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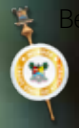
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"The most important thing in any relationship is not what you get but what you give ...when it comes to the secret of success the first thing that comes to my mind is GIVING".

Hon. Olusegun Olulade



Welcome to a Special Edition

I AM ECSTATIC WELCOMING OUR ESTEEMED READERS TO THIS VERY SPECIAL EDITION OF YOUR TREASURED MAGAZINE "EleniyanCares". The past few months have indeed been very exciting, speculative, apprehensive and busy for politicians in Nigeria due to the election campaigns. I want to believe that the nonpartisans amongst us could hardly find space to breathe amidst the buzz of radio jingles and debates, not to mention television, billboard and poster adverts occupying practically every street corner and dominating public discourse. Now that the elections are over it would be very apt to say many are glad to have their lives back.

Our last edition was informative, educative and stimulating; some of the stories we published brought topical issues such as CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, THE HIGH RATE OF INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY back into the front burner of discourse and consciousness. The activities and ground breaking achievements of Hon. Segun Olulade a.k.a Eleniyan revealed his unending spirit of generosity and his excellent representation of the good people of Epe constituency II, little wonder he clinched his party's ticket — a feat that was the first of its kind at his constituency — for a second time to contest in the just

concluded general elections; which he won in a resounding victory. This is a special edition for many reasons as you are sure to find. We carefully and excitedly recount the intrigues and political plots in the build up to the primary and general elections that saw Hon. Segun Olulade emerge victorious in our cover story captioned: "Olulade's Re-election an Evidence of God's Involvement". The demands for alternative natural traditional medicine are rapidly on the rise worldwide. Dr. Bunmi Omoseyindemi, chairman Lagos state Traditional Medicine Board gives an overview of traditional / herbal medicine in Nigeria and the way forward. Earlier on this year our publisher Hon. Segun Olulade was honoured for his exemplary service by Oba G. A. Adekoya Odusanya, Olofin Ajaye of Orugbo- Iddo and the people of Orugbo- Iddo with a chieftaincy title President Muhammadu Buhari's voyage to the presidency is a story that provides inspiration and is worthy of admiration. We take a peep into this great mans' resolve to succeed against all odds; a lesson in uprightness and staying true to ones' conviction . This edition is also filled with a lot of illustrative pictures, each telling its own story. Enjoy reading! ■

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We hear you...

A few thoughts from our readers and admirers
Keep the comments coming!



Honourable may God continue to bless you more. You made my son's birthday awesome. I am the lady that saw you at a wedding in Ikeja with my son — we came in there just because of you. *Walahi* you won't believe it, I asked him what he wanted for his 15th birthday and he said "Mum I want to meet Eleniyan of Epe, even if it's just for one second". I then called a friend who resides in Epe, because we reside in Ijebu life. It was that friend of mine that informed me that you would attend a party in Lagos, so we drove all the way from Ijebu. Once again God bless you sir.

Mrs. Odia Debby Sanusi

CURBING THE HIGH RATE OF INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY: I recommend that a law be passed to ban the unholy practice of traditional birth attendants nationwide. The rate at which expectant mothers who patronize these people lose their lives and that of their babies is so alarming. I can personally count up to four people that I know, who have died needlessly in the hands of these cruel traditional birth attendants. The government through the ministry of health has to do something urgently to stop these people in their tracks before more people are sent to an early grave.

Hakeemat Olubukonla Banjo

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE: Engr. Mosunmola Olulade's piece on Child Sexual Abuse is truly thought provoking. I agree with her assertions in totality that as parents there is a need for us to be vigilant at all times and to ensure that we are close enough to our children for them to confide in us as abusers may not necessary be strangers. Abuse may come from family members, family friends, domestics helps, neighbours, school staff and even older children. It is therefore important for parents to be observant and to also investigate carefully if they notice any change in the attitude of their children.

Naiymat Omotosho.



I came across your magazine at a friend's office recently and I must confess that I am impressed by the quality of its print, even though it is targeted at reporting the activities and achievements of your publisher and projecting the image of his constituency. I admire the concept and enjoyed reading some of the articles as a pastime. Nice one!

Micheal Adewale



I enjoyed reading your article on the Agricultural potential of Epe, indeed Epe is blessed with arable land with the potential of contributing no less than fifteen to twenty percent of food demand of the state if there are policies put in place to encourage commercial farming as against the subsistence farming that is popular here. The AgricYes programme at Araga is a laudable idea by the state government but regrettably it can only pass as an experiment in term of its capacity. Government need to develop a module where trainings and technical support such as provision of farm machinery, funds and farm land will be available to the local farmers so their output can increase.

Shehu Ajakale.

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AN OVERVIEW OF TRADITIONAL/ HERBAL MEDICINE IN NIGERIA – A WAY FORWARD

IT IS QUITE SAD THAT VARIOUS HEALTH STATISTICS SHOW THAT DESPITE THE INTRODUCTION OF WESTERN/BIOLOGICAL/ORTHODOX HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS THROUGH BUREAUCRATISATION, WITH EMERGENCE OF HOSPITALS IN THE EARLY PART OF 20TH CENTURY THE OVERALL HEALTH STATUS OF OUR PEOPLE HAS DECLINED, SINCE THE IMPACT OF HEALTH IS ITS OVERALL EFFECT ON THE HEALTH STATUS AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATION AND PEOPLE.

There is need to ask ourselves how, why and when did we descend to this level? Indeed, the nation's infant/maternal mortality rate is on the increase. Life expectancy, that is the number of years to live in good health remains low.

Why are we being projected as a nation of unhealthy people with no contribution to world progress and development now or in the past, particularly socio-culturally and economically?

According to historical facts, on the arrival of the colonialists and missionaries to our continent and missionaries on our continent they met able bodied, good spirited men

Pictures culled from IITA



and women of good health. Millions of our people were taken away as slaves on long journeys through land and sea with little or no food and water, no health facilities for months, were able to survive the ordeal and were able to work long hours on farms and state camps to assist in the development of the western world. This evidently shows that at any particular time in most cultures the people have ways and means of taking care of their health needs. In order for us to be able to answer the question earlier raised, there is need to understand health and the concept of traditional medicine.

What is Health?

Health is defined by World Health Organization (WHO) as a complete state of physical, social, mental and spiritual well being and not mere absence of disease. Health like other aspects of human life cannot be adequately or wholly understood outside the context of the total human environment, the social and cultural components of which are equal if not greater than physical.

What is Traditional Medicine?

Traditional medicine is defined by WHO (1976) as the sum total of all knowledge and practices whether explicable or not used in diagnoses, prevention and elimination of physical, mental, social and spiritual imbalance, relying exclusively on practical experience and observation handed down from generation to generation, whether verbally or in writing. From these it is quite obvious that failure to meet our basic health care need has been due to the orientation of our care planners towards a particular approach to health care, which put emphasis on the treatment of the sick in hospitals or individual general

practice. Understanding the inadequacies of the current curative oriented health care, WHO adopted Primary Health Care as a philosophical commitment and strategy to meet the challenge of Health for All by 2000" in Alma Ata 1978. The Alma Ata declaration in 1978 specifically stated that mobilization of traditional healing systems is the way to make health for all a reality. WHO further explained that traditional medicine includes diverse health practices, approaches, knowledge and beliefs incorporating plant and/or mineral based medicine, spiritual therapies, manual techniques and exercises applied singularly or in combination to maintain well-being as well as to treat, diagnose or prevent illness. As of the year 2000 WHO reported that 25 countries reported having a national policy on traditional medicine. Despite the Alma Ata declaration and the relevant recommendation of WHO governing bodies and orientation of Regional Health for All policy for the 21st century, which underscores the importance of traditional medicine and its practitioners in primary health care. I will like to use this opportunity to express appreciation for the pragmatic approach of the Hon. Minister for Health in putting together the National Traditional Medicine and Draft Policy/Bill and thanking him for his efforts in inviting WHO regional adviser on traditional medicine Dr. Ossi Kasilo, WHO expert committees led by Prof. Abayomi Sofowora, collaborating agencies and a broad range of partners with diverse interests in traditional medicine to partake in the draft policy bill. In the past years we have witnessed increased government interest in the development of our traditional medicine in with

the establishment of the Nigeria Natural Medicine Development Agency (NNMDA) under the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology and the drafting of the National Traditional Medicine Policy and Bill. In Lagos State the health reform bill includes recognition of traditional medicine in Primary health care and drafting of the law regulating the code of conduct of practice and practitioners. I believe with the passing of the bills, our traditional medicine will assist in developing specific regulatory capacity especially for herbal medicine and define their role in National Health Care Delivery System, just like the observation by WHO that populations throughout Africa, Asia and Latin America use traditional medicine to help meet their primary health care needs due to its accessibility, affordability, acceptability and availability via sustainability. It is also often part of a wider belief system and meanwhile in Australia, Europe and North America complementary and alternative medicine is increasingly used parallel to allopathic medicine particularly for treating/managing chronic disease. The growing use of traditional medicine has created public health challenges in terms of policy, safety efficacy and quality, access and rational use. At present due to processes powered by societies, increased individualism of farming, under employment and demands for cash economy; professionalism has been giving way to commercialism. There has been a growing concentration of fraudulent practitioners offering services to the general public as traditional,

spiritual and alternative medical practitioners who have not undergone any specific training and perhaps unlikely to be under any organisation and prey on the misfortune of people with ill health. It is my belief that the passage of the bill and policy will enable us to implement WHO's working traditional medicine strategy for 2002 – 2005 which to my opinion is flexible enough to integrate with our needs because it addresses the following issue National policy; safety. The strategy provides a framework for action for WHO and its partners to enable traditional medicine to play a greater role in reducing excess mortality and morbidity especially among the impoverished population.

The strategies are:-

Safety, efficacy and quality

- Establish registration and licensing of providers.
- Establish national regulation and registration of herbal medicines.
- Establish safety monitoring of herbal medicines and other TM (Traditional Medicine) therapies.
- Provide selective support for clinical research into use of TM for treating the country's common health problems.
- Develop national standards, technical guidelines and meth-



- odology for evaluating safety, efficacy and quality of TM
- Develop national pharmacopoeia and monographs of medicinal plants.

Access

- Identify safe and effective TM therapies and products.
- Support research into safe and effective treatment for those diseases, which represent the greatest burden, particularly for poorer populations.
- Recognize role of TM providers in providing health care.
- Optimise and upgrade the skills of TM providers
- Protect TM knowledge through recording and preservation.
- Cultivate and conserve medicinal plants to ensure their sustainable use.

Rational use

- Develop training guidelines for country's most commonly used TM therapies.
- Strengthen and increase organization of TM providers.
- Strengthen cooperation between TM providers and other health care providers.
- Make reliable information on proper use of TM therapies and products available for consumers.
- Improve communication between health care providers and their patients concerning use of TM.

Conclusion

With the passage of the bill, careful planning and collaboration among different levels of the health sector, a partnership can be built which in response to public demand, creates a pluralistic health care environment based on quality in health care and on the provision of services which complement one another.

This will enable us embark on advocacy for community orientation, dissemination of appropriate information, promotion of the attitudes and practice, and also discontinuing of harmful practices. Also, this will promote job and wealth creation through the herbal industry.

It is my sincere belief that by following the advice of Chairman Mao Tse Tung during the Chinese cultural revolution in 1947 when he said "To surrender to old style is wrong, to abolish or discard is wrong, our responsibility is to unite those old styles that can be used and help stimulate them" we will keep the hope and dream of Elizabeth Kafaru alive. ■

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*“We are Reaching,
Touching and Changing
Lives!”*

Someone once said and I quote, “There is no greater joy than the joy of giving”. Indeed there is really no greater joy for me than giving. There is a special joy one derives in every act of giving to the right cause, even the holy books affirm this. I am of the opinion that giving should be inherent in man’s nature and hence come naturally. My appetite and thirst for giving have seen me take up responsibilities that are outside my obligations as a lawmaker in the past four years that I have represented my constituents. I ensured I always set aside part of my statutory income to give back to my constituency as there is no such provision as constituency allowance at the Lagos State House of Assembly as some have alleged. Out of these funds I provided potable water in the eleven wards in my constituency and I recently sank two additional boreholes in two riverine communities.

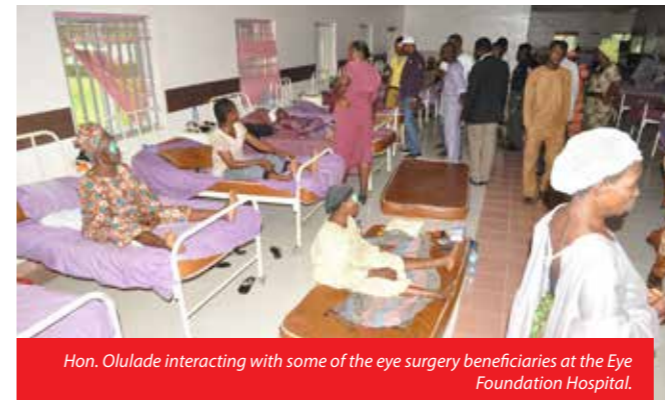
In all the 36 primary schools in my constituency I supplied free note books to all pupils in my “Books for all Initiative”, this was a follow up to the secondary school programme which had come up earlier. I sponsored free dental healthcare delivery in the form of a mobile dental clinic that went around my constituency with many who would otherwise not find it convenient visiting the dentist taking advantage of the gesture in all wards in my constituency. In August 2014, I held a constituency empowerment programme tagged, “Eleniyan Mega Empowerment Programme” at Pobo community primary school, Poka. At the event I supported 640 artisans from numerous associations and walks of life with craft and trade tools, Cash gifts were handed out to the elderly at the event to support their upkeep, this was however not the first time I had done such. Items such as sewing machines, vulcanizer machines, grinding machines, hair-driers, deep freezers, popcorn machines, fumigating machines, carpenter tools, bricklaying tools and bicycles for farmers were handed out to the tradesmen and artisans. Early this year I



Hon. Olulade cheerfully interacting with school children



Hon. Olulade assisting one of the Jigi Eleniyan beneficiaries in putting on her glasses



Hon. Olulade interacting with some of the eye surgery beneficiaries at the Eye Foundation Hospital.



Hon. Olulade with Pa. Alfred Boyejo (beneficiary of Eye Surgery and his son Bolanle Boyejo (Former P. A. Emeritus to Hon. Olulade).



Hon. Olulade interacting with some of the family members of the eye surgery beneficiaries at the Eye Foundation Hospital.



