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Executive Chairman, Lagos State Sports Commission, Dr Kweku Tandoh (left), ITTF Executive Vice President, Dr Alaa Meshref and Competition Manager, Alan Ivancin at the press conference of 2019 ITTF Challenge Plus Nigeria Open in Lagos...yesterday

Nigeria Open is a model to others, says ITTF

FASCINATED by the world-class organisation of the event coupled with the huge followership the annual ITTF Challenge Plus Nigeria Open commands globally, the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) has described the tournament as a model for others.

Speaking at the press briefing to herald the tournament on Tuesday, August 7 in Lagos, Executive Vice President, ITTF, Dr Alaa Meshref, said upgrading

the tournament to Challenge Plus was done as a result of its global acceptance by players.

"We are happy to have a tournament with the fans coming to watch and this has improved with more players eager to come to Nigeria," the ITTF chief said

He commended the Nigeria Table Tennis Federation (NTTF) and the Lagos State Government for their commitment to table tennis, while hoping that the tourna-

ment would continue to set example for others.

Meshref said: "We are excited with what is happening in Nigeria when it comes to table tennis and we are thrilled by the commitment of those involved in the organisation of this championship. We believe that in no distant time, the tournament will rival others in Europe and Asia in terms of prize money. We must commend the NTTF and Lagos State Government for what they

are doing to the sport. ITTF will continue to support this tournament. It is a model for others in the world."

For President, NTTF, Engr. Ishaku Tikon, the tournament has continued to set new records with over 32 nations competing this year. "We are grateful to our sponsors and we want to thank the sports-loving governor of Lagos State for his commitment to the tournament. I welcome every player to Nigeria this year," the NTTF chief said.

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