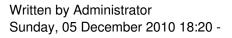
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Kaduna State Governor, Patrick Yakowa has challenged stakeholders in the education industry in the northern part of the country, to intensify efforts toward educational development in the area.

The governor was speaking at the 18th Annual General Meeting of Zazzau Emirate Development Association (ZEDA), held at Kongo Conference Hotel, Zaria.

He said, "the problem of education in this part of the country has for long been fundamental and requires the attention of well-meaning individuals and organizations such as ZEDA.

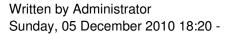
"We have to adopt to changing situations of the time, particularly with regard to information communication transformation technology, the governor said.

Speaking further, he called for concerted effort toward the advancement of the sector so as to compete favourably with the fast changing world, adding that "change is a weapon of advancement".

"We cannot compete favourably and be part of a better tomorrow if we insist only on using yesterday's methods as we are living in an age of transformation."

In his speech, the Chairman, ZEDA Central Working Committee, Dr Alimi Bello said the association was established to complement government's efforts in educational development.

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He said the association solely depended on donations from individuals for all its programs.

Bello further appealed to all well-to-do individuals in Zazzau Emirate and beyond to extend hands of fellowship to the association to enable it to accomplish its objectives.

The Emir of Zazzau, Alhaji Shehu Idris challenged local government areas in the state to emulate ZEDA for rapid educational growth in their respective areas.

He also charged stakeholders and highly placed individuals to contribute positively toward the development of education in the country. (NAN)