

An aerial photograph of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, showing a dense residential area with many houses and buildings. A large, semi-transparent white circle is overlaid on the left side of the image. Inside this circle, the word "welcome" is written in a large, bold, pink font, and "TO PORT HARCOURT" is written below it in a smaller, pink font. To the right of the circle, a red airplane seat is shown in a semi-transparent, circular frame. A white horizontal bar is positioned across the middle of the red seat, containing the text "PLEASE TAKE A SEAT" in black, bold, uppercase letters. A small pink chevron symbol is located above the white bar, pointing to the right.

welcome
TO PORT HARCOURT

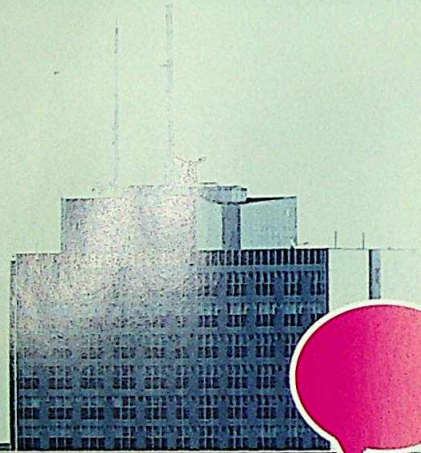
PLEASE TAKE A SEAT

A close-up portrait of Rt. Hon. Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi, Governor of Rivers State. He is wearing a dark suit, a white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is looking slightly to the right with a slight smile. The background is dark and out of focus.

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Chibuike
ROTIMI AMAECHI

GOVERNOR OF RIVERS STATE



Our Mission is to serve our people with humility and render transparent and accountable stewardship anchored on integrity and good governance. We shall use our God-given resources to improve the quality of life of our present and future generations, and empower our people in a peaceful, just and harmonious society under God.

a tank full of ideas

A STATE FULL OF POSSIBILITIES, PROSPERITY & OPPORTUNITY

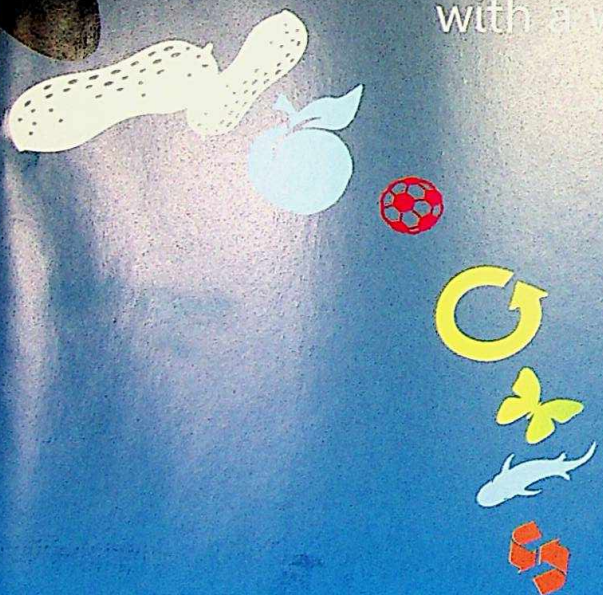


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EXPERIENCE A FEEL OF Rivers

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Rivers state has a beautiful layout and a peculiar topography, and is accessible by all possible means of transportation.

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· Its capital city is the nerve center of the famous Nigerian oil industry and over 90 industrial concerns.

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·The state houses 2 airports, a huge seaport and several bus terminals

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Rivers state is very rich in tourist attractions. With its long expanses of beautiful coastal Sunday beaches stretching from Opobo through Brass to Koluama with numerous long and winding creeks.

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Largest oil producing and gas producing state accounting for over 90% of the Nations revenue

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· Rivers state is rich in culture, with rich festivals, ceremonies, dances, as well as tourist centers like the Isaac Boro park, monument of king Jaja of Opobo and Oyorokoto, west Africa's largest fishing settlement

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· Rivers state is a home of investment opportunities, due to the presence of large scale industries such as oil refineries, petrochemical, fertilizer, and liquid natural gas manufacturing companies.

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Rivers state is one among two of the fastest growing states in Nigeria, in terms of industrial development. It is at present Nigeria's second largest economy

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· Its conducive economic environment attracts local and international entrepreneurs .

