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PORT HARCOURT UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES CHIEF TIMIPRE SYLVA

Nigeria is a large nation with over 70 state universities. The University of Port Harcourt paid tribute to one of its former students Chief Timipre Sylva Minister of State for Petroleum Resources of Nigeria. This ceremony took place during the graduation ceremony of masters students on Friday April 30, 2021.

University officials took the opportunity to reiterate their grievances and TS promised to put his hand in his pocket by helping them finish the new building that bears his name. It was an opportunity for Minister TS to meet old acquaintances among them Chief Sen. Andrew I. Uchendu ooN Pro Chancellor who did not fail to recall the good years spent at the university. Minister of State TS was his senior for one year and they shared the same campus.

TS lived in Port Harcourt for two decades, making his first achievements there after graduating from college by going into business and setting up an oil services company. He also began his political career there and had his first electoral posts.

Our plea is to see the University of Port Harcourt serve as a pioneer for collaboration with universities in French-speaking countries. The latter will be able to welcome students for training in petroleum trades during the masters year.

This will allow a reduced number of students to attend classes each year. The city of Port Harcourt lends itself well to this as it has been the oil capital with great resources derived from oil revenues. A large, vibrant city with nearly ten million Souls busy in all fields across the regieon. There is a developed commercial industry and major works are being undertaken everywhere. Rehabilitation of roads, creation of interchanges and new buildings make traffic difficult, but show that this large city is booming economically.

This opportunity must be seized and can be an important milestone in the collaboration between Nigeria and French-speaking countries on an academic level. The exchanges should bring a new dynamic and serve as a cultural immersion between Nigeria and the French-speaking countries of Africa.



In many French-speaking African countries, training in oil trades has barely seen the light of day, while Nigeria has been an oil producer since the 1950s. It is important to allow francophone countries in Africa to benefit from this experience in this so strategic area.

Our different countries must help us realize this noble pan-African vision for a better tomorrow. An Africa united around a common goal for a brilliant and intelligent development. Most of the executives working in the petroleum industry were trained in the West or were trained on the job. It is high time to find a new paradigm focused on endogenous development worthy of the name to finally take the destiny of Africa in hand. A cry from the hearts of African youth who beg to be heard.



GAS A STRATEGIC ISSUE IN NIGERIA

In Nigeria, the month of April was marked by the importance given to gas by the Ministry of Petroleum Resources and all other organizations in the industry such as the NNPC. The year 2020 was dedicated to gas, but the stakes are so high that the entire decade is now baptized the gas decade in 2021,

Nigeria has a large stock of gas, occupying the ninth place in the world with gas reserve of 180,490,000 Cubic FT.

The state of ONI holds a significant share of the stocks. On April 15, 2021, Warri the capital of ONI was the scene of a two-day "National Gas Expansion Program" event organized by the IMO State Government in conjunction with Nigeria's Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources. The objective was to present the strategy that Nigeria is deploying regarding its gas resources with as special guest the Minister of State Chief Timipre Sylva.

The stakes are high, now Nigeria realizes that although it has large oil stocks, it must restructure its strategy around gas. Two important factors must be put forward namely ecological reality and profitability.

By promoting the use of gas in everyday consumption by households, motorists and industries, Nigeria will respond adequately to environmental challenges while achieving substantial savings for consumers.



This is why, the Minister of State Chief Timipre Sylva is pushing forward an ambitious program to replace the oil used by motorists with gas. This project will make it possible to achieve significant savings for consumers and significantly reduce the polluting effects. The same goes for all households because by pushing them to cook with gas, deforestation will decrease drastically. All sectors of Nigerian economic and social life will feel the positive effects of the popularization of gas consumption.

On this historic day, important companies such as Nipco Gas or Clarke Energy to mention only that, were present to testify to the place they must take in Nigerian society. They are not limited only to their daily activities but play a very important role in social responsibilities. The areas targeted are in education, provision of water etc.

Oil is very important, but producing countries are increasingly realizing that gas can replace it playing an increasingly important role in the lives of consumers.



OPOKUMA IN THE STATE OF BAYELSA HOMELAND OF CHIEF TIMIPRE SYLVA

Minister of State for Petroleum Resources Chief Timipre Sylva traveled to his hometown on April 24, 2021 to attend a funeral for a loved one and participate in a political inauguration of his party the APC.



TS, was born in this village on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean which is experiencing demographic and economic expansion. This village has a sentimental attachment for the minister who has many projects for this region. We have witnessed a special enthusiasm in the welcome given to the Minister by his relatives, made up of members of his family, friends, classmates, members of his party and the entire population.

An opportunity for everyone to come and celebrate their worthy son back home. TS went "door to door" starting with his family home and ending with the King's residence which served as his HQ during the stay. Opokuma is located by the sea and has extraordinary potential that needs to be developed. It can be an important tourist area thanks to its natural assets.



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