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APM Terminals Apapa celebrates 17th anniversary, honours founders, 76 pioneer staff

Nigeria's largest container terminal, APM Terminals Apapa last week celebrated the 17th anniversary of the port concession agreement it signed with the Federal Government in 2006 even as the terminal operator also honoured its founders and 76 pioneer employees.

The APM Terminals Apapa Port Concession Anniversary was graced by many dignitaries and stakeholders including the Ambassador of Denmark to Nigeria, Sune Krogstrup; the representatives of Nigerian Ports Authority, Nigerian Shippers' Council, the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE), Nigerian and international shareholders of the company, Nigeria Customs Service, Seaport Terminal Operators Association of Nigeria (STOAN), Maritime Workers Union of Nigeria (MWUN), shipping companies and freight forwarders among many others.

In his welcome address at the event, the Country Managing Director, APM Terminals Nigeria, Mr. Frederik Klinke, said the 17th anniversary celebration was an occasion to thank the Federal Government for granting the port concession and to acknowledge the contribution of its shareholders, staff and partners to the modernisation of the terminal.

Mr. Klinke said the concession enabled APM Terminals to develop the critical port infrastructure for the benefit of the Nigerian economy.

"Importantly as well, it offers us an opportunity to recognise the men and women, who through their daily efforts in the terminal, ensure cargo keeps flowing to and from importers and exporters, consumers and producers in the country.

"Since 2006, the employees of APM Terminals Apapa have been responsible for this critical task and while doing so, not only contributed to the economy by facilitating growing trade with the rest of the world, but also through the more than \$440 million worth of Foreign Direct Investment done in the terminal, and most importantly, through the training and development of young Nigerians to take on increasingly senior roles in the company and further in the industry," he said.

The Terminal Manager of APM Terminals Apapa, Mr. Steen Knudsen, while presenting the 17th Anniversary Photobook highlighting the transformation of the terminal between 2006 and 2023, said the substantial investment made by the company in facility upgrade, training, equipment and technology has boosted service delivery at the port.

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