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How Lagos is building smart city

By Motolani AbdulGafar

One of the cardinal points in the Lagos State agenda is technology revolution that turns the state into a smart city.

With this in place, the state is expected to be covered with broadband internet that would be deployed into homes, offices and every nook and cranny of the city.

However, to make this a reality, there is need for fibre optic cable to drive the required internet penetration.

The Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) has said that the country needs about 120,000 kilometres of additional fibre optic cables to meet the 70 per cent broadband penetration set by the New National Broadband Plan (NNBP) 2025. Currently, there is fewer than 60,000 kilometres and about 40,000 additional Base Transceiver Stations (BTS) across the country.

On its own, Lagos State government said it has deployed about 6,000 kilometers of fibre optic cables to drive its smart city agenda. The city is targeting 2030 to be fully covered with internet.

Earlier at a forum in Lagos, the NCC Executive Commissioner (Stakeholders' Management), Mr. Adeleke Adewolu, said Lagos State Government needs to collaborate with the NCC in the deployment of the telecom infrastructure, noting that the state is the hub of telecoms and technology activities in Nigeria.

The NCC Commissioner, who noted huge infrastructure deficit in the country, said: "For instance, we need over 120,000 additional kilometres of Fibre Optic Cables from the current figure of fewer than 60,000 kilometres and about 40,000 additional Base Transceiver Stations (BTS) to meet the NNBP targets by the year 2025."

Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu said his government is committed to improving the



Gov Babajide Sanwo-Olu

provision of adequate infrastructure to fast-track the Smart City Project to optimize the limitless opportunity of a fully digitized economy.

The governor noted that the bedrock of a functional Smart City is adequate and functional infrastructure.

He said: "Our administration's commitment to the smart city project is through the deployment of cutting edge technology to bring about improved and effective governance as well as providing the necessary infrastructure to support the widespread application of technology to create opportunities and enhance socio-economic growth."

He added that one of the key pillars of his administration's agenda is making Lagos a 21st-century economy, noting that a requirement to achieve this goal is technology, especially the availability of efficient and reliable internet service.

Sanwo-Olu, therefore, stated that it is for this reason that his government placed a high premium on the 6000 kilometers of fibre optic cable, aimed at improving access to functional, efficient and affordable internet service.

According to him, a number of private initiatives are already springing up with huge investments that will deliver high speed and efficient internet service.

To realize the Smart City dream, the governor revealed that the state has recently re-launched its residents' card, adding that the new residents' card is an upgraded version of the former ordinary plastic to a smart card with embedded features for multipurpose uses in addition to identification purposes.

He added that in June last year, his administration created a seamless payment system for the multimodal transport system with the launch of Cowry Card, to

ensure the digitization of key government services, processes and procedures to improve efficiency, accountability and transparency.

The governor, however, commended the management of LASIMRA for sustaining a cordial relationship between the state government and the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC).

He stressed that the relationship and collaboration have been of great impact on the State, underscoring the need for good and harmonious cooperation between the federal and state agencies.

Meanwhile, based on the huge financial requirement in the deployment of telecom infrastructures, the Group Chief Operating Officer, WTES Project Ltd, Chidi Ajuzie, said the only way to go is to encourage public-private collaboration.

He stressed the importance of private investors, emphasizing

that PPP is catalyst to the development of telecoms infrastructure, saying investment in such infrastructures is beyond the government.

While commending the Lagos State Government on the move for the deployment of infrastructure, Ajuzie urged other state governments to emulate the initiative and encourage private investment in the deployment of telecom infrastructure, saying it is through such that the economy of the country could be revived and grown.

He also urged the government to see to the implementation of the Dig Once Policy in the state, saying if properly implemented, the policy would fast track private investment in telecom infrastructure.

He noted that the infrastructure especially the fibre optic cables are needed to expand penetration to the unserved and underserved areas across the state.



Muhammed embarks on 2023 campaign mobilisation

By Motola AbdulGafa

The Chairman, Apapa Iganmu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Funmilayo Muhammed has pledged to deliver victory for the presidential candidate of All Progressives

Congress (APC) party, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu as she was enlisted in the mobilisation committee. Muhammed is among the reputable female politicians across Nigeria that were inaugurated at the presidential villa for mobilisation course.

According to her, making the list and the composition of various committees that would help strengthen the campaign base for Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu and other APC candidates, is victory assured. In preparation for the APC success during the general elections in

2023, Muhammed is expected to effect good skills to mobilise voters, especially women for its presidential candidate from Lagos central and South-west at large. She promised to put in her best in women wing to pull multitude for the support needed for the election victory in 2023.



Mrs. Muhammed during inauguration

Residents comment on road rehabilitation

By Motola AbdulGafa

Residents of Amuwo-Odofin Local Government have expressed their thoughts over the commencement of the rehabilitation of roads in the council area.

According to them, the reconstruction which began after the council chairman's 365 Days in office showcases his resilient attitude toward community development. Speaking to ECHONEWS, a resident, Adepeju Akiolu, informed that the reconstruction was carried out by the Public Works department of the council at 1st Avenue and 52 roads respectively.

Meanwhile, the council stated that the reconstruction would be extended to 21 road and 7th Avenue roads over time.

Akiolu said the new development raised the hope of good road ideas in residents as commuters and road users have always wished that roads

in the council are fully motorable.

The council management has appealed to residents to cooperatively ply alternate routes for quick service delivery in consolidating the road state.

