If I Could Invent Something New

Necessity, they say, is the mother of invention. Inventions are made to solve man’s challenges, and the more we live in this world, the more the problems that are needed to be solved. For this reason, I am inspired, as strange as it may sound, to invent a new Nigeria.

Nigeria is a country blessed with both natural and human resources. But due to bad governance, corruption, tribalism, ethnicity and religious intolerance, the once referred “Giant of Africa” is a shadow of itself. Our cultural diversity which ought to be our garment of beauty as a nation has in turn become our tool of division.

I would love to create a new Nigeria. A Nigeria that our past heroes and nationalists would be proud of, and our future generations would accept as their motherland.

For my new Nigeria, the highest investment would be on education. Research has shown that the two highest investors in education globally, that is, the United States and the United Kingdom, are both recognized as world powers. The Nigeria we have now has little or no regard to the development of the education sector of the country. Larger budgets are allocated to defense and other sectors, compared to the little investment on education. The leaders and the elite of the society rather send their children and wards abroad to study in countries with better investment in education.

The emphasis here as quoted by Nelson Mandela is that “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”. I wonder what happens if Nigerian children are given proper education, the implication is that we will transform Nigeria, Africa and the world at large. Knowledge is power and for our darling country, Nigeria, to be great again, we must secure the future of the Nigerian child through high investment in education.

Borrowing a spark from this visionary company, Heirs Insurance Group, who deemed it fit to give every Nigerian child a platform to secure their future through this essay competition, because they know the value of investing in education. I do hope my invention becomes a reality sooner than I expect, and then like the great inventors of the past I would exclaim: “Eureka! I have found it”.

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