

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF JUST FRIENDS CLUB OF NIGERIA (JFCN), MR. J. N. GREEN-AMAKWE, AT THE FIRST ANNUAL LECTURE OF THE CLUB, HOLDING ON FRIDAY, JUNE 27TH, 2014 AT ROCKVIEW HOTELS, ABUJA

The Chairman of this occasion, Mallam Yunus Ustaz Usman, SAN;

The Director General of Bureau of Public Enterprises, Mr. Benjamin Ezra Dikki, the guest lecturer;

Our Discussants: Professor Paul Idornigie of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies; and

Mr. Albert Okumagba, Chief Executive Officer of BGL Group;

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen.

I am delighted to welcome you all to the maiden edition of Just Friends Club of Nigeria Annual Lecture series holding today, the 27th of June, 2014.

I give God the glory for keeping us to see this day and express my profound gratitude to all of you who have found time out of your busy schedules to honor us with your presence.

Just Friends Club of Nigeria is a non-profit making social organization founded on the 13th of August, 2014. Membership is open to all men and women of good character. Our objectives are to promote the welfare and well-being of members, foster and encourage the spirit of oneness, companionship, comradeship amongst members and between the club and other friendly associations. We provide for and engage in acts of philanthropy in favour of the needy of our society. We also encourage and promote sporting activities.

Our club engages in Annual Lecture Series as a means of recognizing government agencies, private sector concerns and individuals whose activities we consider worthy of emulation and commendation.

The Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) is a government agency that has consistently played by the rules— following due process, accountability and a high degree of transparency and international best practices in its dealings with investors in the privatization agenda of the Nigerian government. This enviable achievement has made it incumbent on us to honour the BPE by nominating its Director General to deliver our inaugural lecture on their success story. It is our belief that the lecture today will inspire us to do more in our places of work both as individuals and/or organizations.

Let me mention that Just Friends Club of Nigeria will continue to be good hosts today and in the future. Please let me also use this opportunity to invite you to our gala today at 7.00 p.m to honor some of our members for various achievements.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, we urge you to sit back, relax and enjoy yourselves.

Once again, on behalf of all my Friends, I welcome you to this occasion.

Thank you for your attention.