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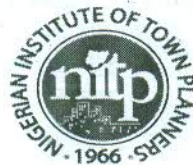
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FOREWORD

The Journal of the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners provides a good premise for information dissemination and discussions on all issues relating to the human environment in Nigeria and beyond. Twenty volumes of the journal have been published within the forty four years of the existence of the Institute. The journal has served as a good reference material for researchers in academics and professionals in the entire building industry.

Our purpose here is to direct our resources through this journal to the needs of time, to research, educate and promote the use of relevant urban planning knowledge in concert with the total knowledge of our peers in the building industry and the environment in general. We also seek to encourage the efforts of many others outside our profession who seek to share ideas with us to improve the urban and human environment.

In summary, the journal of the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners is on the verge of quantum leap in its history of ever changing and advancing pursuit of furthering urban and rural planning development in Nigeria through knowledge and professional advancement. I believe that the present edition has been rightly focused in this direction, judging by the thought provoking, stimulating and well researched articles that are packaged. I wish to appreciate the efforts of the Editor-in-chief and members of the Editorial Board, for their careful review and selection of the papers here published.

The Nigerian Institute of Town Planners is also grateful to the ETF for the support it afforded the institute in this edition.

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EDITORIAL

The Editorial Board of the journal of the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners expresses its profound gratitude to Educational Trust Fund (ETF) of the Federal Government of Nigeria for its support. The Board also thanks the National President of NITP, Tpl. K.M. Yari, for being able to link the Board with ETF. The board congratulates NITP for the meritorious recognition of its journal among others.

The problem of the journal is the seeming lack of interest of members to submit papers for publication. Another problem is that it has not been easy to secure a national coverage of papers submitted each time for publication. Efforts made to secure articles by purposeful nomination of contributors nationwide is yet to bear fruit.

The Editorial Board is working assiduously to streamline the standard of papers submitted to meet international standard. To meet international standard, the research must be empirical and must apply theories and methods in the analysis of urban and regional planning problems. The Board, therefore, calls for scholars and professionals to avail themselves of this unique opportunity to publish Papers on urban and regional entrepreneurship. Happy reading.

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