promotions, educational improvements, training and capability strengthening and growth realizations.

Its collaborations with **Fate-Foundation**, (a foremost and renown private sector led non-government organization in Nigeria that support enterprise and enables aspiring and emerging Nigerian Entrepreneurs to Start, Grow and Scale their business) through its 'Orange Corner' further helps to promote entrepreneurial growth, skill and capacity development, trade advancement and economic prosperity. Netherlands is working more closely and concretely with Nigeria on improving multisectoral impact, expanding economic gains and ensuring sustainable development,

Towards knowing more about Netherlands laudable works in Nigeria, *Acclaim Nigeria International Magazine (ANIM)* team visited the Consulate-General Office in Lagos and was warmly received by the Acting Head Of Mission/Head Of Economic Department, **Mr Arie Plieger**, and **Ms Sonia Fajusigbe**, Advisor Economic, Trade & Investment Affairs, who both extensively elucidated on the astonishing works of growth and improvement the Lagos Mission is daily undertaken in the country. **ANN**



Ms Sonia Fajusigbe (L, on yellow flowery top) and Mr Plieger © with ANIM crew at the Lagos Consulate

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