In a related development, Akiolu revealed that a similar project is ongoing at Oriade LCDA as Buba Marwa road is currently under reconstruction.

She said the amazing aspect of the reconstruction to commuters is the fact that the LCDA has been tagged as an area with the most unmotorable roads which has led to the lamentation of residents for many years and counting.

ECHONEWS gathered that the road which is in the Ijgun-Egba axis is known to play host to tank farms and industries and has a high volume of tankers and articulated trucks.

The reconstruction is said to be at 31 per cent completion with a fully concrete road.

The chairman of Amuwo-Odofin Local Government, Hon. Valentine Buraimoh, has congratulated the officer of Lagos State Independent Electoral Commission (LASIEC) in the local government, Messrs. Olabisi Shodipo on his retirement, describing him as a transparent worker and leader from whom he (Buraimoh) has learnt some aspects of leadership coordination. He said Shodipo is a leader that takes into account the consequences and advantages of every decision made in the office that stimulates the development of the department for proper delivery of duties in the

Buraimoh congratulates LASIEC officer on retirement

By Motola AbdulGafa

council.

Buraimoh noted that he is a man of integrity who is impartial while

carrying out his duties which makes him feel secure during electoral processes as he is well assured that Shodipo is an incorrupt leader.

He eulogised the electoral boss, saying his legacy would be forever upheld in the council while encouraging his

colleagues across the State to emulate Shodipo.

He, therefore, appealed to residents to endeavour to collect

their Permanent Voters Card (PVC) as efficient electoral officers are available to ensure transparency during an election.

Epe LG embarks on rehabilitation of drainages to tackle flooding

By Saheed Afolabi

The Chairman of Epe Local Government, Princess Surah Olayemi Animashaun has restated her commitment towards improving the standards of living and well-being of the entire residents of Epe, just as she commenced immediate rehabilitation of two street drainages within the Local Government in other to improve infrastructural

development in the community.

The ongoing projects are rehabilitation of drainage at Alausa Street and Popo Oba Street to enable free flow of water from source to its destination.

The project is being supervised by Works & Infrastructure Department of Epe Local Government, the duration of the ongoing drainages rehabilitation is three months.

This is necessary due to the deplorable state of these

drainages to reduce the risk of flooding during this rainy period as well as to make the drainage system useful. It would open up the drainage system to ensure a free flow of water and protect major roads in the community

The Chairman of the council Princess Surah Olayemi Animashaun who was represented by the Supervisor for Civic Engagement Hon Sikiru Rahmon and the Special Adviser on Works Hon

Ashiru Waheed while they went for an inspection of the ongoing projects, the both reaffirmed that the Chairman of the council is dedicated and committed to the service of the people and she has gradually given a progressive approach to the provisions of Social and Infrastructural Development, Regular Environmental Sanitation, Health Care Services, Maintenance of Peace and adequate Security of lives and properties.

The rehabilitation of these drainages will maintain the surface of the road and its foundation as dry as possible with water and also maintain the stability and durability of the road then attract more developments in the area.

The Council Chairman then assured residents of her unalloyed commitment in making Epe habitable for all and sundry, thereby delivering the gains of democracy to the people at the grassroots.



Lekki LCDA boss praises self over healthcare delivery

By Motolani Abdulgafar

The Chairman of Lekki LCDA, Hon. Rasaki Kasali has boasted about the efficiency of his administration in providing healthcare services to residents. Kasali said aside from the treatment, the council has been planning to embark on sensitisation of residents on likely methods of preventing visual impairment, commonly available blindness and spreading awareness of the efficiency of the council's eye care services. He cited instances where the council has supported eye deficient patients cases like a 9-year-old boy who had

an accident that led to Uveal prolapse of the left eye which corrective surgery was done before being able to see again. The council boss also gave instance of a woman in her mid-40s with a mature cataract in both eyes, whose medical treatment was sponsored by the council. He revealed that lots of surgery cases are still being monitored and observed as some of the patients have systemic issues which give rise to being managed closely till they are fit for surgery. Kasali further revealed that so far his administration has paid for surgical cases at the general hospital while giving out glasses to those with refractive



Hon. Rasaki Kasali

error, treatment of those with pathological cases, free Eye

Screening and treatment made available to the people of Lekki LCDA, during the Free Health Mission.

Residents applaud council over street electrification

By Edith Igbokwe

Residents of Olomowewe Community in Lekki LCDA have commended the council leadership over the provision of street lights in the area. The donation consists of 30 efficient solar lights that were hung at intervals in the area. Speaking to ECHONEWS, a resident, Enitan Oloye, noted that the electrification will reduce crime in the community as robbers and hoodlums will become cautious of their dealings. She elaborated that private properties will become more secure as lightning will reflect in every corner. She noted that as an indigene of Ibeju-Lekki who hopes for communal stability, similar projects would be carried out in other areas of the council. She also appealed to the government to ensure contributing towards the development of major projects.

LASUBEB commends Greenspring for donating classrooms

By Motolani Abdulgafar

The Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board (LASUBEB) has commended Greenspring International School, Ibeju-Lekki Local Government for donating three standard classrooms to RCM Primary School, Awoyaya, as a means of contributing towards the development of the education board in the council. While commissioning the project, the chairman of the board, Hon. Wahab Alawiye-King noted that the contribution would greatly relieve the government in terms of

the number of classrooms to be built in the school. He encouraged the management and staff of the school to properly maintain and utilise the classroom for its purposes. He urged other organizations and

individuals to emulate the selfless service rendered by Greenspring International School in developing the education sector in the council while promising that the government will continue to put in more effort toward the growth of the sectors.



