

## 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY IN OFFICE: President Tinubu Hails NASENI's Contributions to National Economy

special recognition of excellent performance toward fulfilling Federal Government's socio-economic agenda has been accorded the management of the National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI) by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

President Tinubu in his nationwide address to mark the May 29-second-year anniversary of his administration, televised live to the nation, hailed NASENI under the leadership of the Executive Vice Chairman/CEO Mr. Khalil Suleiman Halilu for the Agency's numerous achievements of high impact projects and programmes that are steering Nigeria along the critical path of socio-economic development,

According to the President, NASENI has championed youth empowerment, skill acquisition and job creation initiatives for unemployed Nigerian youths, thus supporting the federal government's plan to empower the next generation, bridge inequality and place young Nigerians at the heart of national development.

President Tinubu in his speech said, "Nowhere is placing young Nigerians at the heart of national development more evident than at the National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI), where the current management is making giant strides. NASENI has embraced a digital-first approach, introduced real-time dashboards, and implemented end-to-end eprocurement through its Unified



President Bola Ahmed Tinubu.



EVC of NASENI, Mr. Khalil Suleiman Halilu.

ERP System—setting a new governance benchmark for public institutions."

"Through bold, high-impact programmes like Innovate Naija, Irrigate Nigeria, the Asset Restoration Programme, and the Renewable Energy and Innovation Park in Gora, NASENI drives inclusive industrialization at scale"

"From assembling electric vehicles and reviving idle assets to launching Africa's most advanced Rapid Diagnostic Kit Factory and

training female drone engineers through the NASCAV programme, these initiatives are creating jobs, restoring dignity to work, and opening a future of possibilities for our youths. This is the movement we promised—a government of action powered by the energy and innovation of young Nigerians," he said.

President Tinubu noted that Agriculture and food security are top priorities of his Renewed Hope Agenda of which NASENI is playing a pivotal role through the Irrigate Nigeria Project wherein the Agency has provided its state-of-the art Solar Irrigation Pump system to boost local food production, support farmers, and stabilize food prices through mechanized farming.

Under the leadership of Mr. Khalil Suleiman Halilu, NASENI is building urea and coal-based factories, lithium processing and manufacturing plant, drone assembly plants, expanding ecofriendly cookstoves production lines, rehabilitating abandoned farm tractors, building new Development Institutes and NASENI Skill Acquisition Centres (NSACs) nationwide and many more.

The National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI) is the only purpose-built intervention Agency of the Federal Government under the Presidency whose mandate includes nurturing an appropriate and dynamic Science and Engineering infrastructure base for achieving home-initiated and homesustained industrialization for Nigeria.