

Shipowners to provide jobs

THE Nigerian Shipowners Association (NISA) says it will ensure the growth of the shipping industry to provide job opportunities for Nigerians.

Speaking at the inauguration of its new executives, its immediate past President, Chief Isaac Jolapamo, said the cabotage and local content regimes would be used to improve the lives of operators and Nigerians.

"We have come out of the trenches with better determination to secure our maritime industry that is capable of reducing our dependency on oil and create jobs," he said.

Jolapamo recalled that the Nigerian flag was flown with pride all over the world by Nigerian-owned vessels that carried indigeneous cargoes and crewed by Nigerian seafarers.

He said the industry was the envy of nations, adding that there was assurance for transportation of cargoes by local ships with shipyards designed for ship repair and ship building.

He said the situation changed for the worse when foreign firms were allowed to dominate the industry.

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