Wahab Alawiye-King

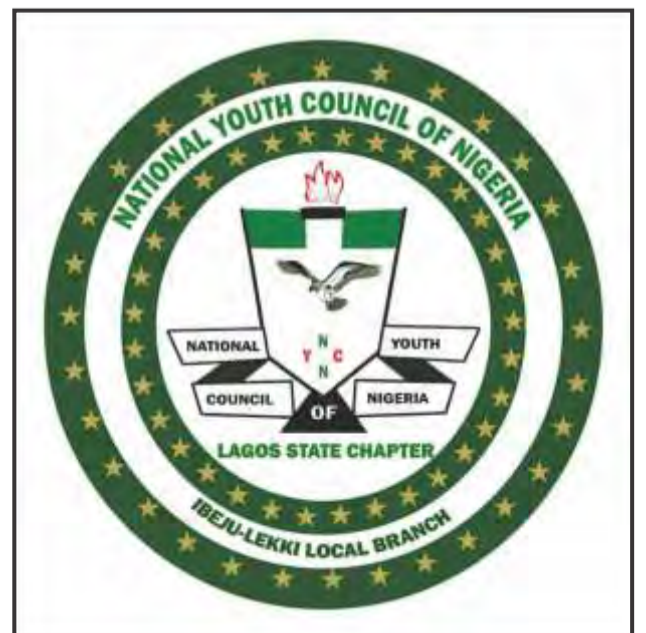
NYCN council solicits financial aids for the poor

By Motolani Abdulgafar

The National Youth Council of Nigeria, Ibeju-Lekki chapter has appealed to the residents to support the poor in the community. They also sought palliatives for the pupils to give educational opportunities to the less privileged. The coordinator, Mr. Rotimi Fatai, in a statement, said that the body has outlined a proposed project tagged "NYCN Hand of Hope" where educational materials would be distributed to pupils. He noted that specifically, they plan

to buy a uniform set for the less privileged pupils in Ibeju-Lekki Primary schools to outshine themselves in a new outfit. He said that the outfit is meant to build confidence in them as they

continue to venture into educational realms. He urged philanthropists in the area and beyond to reach out to the Council for the realization of the project.





Councillors hail chairman over official cars

By Edith Obioma

On behalf of the Councillors of Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government, the leader of the Legislative Arm, Hon. Victor Onifade, has commended the chairman, Prince Usman Hamzat for the official vehicle given to councillors for administrative convenience. According to the chairman, the gesture was aimed at aiding administrative work while enhancing positive output of good governance especially towards result-oriented legislative activities in Ifako-Ijaiye. He reiterated that the presentation of the official cars was symbolic, as it was the

first time all councillors in the Local Government would get Sport-Utility Vehicles (SUV) "Jeeps" for administrative conveniences. The Leader and Deputy Leader of the Legislative Arm, Hon. Victor Onifade and Hon. Jelili Adetunji (from Ward F and Ward A respectively) both received Toyota Highlander SUVs each, while other members of the Legislative Arm received Toyota Lexus 350 SUVs. Other councillors who also received the official vehicles were Hon. Sholola Oluwole, Chairman House Committee on Environment from ward B, Hon. Sharafadeen Bola Kareem the Chief Whip from ward C1 and



Prince Hamzat delivering car key to Council.

Hon. Ibrahim Oriyomi Adenekan, Chairman House Committee on Infrastructure from Ward C2, Hon. Olaleye

Aremu, the Majority Leader from Ward D and Hon. Adebayo Kayode, the deputy Chief Whip from Ward E.

The presentation held at the council secretariat as Hamzat officially presented the car keys to each of the councillors.

MKO's daughter Dr. Mrs. Costello partners Ifako-Ijaiye LG for more developments

The President, Women in Africa Initiative, daughter of Chief MKO Abiola, Dr. Hafsat Costello has visited the Chairman of Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government, Prince Usman Hamzat on furtherance of the council's developmental strides. She discussed partnership initiatives with the Local Government. Hamzat further assured to welcome good ideas and strategies that will bring development to the community members and its environment. The meeting took place at the council secretariat in Idiagbon.

Hamzat delivers rehabilitated Ahmed Tinubu Road

By Edith Obioma

Phase 1 rehabilitation of Bola Ahmed Tinubu Road formerly known as Old Akute Road has been completed by the Chairman of Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government, Prince Usman Hamzat. According to the chief press secretary to the chairman, Lateef Salaam, the completion of the rehabilitation signals the endpoint of "phase 1" of the project which was terminated at Kudirat Abiola Estate Gate. Residents and commuters within the area expressed a seamless driving experience since the completion of the road without itches on the portion of the road completed. Hamzat promised not to rest on his oars as other disturbing parts of the road will soon be attended to. During his recent

inspection tour across project sites in the Local Government, he assured that other failing parts of Bola Ahmed Tinubu Road will be fixed. Before the rehabilitation of the road, potholes, shallow pits and road-cuts disturb vehicular activities, affected economic fortunes of business owners in the area and even made it difficult for road users to

ply. Some regular commuters had opted to get hooked in traffic jam through another route to their destinations rather than getting stuck on the dilapidated road. The next phase of the rehabilitation process promised to fix other bad spots including damaged drainages on the road especially alongside the NRC Building axis and Iju

Grammar School through Omo-Onile Junction towards Kay-Farm Estate. Recall that Bola Ahmed Tinubu Road measures about 1.5km and is a major access/link road which eases the incessant traffic issues on Iju-Ishaga road by diverting vehicular activities towards Obawole axis, Iju-Ishaga, Ajuwon, Alagbado and even Fagba areas in Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government.

