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**THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE 57<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE/DELEGATES MEETING (AGC/ADM) OF THE NIGERIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (NMA) HELD AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE IN CALABAR, CROSS RIVER STATE FROM 23<sup>RD</sup> – 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017.**

## PREAMBLE

The 57<sup>TH</sup> Annual General Conference/Delegates meeting (AGC/ADM) of the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) tagged "Paradise City 2017" with the theme **TECHNOLOGY IN MEDICINE: Implications for Healthcare in Nigeria and Medical Tourism and Medical Entrepreneurship** as subthemes held at the International Conference Centre, Calabar from 23<sup>RD</sup> – 30<sup>TH</sup> April 2017.

The Chairman of the occasion was HRH Dr Haliru Yahaya, the Emir of Tsonga, the Chief Host was the Executive Governor of Cross River State; Senator Prof Ben Ayade ably represented by the Deputy Governor; Prof. Ivora Ejemot Esu. The Special Guest of Honour was the Honourable Minister of Health Prof Isaac F. Adcwole ably represented by the Honourable Commissioner for Health of Cross River State; Dr Inyang Asibong, The Royal Father of the Day was the Obong of Calabar His Eminence Edidem Ekpo Okon Abasi Otu V and the Mother of the Day was the wife of the Governor of Cross River State Her Excellency Dr Linda Benedict Ayade. The Keynote Speaker was the Group Medical Director NISA-GARKI Hospital, Abuja; Dr Elijah Miner.

## ACTIVITIES

- Free Medical outreaches to Okurike in Biase Local Government Area and Mfamosing in Akamkpa Local Government Area of Cross River State during which we attended to over 500 patients with medical and surgical needs.
- Courtesy visits to the Obong of Calabar, the Chief Medical Director of University of Calabar Teaching Hospital; Professor Thomas Agan, the Medical of Federal Neuropsychiatry Hospital Calabar and the Vice Chancellor of the University of Calabar.
- Joint NMA – ANPA (Association of Nigerian Physicians in the Americas) CME (Continuous Medical Education).
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Olukoye Ransome Kuti Lecture.

## OBSERVATIONS

1. The ADM noted the tendency of some Nigerian elites and top political office holders who promote medical tourism and capital flight from Nigeria by seeking medical treatment for minor medical conditions outside the country even when such expertise exists within Nigeria.
2. The ADM noted the absence of facilities for medical entrepreneurs who want to establish world class hospitals that can compete favourably with similar institutions in developed countries.

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## STANDING COMMITTEE

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