'Eleniyan' cheering up some of the elderly men & women awaiting surgery.



sponsored a free eye screening test, free reading glasses distribution and surgery which I tagged "JIGI ELENIYAN", we had over a thousand people, young and old in attendance at both centres. No fewer than 78 persons had surgeries carried out them. I am currently paying the salaries of teachers in some of our primary and secondary schools, the school's head-teachers and I had to employ this strategy as a result of the acute shortage of teachers in those schools, this is in addition to over a hundred of students in higher institutions of learning across the country and those seeking entrance into higher institution whom I have at one time assisted and still assist in the payment of schools fees

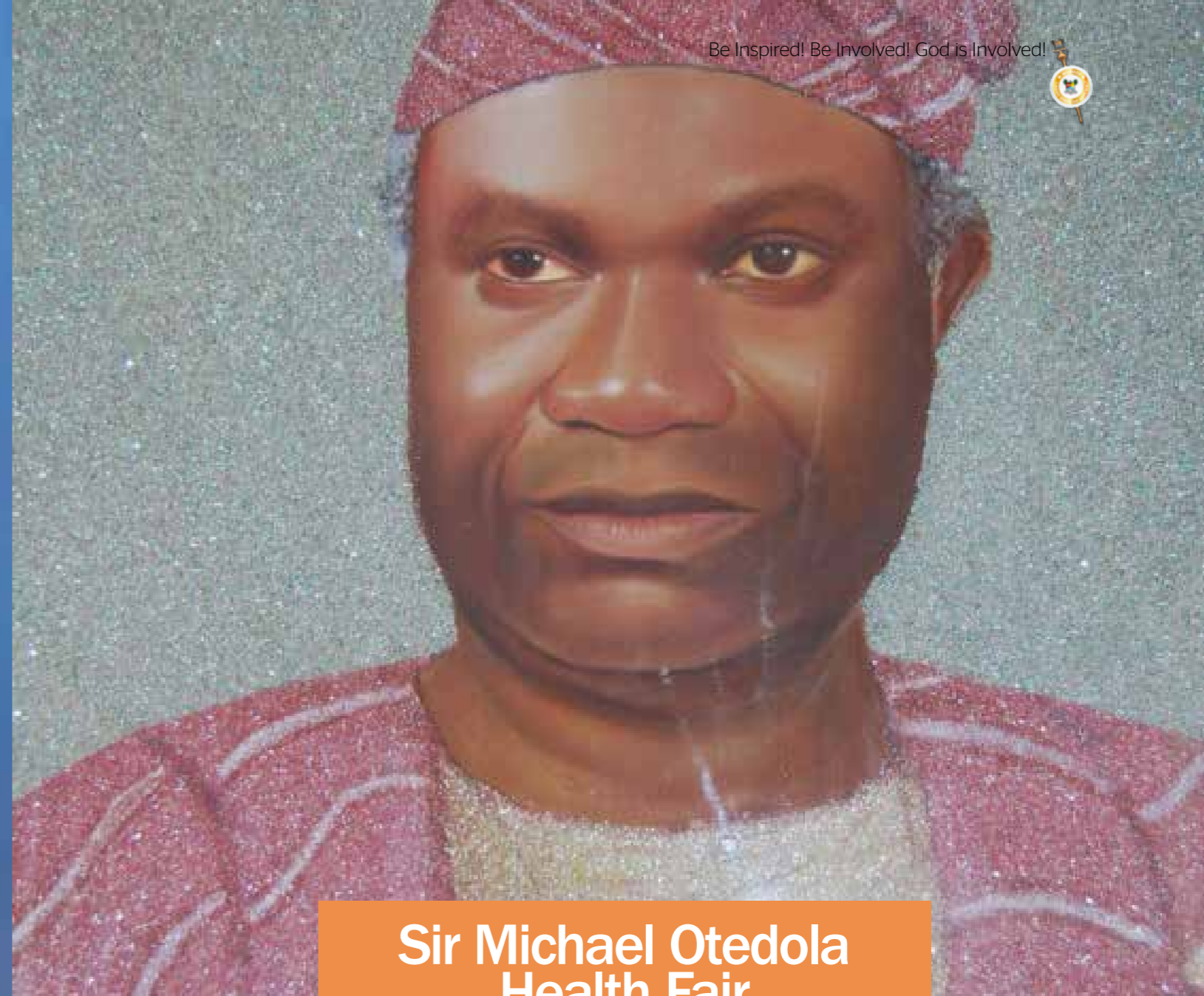
and examination fees. I have also facilitated provision of electrical transformers in quite a number of communities within my constituency, while assisting financially with their installation and I have gone as far as purchasing poles and cables in the rural areas where these have not been present. With the restoration of electricity to parts of Epe, many communities realized that the electrical installations in their domain had been vandalized, in no time my table was full with requests for assistance. Clearly this was not one of my responsibilities, but the onus however fell on me as I cannot ignore the suffering of my people. Consequently, I took the burden of providing the funds for purchasing the equipment and repairs. ■



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Emergency Management (LASEMA)	08060907333, 08023127654, 01-6574706, 6574714
Environmental Monitoring	08033183477, 08043705057, 08023036632
Flooding/ Blocked Drainage (EFAG)	08056145481, 08023298197, 08096019599, 08056145484, 08055988566
Health Facilities Regulation (HEFAMA)	08033229049, 08023149120
Radio Lagos/ Eko FM (News Alert)	01-7267611
Lagos Television (News Alert)	01-4967281
Open Corpse SEHMU	08034279776, 08033602259, 08023356540, 08030789190
Office of Public Defender (Public Complaints)	01-8975571, 7926928
Citizen Medication Centre	08023128837, 07055003863
Rapid Response Squad (RRS)	08056250710, 08033482380, 08023127350
Traffic Control (LASTMA)	08075005411, 08023111742, 08077551000

Nigerian Police	08033011052, 08056250710, 08033183477
Fake Drugs/ Narcotics (Task force)	08033213799, 08034975296
NDLEA	0803347868
NAFDAC	01-4528031, 01-4731018
BRT	08023146096
LAGBUS	08033036816
Potholes/ Collapsed Road (PWC)	07060907493
Broken Pipe/ Water leakage	08034068265
Cutting of Roads (LASIMRA)	08033060452
Environmental/ Noise Pollution (LASEPA)	07027951351
Signage/ Outdoor Advertising	01-89965092
Security Trust Fund	08028328204
Fire Safety Service	08033234973, 08023321770
Tax Issues	08033033121/ 01- 49790304
Vehicle Registration/ Drivers License (MVAA)	08029293099
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Sir Michael Otedola Health Fair
an enduring legacy of humanity.

One common intrinsic trait in all great men or women is that years after their passing on to the great beyond their footprints stay visible in the sand for generations yet unborn to see; even though long gone, their legacies live. The indelible marks they leave behind are made more apparent not due the fame and fortune they possessed while they sojourned on earth but for the lives of service to humanity they lived.

Late Sir Michael Otedola is one of such men who lived a life of service to humanity and has earned himself a place among great men of our country and indeed the world. He was a man of many great qualities and compassion no doubt; however one out of his many qualities stood him out while he was alive. Remarkably he shielded this same quality from the public eye, and that was his knack for giving sacrificially. Sir Michael Otedola was a cheerful giver who believed in giving from the right hand without the left hand knowing, as we were taught. This is an attribute which his wife, our Mama Doja Otedola possesses. Those who have benefitted from this selfless couple's kind-heartedness through their many scholarship programmes over the years and their humanitarian gestures can attest to their charity.

Hence it did not come to many as a surprise when on the 31st of May, 2015 the children of Sir Michael and Doja Otedola commemorated the first year anniversary of their father's death with a health fair programme tagged "2015 Sir Michael Otedola Health Fair: Epe Medical Mission", taking a cue from their father's love for humanitarian service and how he loved to be remembered. The event which took place in a hall constructed by Sir Otedola for the community of Odorangunshin, Eredo LCDA Epe where he hails from and Epe General Hospital where surgical operations were carried out, had in attendance over 40 Medical Practitioners flown in from Canada, Russia, USA and their Nigerian counterparts offering free, topnotch, medical services such as surgical operations, dental care, pediatrics clinic, diabetes diagnosis; blood sugar, cholesterol and blood pressure checks as well as other preventive healthcare services sponsored by the family. The event witnessed a large turnout of both the young and old from our communities and neighbouring towns that swamped the venue having heard about the event on radio to take full advantage of the kind gesture of the Otedola Family. This was a first of its kind in Epe and there are plans to expand its reach beyond Epe to other part of Lagos according to the family as a means of reliving the legacies and philanthropy of their father Sir Michael Otedola..



Agriculture as a Potent Antidote to Unemployment



The highlights of the unemployment watch for the first quarter of 2015 by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) states that a total of 17.7 million people between the ages of 15 and 65 are either unemployed or underemployed in the labour force in first quarter of 2015, debatable as this figures seems what is clear is that there is an harmony of thoughts among stakeholders and in the country that the unemployment rate in Nigeria requires the most urgent attention given the protracted high rate. In the quest to reduce the upward trend of unemployment one sector we essentially have to turn to is that of agriculture. This sector has unarguably been neglected far more than any others in our economy since the discovery of crude oil in spite of its vast potential. With the high rate of unemployment and apparent scarcity of jobs in the formal sector (it is worthy of note that lure of white collar jobs has also been largely responsible for the lack of interest in agriculture by our educated youth) and the seeming food insecurity occasioned by the continued rise in prices of food items due to the decline in production; there has never been a time better than the present for our youth and indeed our nation to redirect resources and energy to agriculture where we have a comparative advantage with our vast fertile land, favourable climate and human capital. The agricultural sector, if appropriately harnessed, has the capacity to put a lot of unemployed youth, graduates to work thereby considerably reducing the unemployment rate in the country and can also contribute immensely to the country's gross domestic product. To achieve these objectives, a significant amount of financial investment will however be required as well as technical support from the government and other

agricultural support agencies particularly in the provision of heavy farm machinery and expertise locally; the right government policies and enabling environment devoid of the typical surface scratching and lip services policies we have witnessed in times past and an attitudinal change in our youth who have apparently developed apathy towards agribusiness. Regrettably many in our nation have become so accustomed to imported food over time to the detriment of our economy and personal life. A look at our import portfolio reflects how deeply dependent we are as a country; according to statistics, more than 75% of consumable food items and their raw materials are imported; chicken, fish, turkey, beef, rice, fruits and vegetables, confectionaries, beverages, the list goes on and on. The south west of Nigeria for example is richly endowed



Hon. Olulade at the market.



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with fertile, arable, soil and climatic conditions capable of growing crop all year round. Ironically, this region depends majorly on food crops such as tomatoes, pepper, watermelons, yams, potatoes etc. shipped in from the northern parts of the country despite the unfavourable climatic condition for crop production in the north. The Netherlands agricultural sector provides a worthy case study of how the agricultural sector can contribute immensely to the reduction of unemployment and increase in the gross domestic product of a country. The Netherlands is a world leader in agriculture, second to the United States. The largest exporter of agricultural products in the world, the Netherlands is responsible for 22 per cent of the world's export potatoes. Agribusiness is one of the driving forces behind the Netherlands economy as it constitutes approximately 10 per cent of the Dutch economy and employs more than 660,000 people out of an estimated 15,892,237 population. More than half of the total 4, 15 million hectares of land in the Netherlands is used as farmland, 56 per cent for horticultural crops, 42 per cent for permanent grassland and two per cent for permanent crops. There were more

than 10,000 hectares of greenhouses in the Netherlands in 2010, half of which were used for growing vegetables. Its agri-food industry accounts for some 20 per cent of the Netherlands total export value and has the second highest private R & D investment rate in Europe. In a recent study by the Oxfam charity, the Netherlands was found to be the world's number one country for plentiful, affordable food. The total value of agricultural exports from the Netherlands grew to a record 79 billion euros in 2013. Its agricultural sector is diverse; it covers a wide range of livestock and plant-cultivation sectors that also include dairy farming. The key aspects and strengths of the Netherlands' agricultural sector are: benefits from its mild climate, flat and fertile soil with a favourable geographical location in the heart of Europe, expertise and good infrastructure. The food processing industry, commerce and logistics are all highly developed in the Netherlands and its government also plays a pivotal role by creating policies that continually ensure the growth of the agricultural sector ■



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OLULADE'S RE-ELECTION

Eleniyan casting his vote at the APC Primary Election held at Eredo.

AN EVIDENCE OF GOD'S INVOLVEMENT

It has been widely acknowledged that what is grossly lacking in present day political institutions in Nigeria is the connection between the leaders and the governed. Access to political office holders by the people has become a mirage over time. As we look forward to a system that is constantly advancing upwardly, we equally anticipate a legislature which is all about the people. The truism that "one good turn surely deserves another" proved its efficacy in what turned out to be an exclusively "peoples matter" in Epe constituency II in the last general election when the people overwhelm-

ingly returned their current representative in person of Hon Segun Olulade .

THE PRE-ELECTION SCENARIO

The first major hurdle before Hon Olulade was picking the party's ticket to become flag bearer of the All Progressives' Congress (APC) in the general election. Would Olulade return for a second term? What about the tradition of rotation between the two major LCDAs (Ikosi-Ejirin & Eredo) that formed Epe II? Would the peoples' love for

Olulade's efficient representation break the jinx of power shift? On Saturday the 2nd of December 2014 the journey to the 8th Assembly began with the primary election among contenders in the party. No one had ever represented Epe Constituency II for two consecutive terms. 337 votes dangled before the 3 Aspirants (Segun Olulade, Tunde Agbabiaka and Afolabi Onasanya) as party delegates stepped out in orderly manner to cast their votes under the supervision and monitoring of state electoral

officers deployed from Eti-Osa local government area. However, worthy of note is the fact that, prior to voting one of the aspirants (Afolabi Onasanya) stepped out and announced that, he was stepping down for Hon. Segun Olulade and that, all his delegates should cast their votes for him.

In an election that has been adjudged free, fair and credible by aspirants and delegates, the chief presiding officer took to stage at exactly 1:10pm to pronounce the winner in a simple majority of the total votes cast. Unambiguously, out of the 337 total votes, Hon Segun Olulade polled a whopping 266 votes, while his opponent Tunde Agbabiaka polled just 66 votes and 5 votes were voided due to irregularity in the voting patterns of 5 delegates.

The ovation was loud; the margin was clear, with exactly 200 votes ahead of his opponent; the victory was overwhelming, the atmosphere was agog with celebration and applause. The APC in Epe II had finally elected the party's flag-bearer who would slug it out with candidates from other parties in the general election in the race to the 8th Assembly. Segun Olulade broke the jinx to become the first honourable member to return as party flag-bearer to the House back to back in Epe II.

The decision to support Olulade to represent Epe II for another term was popular among party leaders and the teeming membership. The reason is not far-fetched; Hon. Segun Olulade has been adjudged one of the finest honourable members in the 7th Assembly, talking performance, delivery and credible representation of his people. After the victory, in true Olulade fashion, he did a "thank you" visit across the 11 wards in the constituency.

BUILD UP TO GENERAL ELECTION

Prior to election time, a passionate and detailed Olulade staged two major exercises tagged "WALK FOR PROGRESS" across the two major LCDAs that formed Epe II: Ikosi-Ejirin and Eredo, to kick start his campaign for the general election. The walk was a political awareness exercise that recorded over 4,000 participants in the two outings. The high point of it was the moment 83 year old great grandmother and wife of former governor of Lagos State (HE. Sir Micheal Otedola), Mrs. Doja Otedola, joined the Eredo Walk

at Odo-Iragunshin and walked unaided with the team to Eredo LCDA as an inspiration. The walk was described as the first of its kind in the history of Epe constituencies at large. The build up to the general election saw an Olulade that ran a campaign like a crusade. Even at the instance of anticipated victory at the general election, he left no stone unturned. His belief in the people triggered a house to house campaign that went on for weeks throughout the 11 wards in his constituency. Olulade and his team knocked on every door and campaigned to individuals in every household to deliver his message irrespective of who held a voters' card or not. Obviously, he was not just looking for votes; he was passing symbolic messages and communicating the essence of the peoples' involvement in governance as an integral part of community and national development.

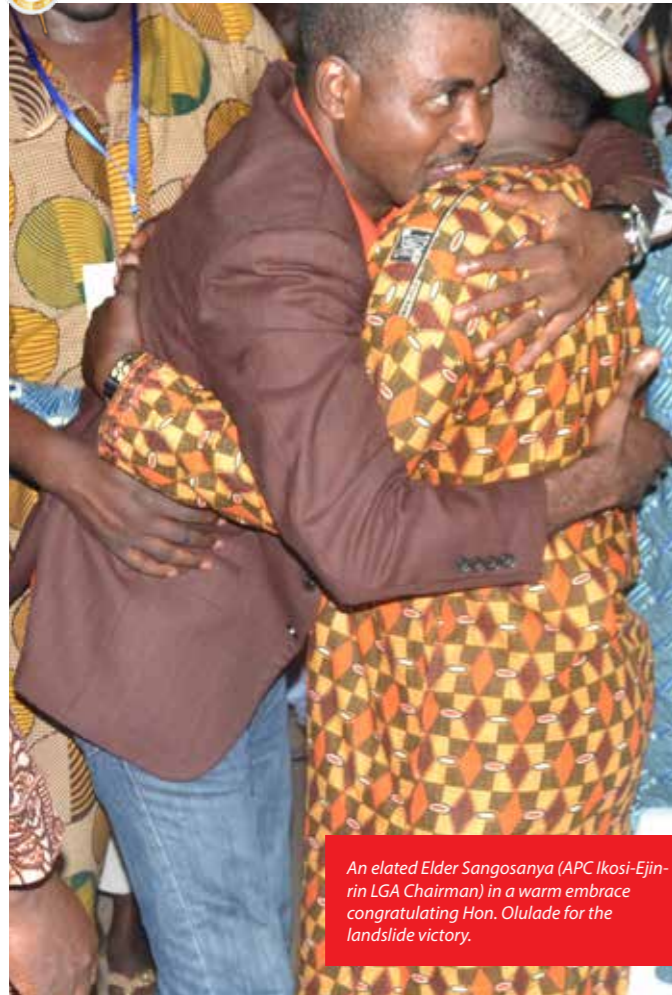
As if that was not enough, the next phase of his campaign activities was visitations to all ward party secretariats across Epe II to meet all leaders and members of the party in order to energise them towards working assiduously for all party aspirants at all levels in the general election. Surprisingly, Olulade was campaigning for All APC Candidates - presidential (Gen. Mohammedu Buhari), governorship (Akinwunmi Ambode), senatorial (Senator Bareewu Ashafa) and house of representatives (Hon. Wale Raji) in same manner he campaigned for himself. He was never seen campaigning for himself alone. During this period, many party faithfuls described Olulade as a man with unusual energy and generosity. One of the most detailed and passionate men they had ever seen.