Residents, commuters urged to follow road reconstruction signs

By Edith Obioma

The contractor handling road reconstruction of Adesina Street off Iju-Ishaga Road, Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government Area has disclosed that the work will be completed within a month and it is expected that the residents and commuters plying the route should comply and

cooperate with the directions of the ongoing construction exercise. According to the council chairman, Prince Usman Hamzat, the intention of the reconstruction exercise is to ease traffic congestion along Iju-Ishaga axis. He noted that accessibility of Adesina Road will allow vehicles to connect Oguntade and Balogun streets down to Iju-Ishaga, Agbado in a seamless

movement. He assured that development strides will continue on road infrastructures to ease traffic congestion in Ifako-Ijaiye community. "Fixing the road will reduce traffic congestion along Iju-Ishaga/Agbado Road; Vehicles can ply Balogun/Oguntade Street en route Iju-Ishaga, Agbado for easy access," he said.

Council enjoins people to avail themselves of free healthcare service

By Edith Obioma

The chairman of Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government, Prince Usman Hamzat, has encouraged community members to avail themselves of the free healthcare services brought to their doorsteps. He said he has partnered with health officials for about 10 weeks to ensure that residents' health is well taken care of. The healthcare team were spread around 27 centers within the community to give residents a closeby service access. The team has been providing free health check, COVID-19 Vaccination, quantum

diagnosis, immunization, blood donation, supplement and health insurance to the teeming populace in the community, going from one strategic location to another. So far, 4,285 residents have been reached out to in the free healthcare service provided to address health challenges of the community people. Some of the areas covered include 14, Ajilete Street Beside Primary Health Center (PHC) off College Road, Orile Ogundimu Central Mosque at 1, Ogundimu Street, Iju and The City of the Lord Church at 25, Kudirat Soule Street, Coker Road.



Residents receiving treatment



Youths to benefit from Kennol Technical training

By Edith Igbokwe

On behalf of the beneficiaries inducted for Technical trainings in Ojodu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Adedeji Daniel has appreciated the facilitators for thinking it right to develop the youths. 15 youths were randomly selected across the LCDA for the programme as part of infrastructural renewal project conceived by Arctic Consultants to infuse capacity building of young people into the development plans of Ojodu LCDA. The professional training course was facilitated by the administration of Hon.

David Odunmbaku in partnership with Kennol Limited as it officially inducted trainees at Kennol Limited Headquarters. The training and certification courses covers plumbing, electrical and mechanical, with distribution of engineering kits to the beneficiaries. The MD/CEO Of Kennol Limited, Engr. Ogunduyile described Odunmbaku as an immense investor in human resource as sustainable form of development. He noted that the young beneficiaries would be exposed to practical training of 26 years experience of his firm and advised parents of the beneficiaries to

complement the efforts of Ojodu LCDA by ensuring that beneficiaries have the necessary support that will justify the confidence reposed in them. Odunmbaku look forward to implementing more policies on youth development through capacity building initiatives to further entrench commitment towards making young people realize their potentials and aspirations in life through the acquisition of skills that would make them self reliant. He implored beneficiaries of the training to take full advantage of the capacity building trainings and its educational benefits to become developed and self

reliance.

President of Nigerian Association Of Technicians, Engr. Oloruntola Mutiu advised beneficiaries to fully utilize the opportunity provided.

Representative of the parents, Mrs. Peace Ajayi appreciated and prayed for Ojodu LCDA chairman and the partners.

In attendance were, representatives of Ojodu LCDA led by Chief Of Staff, Mr. Dapo Adeoye, Supervisors For Education and Youths, Hon. Isaac Olanrewaju and Hon. Femi Fadeyi, HOD Education, Mrs. Ganiyat Bello, Parents of beneficiaries with Staff of both Kennol Limited and Arctic Consultants.



Youths inducted for training

Ojodu chair congratulates Odunmbaku on MFR award

By Edith Igbokwe

The chairman of Ojodu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. David Odunmbaku has congratulated Leader and Father, Cardinal James Omolaja Odunmbaku on his National Honour Award as Member of the Federal Republic (MFR) by President Muhammadu Buhari in Abuja. He wished the distinguished leader

many more glorious accomplishments. According to him, Cardinal Odunmbaku is a member of the Governors Advisory Council and frontline religious leader who has contributed immensely to political, theological and communal development in Lagos State and beyond which makes the recognition and nomination for the national honour worthy. He stated that the community members are proud and honoured to

have such a prominent member and revered leader in the community. He said the awardee served as patron and mentor to many individuals and organizations across Nigeria and become celebrated tremendously and meritoriously by the society and the nation for his unflinching service to God and humanity. With the new stride of achievement, he wished the awardee good luck and happy fulfillment of purpose in his endeavours.



