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“THE BEAUTY OF THE ENVIRONMENT IS THE BUSINESS OF ALL” ---INSTITUTE OF HORTICULTURISTS NEW PRESIDENT

The newly elected President of the Nigeria Institute of Landscape Horticulturists (NILH), Alhaji Ahmed Alli has promised to take the body to the market place as part of his agenda for his two year tenure. He stated this in a chat after his election at the Annual General Meeting of the body recently held at the Federal University of Technology, Akure. Alli, a graduate of the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA) and Head Park and Garden department of the institution , spoke on his agenda for the Institute and said he wants to bring more members together and also encourage best practices which will help kick out quacks in the industry. Speaking on the future of Landscaping and Horticulture he said Nigeria will improve in its greening activities as many states will soon embrace landscaping. On the challenges in the industry he stressed that geographical threat has been the main problem to landscape beautification. Alli also said inadequate funding of training programme, especially those needed to be done abroad was also a limiting factor. Alli further said that the inconsistency in government policies and maintenance are other challenges facing the profession. Alli wants youth and job seekers to explore the opportunities in the industry. He said “There is a lot of opportunities and we are also educating people on how lucrative the landscaping business is. Horticulture serves as food, provide jobs and also beautifies the environment”.

Speaking on Nigerian attitude to greening, he said Greening is alien to the Nigerian culture, but over the years, few states and individuals have started beautifying their environment not for

beautification alone but by adding value to the society”. He said FUTA has shown the advantages of greening through the beautification of its environment. Speaking from the professional angle, he implored government and individuals who want to green their house or environment to engage the services of professional Horticulturist so as to get quality job that will give them value for their investment and make them happy.

Alli also said before he leaves office as the president, the awareness on Landscaping and environmental beautification would have got to half of the Nigerian populace. He urged citadels of higher learning to take the lead in educating the masses on how to beautify the environment saying “the beauty of the environment is the business of all”.