



BRIEF HISTORY OF NIGERIA

Before 1914, "Nigeria" consisted of 4 diverse 'empires', some of them extending into areas that are not part of current-day Nigeria, similar to parts of current-day Ghana, and current-day Cameroon.

- THE NORTHERN EMPIRE
- THE CALABAR KINGDOM
- THE ODUDUWA EMPIRE
- THE BENIN EMPIRE

Between 1914 and 1922, Nigeria was headed by a Governor-General. In 1922, as part of the constitution of the time, the British initiated the principle of direct election into the Legislative council. In 1951, a new constitution promoted the provinces to regional status. On October 1st 1960, Nigeria obtained its independence. At this time, Northern and Southern Cameroon were given the option of staying as part of Nigeria or leaving Nigeria. Southern Cameroon decided to leave Nigeria, but Northern Cameroon stayed. Also, on October 7th, 1960, Nigeria was admitted to the United Nations as the 99th member. In 1963, Nigeria became a republic.

MAJOR CONTRIBUTION FROM OLC

The Organisational Learning Centre (OLC) will provide education that will facilitate adults with the skills and knowledge they require to secure a job and to compete in the technologically advanced world economy. OLC is also helping to sustain economic growth in Nigeria based on their Educational and technological impact on our students. This is done by making a good number of the adult working population read and write well, and be able to make productive use of the computers and information technologies. According to a recent World Bank study, "employers complain that the quality of university graduates [and secondary school graduates], especially their communication skills, has fallen continually for two decades" (Bollag, Feb 1, 2002, A41¹).

AGENCY:

As a sole agent in Nigeria; we look at expansion and awareness as a major project, we are embarking upon. We have currently four offices in Nigeria; located at populated states of the country (Portharcourt, Calabar, Abuja and Lagos); we also have launched a website (www.olceurope-ng.com) for Nigerian enquiries and have secured various advertisement slots in reputable places. This project in Nigeria has been a huge success so far and I must not hesitate to commend the effort of:-

Mr. Emeka Anyanwu; Mr. Dennis E.Eyimoga and Miss Adija Egbo who have worked tirelessly for the high levels of achievement we have attained in Nigeria.

¹ **Bollag, Burton.** *Nigerian Universities Start to Recover From Years of Violence, Corruption, and Neglect*, The Chronicle of Higher Education, February 1, 2002, A40-A42.