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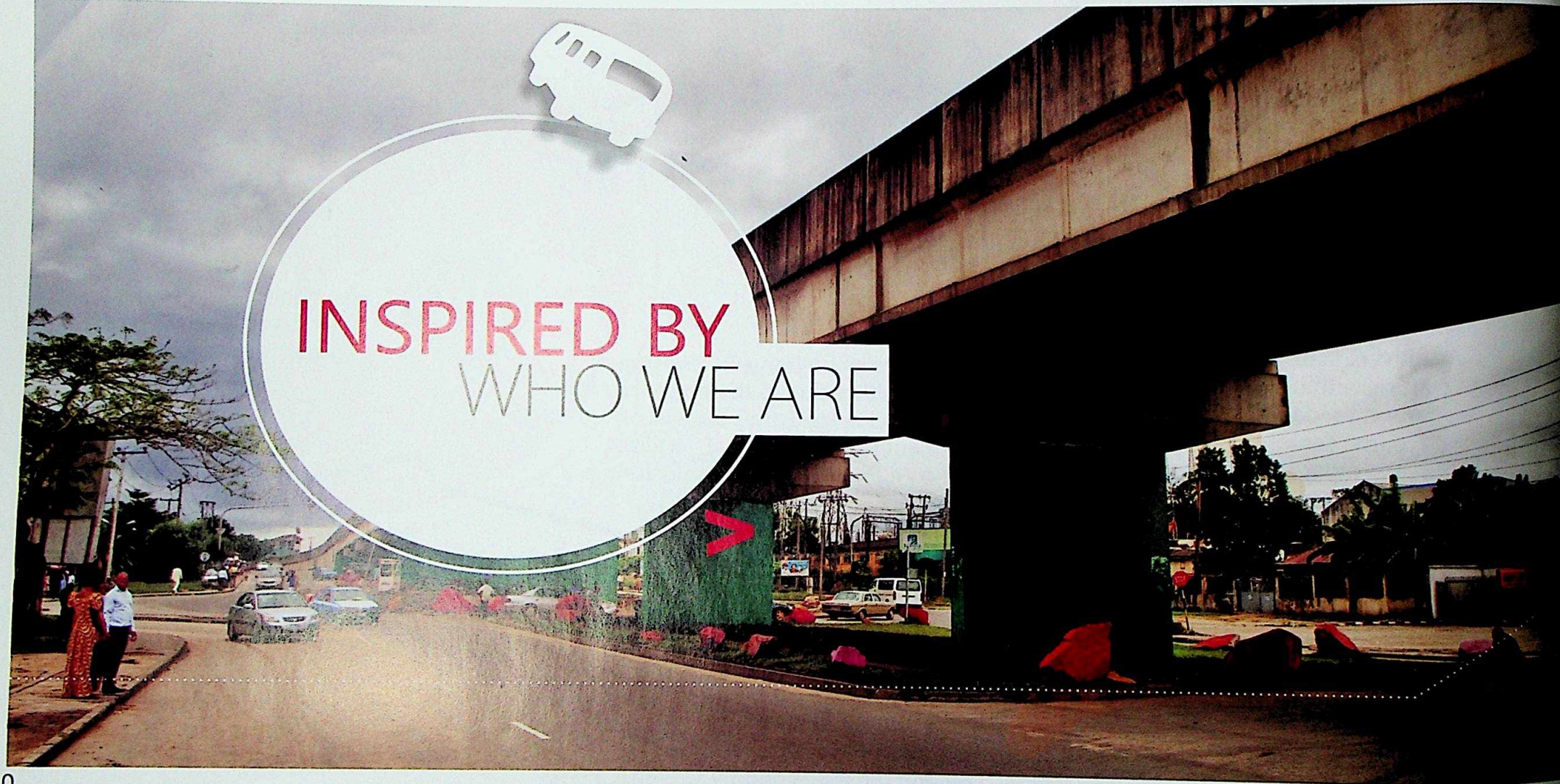
Has significant aquaculture and arable land that encourages agricultural investment.

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It's multi ethnic constitution encourages equal opportunity for everyone irrespective of race, gender or age.

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Its thriving investment in human capital development can be seen through the building world class infrastructure.



INSPIRED BY
WHO WE ARE



Port Harcourt popularly known as the '**garden city**' is the capital city of Rivers State. Rivers state is easily the second largest economy in Nigeria with a total GDP in excess of \$21.1bn and believed to be larger than most national GDPs in the African Continent.

Port Harcourt's history dates back to the early 1900s . The city was built as a port to allow coal that had been found in Enugu to be exported. It was the Governor in charge of Nigeria in 1913 who requested Viscount Harcourt to name the place after him. He was the state secretary then. The Ikwerre who are a sub-tribe to the Igbo are the local people who initially occupied this area.

Its geographical space of 11,077km borders the atlantic Ocean to the south, two major commercial centers, Aba and Onitsha to the north and other Niger Delta states. Encompassing large swathes of tropical rain and mangrove forest. It also possesses a splendid arable land with great opportunities in crop production and animal husbandry.

From its beginnings as the resource rich delta, to the bustling state it is today, Port Harcourt Rivers State Nigeria has always been different, it has always been the unexpected. A bridge between the west and the south for centuries, **Port Harcourt, Rivers State Nigeria, more affectionately known as Rivers, is today a vibrant melting pot of ideas, cultures and people.** Local in its perspective but global in its outlook, Rivers is a state that has evolved uniquely, where age-old traditions and cutting-edge innovations are celebrated, a place brimming with unbridled energy and bursting with potential. Rivers –truly a state like no other.

With its friendly and welcoming people, Rivers is a place where home is at the heart of the community, where people celebrate, dance, sing and most importantly, where they share. A place known for its amalgamation of the old and new, a symbol of development and progress in the very bricks and mortar of this capital city, Port Harcourt. The local government's commitment to building on this promise of a new state today is evident in the continued development of the state-of-the-art infrastructure, which has become the foundation for Rivers' potential.



OUR PEOPLE OUR PRIDE

The state has a population of about 5.6 million people which includes several indigenous groups historically acknowledged for their unique cultures, languages, productivity, and well organised socio-political institutions pre-dating the advent of both colonialism and the modern Nigerian state.

The ethnic nationalities which are now spread across the 23 Local Government



GLOBAL ECONOMIC STANDING

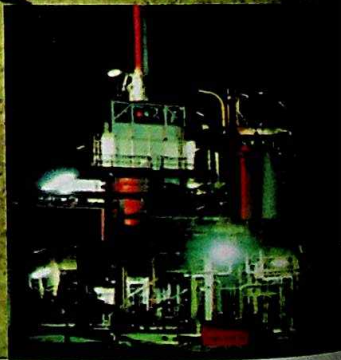
Is credited with a long term foreign and local currency ratings of B+ and a national long term rating of AA, by Fitch.

