

Nigeria's first integrated energy hub, located at Oshodi has been inaugurated by Governor Sanwo-Olu on Friday, 31st July.

He described it as a major milestone in the country's transition to cleaner, affordable and sustainable energy solutions.

The hub operates a combination of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure, Premium Motor Spirit (PMS), Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), Automotive Gas Oil (AGO), Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and a CNG vehicle conversion centre.

It is also important to note that this facility was developed by the Lagos State-owned Ibile Oil and Gas Corporation (IOGC).

During the inauguration, the governor explained that placing the facility at Oshodi is as a result of the position or holds as one of the country's busiest commercial and transportation centres.

While commending the President, Bola Ahmed Tinubu for the policy directive, he said the integrated hub reflected the future of mobility and energy infrastructure and aligned with the Presidential Compressed Natural Gas (Pi-CNG) initiative by the Federal Government to promote cleaner and more affordable transportation.

According to him, the energy hub is a product of collaboration between the Federal Government, Lagos State Government and private-sector stakeholders, he therefore urged relevant agencies to support similar initiatives across Nigeria.

"This project shows what is possible when national policy aligns with state vision and agencies are prepared to innovate. Lagos is ready to support every initiative that advances cleaner energy and affordable transportation for our people," he said.

Meanwhile, the Managing Director of IOGC, Temitayo Gbajumo, provided more details about the hub.

After describing the facility as the first integrated energy hub of its kind in Nigeria and possibly in the Africa, he went further, revealing that 4 stations are operational, with 12 others are at varying development stages.

He added that the hub is built to serve between 200 and 300 vehicles daily for PMS and AGO, while its CNG section has the capacity to dispense about 7,000 Standard

Cubic Metres (SCM) of gas per day.

According to him, the facility houses a vehicle conversion centre where motorists can convert their vehicles to run on CNG with IOGC subsidising conversion costs, as motorists currently pay N700,000 for the conversion kit and its installation.

He disclosed that the facility contributed the corporation's plan to complete 19 CNG stations across Lagos by the end of the year to support the Federal Government's alternative energy programme.

He noted that future expansions are planned for Epe, Badagry and Ikorodu, while expressing his appreciation for the general acceptance of CNG.