Cardinal James Omolaja Odunmbaku

60 youths to benefit from waste-to-wealth recycling training

By Edith Igbokwe

The management of Ojodu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), under the chairmanship of Hon. David Odunmbaku in conjunction with Rotary Club Of Gbagada and LAWMA have inducted 60 youths to be trained on the use of aggregators to recycle waste into wealth. The collaboration was borne out of seeking relevant solutions to the issues of environmental

pollution and unemployment. The scientific process of waste to wealth will help bring to the forefront in building a zero landfills and zero waste community. At the council secretariat, selected trainees were inducted in the renewal, regeneration and recycling of waste for environmental and socio-economic benefits. According to the organizers, the benefits will not just be for the

protection of the environment from degeneration and pollution, but would also create jobs, generate income and establish recycling businesses for the beneficiaries of the training. "Recycling exercise is explained to be a creative reuse that transforms waste materials, by-products and unwanted products into new materials or products of better quality and environmental value."



Beneficiary of waste to Wealth training



Council deliberates on 2023 budget

By Edith Igbokwe

In preparation for the Year 2023 budget, Ojodu Local Council Development Area (LCDA) Chairman, Hon. David Odunmbaku has organized a Stakeholders Forum for an all inclusive representation. The interactive session deliberated on ultimate aim of running a government that will carry members along in the administration of lifting lives and infrastructural development in Ojodu LCDA. Odunmbaku stated that the contributions needed from community stakeholders is to

formulate and conceptualize a more people oriented budget. And to further bridge the gap between government and the governed by receiving suggestions from the community on how to better allocate resources towards socio-economic development. The present fast ending budget was evaluated and received inputs from the cross section of Ojodu LCDA residents on how to tailor the next budget towards the needs of the people. Highlight of achievements recorded in the last budget on prioritizing people oriented projects in line

with the H.E.Y.S agenda through the renovations of Primary Health Centers, provision of vehicles to Police Stations procurement of ambulance and provision of GCE forms to students. In attendance were members of the CDA & CDC, political leaders, youth and women leaders, artisans, market women, religious and traditional leaders taking turns in praising Odunmbaku and his administration for good record performance in office for the past one year. They, however, proffered ideas and submitted inputs to be included in the budget.



Hon. David Odunmbaku

Govt urges farmers to put more efforts in farming

By Edith Igbokwe

Ojodu Local Council Development Area (LCDA) has made a great display of farm products at the world food day recently celebrated at Police College, Ikeja. The World Food Day was organized to showcase agricultural produce and exploits by farmers across the

state. Farmers participated at the event which had agribusiness ventures from across local governments in Lagos displaying varieties of agricultural products at the fair. Farm produce displayed included vegetables, yam, bunch of plantains, fish and others. The council chairman, David Odunmbaku

implored farmers to put in more efforts on agriculture to ensure bountiful harvest to feed the increasing population. Present at the event was the HOD Agriculture Department, Mr. Lateef Otukoya and the entire Staff of the department who led participants from Ojodu LCDA to the event.



Farm products showcased

Ojodu marketers campaign for Tinubu

By Edith Igbokwe

The market leaders in Ojodu Local Council Development Area (LCDA) led by Mrs. Folashade Salako have carried out campaign rally for the presidential candidate of All Progressives Congress (APC) party, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed. Tinubu and other candidates of the party. The market men and women took turns to appreciate the LCDA Chairman, Hon. David Odunmbaku for an all inclusive and proactive

governance he embarked on ever since inception as they visited his office after rally. They commended the performance of Odunmbaku's administration within the short period in office and prayed that he would continue to lead the council to achieve greater strides. Responding, the Chairman noted that the turnout of the marketers was quite impressive despite their busy commitments in the market, they still organized and participated massively in the rally.

He further emphasized the importance of Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu's presidential candidacy and it's impact for the development of Lagos and Nigeria at large. He also canvassed support for all the candidates on the platform of (APC) such as, Governor Babajide Sanwoolu, Mrs Idiat Adebule, Hon. James Abiodun Faleke and Hon. Adedamola Kasumu. He assured the market men and women to expect more from his administration as he will still come up with more achievements.



Market women at rally



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Stakeholders deliberate on Agbooyi-Ketu 2023 budget

By Saheed Afolabi

Stakeholders of Agbooyi-Ketu Local Council Development Area (LCDA) have robbed minds together to ensure obtainable 2023 fiscal budget. The budget tagged 'Infrastructural Growth and Human Development' was well deliberated on by the traditional rulers, community leaders, transport unions, market men/women, youths and women organization groups, artisans and religion leaders. All gave purposeful direction towards the budget as they contributed meaningful proposals.

The All progressives Congress (APC) state treasurer, Hon. Abiodun Akhigbe, urged the present administration to look into the issue of unused lands in Ajelogo Akanimodo Housing scheme, stating that the serenity will aid beautiful aesthetic for the ongoing housing projects springing up in the area.

Responding, Agbooyi-Ketu (LCDA) chairman, Hon. Dele Oshinowo said that his administration will focus on massive infrastructural development come next year.

He noted that all the projects embarked upon by his administration so far, especially on housing scheme were to create alternative



Oshinowo speaking during 2023 budget planing

increase in Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) for the LCDA.

He, however, disclosed that his administration will commence construction works on Fadiya, Adisa Akintoye, Odogbolu and

Ogunseide streets of the community.

He further stated that the LCDA partnered with Lagos State Government to construct two roads within Owode-Ajegunle axis.

The Law maker representing Kosofe Constituency II at state Assembly level, Hon. Femi Saheed commended Oshinowo for transforming the LCDA into a place of pride through massive

development projects.