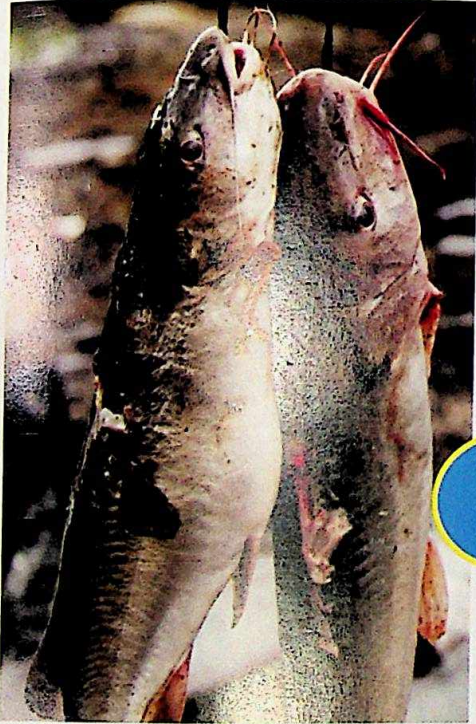
Is the first state in Nigeria to receive a standard and poor rating: a 'B' long term credit indicating a 'stable outlook based on improved transparency'.

Has passed a compendium of investor friendly legal framework for public procurement Law outlining the framework for public procurement of goods, works and services.

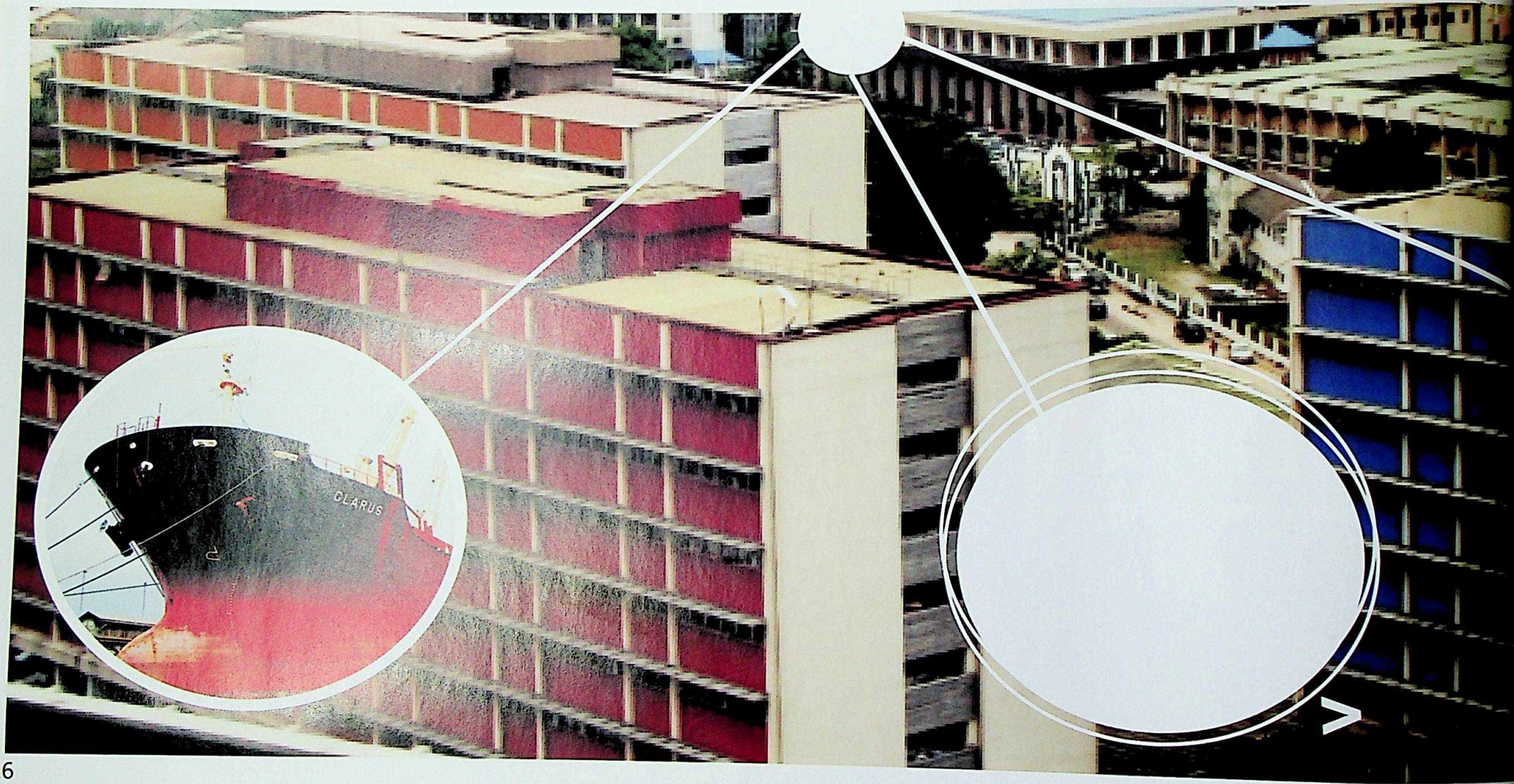


NATURAL
RESOURCES





Rivers resources are world-renowned, not only known for its richness in oil but also in the abundance in the land. Its beauty surrounded by magnificent rivers, much like a tree snaking its way through the land. An abundant rich land in water, the symbol of life, fish, cassava, palm oil and natural beauty.





