

# **REPORT ON THE VISIT TO EBONYI STATE BY OUR PROPOSED PARTNERS ON THE AGRO ECO INDUSTRIAL PARK**

## **DAY 1**

The team arrived Ebonyi state on the 20th of November 2024 at about 1:30pm, led by the Hon. Commissioners of Trade and Investment and that of Commerce and Industries. They had 15 members in its delegation comprising of the chairman of SHANGHAI JIAHANG INVESTMENT COY Mr. Poong Yzhang and the CEO Africa of the company Mr. Felix Obihe on one hand and Engr Basil Manafa & Dr. T. Ukasonya on the other hand representing Sysview Mega Projects which is the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) of the project.

They were received at 135 junction of Abakaliki/Enugu express way by the Chief of Staff Government House of Ebonyi state, Chief Emmanuel Echiegu, the Ohaukwu Local Government Chairman Hon. Chibueze Odonon, the Surveyor General of the state Surv. John Igbede amongst others.

The delegation proceeded to the proposed site along the 135 - Onueke road formerly known as Ebonyi Air Strip for on the ground inspection. This site was appreciated by all and the team moved on to the Ebonyi state Hatchery at Nkaliki.

We were received by the Permanent secretary and other management staff of the ministry of Agriculture. The visiting team indicated their interest to partner with the ministry to further develop the sector with what they had seen on ground. They proceeded afterwards to the shopping mall for a brief visit and sightseeing.

## **TECHNICAL ENGAGEMENT**

The Chinese delegation was received on behalf of the state by the Deputy Governor, Her Excellency Princess Onyemaechi Obila, the SSG Prof. Grace Umezurike, the Chief of staff Prof. Emmanuel Echiegu, Deputy PS, Deputy COS and a group of commissioners and permanent secretaries. It was a technical session in which the intentions and benefits of the project were made known to the state by the leaders of the visiting team and a visual technical presentation made by Eng. Basil Marafa.

Ebonyi state was encouraged to hasten its steps on the preparation of the Memorandum of Agreement of which the visitors confirmed they had followed the necessary steps in providing finance for the project. The signing of the MOA shall give rise to the next stage of the project which is the Engineering Procurement Construction and finance. (EPCf).

The state further entertained the delegation with a banquet later in the evening and it is pertinent to note that while the cultural troupe displayed, Engr. Felix Obihe expressed the desire to further expand the frontiers of our cultural troupe by a collaboration with Shanghai Jianhang Investment which had a worldwide outreach on Arts and a financial portfolio of about S700million. The banquet as provided by the state was well attended by Ebonyi people.

## **DAY 2**

### **A VISIT TO CHUBA WILBERFORCE OKADIGBO INT`L AIRPORT**

The team was taken to the Ebonyi airport at Onueke and was received by management and staff of Ministry of Aviation. After a brief inspection of the terminal building and the runway, the Chairman (Mr. Poong) was pleased with what they met on ground and promised a possible collaboration since they are also into aircraft manufacturing and Airports development should the state be interested.

### **VISIT TO EBONYI BUILDING MATERIAL EZZAMGBO**

At the Building Materials Factory Ezzamgbo, the team was taken round the facility by the Hon. Commissioner for Commerce and Industries and the team leader Mr. Poong indicated interest in a possible partnership should the state be ready and interested.

He further stressed the fact that a partnership with them would give rise to a modern technology of building materials production.

## **CONCLUSION**

The visit was a robust and fruitful one and promises to improve the potentials of the overall economy of our dear state, especially in the agricultural and industrial sectors.

It is our sincere prayer that the state goes on to fulfill the requirements for the continuation of the project to the greater glory of God and benefit of Ebonyi people and the country at large.



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