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(PROFESSOR ELI JIDERE BALA)

"You indeed deserve every honor ^{credit} that is accorded to you, because greatness is a property for which no man can receive^{credit} too soon, it must be possessed long before it is acknowledged" Ralph W. Emerson

Marcus Tullius Cicero, says that "Certain phenomenon has understood better by first describing what they are not, rather than what they are. There is no better way to paint a vivid picture of a growing phenomenon of a paradox uniquely called Prof. Eli Jidere Bala, the dynamic Engineer, focus in activities, acknowledged professor, prolific author, eminent teacher, researcher and public administrator.

Integrity, credibility and success are not bestowed but are basically earned through an articulated vision, dint of hard work professionalism and dedication; these are the variables upon which Prof. Eli Jidere Bala the DG & CEO of the Energy Commission of Nigeria daily life revolve. He has continued to inspired and energizes present and future generations by epitomizing outstanding management excellence, efficiency, transparency, prudence and selfless service in different capacities where he served meritoriously in the recent time. A man who felt good is not good enough where better is possible, leaders makes things possible, exceptional leader makes them inevitable.

A discipline academician with analytical mind, very simple, polite, calm, solemn, straight forward, confident, classy, unobtrusive, culture and compassionate. A leader with moral compass, character, charisma, courage, integrity, humility and competence.

Energy Commission of Nigeria has enjoyed sustainable leadership, mature behavior and egalitarian approach to issues since you assumed office as the DG/CEO as a stabilizing force. In the words of Stephen R. Covey "I am personally convinced that one person can be a change catalyst, a transformer in any situation, any organization, such an individual is yeast that can leaven an entire loaf; it requires vision, initiative, patience, respect, persistence, courage and faith to be a transforming leader".

Prof. Bala is a visionary leader who is decent, devoted, dependable, dignified, committed, generous, distinctive, distinguished, exceptional, competent, memorable, uncommon leader, a silent achiever, a quite performer, a multitalented builder, who serves as a model, benchmark, reference point, call him a bridge builder or even bridge itself, a man worthy of honor all the time. Aristotle said "men of substance are not dress in gold, it is only when you scratch their back you will know that they are made of gold"

prestigious ABU Zaria, in 1977, and subsequently M.Eng degree in 1980. Not satisfied, he proceeded to barged for his Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) degree in Applied Energy from Cranfield institute of technology, UK in 1984.

Prof. Bala is a great personality of academic decent; he is very vibrant, vivacious, dynamic, effulgent, and vitriolic with rare compelling magnetism. In compartment, you are working encyclopedia of Engineering society, a marvelous human being, an equivalent of entire library of success, a man who change the skyline of how a DG/CEO should be, you are already at your commanding height as a quintessential leader, NYFA sees you as a paradox, phenomenon, pathfinder, voyage, metaphor, page, signpost, figure, reference point, touch bearer, symbol, trailblazer, mentor, motivator, icon, colossus, role model, signature of success, beacon of hope, community builder, compassionate leader, an efficient team player, an exceptional team builder, pacesetter, a compulsive philanthropist, a stimulant of academic growth, resourceful change agent, a cultured and cultivated gentleman, one of the best mind with practical ideas.

Prof. Bala has diverse working experience which cut across Academic institutions, Government Agencies and Organizations. He has served and heads various capacities in his carrier, among which he rose through the rank of GA in 1978 to became senior lecturer in ABU Zaria in 1987 and letter become Prof. of Applied Energy in 2004. He served severally as HOD ME, ABU, Zaria. He also served as a Rector, Abubakar Tatari Ali Polytechnic, Bauchi. He joined the Energy Commission of Nigeria in 1999 as a Deputy Director, Energy Planning and Analysis Dept. and rose through the ranks of the DG/CEO of the commission since 2013 to date. Prof. Bala was awake while others are sleeping, he was sitting while others are lying, he was standing while others are sitting, and he was outstanding while others are still standing.

Prof. Bala is a man who makes people feel free and honored around him, a passionate husband and a caring Father, even at 63 he is looking 15 years younger than his age.

It is hoped that, as Prof. Bala continue to serve humanity in his usual magnanimity and equanimity, more award, more reward, more recognition and encomiums would continue to pour in like a water tide appreciation in diligence.

In the words of Jim Rohin

"Whoever renders services to many put himself in line of greatness, great satisfaction, great reputation, great wealth, great return, and great joy".