

CITATION IN RESPECT OF MOHAMMED ABUBAKAR, FNIM THE 15<sup>TH</sup> PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT (CHARTERED) 22/12/2005.

Mallam Mohammed Abubakar started his career in Local education authority Kazaure as a primary school teacher. During his National Service, he was adjudged as the best and most dedicated Corper ever employed by the school where he served in Kwara State.

Mallam Abubakar likes teaching as a profession and has been involved in teaching, lecturing, counseling and other capacity building at different levels. It was in recognition of these interests that in 1985, Kano State Institute for Higher education deployed him from the lecture room to coordinate the establishment of Pre-ND and General Studies department in collaboration with the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE). His excellent performance made for an easy decision for a new role in the administrative cadre where he rose to the rank of Deputy Registrar in charge of student affairs. A position he held up to 1991 when Jigawa State was created out of Kano

With the creation of Jigawa State, a polytechnic was established and he became the first Director of the College of Business and Management Studies, Dutse in 1992. When the position of the Rector became vacant in 1994 he applied and was appointed accordingly. After serving for five years as Rector and Chief Executive, the present civilian administration appointed him as Permanent Secretary Ministry of Education from November 1999 to March 2001. He was reassigned to Ministry of Science and Technology as Permanent Secretary and worked toward establishment of Jigawa Broad Band Access Network, the second in Africa after South Africa. The Broad Band Access Network under his Ministry provided him with opportunity to interact with many renowned international universities, including Oxford, as their contact for online programmes.

The governor of the state was described as the best IT Governor by the Federal Government for this wonderful initiative.

In March 2003, Abubakar was moved to Ministry of Water Resources as Permanent

Secretary to date. Mallam Abubakar is associated with Jigawa Water Initiative, a programme that brought the State into the forefront in the provision of clean water to rural areas which UNICEF and the Federal Government acknowledge as the best in the country. President Obasanjo on official visit to the state specifically and personally commended the Governor.

Through the course of his career Mallam Abubakar has undergone various professional training in management, leadership, IT and capacity building in developmental studies both within and outside Nigeria notably United States of America, United Kingdom and Portugal.

#### MALLAM ABUBAKAR IS VERY POPULAR IN THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

##### UNESCO:

FACILITATOR IN THE SUBMISSION OF A MEMORANDUM BY JIGAWA STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE INTERVENTION IN THE REHABILITATION AND REVITALISATION OF BASIC EDUCATION BY UNESCO WITH REFERENCE TO THE E-9 COUNTRIES INITIATIVE (JULY 1999)

##### DFID:

MEMBER, JIGAWA STATE BUREAU FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM (SLGP) MARCH 2000-DATE

UNDP: MEMBER, 10-YEAR DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY DOCUMENT COMMITTEE FOR JIGAWA STATE BY UNDP JUNE 2002-DATE.

##### UNICEF:

INCEPTION REVIEW MEMBER UNICEF RURAL WATER INTERVENTION IN JIGAWA STATE 2003-DATE

##### NEEDS:

MEMBER NEEDS/SEEDS DOCUMENTATION/BENCHMARKING JIGAWA STATE 2004-DATE.

##### WATER AID:

COORDINATOR WATER AID (UK) INITIATIVE IN RURAL WATER SUPPLY IN THREE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS OF JIGAWA STATE 2004-DATE

Mal Abubakar is quickly identified as Mallam meaning 'Teacher' who believes in assisting the indigent especially in scholarship. He believes in community services and participation in having any meaningful development. He once challenged Jigawa State indigenes in Ahmadu Bello University, ABU after presenting him with a merit award to sensitize our people to imbibe either the Yoruba culture of "ASUSU" (for support) or Igbo style of sponsorship in training their youth rather than 100% reliance on government to do so.

He received commendations and Awards from communities and NGOs for various community services.