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Pacelli School Gets N.5m Education Items

A United Kingdom (UK) based investment company, Millennium Investment (UK) Limited at the weekend, donated educational materials worth about N500,000 to the Pacelli School for the Blind, Lagos with a challenge to corporate organisations to complement government's efforts in addressing the problems of the educational sector.

Chairman of the company, Mr. Akin Magbadelo, who made the

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donation alongside a director of the company, Mr. Philips Dapo Owodeni, said the company had to donate the materials to the school as part of its own social responsibility obligation to the society.

According to him, "we are socially responsible professionals

and we deemed it fit to donate to Pacelli school for the Blind because we felt it was pay back time. We needed to pay back to the society what we benefited from the society during our own growing era".

Magbadelo, who explained that the company, which initially started as a church (KICC) in the UK, chose the school via a consensus resolution after considering other peculiar factors.

"This is the first of its kind we are doing in Nigeria and we deliberated on the choice of Pacelli knowing fully well the strategic nature of the school and society as well as the fact the donated items are very essential if the growth of the school and the educational sector is to be realised", he hinted.

Speaking further, the chairman added that, the company would continue to donate to organisations, which fall under its criteria, despite the fact that this was their first time in discharging such responsibility.

He said the company in the past two years has been buying stocks in the UK before re-investing in Nigeria, adding that it was imperative firms assist such charitable organisations.

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is satisfied with the quality of services rendered by UTC, its sole distributor in Nigeria.

His words: "We wanted a reliable partner here and I can tell you that UTC Engineering has not only measured up, it has also continued to excel. This is particularly remarkable as it could be very challenging fighting against fake products in the market. UTC has risen up to the occasion and is doing

well through efficient customer services. The fillers we receive indicate that although a lot more needs to be done about the problem, considerable achievements have been made in that regard. It understands a good marketing structure, pricing mechanism and need for availability of genuine spare parts. The next thing we will do in collaboration with UTC is to embark on a comprehensive research to find out the quantity of our engines in the country.