

# Obasanjo, others get maritime awards

President Olusegun Obasanjo and seven other eminent personalities have won different awards at the seventh edition of the Maritime Industry Merit Award organised by Maritime Media Limited, publishers of Shipping World newspapers.

This was disclosed to maritime reporters in Lagos by the Chief Executive Officer of the company, Mr. Asu Beks, who added that the investiture ceremony is billed for Friday, April 16, 2004 at the banquet hall of the Le Eko Meridien Hotel in Lagos.

Beks added that Obasanjo will be conferred with the "Maritime Gold Award for Excellence", adding that the president is being honoured for his total commitment to the introduction of the new cabotage regime and his efforts at reforming the ports and the Nigeria Customs Service.

He disclosed that the "Most Outstanding Maritime Personality 2003" award would go to the Director-General of the National Maritime Authority (NMA), Mr. Ferdinand Agu, while the "Most Outstanding Customs Area Controller" and "Most Outstanding Port Manager" awards were won by Mr. Anslem Azubuiké of Kirikiri lighter terminal and Mallam M.D. Bulangu of container terminal port.

According to him, the "Most Outstanding Freight Forwarder" was won by Alhaji Inua Mohammed, President of the Association of Nigeria Licensed Customs Agents. While All States Trust Bank won the "Most Outstanding Duty Collecting Bank", the "Best Shipping Company in 2003" award goes to Intels Nigeria Limited. Dr. Kelvin Datonye Bob-Manuel emerged the "Best Marine Engineer".

Besides, the Transport Minister, Dr. Abiye Sekibo would be installed as the grand patron of the nation's maritime industry on the occasion, which would be chaired by Rear-Admiral Mike Akhigbe (rtd).

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