STRATEGIC ECONOMIC HUB

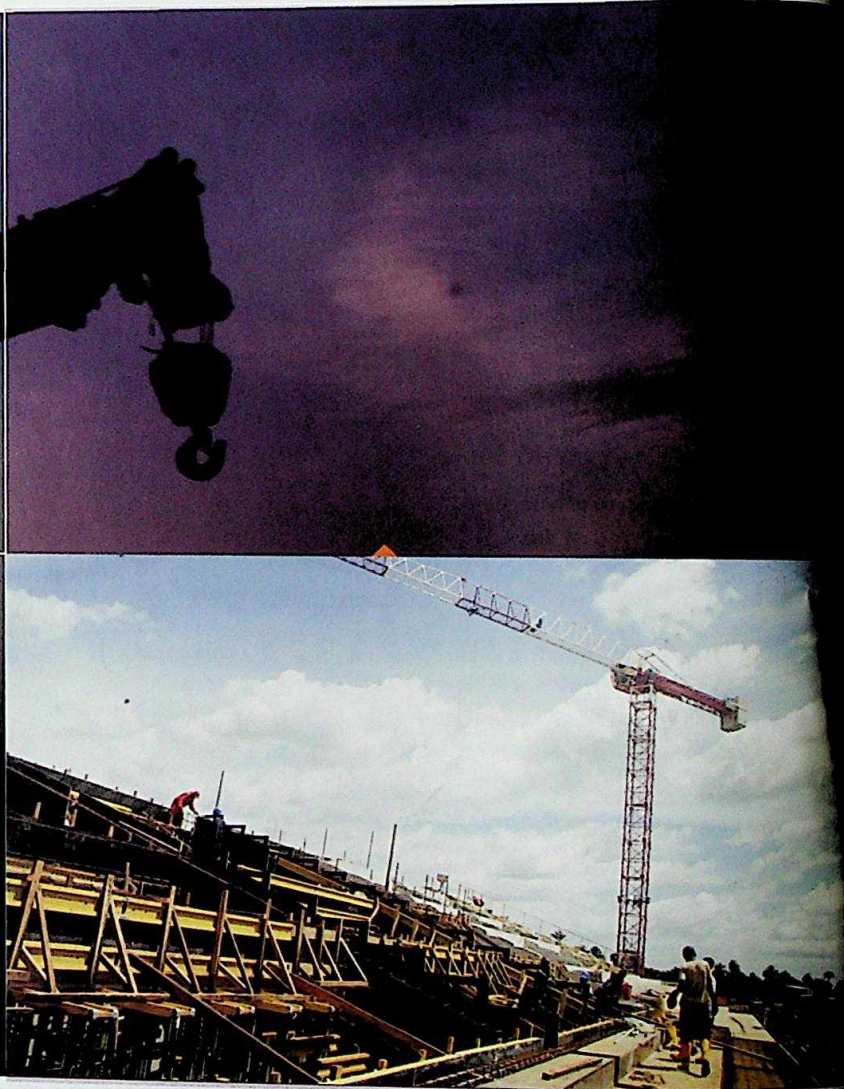
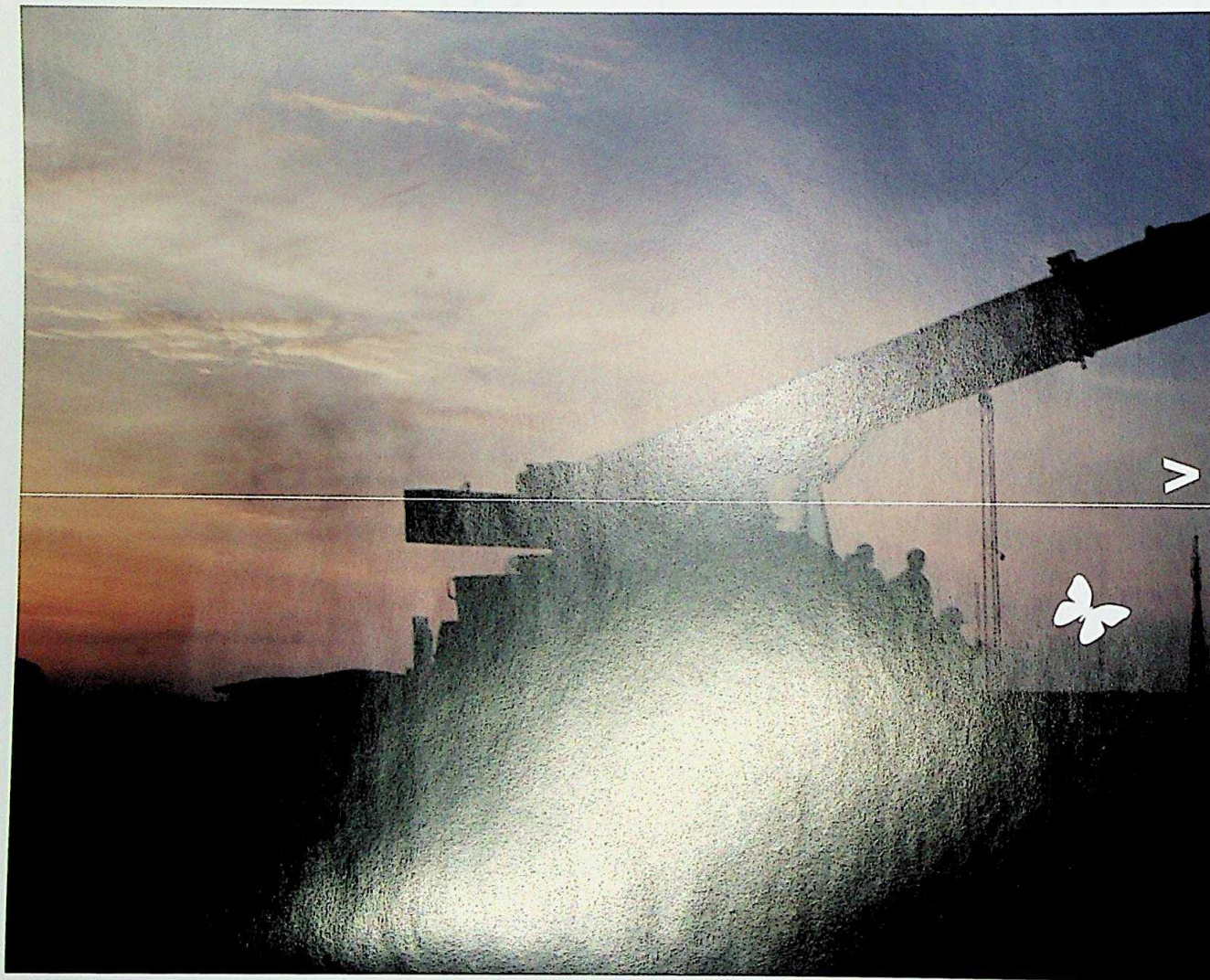
Rivers State has three major but strategic universities (University of Port Harcourt, University of science and technology Port Harcourt, and university of education) and other institutions of higher learning.