The council head of administration, Mrs. Sonate Adebajji urged residents to pay their levies and rates to ensure adequate resources to fund 2023 budget.

Bamigboye empowers 200 youths with various skills

By Saheed Afolabi

Over 200 youths have been equipped with trainings in various skills under the Youth Empowerment scheme of the Chairman of Mushin Local Government, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye. The skills which included Catering, Cosmetology, Makeup and Soap Making were acquired in a three-week training organised by the department of Youth, Sports and Agriculture, of the Local Government, in partnership with Lagos State Ministry of Youth and Social Development. Bamigboye reinstated that his administration will not relent in its efforts to accord priority to youth empowerment and wealth creation. He stated that the skills acquired by the youths will

enable them to be self reliant and useful for themselves and the society. The council boss said that he is optimistic that when youths are empowered, they would become active contributors and collaborators towards exploring their impacts on the world around them.

He, however, implored all the beneficiaries to show

appreciation by exhibiting high sense of responsibility, competitive skills and portray themselves as good ambassadors of Mushin Local Government.

Bamigboye presented certificates to the beneficiaries of the training programme and appealed to them to support continuity in governance in Lagos State by voting all the candidates

of APC in the 2023 general elections.

Representative of the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Youth and Social Development, Mr. Lukmon Ahmed, commended the Executive Chairman for the laudable programme.

Mrs. Taiwo Olaniyan of the Lagos State Employment Trust Fund explained that the beneficiaries can access

loans to establish their businesses, explaining various categories of loans, ranging from 250,000 to 5,000,000 for Small and Medium Scale Enterprises. She advised graduands to visit the website of the agency; , for more information or contact the liaison office at Mushin Local Government secretariat.

One of the beneficiaries of the programme, Ojuolape Ariori, who spoke on behalf of her colleagues, expressed appreciation to the chairman for the opportunity given to them to venture into various lines of business through the skills acquisition programme. She also prayed for the success of the chairman and his team in their administration.

Bamigboye to commission another road project

By Saheed Afolabi

many other social activities. The street which commenced from the Adeniyi Street which links the Iyana Itire road axis to Denedo street with other connecting streets like Adedeji, Okuribido street, Karimu Taiwo street and Amodu street.

The project which

commenced some months ago and has reached 90% of completion, has gone through different stages which included; sanitation, setting of kerbs, laying of stone base, compaction with rollers, sand bedding, while the project is currently at paving stone setting stage and will still undergo spreading of sand on the

interlock and rolling of paving stone with rolling machine for proper compaction and locking, before final painting of kerbs for aesthetics with giant specification.

Residents of the street and Itire community in general, have commended the Executive Chairman of Mushin Local Government - Hon. Emmanuel

Bamigboye, for the giant stride and bold step taken to develop Itire community which has been neglected for many years.

The project is due for completion and commissioning in the second week of November 2022, with great expectations and anxiety from the people of Itire community.



Adebule Boiz canvasses support for Adebule



Hon. Idiat Adebule

By Motolani AbdulGafar

A selected campaign group of the senatorial candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Lagos West Senatorial District, Hon. Idiat Adebule has appealed to community stakeholders to support candidate and sell her to all residents.

The group noted that Adebule, despite being a woman has so far shown competence and credibility as she continues to make a stricken difference in grassroots governance and beyond.

Addressing the Community Development Association of both Iba LCDA and Badagry Local Government respectively, the Financial Secretary of the group, Hon. Yakub Alaba noted that Adebule has proved herself through impartial representation when she was the Deputy Governor of Lagos State.

He noted that her interest in serving Lagos West is a blessing as it is the second time since 1979 that a female representative would emerge so far.

He encouraged them to work assiduously as the representation of reliable leaders would be beneficial to the community by doing a house-to-house propagation for Adebule.

He assured that with her heartfelt nature for the masses, all promised manifestations would be executed as compared to making empty promises.

Rasulu inspects market, assures of peace and unity

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Chairman of Ojo Local Government, Hon. Rasulu Idowu, has assured traders at Alaba International Market of government's intervention over the reported dispute between traders and government stakeholders.

The dispute was reported to have ensued

following the protest by traders over the extortion by members of Road Transport Employers Association of Nigeria (RTEAN) in the market.

Following the pandemonium, Idowu assured that Lagos State Government would access the complaint of the traders and resolve the issue on time.

Meanwhile, ECHONEWS confirmed

that the market has been temporarily shut to protect lives and properties due to the pandemonium.

Our correspondent also learnt that the traders claimed that they are always made to pay for a fully cleared container or a truck at a sum of N70,000 to N100,000 before they can be allowed to convey their goods to the market or supply goods from their warehouses.



Hon. Rosulu Idowu

Oniba seeks govt's intervention on community devt

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Oniba Ekun of Iba Land, Oba Sulaiman Raji-Ashade has appealed to the chairman of Iba LCDA, Hon. Yisa Jubril (Abila) to extend dividends of democracy to Itogba

community in the council area.

The community is said to be part of the remote areas in the council that needs more governmental support for grassroots development.

The monarch noted that the existence of

developmental projects in the community will enable residents to see a new light on the leadership and competence of Abila.

He urged the council Chairman to intensify efforts on link roads across communities

within the LCDA.

He advised the local revenue collectors to endeavour to extend their operations to Itogba community as they have been neglected for a while. To complement the efforts of the council, he sought support

from Baales and CDAs to intensify their efforts as regards security.