On a rolling basis, Olulade commenced meetings with various groups and associations at various times. By the time this ended, he had sat with over 50 groups comprising youth, students, women and adults. He distributed free exercise books to all primary schools in the constituency as a token of his good will. He made several visits to the riverine areas and commissioned a number of projects before the election, followed by a grand finale rally cap.

The campaign activities however did not go without hitches as the death of one of Olulade's chief campaigners and benefactors suddenly occurred. Hon Tunde Salau was snatched by the cold hands of death. He was the former Honourable Member that represented Epe constituency at the federal house of representatives. This unfortunate event was also followed by a boat mishap that claimed 3 lives in the state campaign



Some of the APC Leaders, Alhaji Wasiu Odeyemi (Wastab), Hon. Lanre Odubote, Elder Sangosanya, Alhaji DC and other Delegates at the Primary Election.



An elated Elder Sangosanya (APC Ikosi-Ejirin LGA Chairman) in a warm embrace congratulating Hon. Olulade for the landslide victory.



Joyous moment



Present at the Primary Election as a Special Observer was APC Indefatigable Leader, Alhaji Sakiru Akanni Seriki (Bamu) flanked on the left by Alhaji Wasiu Odeyemi (Wastab - Obakabokabo) & Elder Sangosanya with Hon. Olulade & Alhaja Ramota Bankole (APC State Welfare Officer) standing behind.

train, while the woman leader for ward K1 in Epe II also lost her mother in the process. All these were disheartening, but Hon Olulade remained strong enough to ride on the pebbles of difficulty to port to victory.

As highly anticipated, Olulade recorded a second term victory in the general election defeating the main contender, the PDP's candidate (Rotimi Oresanwo) polling about 14,000 votes to return as Epe constituency II House of Assembly representative for the period 2015 to 2019. Much was said about the factors that aided Olulade's victory. Hon Segun Olulade gave his people quality representation. He is very popular among his colleagues; hard-working, eloquent, efficient and dutiful. He also performed creditably well in serving his people via empowerment and deliverable programmes and projects. Humbled by his victory, Hon Olulade thanked all party leaders, delegates, party members, party stake-holders, numerous fans, supporters, constituents and Lagosians for their support and best wishes towards his aspiration to serve his people in his capacity as lawmaker for another term.

"No victor, no vanquished; we have to choose our representative by the rules of the game, but this is not a fight, it is just a fair exercise that must hold", Olulade said in his usual sports manly spirit.

His victory was not a mere coincidence; without mincing words, Hon Olulade ran one of the best campaigns in the state, putting together the finest strategists and campaign structures. To cap it all, he organised a "thank you" rally in appreciation of everyone that had contributed in various degrees to his success throughout the entire political period. His re-election is truly an evidence of God's involvement.

WHAT MAKES HON OLULADE THE PEOPLES' CHOICE

The word 'Eleniyan' literally means "THE PEOPLES' CHOICE" or "SOMEONE VERY ENDEARED TO THE PEOPLE".

Over the time, this name has come to play an active role in the political life of Hon Segun Olulade. The reason for the formation of this nickname is because his love and affection for the masses is genuine and down-to-earth.

He acknowledges the trust his constituents reposed in him by sending him to the legislature and the need to represent them well. He never fails to communicate with his constituents about how he evaluates issues and arrives at decisions on their behalf. He represents by listening to diverse opinions and shaping them into the popular view and position of the people.

Ben Franklin was right. Honesty is the best policy in life and in the legislature. Olulade believes that a legislator's effectiveness and reputation are as good as his word and he has always lived by this truism. Without truth there can be no trust. He has been truthful with both his constituents and colleagues in the House.

He prioritises communication with his constituents through all possible means like town hall meetings, special publications, press releases, social media, telephone calls and more. This has been an overwhelming task, but Hon Olulade accepts this as critical as his mandate in the legislature.

He is approachable and responsible, listening more than he talks. He knows the people he represents because he does a lot of consultations and familiarity visits with all strata of his community. He cares about the policies that affect his people.

Hon Olulade is very friendly with the media and takes them seriously. He is proactive, diligent and painstaking. He focuses on the policy process and the real issues, not on partisan differences and conflict. He presents information that is easy to decode by everyone.

Most importantly, he has lived above board in ensuring a balance of public and family life, attending to all issues with moderate dispositions. In politics, it might be very



APC Leaders: Alhaji Wasiu Odeyemi (Wastab), Hon. Tunde Salau of blessed memory, Hon. Lanre Odubote & Hon. Sikiru 'Johnbull' Adebajo took their turns to vote at the Primary Election.



'Eleniyani' loved by his People.



Hon. Olulade all smiles while receiving his Certificate of Return from the Lagos State INEC Commissioner.



Hon. Olulade with Chief Obagun (Chairman, Onwards Nigeria Ltd.) and HE. (Mrs. Adedoja Otedola) during one of his visit to Mama's house.



Hon. Olulade, with Rt. Hon. Obasa (Speaker), Hon. Abiodun Tobun, Hon. Saka Fafunmi, Hon. Rasheed Makinde, Hon. Solaja-Saka Nurudeen & Hon. Adedamola Richards Kasumu on the right and on the left: Hon. Ogunyemi Lanre, Hon. Jimoh Wahab Olumuyiwa, Hon. Mojeed Fatay Adebola, Hon. Buraimoh Tunde A. & Hon. Famakinwa A. Olufemi displaying their Certificates.



Hon. Olulade displaying a copy of the 2015 general election result with his people

difficult to maintain a normal private life. Often, politicians are tempted to take family for granted or treat them as minors or a decoration. The grand responsibilities and acclaim that come with holding public office can be unhealthy substitutes for reflection, ordinary friendships and meeting the simple responsibilities of life. In most critical situations, Olulade submerges the temptation to appear overwhelmed and stressed up. He carries each day with the required energy and dedication. He never frowns! He finds the right solution to the right problem and doesn't take anything personal in the discharge of his duties. It is indeed a moment of reflection when young community boys and girls (not more 10 years old) at the sight of Olulade begin to draw their parents out to persuade them to give their votes to their beloved role model. If votes were of children, Hon Olulade would have polled double of his winning figure. The entire people of Epe constituency II in appreciation of Olulade's ingenuity, dedication, resilience and effective representation have honoured him with yet a fresh man-

date to represent them for yet another four years. Believing strongly in the need to galvanize the recent landmark victory of his party across the country for change process, and to usher-in good governance to the benefit of the people, Olulade once quoted famous African-American political activist Bobby Seale to demonstrate his ideology about the form of revolution our country deserves thus: "Revolution is about the need to re-evolve political, economic and social justice and power back into the hands of the people, preferably through legislation and policies that make human sense. That's what revolution is about. Revolution is not about shoot outs. "



ELENIYAN MEGA EMPOWERMENT

"A politician thinks of the next election - a statesman of the next generation."

James Freeman Clarke

It was a joyous day for many on Sunday 31st August, 2014, at Pobo community primary school, Poka, Eredo LCDA, Epe; venue of the Eleniyan Mega Empowerment. Hon. Segun Olulade who at the time was the chairman, House committee on Information, Security, Strategy and Publicity at the Lagos State House of Assembly distributed items worth millions of Naira to empower the people of Epe constituency. According to him, he has had the privilege to represent at the House of Assembly. Among the beneficiaries were widows, the aged, farmers, traders and artisans drawn from different associations in his constituency.

Eleniyan- as he is fondly called - says he is inspired by the good works of the likes of His Excellency (HE.) Lateef Jakande, HE. Sir Micheal Otedola and HE. Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu (former Governors of Lagos state).



The excited Beneficiaries could not hide their feelings of joy as they were presented with tens of sewing machines, hair dryers, grinding machines, popcorn machines, hair clippers and deep freezers. Other items given out to the appreciative beneficiaries include vulcanizing machines, bicycles, rain boots, raincoats, flashlights, television sets, mobile phones, fumigating machines, food items and cash for the elderly and widows. Present at the occasion were politicians and eminent personalities including the chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Lagos state, Chief Henry Dele Ajomale who represented HE. Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu (Chairman of the occasion). Mr. Folami, special adviser on political affairs represented HE. Babatunde Raji Fashola (SAN), Pastor (Mrs.) Mayowa Ogunmoyela Ikuforiji, also present at the occasion was our number one leader in Epe division Alhaji Sakiru Seriki (Bamu Apase 1) Father of the Day, HE. (Mrs.) Doja Otedola

(Mother of the day), Eleniyan's colleagues: Hon. Abiodun Tobun & Hon Akinsola Adebimpe; Hon Sabiu Omolaja Adelaja, Hon. Segun Adetola & Hon. Segun Agbaje; Hon. Akeem Omoyele Oris Sulaimon. Political bigwigs of the constituency: Hon. Wasiu Ayo Adeyemi (Wastab), Chief Akintola, Chief Olayemi, Capt. Ogun, Royal Fathers with thier Oloris, Chiefs, Baales and many others were present to give their support. Chief Dele Ajomale, who represented the chairman of the occasion, used the opportunity to recognize the efforts of Hon. Segun Olulade in making life better for his people, while adding that the APC would conduct primaries for the forthcoming elections in the state. He also took a swipe at those, who he said, were accusing the party of imposing candidates on its members during elections, saying that most of such critics have benefited from the alleged imposition in the past in one way or the other. He stated that the people would be allowed to



Chief Shakiru Akanni Seriki (Bamu) presenting one of the Freezers to a Beneficiary.



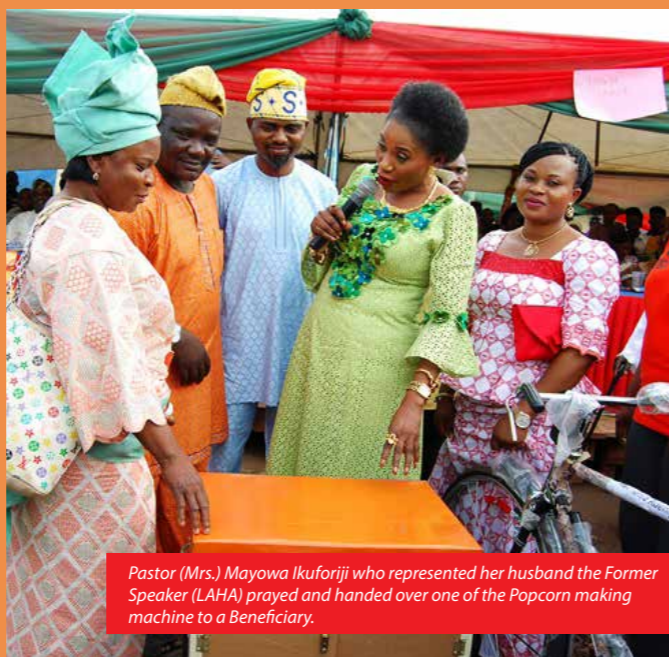
Mr. Folarin who represented the Former Governor, Babatunde Raji Fashola presenting a Hair-dryer to one of the beneficiaries ably supported by Engr. Mrs. Mosunmola Olulade & Hon. Abiodun Tobun.



Beneficiaries of the empowerment programme going home with their empowerment items.



HRM. Oba K. A. Ogunlaja JP. Aladegunshebi of Odo-Noforija presenting a Vulcanizing Machine to a Beneficiary, while Hon. Olulade looks on.



Pastor (Mrs.) Mayowa Ikuforiji who represented her husband the Former Speaker (LAHA) prayed and handed over one of the Popcorn making machine to a Beneficiary.



A Vulcanizer with his brand new vulcanizing machine.



Mama Adedola Otedola presenting a bicycle to a Beneficiary



Alhaji Wasiu Odeyemi (Wastab) was on hand to present a Grinding Machine to a Beneficiary.

choose whoever they wanted to contest for political offices, and that anyone that is popular should come out to contest in the primaries."You can decide the person you want for any position wisely, and I want to advise that the beneficiaries of the gesture of Hon. Olulade should use the materials they are given wisely. What Olulade is doing today is a way of bringing succour to the people of his constituency, the project is worth millions of naira," he said. Another guest, who did not hide her support and love for Hon. Olulade, is the wife of the former governor of Lagos State, the late Sir. Michael Otedola: Mrs. Doja Otedola. The octogenarian recalled how the lawmaker came to the rescue of the people, when some houses were about to be demolished in Odo-Iragunshin area of the settlement. Madam Otedola described Olulade as a true son of the soil,

who she said has represented Epe Division properly in his short stay in the Assembly. "My late husband did his best, members of the APC has been doing their best in the state. I want to advise the beneficiaries of this gesture not to sell the items, Olulade is doing well. I once told some people that we would not support them for another term in office because they did not do well, but Hon. Olulade deserves another term in office, I will campaign and vote for him during the forthcoming elections. He will still go to Abuja to represent us as a good son of Epe Division," she said. ■

By: Bolanle Boyejo JP.



The Benevolence of a HUMANIST



The act of giving is spiritual as it is a divine instruction from God as embedded in his words in the Holy Bible and the Quran respectively. Giving has a way of feeding the soul of those who give unconditionally without expectation of some form of gratification with a feeling of contentment that ultimately brews happiness; this is aside God's promise of divine reward to those who give to the poor. It is not surprising then the Christian and Muslim faiths beseech its' adherents to imbibe the spirit of charity.

As rewarding as the act of giving is, it loses its significance once it is not done discreetly, a position the Bible in Matthew chapter 6 verses 3-4 upholds by admonishing Christians on ways acceptable to God in giving, especially to the needy, "do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret", the Bible admonishes. Unfortunately the act of giving in our present day has assumed a dimension in defiance to the instruction of God and numerous acts of charity are done in order to attain high social standing or to make political statements for the purpose of generating public accolade. Worrisome are the rather infuriating antics that a number organizers of fund raising events have adopted, where some donors who would have preferred making donations anonymously are invited up stage and coerced into making announcements of their donations with the intention of making them give more. A few months ago, the Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy (CECP) a non-governmental organization at the forefront of the fight against cancer embarked on a fund raising drive to raise funds for the procurement of mobile cancer centres which the committee plans to deploy in each of the nation's 36 states and the federal capital territory. CECP has been carrying out an aggressive campaign for donations on a number of radio stations for the procurement of these mobile cancer centres for months with little support, particularly from the government. It was therefore a relief to hear that the governor of Lagos state, His Excellency Akinwunmi Ambode had decided to be actively involved in this initiative. I was particularly impressed on hearing the news of Mr. Ambode's involvement because he had barely resumed office as the executive governor, and with so much competing for his attention, he chose to give the committee his utmost support. In a statement released by the

governor he stated he had decided to associate with 'The Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy in fighting the big war against cancer and encouraged his friends, family, political associates and well-wishers to donate the funds which they had planned to utilize in publishing pleasantries messages on the pages of newspapers on the occasion of his 52nd birthday in support of CECP's mission to acquire mobile cancer centres

This singular act of placing premium on CECP activities by Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode speaks volumes about the character of the man we elected as our governor, and as I put pen to paper to write on charity I resolved to look into the governor's charity records. It turned out that he had been in the business of giving and positively affecting lives in his private capacity

all along. Touching the lives of persons he had not prior met or known long before he became governor. According to testimonies I gathered from those close to him, I learned that the man has an unending thirst for charitable giving, one particular testimony that excites me was the story of Damilola Odukoya. She is a twelve year old child with special needs who had neither been to school nor seen the four walls of a class room essentially because her parents could not afford to send her to a school for children with special needs, her fortune however changed when a certain Miss.Valentina Eboka, a teacher at the Creative Children School, Ifako, Gbagada learned about Damilola's predicament and on her behalf wrote a series of letters out seeking for assistance for Damilola. Today Damilola is in school and her future without any doubt is brighter courtesy of the kind-heartedness of Mr. Ambode.

