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Estate Surveyors And Valuers Urged To Shun Vices

The Chairman of the Estate Surveyors and Valuers Registration Board of Nigeria (ESVARBON), ESV. Gersh Henshaw has urged newly registered estate surveyors and valuers to eschew all forms of vices and enthrone professionalism and ethical standards of estate surveying and valuation profession in Nigeria.

The regulator of the profession, Estate Surveyors and Valuers Registration Board of Nigeria (ESVARBON), gave the charge last week in Lagos during its 45th induction ceremony that admitted 404 qualified persons into its fold.

Alongside the ceremony, ESVARBON also unveiled newly innovated Board Lapel pins and decorated some eminent persons in the profession.

Some of those decorated included past presidents and past chairmen of the Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers (NIESV) and ESVARBON respectively.

Speaking further to the in-

ductees, Henshaw, who lauded the new entrants, charge them to be wary of any act of misconduct that could lead to the withdrawal of their seal and stamps.

The two documents, according to him remained the property of the Board.

He said though they had all put in rigorous efforts to attain the registration, the Board will continue to be a watchdog and would not hesitate to discipline anybody found to have behaved below expected standard befitting of registered estate surveyors and valuers.

His words: "Even after your induction, you will still be under the watch and radar of the Board and it will not hesitate to delist your name and recover possession of the seal and stamp given to you, if you misbehave in your capacity as an estate surveyor and valuer.

He went on: "The same will

also apply if the Estate Surveyors and Valuers Disciplinary Tribunal finds you culpable of professional misconduct"

NIESV's president, Chief Emma Wike, who lauded the Board for initiatives to enhance the profession, urged the inductees to be worthy ambassadors of the profession by conducting their affairs in line with the defined codes of ethical standards.

According to him, NIESV on its part has progressively improved on its standards and ethics in compliance with the Board's rules and regulations.

This, he said has led to tremendous increase of the scope and works of estate surveyors and valuers in the country.

The guest lecturer, Claire Chizea, a leading estate surveyor and valuer, who noted that the seal and the stamp handed to the inductees entitled them to

be addressed as noble colleagues, said nobility stands for tested and trusted character borne of integrity.

Chizea, who spoke on 'Integrity a sine qua non to professionalism', said that integrity was anchored on the perception of an image of honesty, truthfulness, accuracy, timeliness, foundational values for trust and confidence.

In his goodwill message, Registrar, Architects Registration Council of Nigeria (ARCON), Umar Murnai, an architect, urged the inductees to enthrone ethical standards as specified by the Board, noting that Henshaw's administration had done a lot to lift the estate surveying and valuers' standard.

Murnai said: "I bring the compliments of ARCON to you. I wish to congratulate the chairman of ESVARBON and his team for their commitment to transform-

ing the image of the Board and the profession in particular and that of the entire built environment in general.

Registrar, Council of Registered Builders of Nigeria (CORBON), Kuroshi Peter, charged the new inductees to add values to their profession as they launched out.

Represented by Mrs. Ojo Atinuke, Kuroshi, charged that the newly inducted estate surveyors and valuers to avoid like plague any act that could dent their image, that of the profession, the built environment and the nation at large.

Speaking for Town Planners Registration Council of Nigeria (TOPREC), Moses Ogunleye urged the new intakes to follow the good path in the course of their professional engagements, saying that would pay off in the long run.



Priscilla Akabudike, Chairperson, Women Association of Quantity Surveyors in Nigeria (WAQSN) (left); Olayemi Shonubi, President, Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (middle), and George-Kelly Alabo, Head, Bureau for Special Projects, Rivers State, during a seminar and investiture of the 7th WAQSN Chairperson in Port Harcourt, Rivers State. PHOTO: NAN

We Are Poised To Deliver More Housing Units To Lagosians This Year - Akinderu-Fatai

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Sequel to his earlier promise to deliver more housing units to Lagosians, the Lagos State Commissioner for Housing Honourable Moruf Akinderu-Fatai has reaffirmed his ministry's commitment to actualise this goal before the end of the second quarter of 2022.

According to him, the ministry is working assiduously in making sure that this dream comes to fruition

His words: "We have the mandate of Mr. Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu to deliver more houses to Lagosians in line with his THEMES agenda of his administration.

According to him, Mr. Governor since his inauguration as the Governor of the state, has taken the issue of the provision of affordable housing for Lagosians as one of his key developmental project's hence, the construction and commissioning of several housing units in the five divisions of the state.

The Commissioner noted, that in the last two and half years, the state government has built and commissioned different housing units in Ibeshe, Sangotedo, Ajah, Ikorodu, to mention just to mentoo a few.

He pointed out, that last year was full of activities for the ministry in terms of the number of houses built and commissioned by the Governor, adding that this year would see more housing units being delivered to Lagosians of different cadre.

Urban Development Policy Underway – LASG

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The Lagos State Government has asked residents to expect a comprehensive Urban Development Policy to guide sustainable urban development in the State from 2022 to 2050.

The Commissioner for Physical Planning and Urban Development, Dr. Idris Salako dropped the hint, this while addressing Town Planners on the outlook for the year 2022 at the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners (NITP)

Secretariat, Alausa, Ikeja.

According to him, Lagos State in its usual pioneering efforts had commenced the formulation of the Lagos State Urban Development Policy as first of its kind by any State in the Country.

Salako explained that the essence of the policy, which is expected to be operational before the end of the year, was to get urban development right and enhance the socio-economic wellbeing of the people.

The Physical Planning Commissioner also said that part of the plans of his ministry for 2022

include: the domestication of the National Building Code; Full Automation of the Business Processes of the Ministry, not limited to the Planning Permit Process; and the relocation of Oko-Baba Sawmill to Agbowo-Ikosi (Agbowo TimberVille).

Others are the implementation of the Green Building Concept through partnerships with external support agencies such as the International Finance Corporation and the Nigerian Energy Support Programme.

He noted, that Town Planners had responsibilities for livable,

organised and sustainable physical environment, he implored them to be guided by the Code of ethics in their professional conducts as doing so would enhance perceptions of the profession.

His words: "I want to thank you all for being part of this memorable gathering while I urge everyone to strive to make NITP the harbinger of good tidings for the sake of humanity. Lagos State counts on your understanding, support and quality involvement in the Physical Planning and Urban Development process of the State", he said.