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DENNISADA FIBERESIMA 1992-2017

Born on April 3rd 1992, late Dennisada Fiberesima was named after her late mother. Her presence brought smiles to everyone. From her childhood to her adult life, she always radiated peace and was a good listener. She paid attention to tiniest details with one kind of spirit that would end a conflict even before her arrival. She started her education in 1994 at Bereton Montessori School Port Harcourt. She completed her secondary school from Queens College Yaba Lagos in 2008. She took courses in French Language at Alliance Française Centre Port Harcourt in 2008 and mastered written and spoken French Language. Denny studied International Relations at Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife from 2009—2013. She started her Master of Science studies M.Sc in Communications and development Studies at Rivers State University of Science and Technology RSUT in 2017. Dennisada was passionate about education. She understood its value for capacity development, job role effectiveness and career growth. Her passion for education also prompted her into the consideration of setting up a foundation in memory of her late mother with a vision to empower disadvantaged and indigent children especially girls. Denny was employed as pioneer Communications and Public Relations Officer of the new Port Harcourt Water Corporation the job she held until her death. At Port Harcourt Water Corporation Denny was responsible for placing information concerning the organization in the public domain using various digital and analogue platforms. Denny was the pioneer Editor of this newsletter:

Water and Sanitation News until her death. In a great enthusiasm to build her career and take control of her future, Denny worked extra hard to earn the Professional Diploma of Nigerian Institute of Public Relations NIPR in July 2017. She also took training courses in Intercultural Communications and Conflict Resolutions in November 2016, Public Relations for Digital Media of National University of Singapore in December 2016 and World Bank Online Training Course on Stakeholder Engagement in 2016. Socially Denny was wired in a socially



unique way. She was totally an introvert but her social life was second to none. Denny's friends will forever miss her because she believed in true friendship and made sure good friends became family. Some of the associations she belonged to include: Open Talk Tech Community, Nigerian Institute of Public Relations, the Port Harcourt Book Club, Rivers State Bloggers Community, PH Poetry Club, Women in WASH, Queens College Old Girls Associations, the 36 Forum and Wakrike Development Coalition. Denny never believed in staying idle and never missed any opportunity enjoy herself.

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Dear Denny! Words cannot express how much I will miss your presence in the office. Your smile and warmth at all times were always welcoming. Rest in perfect peace dear beloved of God.

EMMANUEL IDONIBOYE

"Hi, am Denny" That's how you delightfully came into my life and for the past one month and days I have fearfully counted the blessings of being your friend. I have never known anyone like you and it still hurts, the greatest pain is that your smile and the upbeat laugh that comes with it "uhm! sheer gold", it sure reminded me a lot of what hope looked like. But I choose to be grateful in this life cuz me! Uhm! I gained big time, cuz I found myself a sister, easy going and strong spirited with dreams and a work ethic that always left me humbled. **SOLIKUME .U. JOEL**

Denny! I've never seen anyone so calm with good heart. It took me months to understand your rare personality, we've worked for two years, I've never seen you quarrel or fight with anyone. Even when I took time before sending my article to you for the Newsletter, with smiles and little voice thanks Helen. Denny! I regretted not telling you how nice your shoes were, those pose in your photo shoots, always taking selfies. Life is really too short, if I had known that 18th Dec. would be the last day I would be seeing you, I would've hugged you and not just eating your cookies. I will forever miss you, your call to ask if we are ready before coming to the laboratory"

HELEN .H.CHARLES

Denny. You were of a rare breed with a golden heart, you were smart and you had great work ethics, you were always ready to lend a helping hand spur people on to achieve their goals. You were such a wonderful person. It was a privilege getting to know and work with you. You had so much potential and I know we didn't get see a quarter of what you were capable of. You would be really missed. Rest on dear Denni.. You can never be forgotten **CHRIS-CHINEDUM .C.**

Denny! A golden heart like yours stopped beating. Hard working hands and smart brains at rest It broke my heart to see you go God only takes the best. Memories they say are golden Well, may be that's true but I never wanted memories I only wanted you. Now you are there, am here. Rest eternally!" **FRANK UCHEOWAJI**

Fading away like stars of the morning, whose luster goes when the sun comes out. So shall we pass from this world and its toiling, only remembered by what we have done. So it is with you dear Denni! You are gone but your memory lingers. **CHRIS MADUKA**

SUNSET AT DAWN: TRIBUTE TO DENNISADA FIBERESIMA BY PMC



The bomb of the news of your death flickered in like a rumor into the serene environment of PHWC on Wednesday 20th December, 2017 at about noon. Emotional rain of darkness came down all over the Corporation. The shock was tremendous to the extent that no one could summon courage enough to talk about it. Like a bush fire in a harmattan morning, the rumor turned to fact. Dennisada Fibresima, the PRO/ Communications Officer of Port Harcourt Water Corporation was dead. She died on Tuesday 19th December, 2017 at a hospital in Port Harcourt. The rest was now history. Yes it became true that Denny is dead. Yes it became also true that she died at a heart breaking young age a fact that we must accept as reality. The Project Directorate of Ramboll Environ Denmark—the Project Management Consultant Group of 3rd National Urban Water Sector Reform and Port Harcourt Water Supply and Sanitation Project says adieu Dennisada.

