Surveying (in) Nigeria 1978-1980

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What’s new?

1980  2013
What’s new?

Lost World Cup final 1978

Lost World Cup final 2010

Nigeria 1978-1980

• Abuja was on the drawing board
• Military rule -> Civilian rule Oct. 1, 1979
• Booming economy
  (-> shortage of surveyors)
• Technology:
  – Hardly computers
  – Letter to Europe: 2 weeks

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Department of surveying
Problems of the University

(a) Problems of grossly inadequate accommodation and facilities for work, study, research and teaching.

(b) Problems of inadequate funding from Government, added to lack of effective machinery for generating funds of our own in the University.

(c) Problems connected with our administrative machinery and bureaucracy which some people have criticised as cumbersome and slow, or else as constituting frustrating bottlenecks.
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The Surveyor is blessed with an illustrious past and a dynamic present. Throughout ages he has played a vital and increasing role in society. Unfortunately, however, the significance of this role is not fully appreciated by the public owing to five main factors namely: the Surveyors historical heritage, the Surveyors resistance to changes, the nature of the profession, educational status and inadequate or wrong publicity for the profession of surveying. If the Surveyor takes care of these factors and realises his increasing role resulting from advances in technologies and be prepared to accept changes in his practices and education he will be assured of a very promising future and a robust image.

E.N. Emenike: The Surveyor and the Public

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(TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN)

By

SAM A'HANOKU

RECOMMENDATION

Surveying is a noble profession and therefore must be carried out in a dignified manner. When any piece of work is assigned to you, or you offer to do a job for some one, do it with the utmost care. Never be in a hurry to finish the job and jump to another one. Bear in mind that all survey data have mathematical backings and that...
Graduation party 1978

Summer camps
Grid levelling
Grid using tree branches

100m
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FIG Working Week 2013
6-10 May, Abuja, Nigeria
"Environment for Sustainability"

Surveying in Nigeria 1978-1980 (6691)
Planned measuring line
Obstacle

Ant hill

Solution

Ant hill
Imo River Hydrographic Survey

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Land Use Decree 1978

CITIZEN What now becomes of the rights of the former land-lords who used to sell or lease land to people?

DR NWOKO Who told you that they were ever “land-lords”? This land which was given to Nigeria by God was never conveyed to them in the first place. Where it was conveyed the person who passed the title to them did so with strong eye by usurping “the rights of all Nigerians to the land of Nigeria”. Now we assert our collective right to our land and within this collectivity their rights are still protected not as land-lords but as tenants.
Land Use Decree 1978

**CITIZEN** How much land can I have in the rural area?

**DR NWOKO** You can acquire “customary right of occupancy for as much as 500 hectares if granted for agricultural purposes or 5,000 hectares if granted for grazing purposes”. But if you want more you have to apply to the Governor of the State.

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**CITIZEN** Dr Nwoko, please wait a minute. Suppose I die before my occupancy right expires, how will it affect my children?

**DR NWOKO** Your right of occupancy can be inherited according to the inheritance statutory laws of the area in case of statutory rights and customary laws of the area in case of customary right of occupancy. But under no condition can any such law or laws deprive your survivor the occupancy rights.

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Land Use Decree 1978

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The surveyor and the land use decree 1978

Abstract

This article examines some of the provisions of the Land Use Decree 1978; and attempts to describe the contributions which a Surveyor must make towards their implementation.

3. A parcel defined with a “sketch or diagram” is very likely to be ambiguous and it will be risky for a Government to back up the right over such a parcel with a certificate of occupancy which, in effect, is guarantee of title to the right to occupy the parcel of land in question. Further, such a parcel will have no defined area (in hectares, for example); since we cannot reliably determine areas from “sketches”.
7) Since the government must back a right of occupancy with the grant of a certificate of occupancy wherever there is need to do so, the land parcels must be unambiguously defined if not, confusion must arise to prejudice the provisions of the land use decree. Only an efficient cadastral survey system can define land parcels unambiguously.
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