Is served by major refineries, two major seaports and two major airports, including an international one. It is therefore easily accesible by road, rail, sea and air;

Has direct access to the atlantic ocean which links it to other continents of the world providing immense opportunities in marine and maritime transportation/related sectors.

Is home to multinational Oil and gas companies like Bonny NLNG, Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC), MOBIL, AGIP, and Chevron. It also has established a free trade zone (the oil and gas free trade zone)

Is the regional headquarters of several Nigerian Banks.





DEVELOPMENT GOVERNANCE [ISSUES]

- Inadequate infrastructure – roads, healthcare, education, water, health and power
- Weak institutional structures and complex systemic issues like the constitutional delimitation of the legislative powers of state governments over certain economic spheres that are critical to the sustenance of a diversified modern economy through the Exclusive Legislative List of the 1999 Constitution;
- Weak and inconsistent policy framework
- Unstable legal environment
- Inadequate manpower and poor human capacity development
- Food insecurity (poor investment in agriculture)
- Security of lives and property
- Transportation
- Corruption and huge cost of doing business
- Oil companies and the oil industry

OUR EFFORTS AT DEVELOPMENT **Governance**

EDUCATION SECTOR

Over 500 model primary schools at various stages of completion.

Construction of 24 model secondary schools in each LGA in the State

Provision of ICT in schools and fully equipping the schools

- Comprehensive training programmes for Teachers

Provision of undergraduate and post graduate scholarships to Canada and parts of Europe including the United Kingdom.

Another 300 set to go in 2009

- Sent students to Singapore and India to train in ICT.

A total of 325 students are studying in 14 top Nigerian secondary schools while there are 100 oil and gas diploma students in Nigeria

HUMAN CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

INFRASTRUCTURE

Minimum of N100 Billion invested yearly on roads/bridges/infrastructures in the past 2 years.

1000 km of roads under construction

10 major bridges under construction

20 minor bridges under construction

5 Flyovers/Interchange under construction

5 land reclamation/shore protection projects (Andoni, Opobo, Buguma, Abalama, Olombie/Owukiri Island)

2 major markets and a shopping mall under construction

Building 2 Power Stations

Omoku 150 Mega Watts completed by Dr. Odili's administration

Trans Amadi 130 Mega Watts (30 completed by Dr. Odili)

Eleme 75 Mega Watts

Saipem is constructing a 180 megawatts of gas turbine for 195 million dollars, with plans to construct a second 180

Building 7 Transmission Stations 132/33 KV

Building 7 Distribution injection sub-stations 33/11 KV

By end of 2012, the Rivers State Government should be able to deliver an interrupted power supply in Rivers State

POWER

HEALTH

Construction of 160 Health Centres in all 23 LGAs of Rivers State

Construction of specialist hospitals

About to award 250 bed mother and child hospital

The New Rivers State Ultra Modern Dental and Maxillofacial Hospital on Aba Road by Garrison Junction

The new Kelsey Harrison (Niger) Hospital

Completed syringe factory

Construction of bio lavicide manufacturing company started by Dr. Odili

Malaria eradication project

SECURITY

Trained 300 police men in Israel

Built and equipped a standard police college with Israeli instructors

Have a centralised rapid response call control centre. This is an emergency response centre with a three digit number 112

Provide equipment and additional benefits and motivation for security personnel who serve in the state thereby making them more dedicated and effective

FOOD SECURITY

Replicating the Songhai farms of Port Novo (a fully integrated mechanised farming project) so far 105 beneficiaries are being trained

314 HA of land already acquired

The completion of the Accelerated Development of Oil Palm Initiative (ADOPI) project, is on-going.

