

Nigeria's Taraba State reawakens tourism with Nwonyo Fishing and Cultural Festival

Nwonyo Fishing and Cultural Festival is one ancient event that lost its voice and relevance many years ago. But as many States in Nigeria began to set new benchmark and find avenues to shore-up their individual revenues against dwindling oil economy, it dawned on them that they have one crucial tourism potential or the other to harness. This indeed, was the focus of the ever committed and diligent governor of Taraba State, Pharm. Danbaba Danfulani Suntai, who recently

revived the Nwonyo Fishing and Cultural Festival to an international level.

A thoughtful initiative that has put the state in the global economic map as one place that needs to be properly tapped. To this end, Governor Suntai organized the Biggest Catch Banquet in commemoration of the winner fish of the 2009 edition of the festival. This auspicious event held at the THISDAY Dome at the Central Area of Abuja, where dignitaries as the first lady of Nigeria, Hajia Turai Umaru Yar'Adua were present.

Earlier, the Nwonyo Fishing festival had held amidst funfare and glamour that also saw eminent personalities across Nigeria gathering in Taraba for the festival and cultural carnival that followed the event.

With the emerging eco-tourism as another economic milestone, it is an indisputable fact that Taraba State is being positioned properly to tap from the next money spinning opportunities and investment in the sector for the development of the State.

Some of the official sponsors of the event include Zenith Bank Plc, GLO Mobile network, Zain and National Tourism Development Corporation.

His Excellency, Gov. Danbaba Suntai
Governor, Taraba State





Fishermen during the festival



Gov. Danbaba Suntai & Gov. Aliyu Akwai Doma (Nasarawa State)



Sen. Dahiru Bako, Gov. Danbaba, Sen. David Mark & Deputy Gov. (Gombe State)

Senate President, David Mark, making his speech





Alh. Sani Abubakar, Deputy Gov., Taraba State



Hon. Speaker Taraba State House of Assembly



Opening Prayers by Mallam Kishimi



Govs. Danbaba Suntai & Murtala Nyako arrive in style



Steve Lawani, Benue State Deputy Gov.



Otumba Segun Runsewe, DG, NTDC



Dr. Abdulmumino Vakii, P.D.P State Chairman (Taraba)