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Editorial

In keeping fate with the confidence reposed in us by the School of Environmental Technology, volume 8. number 2017 December edition of the Environmental Technology and Science Journal (ETSJ) is presented to our expanding readers while the research community continue in search multifaceted solutions to the 21st Century challenges. The impact of human activities on the world is incalculable; Nigeria is faced with housing deficit, insurgency, farmer-herdsman clashes among other contemporary challenges. To this end, this edition presented seventeen researched articles ranging from residential property management services, spatial growth in urban settlement, diversification strategies of construction consultancy firms to special needs in Internally Displaced Camps, impact of land-use conflicts on herdsmen and communities, vehicular carbon emission on air quality and effects of diversification on resources. This edition is indeed a bumper harvest.

Kuma in the first article measured the levels of satisfaction of residents with their dwelling units and management service delivery. He found out that the residents' overall level of satisfaction did not influence significantly their decision to continue to stay in their residential dwellings. The study recommended the adoption of satisfaction evaluation as part of property management routine feedback as this will enable the property managers to improve the quality of service delivery. The second paper by Akinlotan et al. analysed the rate and trend of urban development in the last thirty years with a view to predicting the future rate and trend of development in Ile-Ife which could serve as a veritable planning tool for a sustainable development. The concluded that with such an increase in land consumption rate and land absorption in Ile-Ife, there is the need for development control, land readjustment and appropriate regulations, in order to maintain a balance

between preventing urban sprawl and providing land for sustainable housing development, without jeopardizing the future need.

A case study of recent lease of Obasanjo Shopping Mall bv Niger State Development Company, (NSDC) was undertaken by Olatunji et al. demonstrate and illustrate the use of MS Excel for the valuation of freehold and leasehold interests in the third paper. The conclusion was that MS Excel is a versatile tool for accurate Valuation and investment advice and it is recommended that valuers should seek to be trained and retrained to use various versions available.

The fourth paper by Abdulrazaq et al. compared the diversification strategies of the construction consultancy firms (CCFs) in Abuja, Kaduna and Kano. The study recommended that internal expansion of business should be a major motivation for diversification of consultancy firms. In a related development, Gandu et al. in the fifth paper assessed e-procurement in the construction industry. The paper concluded that aggressive enlightenment programmes to be directed at stakeholders on the benefits of adopting e-procurement in the construction industry. Sustainability has increasingly become an important aspect of consideration by planners and urban publication managers since the Brundtland report of 1987 and the Rio Earth Summit of 1992. To this end, Usman et al. interrogated the application of infill development strategy as a tool for sustainable urban development in Nigeria in the sixth paper. The study concluded that for a city to achieve sustainability, its urban neighbourhoods, the component parts of the city must be sustainable.

Edem-Nse *et al.* postulated in the seventh paper that due to the rise in terrorism since 2012 in Nigeria, there has been a dire need of shelter provision for internally displaced persons (IDP), with the focus of the institutions being mostly on the decision for the shelter to either be temporary or

permanent. The study thus qualitatively understudied the perception of internally displaced persons about their shelter in Abuja. The authors stated that the findings have implications in the planning of especially camps, accommodative facilities for the campers which align more to the communal system of living as opposed to individualistic spaces that are generally obtainable in IDP camps. The eighth paper by Adebayo and Ojo assessed the socio-economic and psychological effects of land use conflicts amongst Fulani herdsmen and farmers in Kogi State. In order to forestall the resultant hardships, the recommended that both herdsmen and community farmers be properly educated and sensitized on living together in harmony for peace to reign. In addition, policy makers should create ranches where the herdsmen could feed their cattle without moving to community farmlands. In the ninth paper, Sule examined the residential property rental values and demographic trends of Abaji in order to uncover the housing market dynamics in Council. The Abaii Area paper recommended among others that the local planning authority of the Abaji Area Council should be more proactive about development control so as to curb urban sprawl as the area is a potential destination for real estate investors and developers.

The attributes of mixed-use buildings in Ikeja Model City Plan (MCP) through focused observation in order to determine the emerging pattern of mixed-use for the area and its implications in the tenth paper was interrogated by Salami et al. The paper concluded that unless there are special platforms the government could use to ease implementation, the specified maximum heights by the MCP for mixed-use corridors in Ikeja is yet to be achieved due to income level of inhabitants of the area. Bello et al. used K-function method to determine the spatial heterogeneity of cholera epidemic in five local government areas of Kaduna State in the eleventh paper. Results revealed that the overall

spatial pattern of cholera epidemic in the study area is clustered, and the overall cholera disease risk was more concentrated in Igabi and Kaduna North LGA. The twelfth paper by Shehu et al. explored construction workers' perceptions of the effectiveness of safety training practices of construction firms based on two objective outcomes in Abuja. The recommended that construction firms and practising professionals should pay special attention to the key components of safety training design and delivery that yield better safety outcomes in terms of learning of safety knowledge, skills, and attitudes by workers.

The thirteenth paper by Iweka and Adebayo assessed the differing degrees of crowding experienced in households headed by men and households headed by women in multifamily apartments owned operated by the Lagos Development and Property Corporation (LSDPC) in Lagos. The recommended that planning, design and policy inclination towards crowding in LSPDC's multifamily apartments should be based on gender neutrality. The use of Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) towards enhancing skill acquisition techniques for architectural training and practice was assessed by Ryal-Net et al. in the fourteenth paper. The paper concluded that enhancing skill acquisition techniques for architectural training and practice using SIWES in Kaduna Polytechnic is significant and quite relevant to employability and real life of work in architecture. The fifteenth paper by Emmanuel et al. determined the influence of vehicular carbon emission on ambient air quality in Minna town, with a view to ascertaining the level of carbon emission, and the variation of various emissions from different vehicular classes. The carbon emission values are above the limit set by bodies such as WHO therefore, the paper recommended enforcement of relevant regulations on pollution control as it relates to vehicular carbon emission.

Duchi and Habila in the sixteenth paper examined the effects of desertification on the rural resources (livestock, crops and vegetation) in Machina Local Government Area of Yobe State. Recommendations were made to control and reverse the process of desertification in order to increase productivity, maintain functional base of the environment, reduce crop failure, death of livestock, loss of settlement and decrease in poverty level of populace. The last paper Abdulraheem et al. attempted to identify the category of and preference for neighbourhoods by residents in Ilorin Metropolis, Kwara State. The paper concluded that neighbourhood preference is not dependent on socio-economic status or background of individuals but on perception the attribute of neighbourhood. The paper recommended re-creating the kind of layouts that exist in the high income residential zones in all

other neighbourhoods within the city by stakeholders.

In retrospect, we would like to appreciate those that have supported us this far most especially the authors and reviewers that continuously donate their intellectual energies by submitting their manuscripts and in reviewing the manuscripts. A journal is as good as the quality of the manuscripts submitted and reviewing done on the manuscripts. Let us do it again in 2018 and beyond.

To the contributors, keep them coming! To the readers, enjoy this edition!

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