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FOREWORD

It is easy for pessimists to conclude that a holiday of ten years in the life of a journal that disseminates research knowledge for human development has permanently brought to an end this mode of communication.

The Journal of the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners (NITP) was created with the lofty objective of providing a medium for the dissemination of current research findings to town planners and those who may wish to use such findings and studies for physical development planning in Nigeria. This Journal which was published twice a year went out of circulation about a decade ago, since 1988, which was Volume X.

Apparently, this interval cannot be unconnected with the prohibitive cost of publishing in the face of the prevailing economic malaise in the country. In spite of this, however, the hope of reading the NITP Journal again is not lost as it bounces back to life in its tradition of publishing well researched papers by competent and experienced authors in the planning profession.

My appreciation therefore goes to members of my Council, the Editor - In - Chief of the Journal, Dr. H. C. Mba, FNITP, RTP and his team, and all who have made invaluable contributions to revive this Journal. It is my hope that the Journal will not be allowed again to suffer such a long 'break' as more and more research findings are begging for publication. Members of the Institute and users alike, should continue to do their best to sustain the publication of this invaluable document

We should all bear in mind the fact that the NITP Journal is a veritable and indispensable instrument for dissemination of planning information especially in this era when town planning and physical development planning are passing through a crucial developmental phase in Nigeria. There are roles for all to play in advancing the course of the planning profession.

It is hoped that you will find the NITP Journal very useful for your various planning endeavours and also a valuable document to keep. I solicit your continuous co-operation so as to ensure continuous publication of the Journal.

Long Live the NITP Journal.

Long Live the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners.

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EDITORIAL

The Journal has at last resurfaced after exactly ten years of absence. It is unfortunate that earlier efforts at resuscitating it failed. This has been due mainly to the national economic crunch which made the cost of production very prohibitive. However, since professional and academic development must not be allowed to cease, for whatever reason; efforts at reviving the Journal have not only continued, but have finally yielded fruitful results. We are grateful to Gbenga Christ - Leads Publishing Company for continued magnanimity.

Although the logo and other special features of the Journal have been retained, the new edition has necessarily introduced some changes in order to ensure that we "move with the changing times". For example, the articles have been printed in two columns. Moreover, advertisements both in pictorial and written form are encouraged. It is hoped that these will enhance the appeal and appearance of the Journal.

Book reviews are particularly welcome especially at this time when many of our colleagues are beginning to author books in urban and regional planning. The Journal welcomes original articles that report empirical investigations in planning as well as those that present critical discussions of topical issues in planning legislations and practice.

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