

**A HISTORY OF THE *TUWARIS* CAR TRADE IN KANO METROPOLIS
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

A.D	–	Ano Domini (Latin) meaning in the year of our Lord in Christianity
A.B.U	–	Ahmadu Bello University
ANNAMCO	–	Anambra Motor Manufacturing Company
B.A	–	Bachelor of Arts
B.U.K	–	Bayero University, Kano
C F A O	–	Compagnie Française d’Afrique Occidentale
IMF	–	International Monetary Fund
KNARDA	–	Kano Agricultural and Rural Development Authority
M.A	–	Master of Arts
M.Sc	–	Master of Science
MODAKAS	–	Motor Dealers Association of Kano State
N.A	–	Native Authority
N.T.M	–	Nigerian Truck Manufacturers
PAN	–	Peugeot Automobile Nigeria
PhD	–	Doctor of Philosophy
PRP	–	Peoples Redemption Party
SAP	–	Structural Adjustment Programme
SCOA	–	Societe Commercial Occidental Affricaine
U .A. C	–	United Africa Company
VIO	–	Vehicle Inspection Officer
V.W	–	Volkswagen

GLOSSARY OF HAUSA TERMS

HAUSA WORDS

GLOSS

<i>Bazara</i>	– Dry and Hot season
<i>Damina</i>	– Rainy or Wet season
<i>Gwanjo</i>	– Used clothes
<i>Haraji</i>	– Poll tax
<i>Jangali</i>	– Cattle tax
<i>Kaka</i>	– Harvesting Season
<i>Kakara</i>	– giving out an old car in part payment for a new one
<i>Kududdufai</i>	– Ponds
<i>La'ada</i>	– Commission
<i>Maguzawa</i>	– Non-Muslim Hausa people
<i>Rani</i>	– Dry season
<i>Tuwaris</i>	– fairly used vehicles
<i>Yansambo</i>	– Sale agents
<i>Yanfito</i>	– Drivers

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ABSTRACT

This research examined the historical evolution and development of the *Tuwaris* car trade in Kano metropolis, from 1986-2014. The main objective of this study is to document the history of the *Tuwaris* car trading in Kano. Using secondary and primary sources, in form of books, journals, PhD thesis, M.A, B.A dissertations and oral interviews. The research identified that the *Tuwaris* car trade started on a small scale and gradually expanded into a very important trade. The research has also identified how the economic crisis in Nigeria and the introduction of the Structural Adjustment Programme (SAP) in the 1980s, led to decline in industrial production particularly in the automobile industry, unemployment and deteriorating living condition of Nigerians, most especially the middle class who were forced to rely on second hand cars. It has also been established that the trade in second hand cars attracted many people which provided the ground for the expansion of the trade. The trade also had impacted on the social and economic development of Kano society by providing employment opportunities, multiplier effects which influenced other economic activities such as spare parts trade, vehicle tyres trade, lubricants, upholstery, mechanics, as well as revenue generation to the state and local governments. The trade also stimulated criminal economy, such as car and car accessory theft by providing opportunity to thieves who steal car and drive it to the neighbouring states and countries such as Niger Republic which made it difficult to recover such car as their colours had been changed.

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