Oba Raji-Ashade, then appreciated Abila for his good work so far while noting that residents expect more of his graciousness for better development.

HLO rolls out campaign manifesto

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The flag bearer of the All Progressives Congress (APC) to represent Ojo Federal Constituency at the House of Representatives, Hon. Lanre Ogunyemi (HLO), has made a public declaration of his intended principles, policies and projects for the realization of a good intermediary between the Federal Government and Ojo constituents if elected.

He said having previously held different political offices, he knows how to present the demands of his people before the relevant authority which he intends to extend to the federal

level.

He cited the instance of the approval of the construction of federal roads in Ojo and the approval of profitable bye-laws that would benefit the public which he facilitated.

Ogunyemi further assured party loyalists that his governance will

be a continuity as the party has a good agenda for the country.

He urged all residents to ensure acquiring the Permanent Voter's Card (PVC) and making efforts to vote on election day as their campaign would not be productive without their vote.



Hon. Lanre Ogunyemi while explaining his manifesto

Olatunji-Bello appreciates massive turnout at mother's burial

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Vice Chancellor of Lagos State University, Prof. Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello has appreciated the massive turnout of family, friends and comrades at the final burial ceremony of her late mother, Mrs. Jadesola Ibiyemi.

She stated that their physical presence was beyond her expectations

which she said gave her impression of total support to her family and herself.

The late matriarch died at 90 years on September 13, 2022.

Olatunji-Bello appreciated the public for describing her mother as a vibrant leader who contributed to the development of the nation.

She promised to propagate the legacy left behind by her mother.



L-R: Grandson of the deceased, Mr Deji Bello, Wife of the Deputy Governor of Lagos State, Mrs Oluremi Hamzat, First Lady of Lagos State, Dr. (Mrs) Ibiyoke Sanwo-Olu, daughter and Vice Chancellor, Lagos State University (LASU) Prof. Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello



Kendoo pledges continuous support for ICT

The representatives of Supervisors, Special Advisers and Senior Special Assistant on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) across the 57 Local Government Areas (LGAs) and Local Council Development Areas (LCDAs) of Lagos State have requested for the support of Oshodi-isolo LG chairman, Otunba Kehinde Oloyede (Kendoo) on ICT as the council host the Conference in a meeting. The chairman of the forum, Hon. Moses Hunyinsode, who is the Supervisor for ICT, Badagry Local Government noted the importance of ICT unit in effective running of the local government. He, however, urged Kendoo to give the necessary support to the unit for efficient service delivery.

Hon. Adekunle Lawal from Alimosho Local Government appreciated the chairman for the successes recorded so far in his administration, his humane nature and implored him to continue in that line. Responding, Oloyede appreciated the forum for their passionate drive to have noted that such office and forum should be given due recognition and support. He noted that ICT is pivotal to running a seamless administration and that gave him reason to set up the unit even before the directive from the state government. "I want to welcome you all to my office and our local government. Your portfolio is very germane to effective service delivery in the current 21st century and anyone who is not ready or willing to engage technology will only be left behind. Being someone that is technologically savvy myself, I will surely accord the office the necessary support.

Kendoo frowns at project destruction

By Edith Igbokwe

The damaged section of the newly constructed bridge at Orona Link Street has been fixed following the direction of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government chairman, Otunba Kehinde Oloyede (Kendoo). The damage was traced to the effect of truck heavily loaded with bags of cement conveying loads to a nearby site. Oloyede urged residents to desist from wanton destruction of government properties, but rather, serve as protector of such infrastructure for it to

serve the purpose it was meant for. He warned that anyone caught destroying such infrastructure will be made to face the full wrath of the law. He, however, reiterated that his administration will continue to make good infrastructure available for the people. "It has come to our notice that a fully loaded cement truck has destroyed the Orona Street Link overnight, we have, however, moved swiftly into action by instructing the engineering and works department to fix the damaged bridge to make life seamless for our

people. "We appeal to our people to avoid intentional or unintentional destruction of government infrastructures within their communities, we will not allow anyone destroy all we have done. Anyone caught in such wanton destruction of infrastructures will be made to face the full wrath of the law." Orona Link is a major access road between Adeyemi Street and Orona Street, which serves as a route for transporters anytime there is traffic congestion on Adeyemi Street.



Otunba Kehinde Oloyede (Kendoo).

The chairman of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government, Otunba Kehinde Oloyede (Kendoo) has inspected the ongoing construction work at Mukandasi Street, to ascertain the level and quality of job done. The council chairman, during the inspection, engaged the residents in interaction concerning the project within their vicinity. The residents expressed their happiness to see Kendoo and they eulogized him, stating that they are pleased with the quality of the drainage. He apologised to them on the delay of construction work due to paucity of funds but, promised required attention will be given to the road for speedy completion. He assured them that the contractor will do a perfect job while calling their attention to the quality of the drainage

Council chairman assures residents of speedy completion of road project

By Saheed Afolabi

currently under construction. "I am here to inspect the

ongoing construction of Mukandasi street and I'm pleased with the quality of job done so far

and I want to commend the understanding of our people during the delayed project due to

lack of fund, but we shall ensure it is finished in time so that our people can enjoy the usage."



ongoing construction work at Mukandasi Street



How Nakamura FA emerged champions of WAFA league 2021/2022 season

By Saheed Afolabi

The Women Accredited Football Academies (WAFA) 2021/2022 season ended on a good note as Mushin based women club side, Nakamura FA emerged champions. Nakamura FA won the championship for the first time after just coming into existence barely 3 years ago. Nakamura FA defeated all their opponents in the Wafa league Super 4 to emerge champions after the four teams that qualified for the Super 4 were drawn from an abridge league format where 2 top teams from two groups qualified to the WAFA League Super 4 to know the eventual

winners of the league.