You came close to PMC and the Project in early April 2016. You were always there whenever you were needed and we will all miss you dearly. Denny as was always called by all was a hard-working, intelligent, caring and very thoughtful young woman. She was very close to her friends and just like we all can see to her family too. She had a lot of people who cared about her. One of Denny’s best traits was that she always lived her life to the fullest albeit quietly and loved to laugh and smile. Whatever she was given to do, she did it well and she dependable. Denny is soft spoken and creative. She was there for her friends who needed a friend to lean on she was there for them. We learnt a lot from the life of Denny over the few years we have come to know her. She taught us simple things like being thorough with work, how to appreciate one’s self and been proud of what one believe in. She loved photography and she took a lot of it of herself. But she also taught us more important things like the value of life and how to balance career and personal interests. It isn’t possible to put into words the importance of mentor and mentee relationship and how much Dennisada meant to PMC in that regards. She positively influenced the lives of many people in the Port Harcourt Water Corporation in so many ways and she will greatly missed with all our hearts. Dear Denny, thank you for your short but impactful life, we will miss you forever and never forget the short but powerful time you spent with us. Goodbye the meticulous Editor of our budding Water and Sanitation News. We hope that wherever you are, you finally have peace in your heart and in your soul. Adieu Dennisada Fibresima! Yours was truly a sunset at dawn. Adieu! May the angels of heaven sing you to sleep Denny! Goodnight!

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PHWC HOSTS INTERNATIONAL BENCHMARKING NETWORK IBNET



The Port Harcourt Water Corporation had a one day training and interactive session with ,Engr. Mike Alofe a consultant with the International Benchmarking network (IBNET) on the 8th of February 2018. IBNET is a global network which possesses the world's largest database on water and sanitation utilities performance data. They have been monitoring the performances of utilities word wide for several years. IBNETs essential focus is to promote good benchmarking practices among water and sanitation utilities. In Nigeria IBNET in conjunction with the word bank and the Federal Ministry Of Water Resources has been tracking the performances of utilities in the country since 2011, with the aim of keeping track on the efficiency of the utilities and clearly understanding the challenges faced with figures and facts. The Federal Ministry Of Water Resources initiated a utility tour in which two utilities in each geopolitical zone would be visited by the IBNET consultant, of which Port Harcourt Water Corporation was chosen as one of the beneficiaries of the visit.

Engr. Alofe was received by the Managing Director Kenneth Anga, who was pleased to receive him and stressed on the importance of accurate data gathering and efficient data management during his opening speech. Several representatives of key departments were present in this training also. Engr. Mike Alofe taught and expatiated more on the IBNET tool kits, efficiency of data collection, term definitions and data relay strategies with input from the attendees. It was a very interactive class with attendees asking series of questions as pertains data collection from their departments, recommendations were also made by Engr. Slide as well as the attendees on how to improve the tool kit and the PHWC data relay system for appropriate monitoring and evaluation. Engr. Alofe in his closing remarks thanked the participants and the management, and hoped to keep on having a cordial working relationship with the corporation.

TRIBUTE TO DENNI BY MANAGEMENT OF PHWC



We pay tribute to our beloved colleague, our communications and Public Relations Officer Dennisada Fibresima. She passed away tragically and unexpectedly at a tender age. For over two and a half years, Dennisada worked diligently with us at the Port Harcourt Water Corporation. Her sudden death has brought many questions and memories. She would be remembered all the time around our offices. She was well appreciated and admired for her enduring commitment to her work at the Corporation. She would not be forgotten. Her contributions in writing and editing our Newsletters, actively managing our social media platforms which included the Face book, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn channels for Port Harcourt Water Corporation brought a guarantee that the material put out would be accurately written, insightful and engaging. She was constantly fostering relationships and building communities through advocacy, sensitization and collaboration. She will be remembered for holding herself to extremely high standard of living in Nigeria and she constantly participated in projects that are geared towards achievement of these goals. To her family who lost a daughter, sister, cousin, niece and aunty: our prayers are with you all. We pray for strength in the difficult times. She was valued colleague and she will be missed. Members of staff have opened up a tribute for Dennisada on: www.dennisadafibresima.forevermissed.com where individual staff members have been telling the story relationships with our dear Dennisada. May her soul rest in perfect peace

PHWC HOSTS EXTERNAL AUDITORS



The Port Harcourt Water Corporation hosted PFK Auditing Firm in the first round of its Project Annual Auditing mission. The annual audit was undertaken as part of the requirements for the Donors funded Projects. The audit was in line with the project requirement to ensure transparency and fair representation of the financial dealings of the Corporation as regards the African Development Bank and World Bank funded 3rd National Urban Water Sector Reform and Port Harcourt Water Supply and Sanitation Project. The Auditing firm received maximum corporation from all units and personnel it worked with , by providing all information and financial statements in accordance with International standards on auditing and also in the templates and guidelines as stated by the African Development Bank and the World Bank.



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Denny,
 You were a rare gem full of smiles and welcoming heart,
 You were cut off at the beginning of your prime,
 You have a lot in your inside that will transform this generation,
 You knew how best to relate to friends and colleagues.,
 You went about your job with joy and happiness,
 The good memories we had will never be forgotten in a hurry,
 I so much cherish the time we spent together during excursions,
 You were so unique and wonderfully made to put smiles on the faces of those around you,
 I am still in deep shock over your demise,
 May the Lord grant we the family you left behind the fortitude to bear this irreparable loss.
 As you are laid to rest today,
 I pray your gentle soul find rest in the bosom of our dear saviour Jesus Christ .
 Good Night Friend
 Adieu Dennisada"

-EMMANUEL AMADI

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