Governor Akinwunmi Ambode is a cheerful giver who gives discreetly as I have learnt. His approach to giving brings to the fore the admonition in the book of Matthew 6 verses 1-2: "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your father who is in heaven, sound no trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the street that they may be praised by others". It also brings to the fore Proverb 19 verse 17: "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord and He will repay him for his deed" perhaps by his acts of giving through the years, governor Akinwunmi Ambode had lent to the Lord unknowingly and now the Lord is repaying. ■





His Excellency,
The Executive Governor Of Lagos State
MR. AKINWUNMI AMBODE
AND HIS CABINET

I pledge to Lagos my State to be forthright, dedicated and honest, to serve the State with all my passion, to promote the welfare of its people regardless of age, gender, tribe or religion, and to enhance its status, through good governance, selflessness and accountability. So help me God!

I Akinwunmi Ambode invite you all, Lagosians and non-Lagosians alike, boys and girls, young and old, men and women, those physically able and those with challenges; I invite you all regardless of your tribe, cultural background and religious persuasion; I invite you to help me and the government I hope to establish, with your support, and the help of God, to build the Lagos of our dreams.



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is to oversee the Ministry of Education



MR. AKINYEMI ASHADE
Comm. for Economic Planning and Budget



DR. JIDE IDRIS
Comm. for Health



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Comm. for Home Affairs



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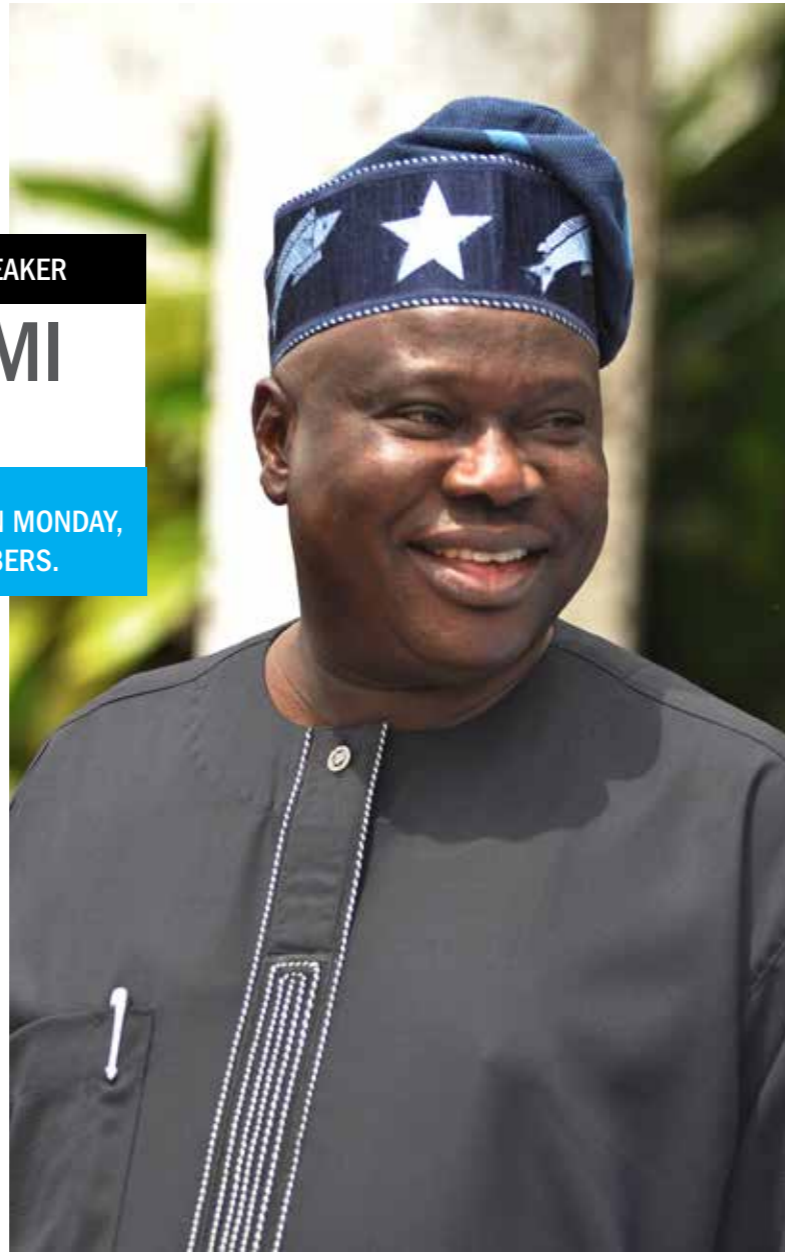
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SPEECH DELIVERED BY THE FORMER SPEAKER

RT. HON. ADEYEMI IKUFORJI

DURING THE VALEDICTORY SESSION HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2015 IN THE ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS.



Once again, I welcome my colleagues and everyone in this hallowed chamber to this important session marking the end of the seventh assembly.

I have listened with rapt attention to your candid comments and remarks about my leadership qualities, style and our achievements over the past 12 years.

I thank you for the opportunity to speak as the speaking speaker for one more time before I retire from this parliament.

In 2003 when I first became a member of the Lagos State House of Assembly, I was an American returnee who left his lecturing job in North Carolina to become a lawmaker and then the speaker of this foremost legislative house. I was motivated by my love for democratic governance, my passion for service, and my desire to see the implementation of people-oriented programmes in Lagos State.



I was challenged by the vision, mission and populist programmes of the first Civilian Governor of Lagos State, Alhaji Lateef Jakande, the productive rascality and financial ingenuity of the Governor Emeritus of Lagos State, the Jagaban Borgu, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, and the pioneering spirit of the first Prime Minister of Singapore, Lee Kuan Yew. I was constantly inspired by the statesmanly exploits of the first Premier of the Western region, late Chief Obafemi Awolowo 12 years down the line, I am proud to say I have put in my best in terms of loyalty, hardwork, uprightness and diligence. I have played my part in entrenching selfless parliamentary politics; I ran with a vision; though the journey was sweet and sour, with the help of my colleagues and support staff, we emerged the best parliament in Nigeria. How do I compress a 12-year journey into a few words? For those of you praising the Lagos State House of Assembly, I must let you know that a legislative house is only as good as its lawmakers and support staff. I have been privileged and very lucky to work with the best crop of support staff and parliamentarians that can be found in any part of the world. Our victories have been collective; together, we have achieved a lot; we have set standards that the next session of this house must work hard to maintain.

Ours is a thankless but highly demanding job; permit me to acknowledge our support staff ably led by our efficient and capable clerk; how could we have achieved our successes without your cooperation? You are the unsung heroes of this assembly: from the security guards to the

cleaners, our legislative and administrative staff, the legal officers, our sergeant at arms and others: The result of your diligence, hard- work and professionalism is there for everybody to cherish.

It is my hope that you will extend the same amount of support to the next session of the House. I am determined not to be more emotional than necessary today; but, looking back, I cannot but thank the Almighty God for keeping us till today; He is the Pure One, the All Merciful, the Absolute Ruler, the Greatest, the Creator, the Giver of All, the Sustainer, the Just, the Greatest, the Light, the Guide, the Mighty, One the Majestic One, the Truth, the Possessor of all Strength, the All Powerful, the Supreme One.

I appreciate my colleagues; the 39 legislators from different walks of the society: the brilliant, commendable, courageous, enterprising, gallant, indomitable, remarkable, proactive and first class lawmakers who have worked hard to ensure that this House takes its pride of place among developed parliaments in the world. We have fought hard, we have played hard, but, in all circumstances, we've always been united. Because of your dedication to service and your love for the constituents, I could walk tall within and outside Nigeria; after all, a Speaker is only as good as the lawmakers that make up his or her Assembly.

In the areas of manpower development, physical development and institutional development, it is to your credit





that the Lagos State House Assembly is seen within and outside the country as an excellent and responsive legislature.

I thank Lagosians for the support they have always given this assembly. I am grateful to the people of Epe Constituency 1 who gave me the opportunity to represent them twice: the first time that would happen in the history of our constituency. When I moved from Epe 1 to contest in Ikeja 1, the people of Ikeja gladly accepted me; I am grateful to them for their uncommon love and support for everything pertaining to my person.

To our party leaders and the Executive arm of government; although our relationship has not been a walk in the park, it has been rewarding because of our collective commitment to service and our exceptional love for the people. I thank the All Progressives Congress, formerly the Alliance for Democracy and later the Action Congress of Nigeria for giving me the platform to contest and win election three times.

And to my loving immediate and extended family, I say a big thank you for your love and support: I thank my wife and children for their patience and understanding, thank you for not disowning me even when I was not available due to state business and unending meetings.

I hope I'm allowed to boast a bit today: under our collective watch, this parliament has truly given legitimacy to democracy; our House has become an institution in every sense of the word; our style of lawmaking has become representative, participatory and impartial.

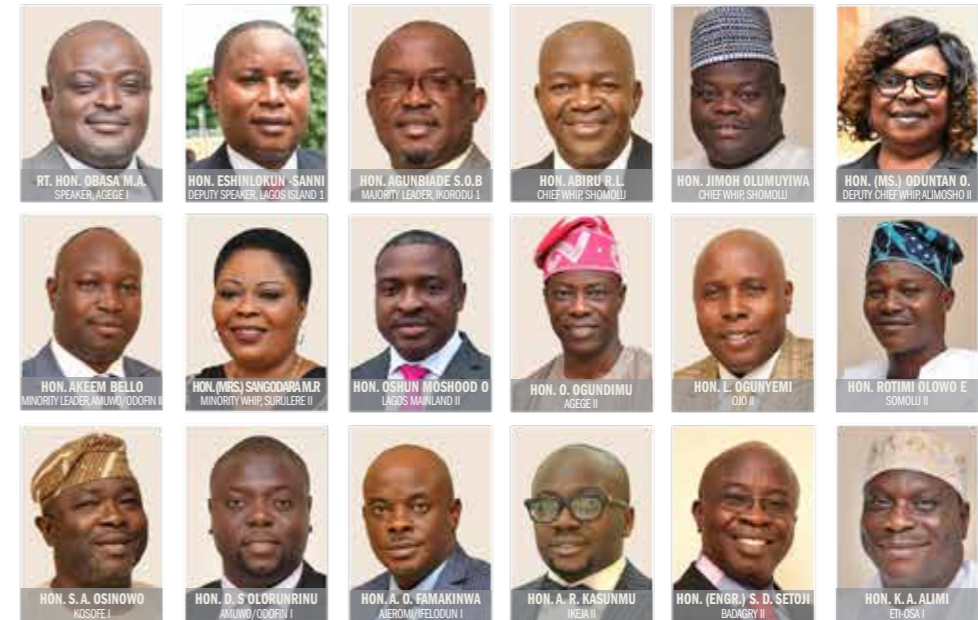
I look back at the goals I had when I became speaker and I thank God for giving me the grace to achieve these goals despite unexpected constraints and other challenges. I am leaving behind a democratic assembly, topnotch support staff and sound parliamentary practices, which were first pioneered by this House.

This world-class chamber is a testament to how far we have come as a House. The bills we have passed into law are a pointer to the fact that we worked hard to earn the people's trust and accolades. In the area of human resources development, we are second to none. My colleagues and the support staff have been internationally and locally trained in the realm of legislative functions. This legislature has become a resource institution to other legislatures in the federation. We have consistently laboured to support the executive arm with the tools and conditions for building the Lagos of our dreams- a safe haven for prosperity and peaceful co-existence. I have no doubt that each member of this parliament has the competence and legislative acumen to successfully steer the affairs of any legislative assembly in the country. We saw to the implementation of the Self Accounting Law of 2001 and the establishment of the Lagos State House of Assembly Service Commission.

I urge the lawmakers that will continue the work from Thursday to take their job seriously. You must never forget that you are the lifeblood and the watchdog of our democracy. If, when and where necessary, you must hold the executive to account and ensure that governance is for the people and about the people. Ensure that you make efficiency and transparency your mantra; failure is not an option. Do not disappoint the electorate; always remember that there are many jostling to take your place. By the Constitution, the legislature is the first arm of government, I urge you to strive to be the best group of elected representatives of the people anywhere. As for me, Adeyemi Sabith Ikuforiji, I will forever be driven and inspired by what I give to humanity rather than what I gain. Nothing gives me greater satisfaction or joy than leaving a place better than I met it. I am fulfilled today, and indeed satisfied with my modest achievements. Even as a retired lawmaker, I will continue to ensure that the standards we have set are upheld; this House can always count on my support. I have no regrets whatsoever; I count it a privilege to have served in this assembly as a member and speaker.

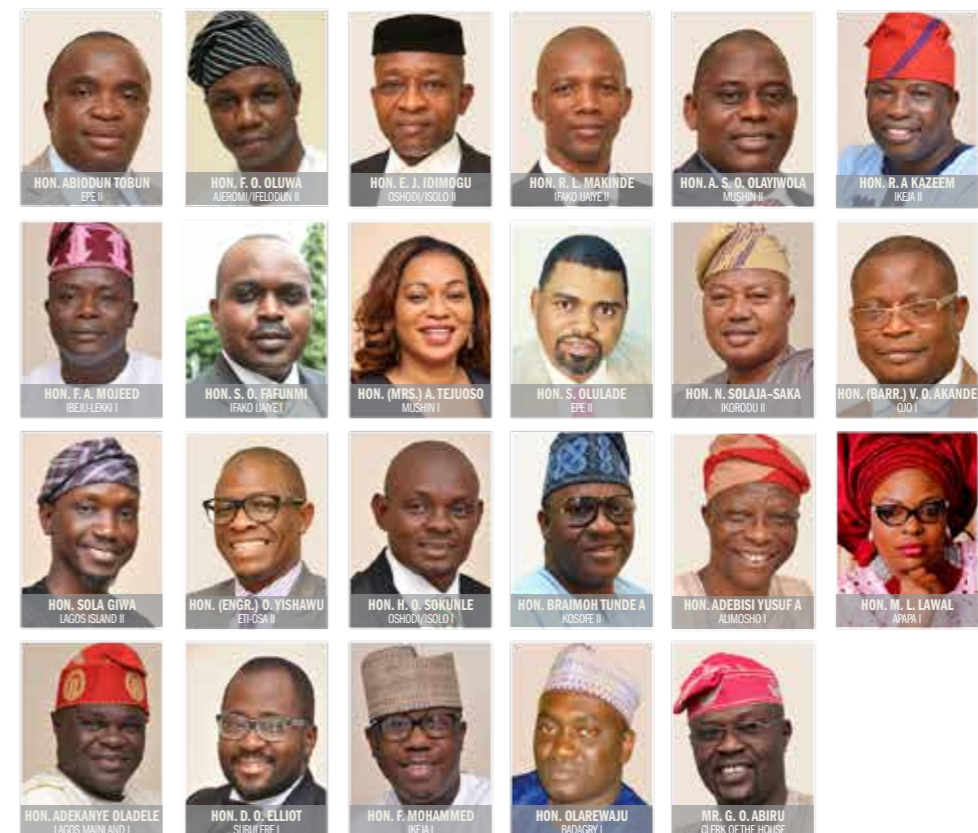
Once again, I thank my maker for how far he has led me. I have been speaker three times. Of a truth, He is the King of kings; the Lord of lords; the Rose of Sharon; the Alpha and Omega; the Lily of the valley; the Beautiful Bride; Jehovah Nissi; Jehovah Elohim; Jehovah El Shaddai; Jehovah Adonai; Jehovah Yahweh; Jehovah Jireh; Jehovah Rapha; Jehovah Makaddesh; Jehovah Shalom; Jehovah Tsidkenu; Jehovah Rohi; Jehovah Shammah; Jehovah Sabaoth; Jehovah Elyon; Jehovah Roi; Jehovah El-Olam; Jehovah Gibhor.