Numerous aqua culture , poultry and farm projects

TRANSPORTATION

Mono rail project work has started

First phase deployment of 59 bus-stops (Lagos bus-stop to Oyigbo)

Deployment of 60 buses as mass transit on Aba road and 320 taxis as internal mass transit within Port Harcourt metropolis.

Purchase of 5 water taxis from Portugal, three already delivered.

The Public Procurement Law No. 4 of 2008 establishes a Bureau of Public Procurement as the regulatory agency responsible for policy making and monitoring procurements of goods and services.

The Public Private Participation in Infrastructure Development Law No. 5 of 2009 provides the policy and regulatory frame work for PPPs and reduces the risk of policy reversal by future administrations.

The Greater Port Harcourt City Development Authority Law No. 2 of 2009 mandates the Authority in all situations to protect private investments (local and foreign) and to procure from the State Government guarantees, letters of comfort, indemnities or undertaking Contracts

POLICY AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

GOOD GOVERNANCE

Quarterly Accountability forum

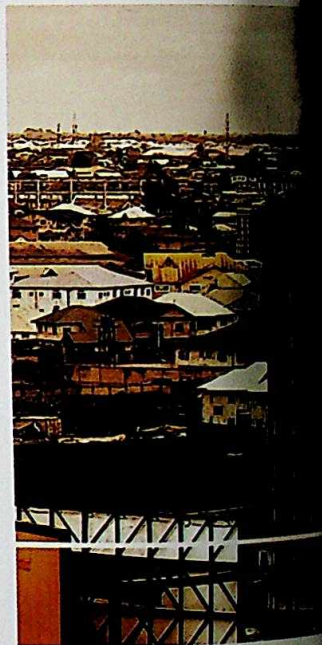
Compulsory savings for future generations (N1billion every month)

