On the trail of Leo Frobenius, 100 yrs ago

Nigeria, Germany tap legacy of intrepid traveller who found and lost Ori Olokun

Heinrich Karl Frobenius was an intrepid explorer who not only travelled through Nigeria but also left a legacy that is still being discovered. His travels and observations have been pivotal in shaping our understanding of Nigeria's history and culture. The exhibition and symposium in Nigeria mark the centenary of his travels and the publication of his works.

On this part, Hon. Oyakwada advised: “We need to get into the hearts of all of us, that the affirmation of our cultural heritage is the foundation on which we can build a solid future.”

In essence, the exhibition is a testament to the resilience and creativity of the Nigerian people. It reminds us of our past, our present, and our future. It is a call to action to protect, preserve, and celebrate our cultural heritage for future generations.”

The wisdom in producing such a welcoming exhibition is that it not only pays tribute to the past but also inspires the future, ensuring that the legacy of Frobenius and his work is not only remembered but also celebrated.

As a culture scholar and collector, Frobenius usually returned to Germany with a huge haul of artefacts, documents, and souvenirs after each sojourn abroad; and, his visit to Nigeria yielded a staggering holding.

In this Golden Jubilee year of Nigeria's independence, an exhibition titled “Nigeria 100 years ago: Through the eyes of Leo Frobenius and his expedition team,” helps to shed light on what the country was like 50 years before our nation succeeded in shaking Britain off its back.