For now, it is goodbye.
Rt. Hon. Adeyemi Ikuforiji
June 1, 2015. ■



HONOURABLE MEMBERS

of the 8TH Assembly





ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY
RT. HON. MUDASHIRU OBASA
Speaker,
Lagos State House of Assembly
8th June, 2015



Your Excellency, the Governor of Lagos State,
Mr Akinwunmi Ambode;

Your Excellency, the First Lady of Lagos State,

Mrs. Bolanle Ambode;
The Deputy Governor of Lagos State,

Chief Mrs. Oluranti Adebule,
National Assembly Members-elect here present;

Members-elect of the 8th Lagos State House of Assembly;

The Head of Service

Members of the Body of Permanent Secretaries,

The Clerk of the Lagos State House of Assembly,
Mr Ganiyu Olusegun Abiru;

The Chairman of our great party, APC, Lagos State,
Chief (Otunba) Henry Ajomale;

Leaders of our great party here present,

Former members of the State Executive Council here present,

Former Chairmen and Executive Secretaries of our Local Governments;

Distinguished Guests

Gentlemen of the Press

Ladies and Gentlemen

LET'S KEEP LAGOS WORKING

1. It is one of the greatest honours and privileges of my life to stand before you as the elected Speaker

of the 8th Lagos State House of Assembly. This is the pinnacle of the career of any State Parliamentarian and I am indeed eternally grateful to Almighty God, our National Leader Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, my most honourable colleagues and leaders of the 7th Assembly, the people of Agege Constituency 1 who have deemed me fit to represent them here and indeed my honourable colleagues who have found me worthy as the first amongst equals.

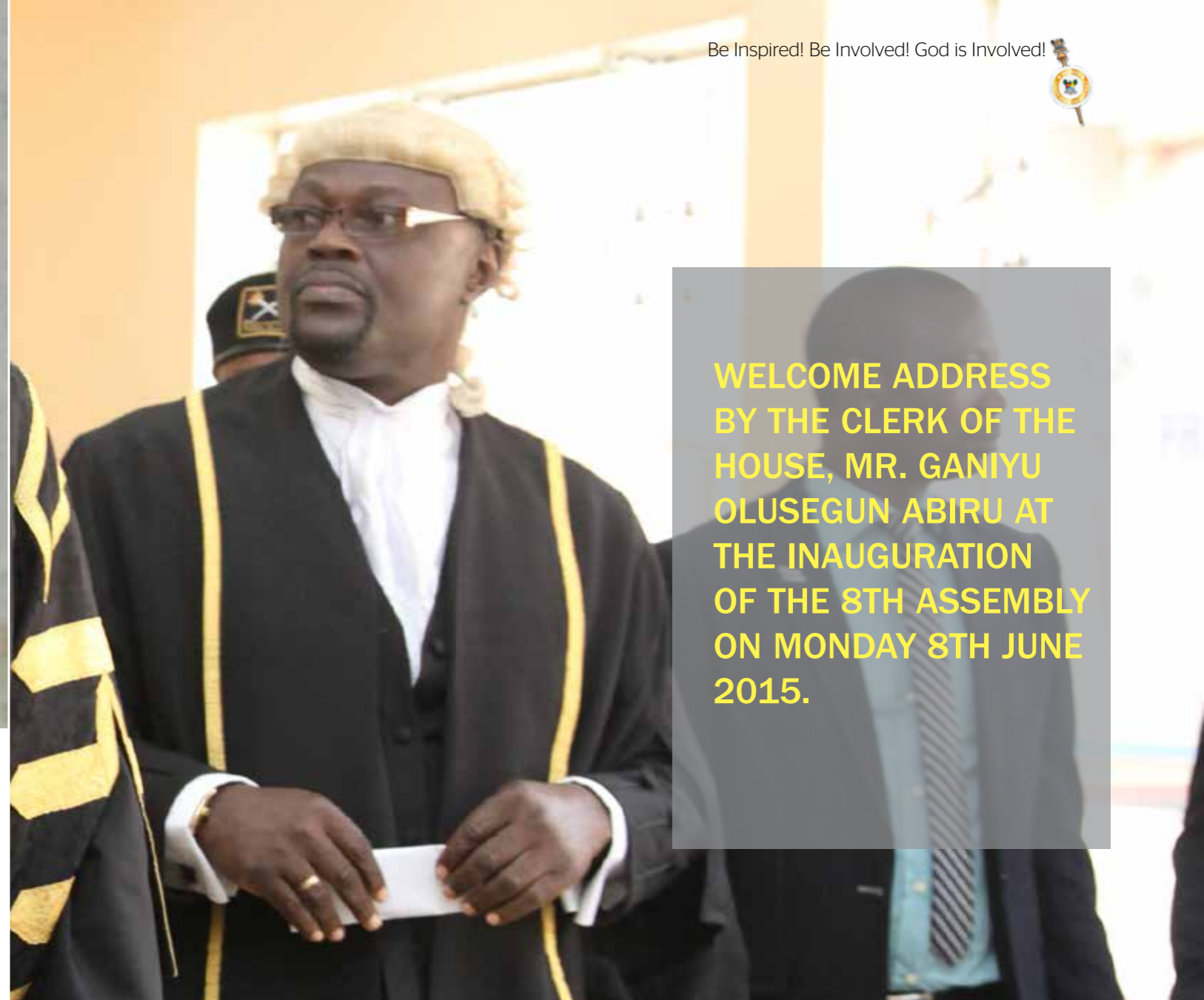
2. To my colleagues who are returning members, I say welcome back. To our new colleagues, I give a hearty welcome to this chamber of ideas. Almost half of us has taken the oath of office for the first time today.

3. Our job as legislators has been cut out for us by Lagosians. Perhaps one of the most profound themes of the last gubernatorial campaign in the last election in Lagos was the one fittingly styled, "Let's Keep Lagos Working." Your Excellencies and my honourable colleagues, this is the most important job description our real employers, the people of Lagos have given to us. If we fail to keep Lagos working, then we would have failed on this job individually and collectively. We are stewards of the public trust. Our employers have given us the mandate. A mandate to keep Lagos working. A mandate to steer Lagos in the direction of greater opportunities, greater prosperity, development and real growth.

4. Today, you have elected me as the Speaker of this legislative house. I see my job as helping to coordinate our efforts – to channel our energy – to bring forward the best ideas from wherever they come – and turn them into legislation and public policy that helps all Lagosians. In all, our ultimate success would be seen if we succeed to keep Lagos working. Our people do not want to listen to excuses. They want to see their State working. They want to see a Lagos where dreams become achievements. They want to see a prosperous State. They want to see a Lagos that is equal in opportunities, City State confident of her future, and secured within her borders.

5. I on this occasion call on His Excellency, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode to let us unleash the inherent power





**WELCOME ADDRESS
BY THE CLERK OF THE
HOUSE, MR. GANIYU
OLUSEGUN ABIRU AT
THE INAUGURATION
OF THE 8TH ASSEMBLY
ON MONDAY 8TH JUNE
2015.**

ers in collaboration. There is so much we can achieve to move Lagos to the next level if we work together towards one common goal as defined for us by our employers, the good people of Lagos State.

6. Let me use this opportunity to appeal to my honourable colleagues to forget the healthy and democratic expression of aspiration by some of us in the course of our selecting the speaker of this great House. All our differences, I implore we must set aside today for us to have a smooth running of the huge tasks placed before us by the people.

7. Let me emphasize – we are here to serve the people. Our new members will find that we are often besieged by lobbyists. Their advocacy plays a valuable role here. But we must never forget whom we really serve – our real employers, the people of Lagos State.

8. Whether it's the teacher from Badagry, the farmer from Ikorodu, the small business owner on Mainland or the taxi drivers plying the ever-busy Lagos roads untiringly - when we talk about serving "the people of Lagos State," these are the people we must have in mind.

9. As we are all aware, Lagos State has not specially benefited from the federal government for the past sixteen years of our evolving democracy. Our created LCDAs are still inchoate not been recognised owing to the kind of politics played by the past administrations at the federal level. Also, our State has been deprived of some of her entitlements.

10. It is our hope that with the APC government now at the center, we can rest assured that all our LCDAs will now be given their full-fledged local government status. Likewise, entitlement owed our great State will be paid without further delay.

11. As speaker, I will do everything in my power to advance legislations and policies that will secure and strengthen "the people of Lagos State," tomorrow and for generations to come.

12. I am fully aware of the significance of today and the responsibilities our citizens in the 377 wards in which they live in Lagos have given to us to change their world.

13. In furtherance of the historical responsibility and after due consultation, I will be proposing the followings as part of the Legislative Agenda of the 8th Assembly.

1. Regular town hall meetings in our 40 Constituencies
2. Introduction of Ward Legislative Assistants
3. Publication of Abstract of Annual Budgets

4. Regular and time-tabled Executive Legislative Summit
5. Improved Capacity Building and Relevant Training Exercise.

6. Public Access Parliamentary Library
7. Regular Publication of House Committee Reports
8. Introduction of the First Parliamentary Custom Software Solution for the Public Procurement Oversight and management in Nigeria.

9. Better improved welfare facilities for members and visitors to the House of Assembly.
10. Establishment of the Lagos Youth Parliament.

13. Let me reiterate it here for avoidance of doubt that the doctrine of Separation of Powers which is key to good governance will be our watch word. Separation of Powers is one of the basic structural principles of democratic societies. Separation of Powers is not an end in itself, but the foundation for the principles of checks and balances of powers in a democracy.

14. Never shall we as the legislative arm of government usurp or encroach on either the territories of the judiciary or those of the executive. I appeal that our legislative boundaries will be respected by both the executive and judiciary respectively. As Speaker, I will make sure we work hand in hand with the Governor of this State, Mr Akinwunmi Ambode, members of the State Executive Council when constituted and other government parastatals to make Lagos State a great place to live and work.

15. Our State is not composed of abstract numbers or mere statistical data, but of real people, and of their hopes, their fears, their dreams and their aspirations. Our job, honourable members, is to build a better Lagos State – a Lagos State where we and our children can follow our dreams and pursue our aspirations.

16. I'm eager to get started. I am persuaded you are too. Let's keep Lagos Working.

17. Thank you for your listening attention and God bless.

Long Live the Federal Republic of Nigeria
Long live Lagos State
Long Live Lagos State House of Assembly ■

PROTOCOLS

Your Excellency, the Governor of Lagos State
Mr. Akinwunmi Dapo Ambode,
Your Excellency, the Deputy Governor of Lagos State Dr. (Mrs) Oluranti Idiat Adebule,

Your Excellency, the First Lady of our dear State, Lagos Mrs. Abimbola Ambode,

Distinguished Senators-Elect, and
Honourable Members-Elect of the House of Representatives,
Your Excellencies, former Governors of Lagos State, and

Former Speakers of the House of Assembly,

Members-Elect of the 8th Assembly,
Secretary to the State Government,
Chief of Staff,

The Head of Service, Mrs. Folashade Sherifat Jaji,

The Body of Permanent Secretaries,

Former Clerks of the House of Assembly here present,

The Chairman of the All Progressive Congress (APC) in Lagos State,
Chief (Otunba) Henry Oladele Ajomale,

Chairmen of other Political Parties here present,

Former Members of Lagos State House of Assembly in our midst this morning,

Executive Secretaries of various Local Government Areas and Local Council Development Areas,

Our Royal fathers, Spiritual and temporal, the Kabiyesi and White Cap Chiefs,

Party Leaders,

Members of the Diplomatic Corps here present,

Captains of Industries,



Top Government functionaries,

Party Members,

Wives and relations of Members-Elect, without ignoring my Dear wife Mrs. Olunmi Abiru,

Members of Staff of this great Institution,

Gentlemen of the fourth Estate of the Realm,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

My name is Ganiyu Olusegun Abiru. I am the Clerk of the Lagos State House of Assembly. By God's grace, I will be in charge of the preliminary activities leading to the inauguration of the 8th Assembly of the Lagos State House of Assembly until the election of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker respectively.

First and foremost, I want to sincerely apologize to our dignitaries for the change in date after the Invitation Cards had already been given out. The postponement was due to some circumstances beyond our control. We thank you for your understanding. It is indeed a delight and privilege to welcome our new governor, His Excellency, Mr. Akinwunmi Dapo Ambode to the inaugural ceremony of the first session of the 8th Legislative Assembly, and to use this opportunity to sincerely congratulate you on your inauguration as the 5th Executive Governor of the State on May 29th 2015 which makes you the 14th Governor to paddle the canoe of the State since its creation in 1967. It is my prayer that God Almighty will give you the strength, good health and wisdom that would enable you to surpass the achievements of your predecessors. This House of Assembly has no doubt about your competence, patriotism, sense of humanness and commitment to duty which you had aptly demonstrated in various assignments given to you while in Service.

As a corollary to this fact, I recall that on 15th February, 2001, this House passed a landmark resolution urging the then Governor of the State, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu to nominate an Auditor General for the Local Government Councils in the State in order to ensure ac-

countability and better performance. In agreeing with this proactive resolution, the Governor nominated Mr. Akinwunmi Dapo Ambode for that post and he was subsequently presented to the House for screening and confirmation. Being a man of proven integrity, competence, unblemished record and indeed an impressive resume, the House graciously confirmed his appointment on 26th November, 2001 which made him the pioneer Auditor General for the Local Governments in Lagos State.

Mr. Governor Sir, you would also be recording another first here this morning as you would be the first Governor of the State to issue the official proclamation for the commencement of a new Assembly in this new ultra – modern legislative Chamber which was completed over two years ago. On this again Sir, I say Congratulations!

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, permit me also to extend my best wishes and hearty congratulations to her Excellency, Dr. (Mrs) Oluranti Idiat Adebule, on your swearing in as the Deputy Governor of Lagos State. I pray that the good Lord will grant you His munificence so that during and after your tenure you would be celebrated as a successful Deputy Governor and a woman-achiever.

I welcome the Members-Elect and I join the multitude of Lagosians and your numerous well-wishers in congratulating you on this momentous occasion of your inauguration today as members of the foremost, dynamic and progressive State legislature in the entire Federation. Let me seize this opportunity to remind you that the mandate given to you is a sacred trust which primarily is to represent the interest of the good people of Lagos State and which must not be compromised or betrayed for pecuniary gains. Therefore, you must consciously and diligently work hard to secure a better life and greater opportunities for them through viable and pragmatic laws and other legislative instruments that would ensure visible socio-economic and infrastructural transformations in all the 40 constituencies in the State.

It is however unfortunate that majority of our people do not understand and appreciate the crucial significance of the legislature in the development and growth of the State. This situation is borne out of a misconception that it is only the Executive arm that is working and taking actions not knowing that without the support of the legislature, the Executive could not achieve anything under a democratic

process. Therefore, it must be clearly understood that the Legislature is the symbol of democracy as it has the largest representation of people. It is the bastion of government of the people, and the fulcrum upon which the other arms of government solidly stand upon. It is through the laws enacted by this highly misunderstood arm of government that good governance is enhanced. Little wonder, why Herman and Mendel submit that, "It is the Legislature that lays the basic principles which the judiciary has to interpret and use as a frame of reference in adjudicating cases and which the Executive has to apply in the implementation of policies and execution of laws." Accordingly, let me remind Members-Elect to the Eight Assembly that Legislation is a serious business for serious minded people. I therefore urge you to brace up for the ever-evolving and unfinished business of State development.

