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NIGERIA, IRAN PLEDGE STRONGER BILATERAL RELATIONS AS AMBASSADOR HAMZA MOHAMMED SALLAU PRESENTS LETTERS OF CREDENCE TO PRESIDENT PEZESHKIAN

The Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Islamic Republic of Iran have given renewed momentum to their bilateral relations following the presentation of Letters of Credence by H.E. Hamza Mohammed Sallau to H.E. Dr. Masoud Pezeshkian, President of the Republic of Iran, on Tuesday, 3 November 2026.

During the ceremony, President Pezeshkian underscored the importance of deepening economic, political and cultural ties between Nigeria and Iran, emphasising the vast untapped potential for enhanced bilateral cooperation between the two countries. He reiterated Iran's commitment to identifying and pursuing new opportunities aimed at strengthening relations and delivering mutually beneficial outcomes for both countries.

Earlier at the occasion, Ambassador Sallau conveyed the warm greetings of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, to President Pezeshkian and the people of Iran. He reaffirmed Nigeria's commitment to deepening bilateral relations, identifying trade, agriculture and healthcare as priority areas for enhanced collaboration between the two countries.

The Ambassador highlighted the shared commitment of both countries to multilateralism and international cooperation, and emphasised the importance of revitalising the Nigeria-Iran Joint Commission as a mechanism for advancing bilateral cooperation and identifying new practical areas of mutually beneficial partnerships.

Both sides expressed their commitment to expanding political engagement, strengthening institutional cooperation and promoting closer people-to-people relations.

The presentation of Letters of Credence by H.E. Sallau formally marked his accreditation as Ambassador Plenipotentiary and Extraordinary of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Islamic Republic of Iran, and reflected Nigeria's continued commitment to pursuing mutually beneficial relations in furtherance of its foreign policy objectives.

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