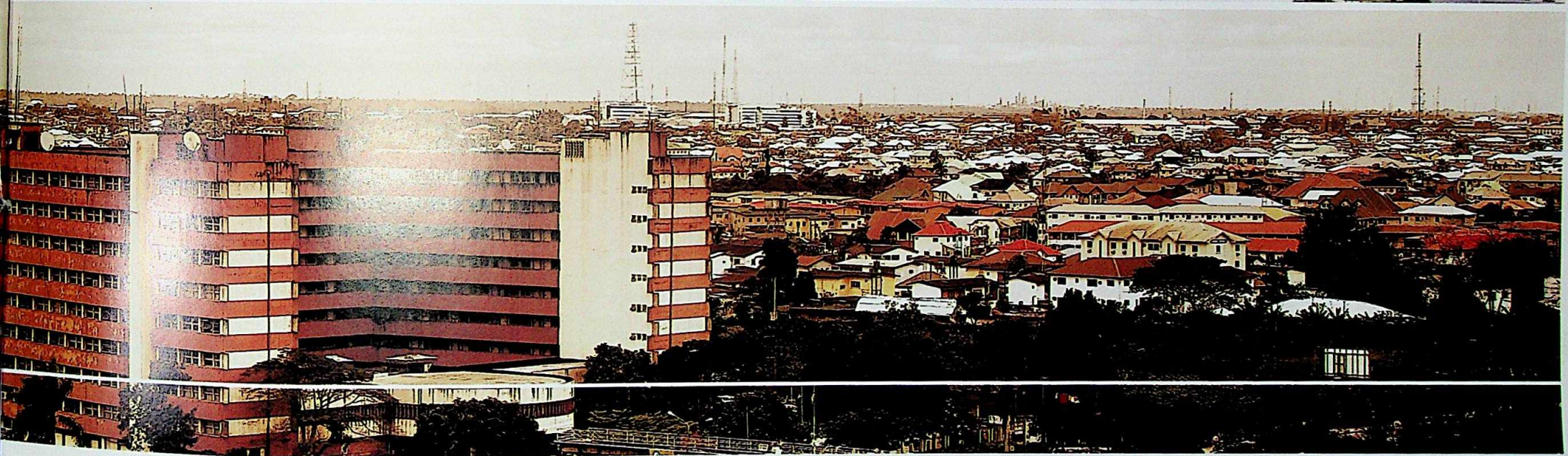
Savings from Excess crude

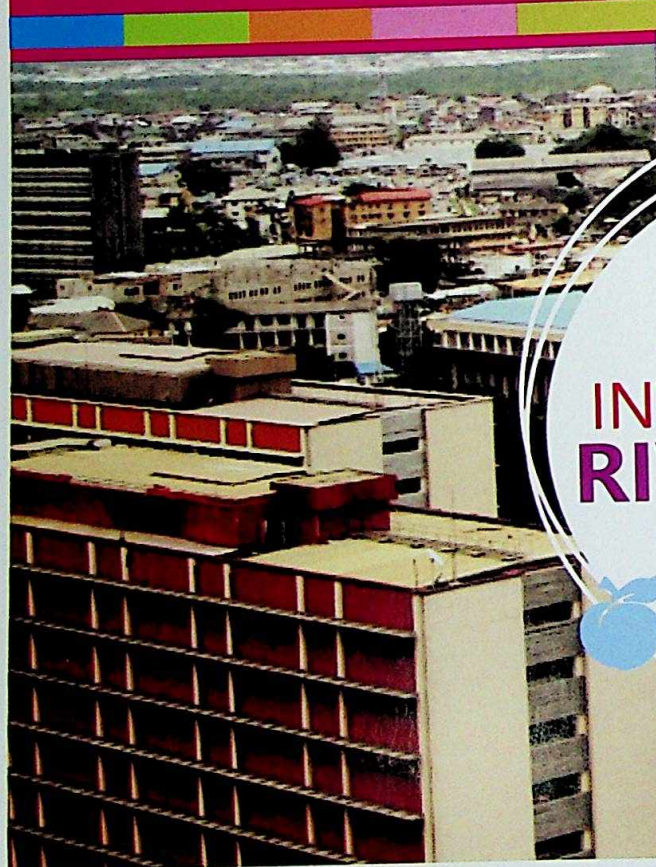
Fiscal Responsibility law

Public publishing of income and expenditure

Open government policy

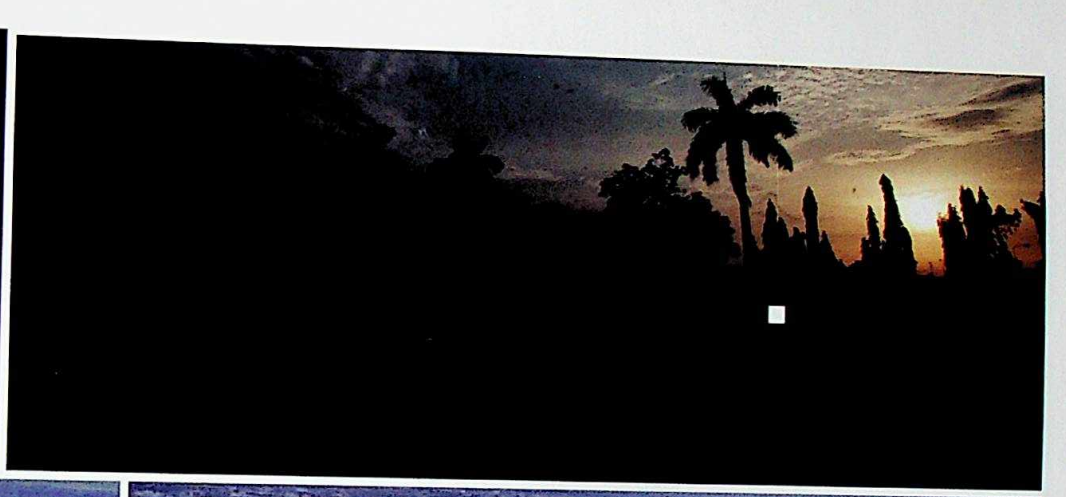
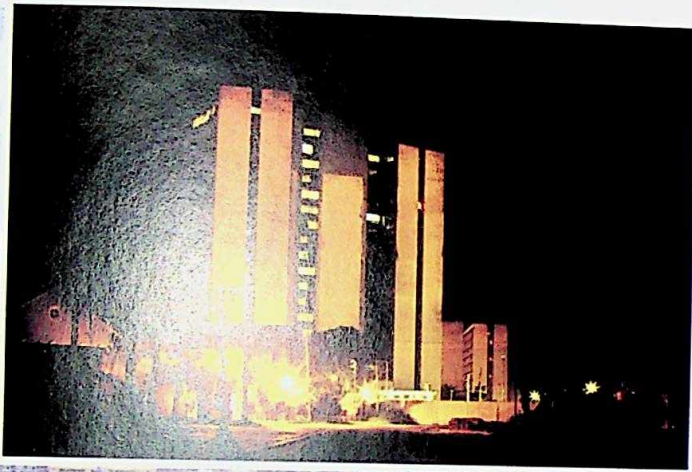
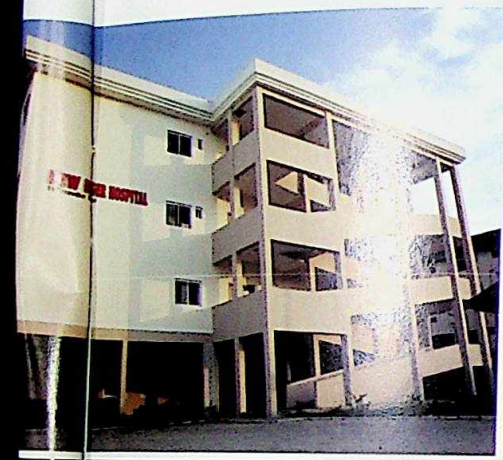