Ladies and gentlemen, please let me remind you that the Legislature thrives on experience, but when we begin to witness large number of casualties in the election to legislative houses as witnessed in the last election both in the National and State Assemblies, our democracy would begin to atrophy.

In Lagos State House of Assembly, 20 out of 40 Members were not returned and this portends great danger as experiences garnered through many years of training and exposure had unfortunately gone down the drain. Accordingly, more money would be spent on training and retraining while the new members would miss the mentoring of experienced Legislators. Therefore, Legislators must work hard as your re-election would undoubtedly be predicated on your performance and ability to rise up to the challenges of representation and oversight, and always have at the back of your mind that when the day of reckoning comes in another 31/2 years, would you be among the re-elected ones?.

I should also use this medium to advise and educate our numerous constituents that it is time we did away with the entitlement mentality whereby we over-burden the Legislators with mundane requests borne out of the fact that you have supported or helped them to win elections. While I agree that the Legislators have the moral responsibility to assist their constituents within their means, constituents should not overstretch their requests to the extent that Legislators would be afraid or discouraged to run their constituency offices with utmost efficiency or even run away from their constituency. A situation where a constituent wants to marry a 3rd wife and the person to bear the cost of his love escapades is his Legislator is detestable, or when naming ceremonies or remembrance party for the deceased is considered the responsibility of the Legislator.

For the purpose of information, out of the 40 Members-elect we have 32 from the All Progress Congress (APC) and 8 from the People's Democratic Party (PDP). Also, amongst the 40 are 4 females in all. 3 are from the APC and 1 from the PDP. However, I am glad to inform you that ever since we have been having meetings and interactions with these politicians, it has been in harmony and friendliness. This disposition is highly encouraging and commendable and Lagosians should look out for a vibrant Assembly that would serve the well-being of the good people of the State.

As H. H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum said "The race for excellence has no finishing line". Consequently, I urge you to braze up now for the challenges of legislation. Your loyalty should first and foremost be to the State and debates should not be on party lines but one that would bring the greatest good to the greatest number of Lagosians. Our House of Assembly has always blazed the trail with exemplary leadership and sterling achievements for which we have been a source of inspiration, a reference point and model for other State Assemblies across the country and beyond. We have also over the years established the best democratic traditions and legislative values that have in concert with the Executive arm consistently en-



sured consistent and comprehensive reforms in the development of our State since our return to democratic governance in 1999. On this note, I must commend the doggedness, patriotism and high level of commitment of Members of the 7th Assembly whose performance accounted for the passage of 29 high impact bills into Laws, and the passage of over 300 resolutions that touched on various aspects of the lives of Lagosians and Nigerians as a whole.

Mr. Governor Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen, I wish to humbly share with you all the wisdom of the great Italian Socio –Political Philosopher, Niccolo Machiavelli in which he said "it is not titles that honour men but men that honour title".

In view of this, when we talk about the 7th Assembly of the Lagos State House of Assembly, we cannot but talk of A man who has distinguished himself as a Legislator per excellence, A man who for upwards of a decade committed himself to legislative activism, A man who remains till date the longest serving speaker in the Federation of Nigeria, A man who inspite of all odds and vicissitudes continues to flag the banner of Legislative autonomy and excellence, A man who contributed in no small measure to make the House a cynosure and reference point of State Houses of Assembly, A man who envisioned the Assembly's Chorale group that has been rendering good music with sonorous voices, A man who changed the face and configuration of Lagos State House of Assembly. A man with a mission and vision. A man who not only enriched the intellectual capacity of Honourable Members, but also broadened the intellectual horizon of the staffers.

Ladies and gentlemen, let's celebrate our hero when they are alive. Let us celebrate a man who has carved a niche for himself in Legislative practice and procedure.

That Man, that personality, that individual is no other person than That man from the Eastern part of Lagos State, precisely, Epe Kingdom, he is Rt. Honourable Adeyemi Sabit Ikuforiji. Ten years as a Speaker of a cosmopolitan Lagos Assembly is no mean achievement. Would the story of the 7th Assembly be complete without giving due consideration to that erudite legislator who is the reservoir of legislative history. A legislative mathematician with Budgetary know-how. A friend of all. The love between him and the former Speaker was so deep. Though they came at different times to the House, destiny has bonded them together that they had to leave at the same. I am talking of no other person than Honourable Kolawole Taiwo. The entire members of staff salute and wish you and other members who are not returning God's favour and blessings in your future endeavours.

Once again, while welcoming you all to this epochal event, I have the singular honour and privilege to respectfully invite His Excellency, the Governor of Lagos State, Mr. Akinwunmi Dapo Ambode to give his goodwill message.

Long live Lagos State, Long Live Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Thank you and God bless. ■

Mr. Ganiyu Olusegun Abiru
Clerk of the House
Lagos State House of Assembly
Assembly Complex
Alausa — Ikeja.
4th June, 2015





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A lesson in uprightness and staying true to ones conviction.



The history of any country cannot be complete without mentioning the men and women who have led the country at one time or the other. In Nigeria, since our independence we have experienced a shared mix of civilian and military leaders intermittently, among these leaders stand out two men who have been privileged to govern us as both military heads of state and democratically elected presidents. These two men are President Olusegun Obasanjo and President Muhammadu Buhari. The circumstances surrounding the emergence of these two former military heads of state who were generals in the military as democratically elected presidents is an interesting one to digest. President Obasanjo returned from prison to become president, while President Buhari contested for four consecutive times before winning. Both leaders have set an enviable record and will always be a reference point without any doubt; President Buhari's chapter however makes a more interesting discourse for his seemingly uprightness and conviction which provides an inspiration to all.

President Buhari was born on the 17th of December 1942, in Daura, Katsina State to his father Adamu and mother Zulaihat. He is the twenty-third child of his father and was raised by his mother after his father died while he was still a boy. In 1971 he married his first wife, Safinatu (née Yusuf) Buhari, they had five children together, four girls and a boy. In 1988, he and his first wife Safinatu were divorced and in December 1989, he married his second and current wife Aisha (née Halilu) Buhari. They also have five children together, a boy and four girls.

He was military head of state from the 31st of December, 1983 to the 27th of August 1985, when he was toppled in a coup d'état by General Ibrahim Babangida. Prior to this he had held quite a number of important positions of government; he was a one-time federal commissioner (position now

called minister) for petroleum and natural resources under General Olusegun Obasanjo in 1976, when the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation was created in 1976, he was also appointed as its chairman. He was appointed the chairman of the Petroleum Trust Fund (PTF), a body created by the government of General Sani Abacha, and funded from the revenue generated by the increase in price of petroleum products, to pursue developmental projects around the country.

In 2003, he ran for office in the presidential election as the candidate of the All Nigerian People's Party and was defeated by the People's Democratic Party nominee, General Olusegun Obasanjo. He was nominated as the consensus candidate of the All Nigeria People's Party in the 2007 polls losing to Umaru Yar'Adua of the People's Democratic Party. After President Yar'Adua assumed office, the ANPP agreed to join his government but he (Buhari) denounced this agreement. He would later run unsuccessfully again in the 2011 elections also losing to Goodluck Ebele Jonathan of the People's Democratic Party, until 2014 when he emerged as the presidential candidate of the All Progressives Congress for the 2015 general elections; thereafter defeating the incumbent President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan. President Buhari's story has been that of conviction; staying true to his beliefs even when the odds were against him, his never say die attitude and uprightness are evident in his political voyage. Those who have ever contested in any election can testify as to how tasking and exhausting the process can be, it then takes an individual with very a strong conviction to contest for the office of president not one but four consecutive times the manner President Buhari did, losing three times in a row and still have the tenacity to continue. This trait is uncommon in modern history and its worthy of admiration and emulation. The just concluded 2015 general election on its own was also a test of President Buhari's uprightness; in the primaries that saw him emerge as his

party's flag bearer, there were reports of his fellow aspirants inducing delegate members with as much as five thousand US dollars to get their votes, but he stood his ground, rejecting out rightly the background voices urging him to dole out cash to delegate members. At one of his addresses to the delegates, it was widely reported that President Buhari informed the delegates that he did not have a fistful of dollars to hand out to them, and even if he did, he would not give to have their votes as the fate of the country was not up for sale. Such is the character of President Buhari.

I presume the presidential election also proved to be a very harrowing experience for President Buhari; with all the tantrums and falsehoods thrown at him by the People's Democratic Party who did not leave any stone unturned in their quest to bring his reputation to disrepute and thus make him unelectable. It is refreshing to note that in spite of all their dirt digging expeditions, nothing incriminating was found against him, Dr. Doyin Olupe who was a presidential senior assistant to President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan affirmed this position in a forum when he stated that President Buhari is not a corrupt man. Frankly speaking, this clean bill of health is not expected from a man who had occupied the highest office in the land, was chairman of the Petroleum Trust fund (PTF) and chairman of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) amongst other positions. President Muhammadu Buhari is indeed an inspiration and a shining example of uprightness and conviction to us Nigerians and the world at large. As he steers the affairs of our beloved country once again, we wish him a successful tenure in office. ■



Quintessential Tunde Salau Lives on.

The news of the passing on of Hon. Tunde Salau went through my heart like a hot knife cutting through butter. That I was in shock like many who knew him is an understatement. I was dazed, speechless, in total disbelief and denial of the tragedy that had befallen us at Epe and beyond. Tunde Salau was no ordinary man; he was a colossus that stood tall among men, a unifier whose influence cut across party affiliations, ethnicity and religious sentiments. He was simply a man of the people. Consequently his death was a colossal loss to many who had come in contact with him. When I got to know of his unexpected demise, diverse thoughts and questions raced through my mind in-

cessantly as I believe must have been the same with a lot of people, and as I put my thoughts together I continually questioned myself; Which Tunde Salau was this? What happened to him? Was he involved in an accident? Had he been sick? I was truly unprepared for the news of the departure of this man with a big heart who contributed enormously to my campaign and had encouraged me all the way. With no premonition whatsoever of his death, Hon. Tobun and Hon. Wale Raji and I rode in his car at Eredo just days before his passing away. I found it hard to come to terms with the fact that he was indeed gone. Hon. Tunde Salau was a personification of greatness, an example of a man who was not born great nor had greatness bestowed on him but achieved greatness at his own instance. His lying in state and subsequently laying to rest mirrored how great a man he was; never in recent history had we witnessed the mammoth of crowd that came to bid him farewell at any burial ceremony in Epe. As early as 7am the entire length and breadth of T-junction was filled with people dressed in customized t-shirts with different inscriptions extoling the virtues of Hon. Tunde Salau, waiting anxiously for the arrival of the deceased's body. The arrival was announced by the blaring siren of the ebony ambulance conveying the deceased and the lengthy

entourage that accompanied it and the atmosphere suddenly grew more sombre. I think it finally dawned on a lot of people and myself that our dear Tunde Salau was indeed gone.

As the motorcade made for Poka, the venue for the service of songs, through Epe Township; people trudged out in their thousands, paying their respects to "E roll e" as he was popularly called, who had one time served us meritoriously at the Federal House of Representatives. His final journey home was a scene to behold, the entire stretch from Poka into Epe was jam-packed with vehicles and people from all walks of life whom Hon. Tunde Salau had touched in one way or the other, to some he was a brother's keeper, to some; a mentor, a father figure and a friend indeed, as for me he was a bridge builder and an inspiration.

May the soul of Tunde Salau a.k.a "E roll e" continue to rest in peace!



Biography

Hon. Tunde Salau was born at Poka into the family of the late Oba Saka Salau Olorunlogbon and late Madam Sauli Salau of Noforija kingdom in April 1958. He attended Pobuna secondary school and also Epe grammar school where he completed his secondary education in 1975. He was awarded an HND in journalism and also obtained an MBA in international business from the Lagos state university. He was employed for a short period at the Lagos state secretariat Alausa Ikeja (governor's house), and thereafter proceeded to leave the country in search of greener pastures. He received several awards for his exemplary service among which is the Lagos state government award for his role in foreign affairs, water resources and information in 1998. He contested for a seat in the House of representatives in the Epe constituency and won convincingly thereby representing Epe and

improved the general well-being of Nigerians through his legislative work during the period spanning 2003 to 2007. He was happily married with children and remained an active, kind, accommodating, supportive, generous and inspirational APC stalwart, in the Epe division and Lagos state as a whole until the time of his demise on the 12th of March 2015. ■

*Hon. Tunde Salau.
1958- 2015.
Member Federal House of Representative Epe Constituency(2003-2007).MBA International Business.Journalist, Public Servant, Business Man, Politician.*

Hon. Tunde Salau's Children watched while his corpse was being lowered. May his soul continue to rest in peace.



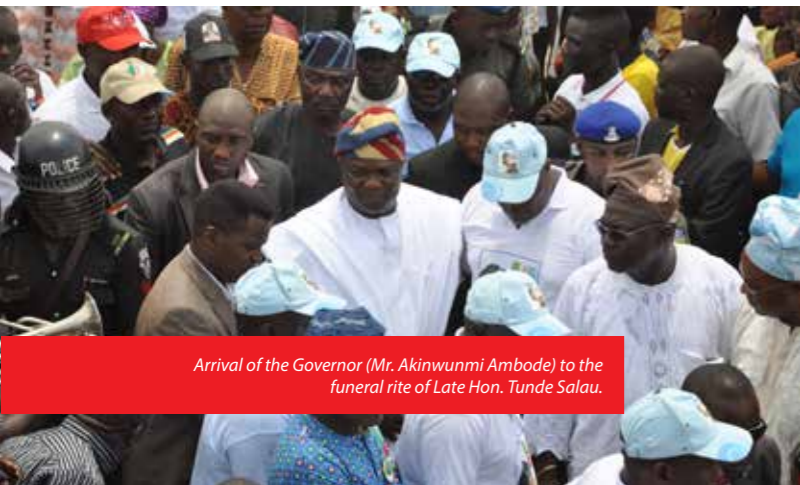
Late Hon. Tunde Salau's candlelight parade.



Be Inspired! Be Involved! God Is Involved!



Mourning Late Hon. Tunde Salau, from left: Dr. Tola Kasali, Hon. Wale Raji, Alhaji Akanni Seriki, Hon Abiodun Tobun & Hon. Olulade at the graveside.



Arrival of the Governor (Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode) to the funeral rite of Late Hon. Tunde Salau.



His Excellency consoling the Wives & Children of the deceased.



His Children, Wives, Family, Friends, Associates and well-wishers all wept as his body was finally laid to rest in his compound at Noforija

A BIG PRICE FOR A GREAT CHANGE

On The 28Th Of March 2015 The Cold Hands Of Death Snatched Our Brethren on their way to discharge their civic responsibility

...may their souls rest in peace



Prince Kunle Adewale



Omogbolahan Mogaji



Wale Mogaji



Muheez Bello (MB)



Shamsideen Agoro



The Mosunmola Olulade's Views

CHILD MARRIAGE

A Menace To Nigeria's Social-Economic Growth

The Child rights act passed in 2003 increased the minimum age of marriage to 18 for girls. According to statistics nationwide, 20 percent of girls are married by age 15, and 40 percent were married by age 18. Child marriage is extremely prevalent in some regions. In the northern region of Nigeria, 48 percent of girls were married by age 15, and 78 percent were married by 18; 27 percent of married girls aged 15 to 19 are in

Mosunmola Olulade
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polygamous marriages. In the southern part of Nigeria, girls are more prone to pregnancy outside wedlock. Child marriage is a formal or informal marriage union entered into by an individual before reaching the age of 18 years as in the case of Nigeria through some cultural traditions.

