

"NVCCI HANDBOOK" AND "CONTEMPORARY NIGERIA"

On Thursday 7th January 2010 at the NVCCI AGM/stakeholders' Forum held at the NIIA Victoria Island Lagos, especially during the acceptance speech titled "A New Dawn" which followed re-election of the President, NVCCI as pioneer President to serve for a second and final term of two years at the helm of affairs as President of the NVCCI; this speech was delivered by the President on behalf of his crop of Executive members.

In the said speech the President pledged to members and stakeholders to strengthen the intellectual foundation upon which the Chamber had been founded and also raise the pillars for her future intellectual growth and development in a most sustainable way consistent with her aims and objectives.

In line with this pledge and realizing that the 2nd term of office of this Executive/Board would inevitably terminate in January 2012 (barely 15 months away) it is our collective intention to fulfill our promises to solidify our foundation and raise the blocks to support her medium to long term growth and development

In order to cement the foundations on which the NVCCI stands as well as cut a clear path to future stability in accordance with the guidelines of our Board the NVCCI now considers it necessary to embark on the publishing of two materials which would serve as testimonials to its memory; on the one hand the first materials to be called "NVCCI Handbook" is to shape public opinion on its objectives-cum-activities while the other would be first volume of a series of books (published in volumes) titled "Contemporary Nigeria" to address economic issues of current concern to our nation Nigeria

The "NVCCI Handbook" which is the Manifesto (content attached) of the Chamber is intended to be a collectors' item while the book "Contemporary Nigeria" (beginning with this first volume) is a compilation of presentations of Guest speakers at the AGM/Quarterly Breakfast meetings of the Chamber published in annual volumes since the inception of the Breakfast meeting program in 2009. The first volume shall comprise presentation at the first AGM in January 2009 and compilation of presentations made by Guest speakers throughout the year 2009 which has been edited by a jury of editors for the purpose of educating students, policy-makers, researchers, decision-makers, historians, and casual readers on contemporary Nigerian issues from time to time. The 2009 volume or the first volume would therefore feature the following presentations;

- *2009 AGM Presentation; "Global Economic Crisis: Whither Nigeria?" by MD/CEO, NEXIM Bank, Alhaji B.Y Ahmed*
- *2009 1st Quarter Breakfast Meeting Presentation; "Food Security and Youth Employment Challenges in Nigeria; Agriculture and Agro-processing as Long-term Remedy" by President, NVCCI, Prince Oye Akinsemoyin*
- *2009 2nd Quarter Breakfast Meeting Presentation; "The Organized Private Sector: Strategies for achieving Vision 2020" by President NACCIMA, Dr Simon Chukwuemeka Okolo MFR*

- 2009 3rd Quarter Breakfast Meeting Presentation; *“Re-branding Nigeria: A worthwhile or Worthless Cause?”* by President FIF, Professor G.B Ayoola
- 2009 4th Quarter Breakfast Meeting Presentation; *“Shipping And Nigeria’s Foreign Trade”* by Captain A.A Biu Executive Secretary/CEO Nigeria Shippers’ Council

The 2010 volume or the second volume would therefore feature the following presentations;

- 2010 1st Quarter Breakfast Meeting Presentation; *“THE FLAGSHIP AND COASTAL TRADE IN NIGERIA; PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS”* BY RAYMOND TEMISAN OMATSEYE, D-G, NIMASA
- 2010 2nd Quarter Breakfast Meeting Presentation; *“MAKING SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES ECONOMIC DRIVERS WITHIN THE NIGERIAN ECONOMY; THE WAY FORWARD”* BY ALHAJI MUHAMMED UMAR, D-G, SMEDAN
- 2010 3rd Quarter Breakfast Meeting Presentation; *“TRADE PROMOTIONS AND THE NIGERIAN BRAND IN A GLOBAL MARKET-PLACE; HOW EFFECTIVE?”* BY PROFESSOR PAT UTOMI, CHAIRMAN, LAGOS BUSINESS SCHOOL/CHIEF TUNDE DARAMOLA, CHAIRMAN, NIGERIAN MEDICINAL PLANTS EXTRACTION COMPANY LIMITED
- 2010 4th Quarter Breakfast Meeting Presentation; *“NON-OIL EXPORT TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF NIGERIA; ARE WE GETTING IT RIGHT?”* BY PROFESSOR AZIKIWE ONWUALU, D-G, RAW MATERIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF NIGERIA
- 2009 AGM Presentation; *“Africa and Vietnam in a Changed World Economy: Building Relations for the Transformation in the 21st Century”* by Prof. Horace Campbell Professor, Political Science, Syracuse University New York, USA