**About Eddy**

 Edet Akpan (Eddy) is an advance collector based in the city of Calabar, Cross River State of Nigeria. He graduated from the Federal University of Calabar with a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial Microbiology and a post Graduate Diploma in integrated coastal zone management strategies. He has several years of experience and certificates in information technology and website design/hosting. He ventured into stamp collecting in 1991 as a pioneer member of the Nigerian Philately Club Calabar Chapter and has since been a collector of repute from within and outside of Nigeria. He Holds the post of a Vice President of the said Organisation as at present. He collects items related to Stamps, bank notes, Miniature sheet, Postcard/View cards, Phone cards, First Days Cancellations, Postal History and Numismatics etc. His particularly interest is in pre-independence stamps of Nigeria and stamps of British West African countries including; British Camerouns, Gambia, Seirra Leone, Togo, Gold Coast (Ghana), Nigeria, Ascensions, St. Helena, Tristan Da Cunha etc. He also collect stamps of British Commonwealth nations particularly those of Caribbean, Small British Island colonies, Polynesia and Micronesia. He has a large stock of his collections for exchange and for trading to willing collectors within and outside of Nigeria. Eddy is a member of numerous Philatelic associations and groups worldwide(Online and offline) including The Nigerian Philatelic Association, Stamp Explorers Club (Australia), Quezon Philatelic Club (Philippines), Siam Stamp group (Thailand), Cyprus Stamp exchange (Cyprus), Peace and Friendship Stamp Club (Spain), All stamp Paradise (France). He has contact with several Philatelic organizations and Bureau including American Philatelic Society, Gibraltar Philatelic Bureau Ltd, New Zealand Post, Australian Philatelic Bureau, Brazilian Philately, Canadian Post, Linn's' Stamp News, West African Study Circle(WASC), PAKNET Magazine(Pakistan), Poppe Stamps(Philippines), Bashyam Stamp collecting basics (India), Delcampe Net Auctions, Jamestown Stamp Company,Westminster Stamp Gallery, UNOstamps,Philatino News(Argentina), World stamp club(Ceskoslovensko), Chub collectors, Postal Bidding(Indonesia), Stamporama Discussion Board, WASC, Listia exchange group and several stamp companies with stock of catalogues in his archives etc. Currently, he lives in Calabar from where he co-ordinates his affairs and passion all over the world.