SOC – SYMBOLS OF NIGERIA

Nigerian Passport

A Nigerian passport serves as an identity card to all Nigerians wishing to move out of Nigeria to other countries of the world.

National Flag

The Nigerian flag has two colours: green and white. The white colour represents peace and unity while the green represents agricultural land. Michael Taiwo Akinkumi designed our national flag in 1959. The national flag ought to remind Nigerians of their agricultural heritage and the need for peace and unity.

National Anthem

This is the nation's song of unity and hope. The Nigerian national anthem currently in use came into being in 1978.

National Pledge

This is the promise every citizen makes to his country as a member of it. It was introduced in 1970.

The National Coat of Arms

This is the badge of Nigeria. It contains the motto of Nigeria, viz *Unity and Faith, Peace and Progress*. Each entity that makes our coat of arm has its significance.

- Red eagle: this signifies strength
- Two white horse: signify dignity
- The white and green wreath: shows the colours of our national flag
- The black portion with Y-shaped silver band: signifies River Niger and River Benue
- *Cactus spectabilis* C Yellow flowers: represent colourful flowers in all parts of Nigeria.
- Unity and Faith, Peace and Progress: is the motto of the nation.