

**SUBMISSION OF ACHIEVEMENTS OF MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY TO THE NIGERIA GOVERNORS' FORUM
SECRETARIAT ON 25TH March, 2010.**

The ministry is statutorily vested with the responsibility of formulating and implementing Government's policies on Commerce and Industry with a view to improving the socio – economic well being of the people of the state.

2. The Ministry has in the course of time undertaken the following activities in a bid to achieve these noble objectives.

a. COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

- i. The Department is supervising the construction of an Ultra modern market in Jalingo whose contract was awarded in February, 2005 at an initial cost of N2, 721,500,000. it is at an advanced stage of completion.
- ii. It has in Collaboration with the Jos zonal office of Nigerian Export promotion Council organized and participated in Export awareness workshops on Harnessing the Non – oil Resources of Taraba State and understanding Export Dynamics for Economic Development on 19th March 2009 and December, 2009 respectively.
- iii. It has also co-sponsored and participated in the 14th North – East Joint Domestic Trade Fair in Bauchi from 18th to 25th October, 2008. it has in the same vein, participated at the 31st Kaduna International Trade Fair from 19th to 28th February 2010 while also being a party to the preliminary meeting towards the organization of the 15th Regional North – East Joint Domestic Trade fair. This comes up

from 20th to 30th April 2010 in Maiduguri all with a view to attracting investors to the state.

- iv. it has hosted a stakeholders meeting on understanding shipping procedures and prospects for the business community organized by the Yola Area office of Nigeria Shippers council on 17th February, 2010 in Jalingo.
- v. In a bid to keep abreast with the National Policy on Commerce and Industry the Department has been attending the National council on Commerce and industry meetings with the last one held in Enugu from 1st to 5th June, 2009.
- vi. The Department has generated the sums of one million, three Hundred and seventy three thousand, two hundred (N1, 373,200.00) Naira only in 2009 and one hundred and three thousand, six hundred (N103, 600) naira only from January, 2010 to date.

INDUTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

- i. The Lau sugar project was established and commissioned on 22d May 2008. Production of Natural granulated sugar will soon commence. The National Sugar development council Abuja released the sum of N9.8m for the project to commence production. The state Government also released the sum of N1.8m for registration with NAFDAC, standard organization of Nigeria (SON) and cooperate affairs commission all towards successful take off by the end of March, 2010. While efforts are being made to resuscitate the state owned industrial concerns through public – Private partnership

arrangement. The companies are the Baissa Timber company, the Vivah feed mill at Zing and the Iau Tomato Industry.

- ii. The Department is able to acquire a 20-hectare parcel of Land at Wukari for the establishment of an Industrial Development and Export processing center. Infrastructural development of the center is in progress.
- iii. Re-absorption of staff of the dormant Baissa Timber company into the main stream civil service and the payment of their outstanding salary arrears for the period June 1999 to May, 2008.

C. SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SME)

- i. The small scale industrialists in the state were Organized into an association, affiliated to the National body (NASSI) and the state chapter inaugurated.
- ii. It Co-ordinated the training of entrepreneurs (SME Operators) in the state which was organized by the small and medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria-SMEDAN.
- iii. The Agency participated in drawing up the state vision 20:20-20 plan
- iv. It participated at the 31st Kaduna International Trade fair from 19th -28th February, 2010

In conclusion, we will like to inform the Nigeria Governors' Forum Secretariat that the Ministry of commerce and Industry is committed towards the achievement of Nigeria Vision 20:20:20.