Child marriage has lasting consequences on girls from their health, education and social development perspectives, these consequences last beyond adolescence. One of the most common causes of death for girls aged 15 to 19 in Nigeria is pregnancy and child birth. Though Islamic marriage practice has been said to permit marrying of girls below age 10, parents should know that doing such could and will endanger the health and education of their female children. These girls are most likely to be infected with HIV, or sexually transmitted diseases as a result of being married to sexually active old men. Pregnant girls aged 15 to 19 are twice likely to die in child birth, while women in their 20s, and girls under the age of 15 are five to seven times more likely to die during child birth which is due to physical immaturity of the pelvis and because their birth canals are not fully developed at this tender age. Teen pregnancy particularly below the age of 15 increases the risk of developing Obstetric Fistula. Child marriage affects the life of the offspring and also comes with the possibility of having pre-term or low birth weight babies. Infant mortality rates are 60 percent higher and infants born tend to have weaker immune systems and face a high risk of malnutrition as it can be seen in the majority of children born in the Northern region. Death or divorce of the girl child spouse can cause intense hardship on them since most of them have little or no education and training. This is a vicious cycle that affects the economy of the country. A widowed or divorced woman with kids and no form of education or training would likely bring up kids with little or no care thereby making them constitute a nuisance to the system.

Domestic violence and non-consensual sexual intercourse against the girl child is more likely to occur because of their ages. Some husbands and family might have high expectation from these girls who are also children and they are often faced with severe and life threatening marital violence and can lead to depression and suicidal thoughts. In my view, girl child marriage has been promoted as a result of poverty, gender inequality, insecurity, traditions and culture. Girl child marriage is an infringement on a woman's rights to equality on grounds of sex and age, to receive the highest attainable standard of health, freedom from slavery, access to education, freedom of movement, and freedom from violence, reproductive rights, and rights to consensual marriage. The consequence of these violations not only affects the woman, but her children and the society at large. United Nations Human Right Council recognizes child marriage as a human rights violation and thus plans to eliminate child marriage. Wasila Umar, a 14yr old child bride in April killed her husband and four of his friends through food poisoning. If nothing is done, it is clear that Nigeria and other countries where child marriage is prevalent will continue to fall short in their efforts to improve the

education, health and well-being of millions of its citizens. In Nigeria, child marriage is a widespread practice in the Northern part of the country and it is believed that when a girl is married off early, she won't have the opportunity to become promiscuous. It is also believed that in most parts of Northern Nigeria, it is permissible for a man to marry a child as young as 9 years old, as long as he doesn't have sexual relations with her until she attains puberty. In most cases, this is not adhered to because the girl child is involved in sexual intercourse with her spouse as soon as they are married. A lot of people have disregarded the law and hide under the banner of religion to perpetuate child abuse and Nigerians must stand up to defend the rights of their children.

Girl Child marriage in my opinion is a crime against womanhood and the highest form of women slavery. If we all think this doesn't affect us in any way then we are making a great mistake. A woman is a woman whether in Nigeria or in other countries and a crime against one woman is a crime against all women. Who will fight the cause of a woman more than the women themselves? Our economy is dwindling, how do we resuscitate it without educating the girl child? Who will in turn educate her children since women are seen as the ones in charge of the home? How do you vote the right kind of leadership we need in this country when those that constitute the majority (girls/women) cannot make an informed decision of their own as a result of lack of education due to early marriage? Women must however learn to speak about their plight, needs and aspiration..■



A 13-year-old child bride sits next to her 38-year-old husband in a village in Niger, where the rate of child marriage approaches the highest in the world. source: www.worldvision.org/hk

A KIND AND JUST KING

HIS ROYAL MAJESTY
Kabiyesi Oba Babatunde Ogunlaja Kalejaiye II
ALADESHONYIN OF ODO-NOFORIJA



HIS ROYAL MAJESTY, OBA BABATUNDE OGUNLAJA KALEJAIYE II, THE ALADESHONYIN OF ODO-NOFORIJA EPE HAS A REPUTATION THAT PRECEDES HIM; COURTEOUS in nature and endowed with an unassuming disposition, His Royal Majesty is a kind and just king famous for his generosity and affection for his people which explains why his palace doors are always open and he is only too willing to attend to matters that affect his kingdom as widely acknowledged. Little wonder then that he is so loved and respected by his people and others from neighboring communities who are often seen congregating at his palace on a daily basis to seek audience with him and also the mammoth crowds that can be seen to greet him whenever he attends public functions. His Royal Majesty oversees Odo-Noforija kingdom which is an ancient settlement that came into existence during the expressionist period of Ijebu-Ode kingdom in the eighteenth century when the Ijebu moved out to occupy the southern part of the territory. According to Ijebu historians, the founder of Odo-Noforija was a resourceful Ijebu Prince called Aladeshonyin who was a son to an Awujale at that period. Together with his wife Omitu, children, followers and slaves they formed the nucleus of the settlement. History has it that it was customary for the Awujale's to bestow on their sons the title of Otunba and then assign them to an Odo (Ijebu settlement) over which they ruled,

such was the case of Odo-Noforija. His Royal Majesty, Oba Babatunde Ogunlaja Kalejaiye II has been on the throne of his forefathers for twelve successful years during which Odo-Noforija has grown in size and influence; witnessing rapid development in infrastructure and human capital. The town is now a beehive of activities; a far cry from what it was in the mid 90's and earlier on. Oba Babatunde Ogunlaja has achieved many feats under his reign for Odo-Noforija among such feats is his successful battle for the recognition of the Aladeshonyin of Odo-Noforija as a first class Oba in Lagos which had already been ratified by the Western Region Government via the Western Region Legal Notice 22 of 1959 but was not classified as such until his Majesty fought for it vigorously thereby ensuring the honour was bestowed on Odo-Noforija. Another of such feats is the building of an ultra-modern palace for Odo-Noforija which is currently in its completion stage. His Royal Majesty is a philanthropist and recipient of many awards locally and international, he is a Member, Life Patron and Grand Patron of many reputable associations such as Epe Club, Africa Chamber of Commerce, Association of African Traditional Religion Nigeria and Overseas etc ■

- ❶ Oba Babatunde Ogunlaja accession.
- ❷ The Oloris.
- ❸ President, Federal Republic of Germany, and his wife with Gov. Babatunde Fashola exchanging greetings with Oba Babatunde Ogunlaja.
- ❹ Oba Babatunde Ogunlaja with some foreign and local guest.
- ❺ Oba Babatunde Ogunlaja (JP), receiving certificate of award African Leaders of Integrity in Abuja



HE. Akinwunmi Ambode accompanied by Hon. Segun Olulade, Hon. Wale Raji and Hon. Abiodun Tobun on a courtesy visit to The Paramount Ruler, Kabiyesi Oba Akeem Adedimeji Okunola, Adesanya II, Alara of Ilara Palace.



HRM. Oba Adegboyega Adefowora The Alaketu of Ketu-Epe Kingdom flanked by Hon. Segun Olulade and Mr. Bolanle Boyejo JP. during the Election Campaign.



From left to right: Mr. Keshiro, Hon. Olulade, Chief Lanre Rasaq (K.M), Chief Steven Olukunle Bakare (CEO OLUKUNLE BAKARE MOTORS), HE Akinwunmi Ambode, Hon. Wale Raji, and Late Hon. Tunde Salau.



Hon. Segun Olulade addressing APC Party faithfuls at one of the Ward's Mobilization Meetings held in J1 at the residence of our Leader Chief Ganiyu Olayemi.



HRH. Oba G. Adekoya Odusanya JP Olofin Ajaiye Of Orugbo-Iddo receiving Hon. Olulade at his palace.



Members of Sisi Eleniyon on a door to door campaign



Hon. Olulade addressing party faithfuls



Alhaji Mehmud Chairman Ward M1 welcoming Hon. Olulade, while Alhaji Muyideen Hassan Eredo APC LGA Chairman looks on.





It was always fun and excitement campaigning from House to House.



Student of Micheal Otedola College of Primary Education MOCOPEd showing their support



Engr. (Mrs.) Mosunmola Olulade, Alhaja Aleem, Mrs. Adeleke and Ikosi-Ejinrin APC/LGA Deputy Women Leader dancing it out at one of the General Rally.



One of the Boreholes presented to riverine communities to ameliorate their lack of access to potable water.



During the General Election Campaign, Eleniyand his campaign train stopped by at Mama Otedola's house for her blessing.

THIS PROJECT AMONG OTHERS,
IS FROM MY STATUTORY INCOME
AS A LEGISLATOR, TO COMPLEMENT
THE EFFORT OF THE GOVERNMENT
IN THE AREA OF WATER PROVISION!
FOR OUR PEOPLE IN EPE CONSTITUENCY IT
POWERED BY :
HON. OLUSEGUN OLULADE



Due to the peaceful nature of Electioneering Campaign in our Constituency Eleniyand stopped by at an opposition house PDP Leader, Mr. Odumosu and was joyfully welcomed.



Royal blessing from HRM. Oba O.J Ogunsanya, Aladegunshenbi Of Odorogunshen



Hon. Olulade receiving royal blessing from Oba Mufutau Ogunnukan the Aladegbawujo of Odo Gbawujo Land



Despite the tight Election Campaign, he made time out to celebrate with HRM. Oba Ganiyu Balogun The Alayandelu of Odo-Ayandelu on his 5th Anniversary on the throne.



HRM. Oba Ganiyu Balogun The Alayandelu of Odo-Ayandelu on his 5th Anniversary on the throne, with him HRM. Oba Akeem Adedimeji Okunola, Adesanya II, Alara of Ilara.



HRM. Oba Ganiyu Balogun, Alayandelu of Odo-Ayandelu and Wives flanked on the right by Hon. Segun Olulade, Hon. Sulaimon Yusuf (Executive Secretary, Iko-si-Ejinrin LCDA) & Chief Arowojobe. While on Kabiyesi's left, Mrs. Oladunni Oladunjoye (Former Commissioner of Education), Bolanle Boyejo JP. (Son of the soil) and Mr. Wale Raji Anomo.



At the fifth Anniversary of HRM. Oba Rafiu Ishola Babatunde 'Ejalonibu 1' The Elejinrin of Kingdom



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The Hausa Community led by their Seriki were also on hand to lend their support to the Eleniyancare Campaign. Mr. Mumuni Alaga (APC Leader, Eredo) was always available to give moral support.



During the House to House Campaign, he was welcomed by his People.



A courtesy call at the Palace of HRM, Oba A. O. Ogunlaja JP. Aladesoyin of Odo-Noforija, present also HRH, Oba Ayodele Kolawole Aliru Alade Uraka of Poka





Eleniyah arriving the venue of the Mega Rally.



Eleniyah in a warm embrace with Mama Otedola during the Eleniyah Walk 4 Progress



Eleniyah warmly welcomed by the People during his Campaign.



Hon. Segun Olulade motivating the Pupils during his distribution of Notebooks to All Primary Schools in Epe Constituency II.



Eleniyah walking majestically alongside his wife Engr. (Mrs.) Mosunmola Olulade, Alhaji Wasiu Odeyemi (Wastab) & Mr. Afolabi.



Hon. Olulade walking along side Alhaji Wastab, Alhaji Onanuga (Bobo) and Surveyor Sikiru B. Jimoh during the Eleniyah Walk 4 Life.



People converging at Hon. Olulade Constituency Office, Odomola for the walk



Eleniyen supported by Elder Sangosanya during the General Rally for Iko-si-Ejinrin @ the popular Itoikin Market.



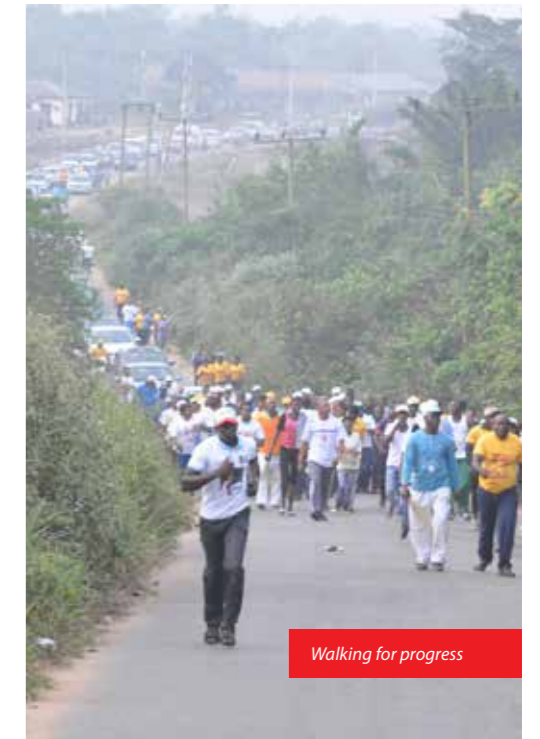
Eleniyen Fans Club drumming support during the Campaign.



Loved and cherished by All.



Eleniyen addressing supporters



Walking for progress



Hon. Olulade leading the walk for progress



Hon. Segun Olulade flanked by Sisi Eleniyani





Agbe Eleniyani presenting their farm produce to Hon. Olulade



Prof. Pat Utomi (middle), Hon. Olulade with other guests at an event



Distinguished Senator (Mrs.) Oluremi Tinubu with Hon. Olulade at an event.



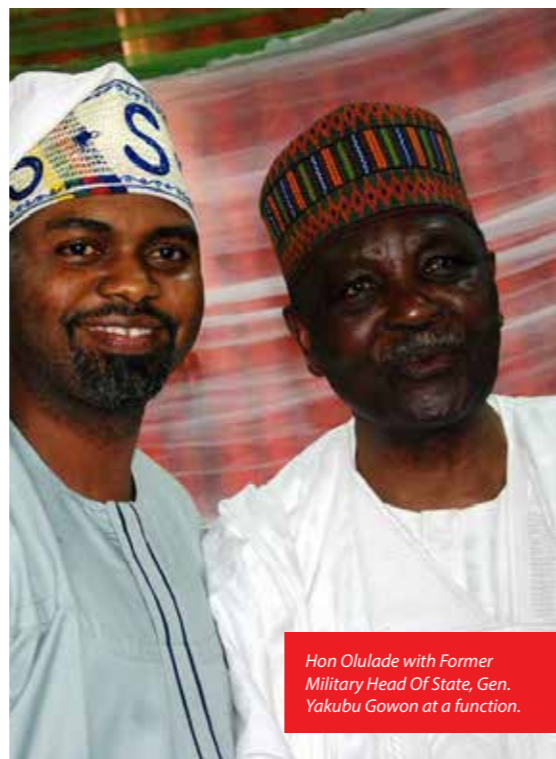
HE Akinwunmi Ambode with Hon. Tobun and Hon. Olulade at the Governor's Office



Hon. Olulade and Former Head of State, Gen. Yakubu Gowon with other guests



Hon. Olulade with Former President, Olusegun Obasanjo (GCFR)



Hon Olulade with Former Military Head Of State, Gen. Yakubu Gowon at a function.



