



Press Statement

Port Harcourt Technical and Vocational Centre (PHTVC) has opened
“Education is the key to success, to a workplace, and to prosperity”

With a festive ceremony, on Monday, February 13, the Port Harcourt Technical and Vocational Centre (PHTVC) was opened. 120 students will be trained there in four vocations from now on. The training centre was built by ZWH on behalf of the Ministry of Education of Rivers State.

The ceremony, HIS EXCELLENCY CHIEF NYESOM EZENWO WIKE (con) THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF RIVERS STATE, HER EXCELLENCY DR. MRS IPALIBO HARRY BANIGO THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF RIVERS STATE, EDUCATION COMMISSIONER KANIYE EBOKU, SPECIAL ADVISERS TO THE GOVERNOR PROF ISRAEL OWATE, WORLD BANK GROUP SENIOR EDUCATION SPECIALIST DR. TUNDE ADEKOLA and the GERMAN CONSUL GENERAL INGO HERBERT as well as representatives from ZWH were present, marks the point at which the PHTVC is taking up its training operations. In the first courses, 120 students will from now on be trained there in the vocations of systems mechanic for sanitary and HVAC engineering; electronics engineer for power and building services engineering; tile, plate, and mosaic paver as well as metal worker/welder.

Their education will open a new perspective for the future of these young people, far surpassing their personal environment. They will not only be enabled to work in their vocations but also to create jobs.

Dirk Palige, Chairman of the Board of ZWH, explained in this regard:

“The opening of the Port Harcourt Technical and Vocational Centre (PHTVC), Rivers State means handing the teachers and students the key for a successful future. Education is the key to success, to a workplace, and to prosperity. This is true for every country on Earth. For Nigeria, just as it is for Germany. In Germany, the skilled crafts generate more than 540 billion Euros every year, and more than five million people are employed in these crafts. These people don’t work in large companies. They work in more than a million crafts enterprises all over Germany, both in large cities as well as small villages. These enterprises, some with five employees, some with 50, are the backbone of the German economy. That’s why in Germany, we call the skilled crafts the economic power next door.

This economic power is founded on the German system of vocational training. It is the core reason why youth unemployment in Germany is significantly lower, even during crises, than in other European countries. As managing director of the German Confederation of Skilled Crafts and chairman of the board of ZWH, it is therefore a particular pleasure for me that you have recognized this in Rivers State and are also putting your trust in vocational education Made in Germany.

We at ZWH will do everything in our power to further support you on this important and correct path. Together, let us make the PHTVC a joyous place of learning and working, providing a golden future for the young people.”

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