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Announces Its

60TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Theme:

'HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NIGERIA @60: THE NATIONAL EXPERIENCE'

Date: 11th -14th October, 2015

Venue: University of Abuja.

By 1955, the Historical Society of Nigeria was formed as the first academic body. This was at the period when the quest for decolonization was at its peak and there was the need to have a body that could give the struggle a more historical meaning. This was also a period when there was skepticism on whether Africans could actually govern themselves at independence. At Independence, through the efforts of the founding Fathers of the Historical Society of Nigeria, African History became accepted as a respected subject that could be taught to all human species. At this point, African history and historians became a rallying point amongst the nationalists to intensify hostility against colonial administration, arguing that the much needed political stability and development are integral part of political independence. This was hinged on the fact that it was a course that could liberate man from the shackles of domination. Sixty years after, in the case of Nigeria, where the Society was formed, there still exist symptoms of political instability, high level of underdevelopment, manifestations of ethnic and religious tension, poverty ravaging the country (Nigeria ranked 158 out of 177 countries in the United Nations Development Index in 2005), endemic corruption, which stymies development and taints Nigeria's business environment. Behind the poor performance on human development is a complex brew of economic, social, political and environmental factors. Social instability, poor local governance, competition for economic resources and environmental degradation has taken a toll. The general neglect of infrastructure, often rationalized by the difficulty of the terrain, has worsened people's access to fundamental services such as electricity, safe drinking water, roads and health facilities that are taken for granted in many parts of the world and most importantly the division in the minds of most Nigerians of the country into Muslim North and Christian South and its attendant killing in the name of God and Religion. Against this background, the Historical Society of Nigeria as part of its broader mandate for articulating solutions to governance and socio-economic development is organizing a conference with the theme 'Historical Society of Nigeria @60: The National Experience'. The Conference promises to provide an intellectual platform to address the aforementioned challenges.

CONFERENCE SUB-THEMES

- Theoretical and Methodological issues on History and Society
 - Lessons of History and the Good Leadership concept in Nigeria
 - History: Fact, Fiction or Reality?
 - History, Society and Development
 - Neglect of History and the Nigerian Experience
 - History and the Unfolding Reality of Nigeria
 - History, Leadership and Governance in Nigeria
 - History, Globalization, Security and Development in Nigeria
 - History, Ethno-Religious Conflict/ Crises in Nigeria
 - History, Federalism and Politics in Nigeria
 - History, Forced Migration, Refugee Issues and internal Displaced Persons in Nigeria.
 - History, Human Security and Climate Change
 - The study of History and Development in the 21st Century.
 - History, Education and National Development
 - History Education for self sustenance
 - Politics of Resources and Peaceful Coexistence in Nigeria.
 - Nigeria and her neighbors: Promoting good neighborliness
 - History, Religion and National Reality
 - The History of Labour Struggle and Workers Liberation in Nigeria
 - The Historical Society of Nigeria and the Emergence of the Left
 - The Role of History in Building the Students for a virile society
- Note:** Other Sub themes considered relevant will be accepted.

PAPER SUBMISSION: Abstract of not more than 300 words should be sent electronically to the following E-mail: historicalsocietyofnigeria@gmail.com, on or before June 20th, 2015. All authors should indicate their email address and phone number to help hasten communication. Authors of accepted abstracts would be notified on or before June 30th, 2015. Full papers are expected to be turned in by July 26, 2015. Referencing style is Chicago, using either footnotes or endnotes with a comprehensive bibliography appearing at the back of the essay.

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