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About the Author

The author, Dr L. I. Ofoegbu was an active participant in the Abuja project from the early stage to the present state it has attained as a full- fledged metropolis. His writing skills manifested early at St. Joseph's Catholic School, Abonnema, Degema Division, where he took first position in Primaries 5 and 6 categories, in 1958 and 1959 respectively, in inter-school essay competitions organized by the then Port Harcourt Province. In 1966, he was the J.F. Kennedy Essay Competition Champion of his school, Trinity High School, Oguta. He came on transfer to Abuja Area in 1979 as a Federal Government teacher to the defunct Federal School of Arts and Science, Suleja (now Suleja Academy), where he taught for a while before joining the services of the Federal Capital Development Authority/Ministry for the Federal Capital Territory. While in service, he was well known for writing and submitting flawless memoranda which more or less helped to set the standard for the FCDA/MFCT workforce in memo writing. He has seen the Abuja project take off from the drawing board to the terra firma. He has been part of its practical implementation, from inception to the current stage. He held the following positions: Head, Education Resource Centre; Chairman, Care-Taker Committee of Kuje Area Council; Deputy Director, Planning, Research and Statistics; Director, Agency for Mass Education, Adult and Non-Formal Education and Director of Education, FCT. He headed many Ministerial committees directed at policy formulation and implementation relating to Education, Health, Land and Administration, Establishment matters etc. These aside, he was a Council member of the West African Examinations Council and holds three professional fellowships in the area of Education. He is also a lawyer and a member of the Nigerian Bar Association, Abuja/Unity Branch. Dr Ofoegbu is the author of "Teaching Aids and Resources: a Practice Book for Teachers", a specially crafted text, targeted at teacher-classroom- proficiency enhancement. That particular text, as at date, remains the only one in its class in the Nigerian book market. He is an educational philosopher, passionately and consistently involved in the promotion of good education in the country. He has reading, writing and book collection as his major hobbies. Being a teacher and a lawyer puts him in a good position to communicate effectively with his readers as he has done in this book.

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