The WAFA League Super 4 had teams like champions Nakamura FA, Aseyori Queens, SGH Sports Academy Amazons and FC Phoenix Queens.

Qualifying into the WAFA League Super 4, Nakamura FA skipped past Aseyori Queens 1-0 in the first game, defeated FC Phoenix Queens 3-1 in the second game and scaled past SGH Sports Academy Amazons 2-0 in the last game.

Nakamura FA accumulated 16 points and closely followed by Aseyori Queens on 6 points, while FC Phoenix Queens and SGH Sports Academy Amazons had one point each.



Nakamura FA

FIFA World Cup feat: RSDF doles out cash to Flamingos, hails NFF

By Saheed Afolabi

The Ratels Sports Development Foundation (RSDF) has announced a reward of N2.1 million to Nigeria's Flamingos, moment after the country's national team beat USA to reach semi-final of the ongoing FIFA U17 Women's World Cup in India.

President of RSDF, Barr. Paul Edeh, who announced this on Friday while speaking to the team via phone call said the reward in support of the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) efforts will further boost their morale going into the last four stage.

The Foundation with special focus on women and young people's development had motivated same Nigerian team with cash reward during their World Cup qualifier stages.

While commending the

new NFF leadership led by Alhaji Ibrahim Gusau, Edeh who is also the proprietor of Nigeria Women Football League (NWFL) side, Naija Ratels football club of Abuja, urged the girls to do everything possible to reach the final and win the

coveted trophy for the country.

"Beating USA and reaching the semi-final stage of a World Cup for the first time is a no mean feat. This is highly commendable and I implore the team to do more.

"We are so impressed with your performance and I know many Nigerians will still do well to appreciate you more. Just remain focused," he told the team. RSDF has now supported the team with a total of N3.8 million - N1.7 million during the qualifier

and now N2.1 million.

The Foundation also promised to increase the amount to N3 million when they make it to the final.

The Flamingoes defeated their United States counterparts 4-3 on penalties after 1 - 1 full

and extra time score.

Both teams gave their all with the Flamingos holding on during the encounter despite the superior tactical play by the Americans.

It is Nigeria's first appearance in the semi-final of the competition.



Flamingos



MSSA U15 Invitational Tournament: Ghetto Tigers now new champions



By Saheed Afolabi

MSSA U15 Invitational Tournament defending champion, Dynamite FA were defeated by Ghetto Tigers 3-1 to win the second edition of the MSSA U15 Invitational Tournament.

The tournament which had a 4 teams based tournament shows glimpses of future talented players that are destined to make it to the top professionally in football.

The tournament was an age grade tournament which is used to groom young talented kids before they go professionally.

Ghetto Tigers took the lead in the game before Dynamite FA equalized to set up an epic game.

The first half ended in a score draw for both sides and the second half was a bumpy one as both sides were careful not to allow any costly mistakes that could lead to goal.

Ghetto Tigers FC, however, shocked Dynamite FA in the second half to take another lead in the game.

Dynamite FA remained resolute and kept pushing to equalize but they were hit on the counter attack as Ghetto Tigers FC scored their 3rd goal to dash the hopes of Dynamite FA of having a comeback in the game.

Ghetto Tigers FC defeated Dynamite FA to eventually win the MSSA U15 Invitational Tournament in grand style.

INTERVIEW

My aim is to create platform for young ballers to showcase their talents - Yusuf

In this interview with SAHEED AFOLABI, sport administrator, Datti Umar Yusuf talked about his interest in sport and why he established Moonluck FC.

What prompted your interest in football and establishing a football club?

My name is Datti Umar Yusuf, the CEO of MVP Sport Management Agency and the co-owner of Moonluck FC in partnership with the chairman of the club, Mr Collins.

The reason I established a club and have interest in football is to give back to the grassroots because here in Nigeria we have a lot of talents but they don't have that opportunity to showcase their talents. So, we use sport to discourage them from being a terrorist, internet fraud and oil theft.

What has being the achievement of Moonluck FC?

So far so good, we have been able to make some players sign professionally in Spain, Portugal, Germany and other parts of Europe. We classify this as an achievement because we were able to make the player achieve their dreams of playing outside the country professionally and this also motivate other players to associate or play for Moonluck FC.

How do you scout for players?

I do go to different communities where kids play street football. I will sit down and scout for the good ones among them who have the basics of football and are also very talented. That's how I scout for players for Moonluck FC.

Sometimes I organize football scouting tournament, where I also use that to scout for very good players.

As a football administrator, how do you manage players that are not



**CEO MVP sports Management Agency Limited
Datti Umar Yusuf**

disciplined?

When it comes to discipline, players must be disciplined, if they are not disciplined inside the pitch or outside the pitch, it will affect their careers. We

discipline our players by inducting them into the club to know the rules and regulations guiding the club. By this we know the player physically, mentally and psychologically.

We make accommodation available for our players, feeding, and transport allowance so as to make them focused, disciplined at the club and this will enable us get the best from them



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