Hon Olulade with the First Civilian Governor Of Lagos State, Pa Lateef Jakande



Hon Olulade with Prince Abubakar Audu and Hon. James faleke

LET'S RESCUE KOGI STATE

VOTE

PRINCE ABUBAKAR
AUDU
GOVERNOR

HON. ABIODUN JAMES
FALEKE
DEPUTY GOVERNOR

ALL PROGRESSIVES CONGRESS
APC
...CHANGE



Hon. Olulade with members of Sisi Eleniyin

LIST OF AWARDS

AWARDS	CONFERRER	YEAR
Honourary Georgia Citizen	Secretary of State, State of Georgia, United States of America.	2013
Award of Recognition – for being A Pillar of support and vibrant stakeholder in Adult and Non-formal Education delivery in Lagos State	Lagos State Government	2013
Yoruba Language & Culture Ambassador – for his immense positive contribution in uplifting Yoruba Language & Culture.	Yoruba Languages & Ethnic Initiatives “SQ YORUBA”	2012
“Community Service Award for Excellence”	Community Development Committee Ikosi-Ejinrin LCDA 2012 CDC Awards	2012
Merit Award	Eredo Development Association	2011
Outstanding Lawmaker of the Year 2012 – for his outstanding and meritorious contribution in the Lagos State House of Assembly.	Public Service Excellence Award – Grassroots Achievers Award	2013
Award of Excellence – in recognition of his contribution to the development of Primary Education in Lagos State and Nigeria.	Association of Primary School Head Teachers of Nigeria (AOPSHON) Lagos State Wing	2013
Distinguished Award of Most Security friendly Legislator of the Year 2012.	Crime Reporters Association of Nigeria (CRAN)	2012
The Man of the Year 2012: Honourary Merit Award – due to his positive contribution to the progress and development of Epe Division & Lagos State as a whole.	G. B. A. Communications.	2013
Legislative Excellence Award – in recognition of your Outstanding Track Record in the Lagos State House of Assembly, Community Services And Nation Building.	Public Notice Weekly Magazine.	2012
Idalola – fun Imoriri Igbelaruge Yin lori Ede ati Asa Yoruba ni Ipinle Eko ati Naijiria lapapo.	Egbe Akomolede Ati Asa Yoruba Naijiria (Eka Ipinle Eko)	2013
Recognition Award – for Humanitarian Service to the Community.	Rotary International - Rotary Club of Gbagada-South District 9110, Nigeria	2013
The Most Promising Lawmaker of the Year 2012	Movietainment Achievement & Corporate Awards 2012 – The Movietainment Magazine Ventures.	2013
Professional Award: Full Members (Hon’s) – MIMCN.	Governing Council of The Certified Marketing Communications Institute of Nigeria (CMCIN)	2013
GOOD LEADERSHIP Award – in recognition of your contributions to the Service and Development of Humanity.	Sunshine Sisters Club, Ejinrin.	2012
The Outstanding Honourable of the Year 2011/2012.	National Union of Lagos State Students (NULASS) Ibadan Chapter	2013
ICON OF EPE – for your contribution especially on the welfare of Students and enormous effort in the development of your constituency.	Federation of Epe Division Students Association (FEDSA AWARD 2012)	2012
Pillars of Support Award – in recognition of your outstanding financial, spiritual and immense contribution to the Service of God in the Lagos State House of Assembly Chapel.	Lagos State House of Assembly Christian Fellowship	2012
Personality Award – in recognition for your outstanding contribution towards the health sector and sickle cell disorder.	Nike Opalemo Sickle cell Foundation	2012
Exemplary leadership, Politics	Super Hero Entertainment & Entrepreneur	2014
The Award for Excellence	Memoirs of Achievers – Links Publication.	2013
The Satellite Magazine Excellent Service Award – in recognition of Outstanding contribution for Good Governance in Lagos State	The Editorial Board of the Satellite Magazine	2013
LCC5 2011 Awards (Programmes/Projects/Church Helpers Category)	Christ Embassy Church LCC5	2011
Legislative Excellence Award	National Outstanding Leadership Award (NOLA)	2012
Merit Award	Students Representative Council (SRS) Yabatech 2012-2013	2013
Exemplary Service Award – in recognition of your outstanding performance, exemplary leadership qualities and your commitment to uplifting humanity in general.	Rotaract Club of Gbagada – Rotary International District 9110, Nigeria	2012
Political Icon	Adeyemi Ikuforiji Solidarity Forum (ATUPA EKO)	2013
Merit Award - Students’ & Youth Friendly Honourable of the Year.	Faculty of Arts Student Association (FASA-LASU)	2013
The Gold Merit Award – You are gold of an inestimable value, a role model and leader. Your contribution towards the growth and development of our society is seen everywhere. We are proud of you.	Golden Twins Foundation	2013

Kabiyesi Oba Akeem Adedimeji Okunola, Adesanya II,
The Alara Of Ilara (Vice Chairman of Lagos State Council of Obas)

***THE ROYAL FATHERS
IN EPE CONSTITUENCY II**

Oba Rafiu Ishola Babatunde Balogun, Elejirin Of Ejirin (Ejalonibu II).

Oba B.G. Aderibigbe Alayeluwa of Odo-Alayandelu.

Oba Michael Gbadebo Onakoya Orijeru Of Igboye Land

Oba G. Adekoya Odusanya JP Olofin Ajaiye Of Orugbo-Iddo

High Chief C. A. Adekoya (Oduntan 11) The Ogegbo Of Ibonwon Land

HRH. Oba Adeyemi Yinusa Ogunbajo (Ogunde 1st) Olowu of Owu-Ikosi

Oba O.J Ogunsanya, Aladegunshenbi Of Odoragunshen

Oba Babatunde Olaogun Ogunlaja Aladesoyin of Odo-Noforija

Oba Adegboyega Adefowora Alaketu of Ketu

Oba Ayodele Kolawole Aliru Alade Uraka of Poka

Oba S.T. A Odukoya Omola of Odomola

Oba Mufutau Ogunnukan Aladegbawujo of Odo Gbawujo Land

Olota of Ota-Ikosi VACANT as of this publication

Abowa of Agbowa VACANT as of this publication

*Other Towns and Villages in the Constituency are presently headed by Baales. They will be featured in the next Edition of the Magazine.

COMMUNITIES IN EPE CONSTITUENCY II

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| AGBOWA-IKOSI | IGBODU | DIGBOLOYE |
| OTTA-IKOSI | SALA | FOSEJE |
| ODO-AYANDELU | TEMU | IMOKUN |
| ADO | OKE-OSHO | ODO-GBANLE |
| IKOSI | ARAGA | ODO-SHIWOLOYE |
| OWU-IKOSI | POKA | ODO-AYAN |
| IGANKE | ODOMOLA | ODO-AGBOJU |
| IMOPE | NOFORIJA | ODO-SHIWOLA |
| AJEBO | ODOGBAWOJO | MAFO |
| ORUGBO-IDDO | ODO-RAGUNSHIN | OTUTU |
| ITOIKIN | EREDO | IGOSIBI |
| ELUJUMOWO | ILARA | TOLORI |
| MUSEJU-UTAKO | IBONWON | IGBOYE |
| MOGOLOWU | IGBONLA | AGODO |
| KETU | MOJODA | TALARAKE |
| EJINRIN | ODO-EGIRI | IMAGBA |
| SEKUNGBA | IJI | ORIGAN-RIGAN |
| MOLAJOYE | IRAYE | |



Eleniyan becomes Amuludun



The Celebrant HRH. Oba G. Adekoya Odusanya JP (The Olofin Ajaye of Orugbo Iddo)

Hon. Segun Olulade added another feather to his cap as he was honored with a Chieftancy Title for his exemplary representation and service to the people Epe Constituency II recently by Oba G. A. Adekoya Odusanya, Olofin Ajaye of Orugbo-Iddo and the people of Orugbo-Iddo as Otunba Amuludun of Orugbo-Iddo Land during Kabiyesi 20th year anniversary celebration. Oye amori O!



The Celebrant HRH. Oba G. Adekoya Odusanya JP, Olofin Ajaye Of Orugbo-Iddo cutting his 20th Anniversary Cake, flanked on his right by HRM. Oba R. I. B. Balogun Elejirin of Ejinrin, HRH. Oba Akeem Aderyomi Oyebo, the Obateru of Egbin, HRM. Oba Rafiu Salami The Onibeju of Ibeju Land, and on his left by HRM. Oba Ajibade Agoro, the Ranodu of Imota Kingdom and HRM. Oba G. A. Balogun, the Alayandelu of Odo-Ayandelu.



Cross section of Oloris' at the reception



Hon. Segun Olulade and his proud Father, Pa. Sulian Olulade at the reception.

Amuludun & Yeye Amuludun of Orugbo Iddo kingdom



Amuludun & Yeye Amuludun with LAHA Chief Whip, Hon. Rotimi Abiru & Wife, Hon. Adebimpe Akinsola (Former Member, LAHA), Hon. Abiodun Tobun, Hon. (Engr.) Setonji Samuel Davies, Hon. Desmond Elliot and Hon. Adedamola R. Kasumu.



Hon. Olulade with APC Ward Chairmen, Eredo LCDA.



Amuludun & Yeye Amuludun flanked by the Olulade's Family.



Hon. Segun & Engr. (Mrs.) Mosunmola Olulade with the Fowora Family & Friends.



Eleniyan becomes Oluomo

It was another day of fun, merriment and traditional display, when sons & daughters of Ejinrin came from far and near to pay homage to the King on the 4th day of Ileya - Ejinrin Ojude Oba Day Celebration.

The high point of the occasion was when Kabiyesi HRM. Oba R. I. Babatunde Balogun (Ejalonibu 2nd) - The Elejinrin of Ejinrin Kingdom called your humble servant out for special recognition concerning the development of Ejinrin and Environ. He went on to pronounce the conferment of OLUOMO of EJINRIN Kingdom on my humble self.

The occasion was brightened up by the presence of dignitaries from all walks of life not limited to: Chairman of the Day: Chief Akin Disu - The Agbaakin of Ejinrin Kingdom (Chairman, Eagle Paints Ltd.), my Colleagues - !Hon. Abiodun Tobun, Hon. Kazeem Alimi, Hon. Solaja-Saka Nurudeen & Hon. Prince Bashiru Oloto . Members of the Epe North Development forum, Mr. Michael Ayokunle Otedola & Friend, Mr. Bola & (Mrs.) Bisi Akindele and their Friends, Political Bigwigs, Associates, Friends, Groups, Clubs and Association too numerous to mention.

I greatly appreciate your presence and continued support, as we work together to ensure that, Ejinrin and other Communities in Epe Constituency II move forward.

On hand to provide sonorous music was Dr. Adewale Ayuba & his Fuji Band.

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Publishers' Note

A very special thank you to all Nigerians, well-meaning Lagosians and the good people of Epe constituency II for voting massively for the All Progressives' Congress (APC) at all levels of government in the just concluded general elections. I congratulate our president, His Excellency President Muhammadu Buhari and my governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode. As they steer the mantle of leadership, may their tenure in office bring forth good tidings to our beloved country. Nigerians have spoken, we have spoken loudly through our votes and our collective voices have been heard clearly that we can no longer continue to live in penury forced on us by corrupt politicians and a clueless government, clearly that we hunger for change and most importantly that our votes count!

I am most thankful for the support I received in this past election, my victory at the primary and general election was without doubt a resounding one judging by the margins with which I defeated my fellow contestant. I however would not have achieved this feat without the support and hard work of you, my constituents, the good people of Epe constituency II, my party leaders, party executives and members, independent campaign groups, royal fathers, associations of artisans and tradesmen, non indigenes community, Eleniyan fan club, Eleniyan Must Continue, Sisi Eleniyan, friends and associates, family members and well-wishers. I am forever indebted to everyone who contributed in one way or the other towards my re-election, not forgetting all the aspirants who voluntarily stepped down for me during the primaries and solidly stood behind me throughout the elections; Mrs. Dolapo Oladunjoye, Mr. Afolabi Onasanya, Mr. Wale Alaketu, Mr. Olupide Ebenezer, Mr. Semiu Ayege and Mr. Segun Adenaike, I am grateful, thank you all! It is often said that the reward for good work is more work, I rec-

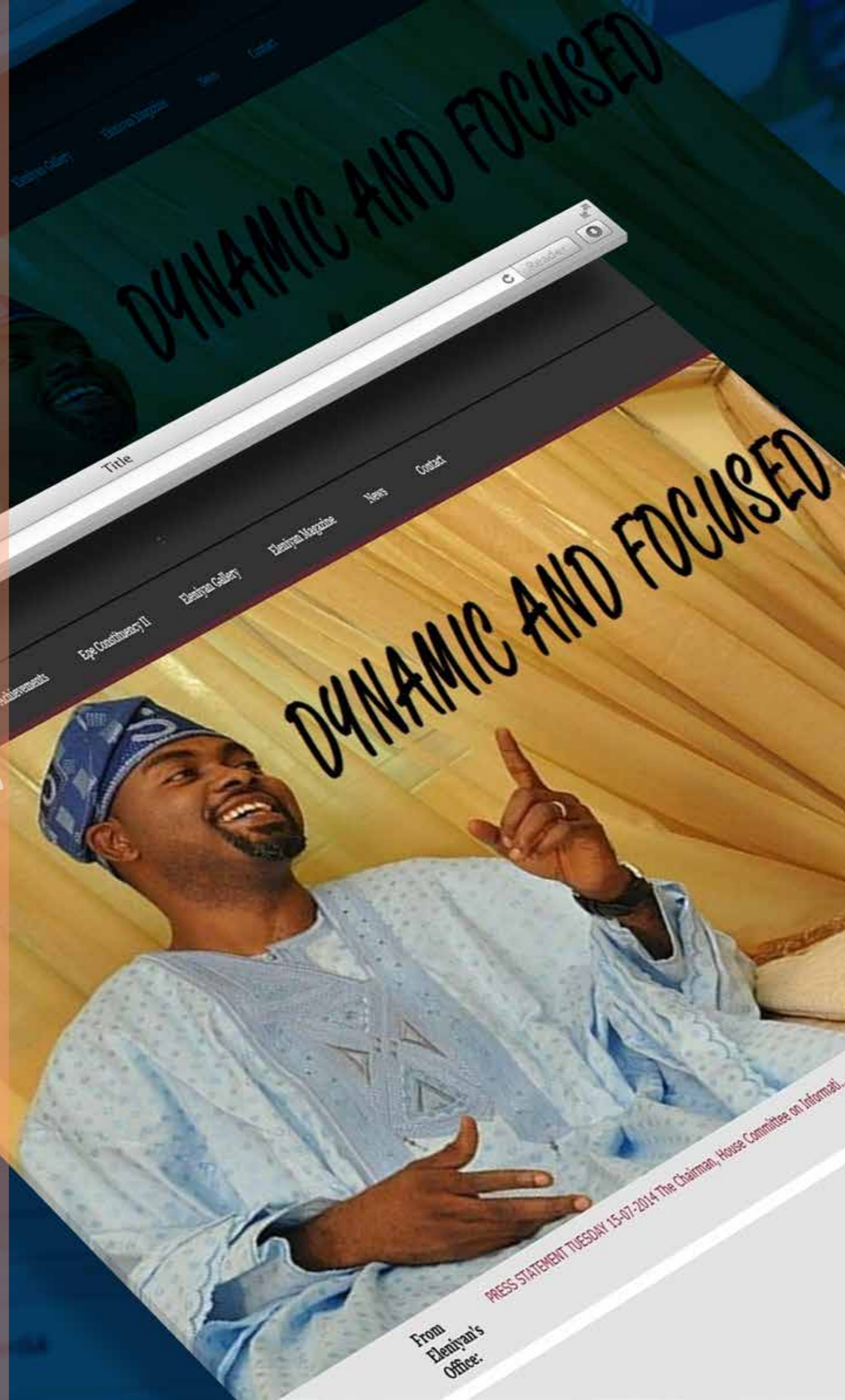
ognize this as a fact, hence I am taking this fresh mandate given to me by you, the people of Epe constituency II as a challenge to do more, especially in areas I may have fallen short in the past. I have no intention of slowing down the pace of achievements recorded in the previous four years of representing you. I am as passionate and motivated as ever to further represent our collective interests, which is paramount at all times to me, by communicating your yearnings and aspirations, and also to defend issues that are in your best interests at all times to the best of my ability as I have always done.

The 7th Assembly provided "on the job" learning experience for me, notwithstanding, I was able to learn fast at the Assembly as evidenced by the bills I had sponsored, motions I had moved, my contributions on several issues of public concern and projects that I influenced to favour my constituency. I became an integral part of the Assembly within a short time leading to my appointment as the chairman, House committee on Information, Strategy and Security of the Assembly, I was made the spokes person of the House even as a fresh lawmaker; a position reserved exclusively for some of the brightest lawmakers in the House. I can look back today and be proud of the manner we revolutionized the communication process of the Assembly.

I am thus excited at the prospects that the 8th Assembly holds as I head back to work with your mandate as a ranking lawmaker which without doubt provides a better enabling environment to get things done as against just being a new member. This provides a window of opportunity to better push our agenda forward thereby placing our interests at the front burner and I intend to make the most of it. ■

Hon. Segun Olulade.

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EPE CONSTITUENCY 2



**...LOOKING AHEAD,
THE FUTURE IS
BRIGHT**

