



**D**r. Christopher Kolade, Nigeria's outgoing High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, has accepted the invitation to become the Chairman, Board of Directors of SystemSpecs.

This was announced by the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of SystemSpecs, Mr. John Tani Obaro.

Speaking on Dr. Kolade's acceptance, Obaro says, "SystemSpecs has done very well in the last 15 years. As we say in Information Technology, it is time to UPGRADE and move to the next level for sustainable business growth. To achieve this objective, we believe that SystemSpecs will benefit immensely from the extensive public and private, local and international exposure, experience and leadership of Dr. Kolade. We are delighted by Dr. Kolade's acceptance of this appointment and are confident that all our current and would be stakeholders will gain from his wealth of experience."

On his acceptance, Dr. Kolade said, "I am delighted to accept the invitation to lead the Board of SystemSpecs. I have been highly impressed by the dynamism and clear-sightedness of its youthful Executive Team, and look forward to joining in the endeavour to add more value to this national asset that has

already secured a leadership position in the software industry in Nigeria."

SystemSpecs which offers human capital and financial business software solutions commenced operations in 1992 and has about 200 clients in Nigeria and other parts of Africa. SystemSpecs is a "Proudly Nigerian" software company committed to the Nigerian project and stamping Nigeria's name on the international software map.

It would be recalled that late last year, the Federal Government in collaboration with the World Bank, following a highly competitive bid involving world leading Payroll and HR solution providers, awarded the contract for the Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information System (IPPPIS) to the SystemSpecs Consortium. The pilot phase involving seven ministries, departments and agencies has been completed and used to pay the relevant staff since April 2007.

Also, last year, SystemSpecs introduced Remita into the Nigerian market. Remita is an electronic courier service that rides on secured platforms to deliver funds to bank accounts and associated schedules to relevant bodies.

With Remita, workers salaries and pension contributions are remitted at the touch of a button. Payment hits the staff

account instantaneously and the staff immediately receives an SMS alert that his salary has been paid.

Payment to suppliers of an organization can also be carried out with Remita, and they too are alerted via SMS / email when their accounts are credited.

Dr. Kolade is a veteran broadcaster, a communicator, the quintessential information disseminator who is nationally and internationally renowned for his business skills and integrity. He retired at the age of 45 as the Director General of the Nigerian Broadcasting Commission and joined Cadbury Nigeria Plc as Administration Director where he rose to become the Managing Director and Chairman.

Dr. Kolade was one of the visionaries that sowed the seed for the evolution of the prestigious Lagos Business School and Pan African University.

Dr. Kolade has also meritoriously served in leadership positions of many national and international bodies - President of the Nigerian Institute of Management; President of the Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria, President of the International Institute for Communications and President of the World Association for Christian Communication.