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NIMC COMMISSIONS NIN ENROLMENT CENTRE IN IKOYI PASSPORT OFFICE

7 Essential Precautionary Tips for the Rainy Season

The rainy season a welcome change from the hot weather, but they bring some unwelcome guests which must be avoided at all costs. We must therefore take precautions during rainy season. Here are some health tips for rainy season which can make the weather even more enjoyable.

1. Avoid walking in the rain: As much as it is tempting, walking in rain water makes you prone to a host of viral diseases and can also cause numerous fungal infections at the feet and nails.

-Also, if your feet get wet, dry them immediately and do not stay in wet socks or shoes.

-If your clothes get wet, do not sit in an AC environment or change them immediately.

-Keeping an extra pair of clothes and footwear in the office is a good idea.

2. Follow a healthy diet: This is the season where the body and especially the digestive system are most prone to infections.

-Diseases in the rainy season are mostly water-borne so make sure you only drink water that is filtered or boiled.

-It is also important to maintain a healthy diet in rainy season. Wash and clean raw vegetables and salads thoroughly.

3. Don't leave home without a mosquito repellent: Accumulated water is a breeding ground for insects and the rainy season is party time for malaria. Always wear or carry a mosquito repellent. Get malaria test done and take anti-malaria drugs.

4. Drink enough water, regardless of your activity levels: Do not compensate your liquid intake with carbonated, caffeinated, and alcoholic drinks and beverages & herbal teas with antibacterial properties are a good idea.

5. Keep clear of damp indoors: Damp walls are home to fungus growth and an absolute no-no if you suffer from asthma or any other breathing problems.

6. Bathe twice a day: A shower as soon as you reach home in the evening will insulate you against infections caused by the build-up of sweat and take Vitamin C to boost your immunity.

7. Avoid touching your eyes: Eye infections like conjunctivitis, dry eyes and corneal ulcers are common during this time.



L-R: The Lagos State Regional Coordinator, Mr. Kayode Adegoke, in a warm handshake with the Comptroller General, NIS, Mr. Muhammad Babandede while the NIMC Lagos East Coordinator, Mrs. Fumilola Opebanwo looks on at the commissioning of the NIN Enrolment centre, Ikoyi Lagos.

bandede highlighted that the new enrolment centre will allow smooth take off for the issuance of the new e-passport to eligible applicants at its Ikoyi office.

He said, "the roll out has since commenced in Abuja, but the issuance of the new passport began on Tuesday June 25, 2019. It is therefore mandatory for applicants to first obtain a National Identification Number (NIN) before they can apply for the new e-passport."

Mr. Babandede added that the NIS has harmonized data with the NIMC and can also verify and authenticate an applicant's NIN in the National Identity Database (NIDB) through the verification platform.

The Regional Coordinator NIMC Lagos, Mr. Kayode Adegoke in his remark said that, NIMC is the only agency of the Federal Government with the mandate to create, own and manage the National Identity Database (NIDB) as well as harmonize all existing data collected by different data collecting agencies like FIRS, NCC, Banks etc.

The National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) on Monday, 24th June 2019, commissioned a new enrolment centre at the Ikoyi, Lagos state passport office for National Identification Number (NIN) enrolment, Card activation and other services.

This is in fulfilment of the commencement for the enforcement of the mandatory use of the National Identification Number (NIN) on the new enhanced 10 years validity e-passport. During the event, the Comptroller General of Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) Mr. Muhammad Babandede

He added that the commissioning of the enrolment centre will aid working synergy between both government agencies and will bring about remarkable increase in the enrolment figures in Lagos.

Present at the Enrolment centre commissioning were the NIMC State Coordinator of Lagos East, Mrs Olufunmilola Opebanwo, the NIMC Lagos West Coordinator, Mr. Olumide Aremu, and other Senior Immigration Officers.



Cross section of attendees at the NIN enrolment centre flag off ceremony, Ikoyi, Lagos.



An applicant undergoing the enrolment process

Loveday Resumes as Abia State Coordinator... Hits the Ground Running!!

The new State Coordinator for Abia state, Mr. Loveday Ogbonna has assumed duty at the State office in Umuahia.

Mr. Ogbonna, who took over from the outgoing Coordinator, Mr. Ukpabi Eni, has promised to intensify the enrollment drive in the State while building on the successes and achievements of his predecessor. Receiving his take-over notes on June 24, 2019, from the outgoing State Coordinator, Mr. Ogbonna wasted no time in settling down to his new assignment.

The former State Coordinator, in his farewell address, thanked the Management and Staff for their cooperation, support and commitment. Ukpabi urged the managers to accord the new coordinator the same support and cooperation he enjoyed. He assured everyone that he would continue to remain loyal and committed to the vision of the commission in his new posting.

In his maiden meeting with the State Management team, the new State Coordinator rolled out new approaches and partnerships aimed at galvanizing all managers and stakeholders for optimum performance. He admonished the Management team to display high level of discipline, professionalism and honesty in discharging their duties.

He charged all present to remain committed to work, shun extortion, corruption and ensure team work and fairness in all activities. He enjoined staff across the state to redouble their efforts, make meaningful contributions and suggestions that would move NIMC Abia forward.



L-R: Incoming State Coordinator Loveday C. Ogbonna with Outgoing State Coordinator Ukpabi Eni

DANGER SPOTS

- BERGER ROUNDABOUT
- MAITAMA (Minister's Hill)
- MABUSHI (Pedestrian bridge)
- GWARINPA
- AREA 1 & 3 JUNCTIONS
- GALADIMAWA
- KUBWA EXPRESS WAY
- APO ROUNDABOUT

Victims are pushed out of the car after being robbed

Over 20 reported cases in the past six months

DANGER SPOTS

- Kado Roundabout: Roundabout by the road leading to Gwampoma.
- Wuse Market: Hoodlums snatch handbags, phones especially at night.
- Berger Roundabout and AIA under the bridge: Dangerous spots where hoodlums loiter and attack commuters.
- Banex Junction, Wuse II: 'One chance' syndicates take advantage of the busy nature of the area to pick up commuters.
- Area 1 Roundabout: Hoodlums operate in the evenings and early in the mornings.
- Bolingbo Junction: Black spot where hoodlums lurk and attack their victims at night.

HIDEOUTS

- Uncompleted buildings
- Pedestrian bridges
- Deserted roads/streets

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