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NARASAWA LIGHTS UP NIGERIAN DRESS PRESENTATION



Nasarawa State held spectators spell bound during the Nigerian dress presentation with their versatile designs.

The presentation tagged local fabrics for global market utilized locally sourced fabrics for casuals, wedding dresses, dinner gowns and office clothings.

Also, Borno State and Ekiti State took turns to exhibit their traditional textiles, which they also used to design contemporary dresses.

Ekiti State showcased a blend of adire and usonyo for royal attires, domestic clothing and office wears.

Ayo Game: Players Want Nafest Organisers To Nationalise Game

Participants in Ayo game, a component of NAFEST Minna '09, have called on the organizers of the event to raise the status of the game and make it national.

Adué Kwaembe, a representative of Benue State in the game, described it as an interesting game which deserves a national status. He noted that only four (4) states participated in this year's outing. He also urged the organisers to make the game a competitive one to raise the level of participation by the states.

Benue stated defeated Kwara in the first start, while Osun defeated Ondo. Benue also outshone Ondo in the third start.



Mr. M. M. Maidugu, Executive Director/CEO and Festival Director NAFEST 2009



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UPDATE

The 23rd edition of the National Festival of Arts and Culture (NAFEST) 2009, which was declared open by Hajiya Turai Yar'adua, First Lady, Federal Republic of Nigeria kicked off at the Bako Kontagora Memorial Stadium, Minna on Tuesday 13th October, 2009 at 5pm.

Before the March pass by states and the FCT, Niger the hosting state thrilled guests and spectators to a callisthenics display. The mock Zuma Rock was something else to behold.

30 states and the FCT took turns to march past the dignitaries with a show of colour, acrobatic displays, dances, artifacts, instruments of office and what have you. The states marched past in the following order to the admiration of spectators: Anambra, Edo, Bauchi, Benue, Borno, Cross Rivers, Delta, Ebonyi, Enugu, FCT, Gombe, Imo, Jigawa, Kaduna, Katsina, Kebbi, Kogi, Kwara, Nasarawa, Ogun, Ondo, Osun, Oyo, Plateau, Rivers, Zamfara, Tarāba, Yobe, Niger, Akwa-Ibom and Adamawa.



Hajiya (Dr.) Turai Umaru Yar'adua
First Lady, Federal Republic of Nigeria

This was followed by speeches from the First Lady, Hajiya Turai Yar'adua, Special Guest of Honour, the Chief Servant and Executive Governor of Niger State, Dr. Mu'azu Babangida Aliyu, OON, the Honourable Minister of Tourism, Culture and National Orientation, Senator Bello Jibrin Gada and the Chairman NCAC Board, Chief Ebenezer Babatope, OFR.

The Executive Governors of Benue, Zamfara, Nasarawa and Kebbi States also graced the occasion.



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TODAY'S MENU (Friday 16th October, 2009)

- 10:00am - Traditional Music and Dance concluded
Venue: UK Bello Arts Theatre, Minna
- 11:30am - Traditional Wrestling Continues
Venue: UK Bello Arts Theatre, Minna
- 12noon - Traditional Circus concluded
Venue: Open Space, UK Bello Arts Theatre, Minna
- 2:00pm - Exhibition of Nigerian Dress Culture/Live Presentation concluded
Venue: UK Bello Arts Theatre, Minna
- 7:00pm - Moonlight Games concluded
Venue: UK Bello Arts Theatre, Minna

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