

**H. E. DR. DALHATU SARKI TAFIDA, OFR, RECEIVES IN  
AUDIENCE DR. IBRAHIM UMAR, AN OUTSTANDING  
NIGERIAN GRADUATE STUDENT ON FRIDAY,  
2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER, 2009.**

H. E. Dr. Dalhatu Sarki Tafida, OFR on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2009 received Dr. Ibrahim Umar, a Nigerian and the best Ph.D student in the School of Management, University of Leicester, United Kingdom for the 2008/2009 academic session.

2. In attendance at the audience granted were:

- i) H. E. Amb. Dozie Nwanna, OON - Deputy Head of Mission.
- ii) Mr. Job Oniwon - Minister, Head, CEW,
- iii) Mr. Ahmed Umar – Minister, Head of Chancery,
- iv) Mr. Damian E. Agwu – Minister, Head Information,
- v) Mr. Sola Enikanolaiye – Minister, (SA to High Commissioner).

3. The objective of the meeting was for the High Commission to honour Dr. Ibrahim Umar, the Nigerian Foreign Affairs Officer (First Secretary), who emerged the best Ph.D Student in the School of Management, University of Leicester, United Kingdom for the 2008/2009 academic year. Dr. Umar's doctoral research work was sponsored by the Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF) of Nigeria.

4. The title of his thesis was "**Corporate Social Responsibility in the Petroleum Industry: An Ethnographically-Grounded Analysis of Ascriptions of Responsibility amongst Various Stakeholders in the Nigerian Oil Industry**". Dr. Tafida commended the determination of Dr. Umar. He counselled him on the importance of humility and respect in the public service, as well as the need to resist the temptation to return to the United Kingdom for "greener

pasture". He also commended the practical, theoretical and conceptual issues which Dr. Umar raised in the 348 page hard cover bound thesis, copy of which was formally presented to him at the end of the ceremony. Ambassador Dozie Nwanna, OON, Deputy Head of Mission had earlier represented the High Commissioner at the graduation ceremony of Dr. Umar, where he was discovered to be a great Nigerian achiever.

5. The High Commissioner promised to forward a copy of the thesis to the Honourable Minister of Petroleum through the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, H. E. Ojo Maduekwe, CFR. He expressed strong optimism that Dr. Umar's research work among other benefits would help address the problems and consequences of failed corporate self-regulation, which had been central in the political disturbances in the Niger Delta region.

6. Dr. Umar thanked the High Commissioner and his officers for the interest shown in his person and research work while a graduate student. He promised to place his knowledge and expertise at the disposal of Nigeria, his motherland.

7. A group photograph followed at the end of the meeting.

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