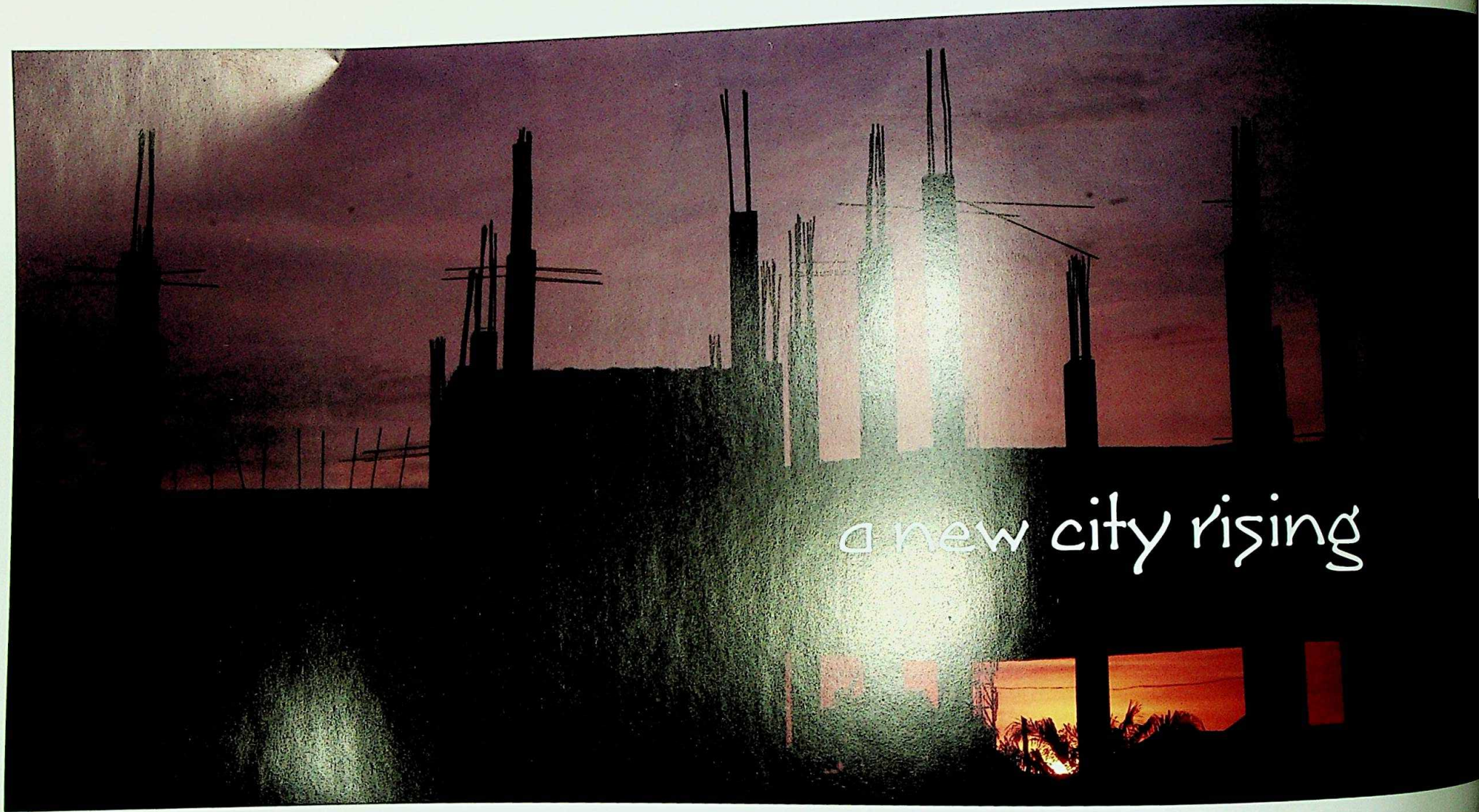




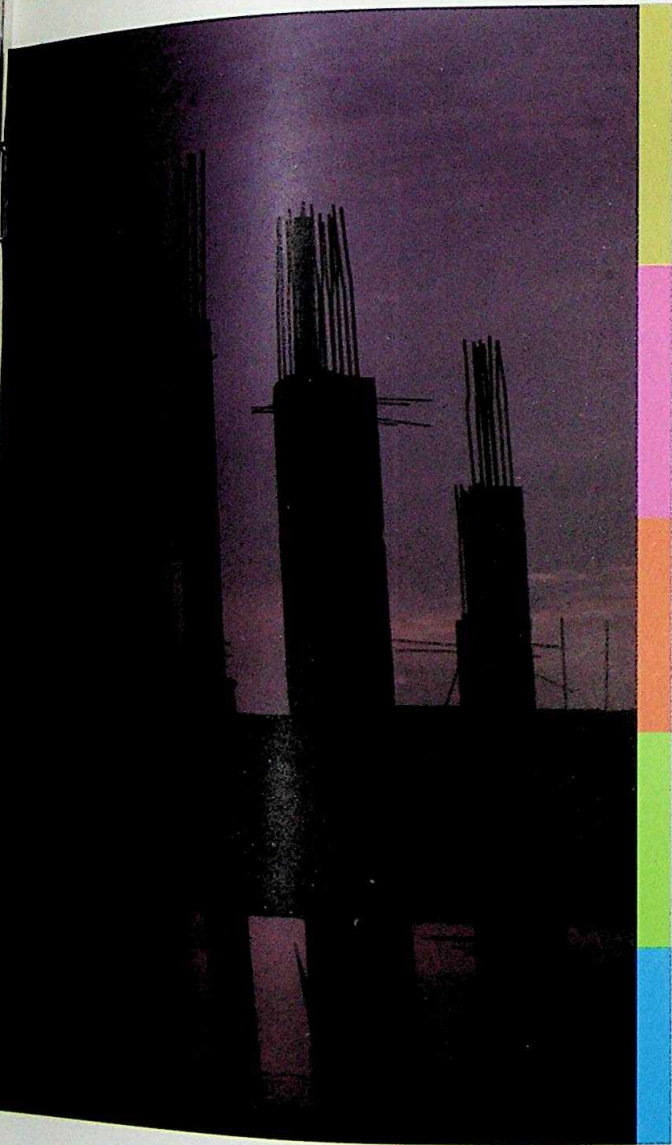
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