

A/Ibom, Belgium Build Seaport

Akwa Ibom State Government has said it is ready to partner the Kingdom of Belgium in the development of the deep sea port at Ibaka in Mbo Local Government Area. At a courtesy call made at the state house by the Belgium Ambassador to Nigeria, Mr. Michel Dewez, the state governor Chief Godswill Akpabio urged the Ambassador to assist in facilitating a meeting between the state government and Belgian industrialists in order to discuss areas of cooperation. The Belgium Kingdom that is well noted for commerce, maritime trade, high technology, industries as well as being the headquarters of the European Union, the governor said, was dear to the heart of Akwa Ibom people. Chief Akpabio who had earlier sought the partnership between the Nigerian Shippers Council and Akwa Ibom State Government particularly in the establishment of the proposed Ibaka Seaport also called on the Federal Government, Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation and the shippers council to take interest in the development of the port to complement Apapa port and others in the country. He therefore challenged Akwa Ibom sons and daughters in the Diaspora to emulate the good examples of Efang Peter Essien Leader of the Ibibio community in Belgium who sponsored development projects which the Ambassador came to inaugurate in the state.

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