



national lottery regulatory commission

DIRECTOR GENERAL'S END OF YEAR MESSAGE

Another year is winding down, and whether it has been a year of big or small wins, it is a time of necessary appreciation.

It is a period of thanksgiving to God for the grace through the year, and gratitude to each of us for our individual and collective inputs in ensuring that we do a great job each year.

2023 has been an eventful year for the Commission. In our determination to reposition the industry, we have made significant progress. With the laid down blueprint for the revamp of gaming in Nigeria, the Commission has performed statutory regulatory functions towards ensuring the orderly development of the industry.

The sustenance of this goal has had the Commission collaborating with industry stakeholders to organise the first edition of the International Gaming Conference in October, and as an expansion strategy, participated actively in the Conference of Regulators, put together by the International Association of Gaming Regulators in Botswana. Similarly, the Commission achieved a historic milestone with the issuance of its maiden Casino license in September. The dynamics are changing, with broadening capacity to accommodate global competitiveness.

To meet the human resource needs and position the workforce of NLRC more professionally, the Commission engaged staff in series of training sessions in the course of the year, and with special consideration of management principles, with the target of bringing every staff at par with an improved knowledge needed to run the system effectively.

We have had our sad lows, especially with the growing incidence of illegal lottery operations which consequently pose a threat to the potential of the industry. We assure that with the commitment of our diligent supervising ministry and the reliable backing of the Federal Government to the realisation of the Central Monitoring System, this challenge will be a thing soon forgotten.

We are well aware of the prevailing swell appetite for the adoption and implementation of a more rewarding Staff Welfare; we are relying on working things out with bigger revenue generation.

On moving forward, we will continue to leverage on statutory policies and initiatives to ensure the promotion of career progression for Staff, and live up our responsibilities to the lottery business in Nigeria.

I am profoundly impressed with your support in seeing that the Commission attains its set targets annually in a rather seamless fashion. I praise the dedication of both Management and Staff in improving on our standard of operations, while remaining focused on the promise of a globalised lottery industry.

It is indeed a privilege and a thing of pride having to lead and work alongside a high-performing crop of Staff.

I wish us all a beautiful Christmas celebration, and phenomenal new year ahead!

Signed:

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