

FOREWORD:

Mr. Doro is an accomplished linguist of many years tremendous experience in the academic world. K'Batksa is his first outing as an author and he has come out with a big bang.

The functional significance of a people's ability to control their well-being automatically beams community development as one of the fundamental requirements of Modern Civilization.

The development planning of most African Countries now embraces the philosophy of self-reliance as a means of fostering the need for people to take their destiny in their own hands. This demands that Community Members should apply their knowledge and skills to the resources at their disposal, in order to improve their social, Cultural and economic conditions, thereby developing and sustaining a poverty-free society. Mr. Doro's C'Lela—C'Turanci—C'Gana dictionary certainly fills the bill in this respect.

This book C'Lela—C'Turanci—C'Gana dictionary has come to satisfy the felt need of the Lelna people of Zuru Emirate in Kebbi State, Nigeria, who have been searching for ways and means of developing their language to international standard.

The C'Lela—C'Turanci—C'Gana dictionary merits the commendation for excellence. It does not merely provide a research tool for the people of Zuru Emirate, but practically carries the reader through the maze of the research process, with the view to making it easy for him to find his bearings through any form of research activity.

C'Lela—C'Turanci—C'Gana dictionary is a very convenient book, presented in simple, direct language, and is carefully thought out and meticulously researched.

In doing this noble work, he has presented his discourse in a simple style, without omitting the relevant words. It is an excellent piece of work buttressed by continuing experience in illustrations. This work should be commended for making this serious attempt to arouse awareness among his people. It would go a long way not just in developing the consciousness of preserving the language, but in enhancing the culture of the people through literacy.

I congratulate the author on the production of the first Edition of K'Batksa C'Lela—C'Turanci—C'Gana dictionary; a book that is difficult to write.

I therefore recommend this rich dictionary to policy makers, researchers, and students alike. Readers who want to develop themselves in the three languages will certainly find the dictionary indispensable.

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