

REPORT OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS' TRAINING HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2011

The Child Safety Campaign launched in July at the Bellissimmo Hotel, Lekki was planned to target different audience, in three phases. At the launch, the target was the school proprietors and management aimed at getting them to take ownership of the campaign for wider outreach. The second phase was the engagement of other stakeholders to hold road shows, targeting parents, Guardian and Drivers on school run as well as distribution of campaign materials at strategic points for the general public. The third phase is the School Bus Drivers' Training which targets are the School Bus Drivers, Child Minders and School Bus Managers. The training was successfully conducted from Saturday, October 29 to Sunday, October 30, 2011, as scheduled.

The programme was declared open by the Chief Executive Officer of LAGBUS Asset Management Ltd, Mr. Tunde Disu. Also in attendance to grace the occasion were the Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Commission, Mr. Jonas Agwu and the Director General, Lagos State Safety Commission, Mrs. Dominga Odebunmi. Mr. Yinka Bello of Chevron Nigeria Ltd, also represented AARSI BOT at the event.

The Resource persons were strategically drawn from 4 sectors: the Federal Agency - Federal Road Safety Commission represented by Comdr. Jonas Agwu; State Agency - Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) represented by the HOD, Training, Mr. Adegoke; Private Sector - Chevron Nigeria Ltd, represented by Mr. Steve Oyafemi, Mr. Moshood Sodiya and Mr. Mathew Agbonkese; Arrive Arrive Road Safety Initiative (AARSI) represented by the Executive Secretary, Mr. Ike Okonkwo.

In all 88 Drivers and Child Minders were trained through very interactive sessions.

It was a good outing and our Guests were very impressed to the extent that LASTMA and LAGBUS expressed their willingness to partner with AARSI to further the course of Child Safety in Lagos. The participants also requested for more of such exposure for the benefit of all school bus drivers in Lagos.

The programme was covered by NN24 and Lagos State Television and would be broadcast today, Monday, October 31, 2011.