

**THE NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OF NIGERIANS IN
DIASPORA ORGANISATION EUROPE (NIDOE), UNITED
KINGDOM (UK) SOUTH CHAPTER PAY COURTESY CALL
ON DR. DALHATU SARKI TAFIDA, OFR, NIGERIA HIGH
COMMISSIONER TO THE UK, 12TH OF AUGUST, 2009.**

The newly constituted Executive Council of NIDOE, UK South Chapter comprising:

- i) Mr. Kayode Ogunsola - Chairman
- ii) Mr. Peter Eledan - Vice-Chairman
- iii) Mr. Peter Ajibade - General Secretary
- iv) Mr. Uzor Ifeajika - Financial Secretary (Absent)
- v) Mr. Tunde Olabode - Treasurer
- vi) Mrs. Janet Latinwo - Public Relation Officer
- vii) Ms. Wendy Olayiwola - Welfare Secretary.

paid a courtesy call on Dr. Dalhatu Sarki Tafida, OFR, Nigeria High Commissioner to the UK, in his office, on Wednesday 12th August, 2009. Mr. Ogunsola, the Chairman of the organisation after introducing members of his cabinet thanked the High Commissioner for his moral and logistical support for the conduct of the election that brought the new executive members into office four weeks ago. He described the election as the most transparent and credible in the electoral history of NIDOE UK.

Thereafter, Mr. Peter Eledan, Vice Chairman promised that the organisation would very soon unveil a comprehensive development plan for the organisation and Nigerians back home. He described the elected members as tested and experienced men and women in organisational management and administration. He also described their election as a new beginning in the history of

NIDOE UK and assured the High Commissioner of their readiness to support his Administration's purposes and goals.

A third member of the executive described NIDOE UK as the database of the best expertise that Nigeria has in the UK and that the organisation would do its best to get the NIDOE UK North Chapter on board. He pledged the capacity of the organisation to provide the High Commissioner any required skill in the management and administration of his Mission.

Responding, Dr. Dalhatu, the High Commissioner first introduced three members of his staff who were present at the occasion, notably:

- i) Mr. Job Oniwon - Minister & Head, (CEW),
- ii) Mr. D. E. Agwu - Minister & Head, Information Section,
- iii) Engineer Aderemi Ojo - High Commission's website System Manager and a member the visiting NIDOE UK, South Chapter.

He then welcomed the visiting new executive council of NIDOE UK South Chapter and expressed happiness for four important developments. First, the credible and transparent nature of the election. Second, the ongoing positive and healthy interaction in the organisation. Third, the will of members of the new executive council, to recognize the structural and functional differences between NIDOE and CANUK. Fourth, the evolving reconciliation between the two organisations.

Thereafter, the High Commissioner had three major pieces of advice for the newly elected executive members. First, they should avoid conflict with CANUK in the future. Second, they should work towards building a more inclusive Nigerian Diaspora organisation in which the leadership reflects Nigeria's Federal Character. Third, they should avoid authoritarian style of leadership, which could undermine stable and progressive development of the organisation.

He seized the opportunity to inform them that he had approved the provision of an office in the Chancery that would host NIDOE UK Global Database. Finally, he promised to continue to assist the organisation further in line with the objectives of the Federal Government in establishing the organisation.

On this note the meeting ended and was followed by group photographs and more exchange of pleasantries.

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