

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF OSUN STATE POLYTECHNIC, IREE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MR. ADEGBOYE ADENRELE OLALEKAN, AT THE 6TH INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE ASSOCIATION HELD ON FRIDAY, 3RD MAY, 2019 AT DELIGHTSOME HOTEL, OSOGBO

Protocols,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all, once again, to this inauguration ceremony. I give glory to the Almighty God through whose divine help I am able to sing a new song today. The limit of human capability is to propose, it is the infinite mercies of God that makes possible. We thank God for making today possible.

I am so honoured to acknowledge the presence of the Executive Governor, State of Osun, Mr. Isiaka Gboyega Oyetola, who has been a source of inspiration for good governance since he assumed office. His focused and humane leadership style will no doubt bring good dividends of democracy to the good people of the State.

I am overwhelmed by the presence of our respected and referred Royal Fathers here present. Ai ki Oba nibere, ai ki Oba ni inaro, idobale la n ki Oba, mo se Kabiyesi fori Ade. I humbly mention your names: HRM Oba Munirudeen Adesola Lawal, (Laminisa I) The Timi of Ede Land, HRH Oba Adeyemi Adediran, Owamiran of Esa Oke, HRH Oba (Professor) Adekunle A. Okunoye, Eburu of Iba. May your reigns continue to bring peace and prosperity to your domains, State of Osun and the nation at large.

I am highly elated today to welcome my amiable Rector, Dr. J. O. Agboola, to this occasion. He is my lecturer, my Head of Department and my Rector. Twenty four (24) years ago, he, together with other lecturers in the Department of Secretarial Administration (now Office Technology and Management), laid the foundation for whatever I have attained today academically and career-wise. He is beyond a Rector to me, he is a father. As you look towards the end of your tenure as the Rector, Osun State Polytechnic, Iree, it is a glorious ending already. All members of the Top Management Team here present are appreciated for their selfless efforts at ensuring that our alma mata continue to wax stronger every day.

Our Guest Lecturer, Dr. Ademola Oyedokun, is highly appreciated. I want to specially acknowledge my Pastor, Rev. Dr. 'Femi Abiola of Calvary Baptist Church, Gbodofon, Osogbo for his spiritual guidance and selflessness when it comes to the

issues concerning the Lord's flock under his care. May the Lord continue to increase your anointing. Other esteemed invited guests here present are all acknowledged and appreciated for adding color to this occasion today. May you all continue to be sources of blessings to your generation in Jesus name.

I must, at this juncture, acknowledge the efforts of past leaders of this noble Association viz: Comrd. Adetuberu, Alh. Rafiu Olaore and Chief (Mrs.) Bola Odebode, the immediate past President at ensuring that this Association is a force to reckon with in the comity of Alumni Associations. We count on your wealth of experience to guide and continue to contribute to the growth of this Association.

I want to, unequivocally, accept the responsibility of paddling the canoe of Osun State Polytechnic, Iree Alumni Association together with other elected National Officers for the next two years.

The basic responsibility of an alumni association is to foster unity among old students and harness resources both within and outside the Association to develop their alma mata. Over the years, the Association has witnessed various levels of development through the efforts of past leaders in being partners in progress with the State Government and Management of Osun State Polytechnic, Iree. It is, then, the task of this administration to build on the foundation laid by my predecessors.

During the campaigns, I approached our esteemed members with a five (5) cardinal vision if given the privilege to lead the association. They are:

1. To revamp the administrative structure of the Association. To this end, I am happy to inform you that interview had been conducted for Shortlisted applicants for the position of Administrative Secretary and Office Assistant. Successful applicants have resumed work since May 1, 2018.
2. To open up the Association for greater inclusion in decision making process.
3. To partner the Institution in creating enabling environment for rendering more efficient service delivery to Alumni members and students.
4. To enhance socio-economic interaction among members of the Association through a well coordinated central information system, and
5. To contribute, significantly, to the growth and development of Osun State Polytechnic, Iree.

In line with the vision stated above, this administration has started working on two projects which would be unveiled in the next couple of weeks.

In specific terms, the following projects are lined up for execution:

1. Equipping the Institution to be more efficient in service delivery to students and ex-students with specific reference to Exams and Records, Verification Office and Certificate Office.
2. Design of a dynamic, state of the art website with embedded portal, to enable the Association have her own database of members' profile, with interactive features.
3. Formation of State Chapters as stipulated in our new constitution. To this end, I wish to inform members that Chapter Formation Application Forms and guidelines are available for collection. This will open up the Association for greater inclusion in decision making process.
4. Completion of the ongoing construction of blocks of self-contained hostels for students.
5. Construction of a 250 capacity lecture room for the use of the Institution.
6. Production of Annual News Magazine of the association starting from this year.
7. Sinking of boreholes.
8. Completion of perimeter fencing of the Secretariat.
9. Procurement of Association vehicle.
10. Furnishing and equipping of the Alumni Secretariat.

All these and many more can only be achieved in an atmosphere of synergy. I, therefore, call on all members within and outside the country, the State Government, our guests and friends of the Association to join hands with us in actualizing these lofty projects. There is opportunity to launch your support for this Association today as you shall be called upon to donate towards the aforementioned projects. Let me add that your contributions can be in cash or direct provision of any of the listed projects.

Let me assure all members of this Association of the National Executive Council's readiness to work tirelessly in taking the Association to greater heights. We are open to constructive criticisms and advice on all matters of the Association. For us, in the NEC, we see ourselves as stewards who will have to give report of our stewardship and we intend to do this with utmost sense of responsibility.

Conclusively, I want to use this opportunity to encourage members to always respond to calls for statutory meetings of the Association. Our next Annual General Meeting as stipulated in the constitution will hold in June/July. This will be an opportunity to participate meaningfully in building the Association.

Once again I thank you all for gracing this occasion. I wish you journey mercies back to your various destinations. God bless you.