

PRESS RELEASE

TAFIDA LAUDS MEMBERS OF THE TARABA STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

On Friday May 2010, at the Banquet Hall of the Nigeria High Commission London, H.E. Dr. Dalhatu Sarki Tafida, OFR, High Commissioner of Nigeria to the United Kingdom described as a laudable development, the cordial relationship that existed between the Legislature and Executive arm of the Taraba State Government.

2. The High Commissioner expressed the admiration when the members of the Taraba State House of Assembly led by the Speaker, Rt. Hon. Haruns Istifus Gbana, paid a courtesy call to the High Commissioner who was also informed of the purpose of their study tour of the United Kingdom.

3. Tafida told the visiting Legislators that the High Commission takes joy in receiving Nigerians from all works of life who are visiting the United Kingdom because we learn something from them by listening to their various comments, suggestions and criticisms. Such learning, he added enhances the Mission's corporate effectiveness and efficiency. In this respect, he cited three other House Delegations from different parts of Nigeria, who in the past had visited the Mission to pay him courtesy calls.

4. The High Commissioner also commented on ongoing reform measures in the High Commission, which have impacted positively on the host public, particularly the Nigerian Community who consume the bulk of the present services of the Mission. He noted that the passport and visa sections have been completely refurbished with the state of the art equipments, as they now offered Express Service for Visa/Passport and ETC applicants.

5. Earlier, the Speaker of the House in his introductory speech had noted that the vibrancy of democracy is about the excellent interactions between the Legislature and the Executive. He stressed that nascent democracy needed human resources to stabilise and sustain what we have at home, through educational interaction with recognised democratic institutions and societies such as the U.K., Nigeria's former colonial master.

6. The House Speaker also informed that his delegation had visited France, Brussels and particularly the EU Parliament to share experiences, and to find out how democracy could be best sustained in Nigeria. According to him, the concept of 'Hung Parliament' now in vogue in the U.K., had become better understood and appreciated by himself and members of the delegation in the U.K as a result of the study tour.

7. The 12-man delegation, which included the Deputy Speaker, Deputy Majority Leader of the House, amongst others, had interactive and photo sessions with the High Commissioner and members of Staff before their departure.

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