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Oshodi Interchange overcomes endsars scare, grows 15,978 daily traffic

Strong signs that the sudden drop in passenger traffic at Oshodi Transport Interchange from 580,336 in September to 251,456 in October due to the nationwide EndSARS protests is giving way to a rebound as recent figures of the traffic show that total passengers' turnout is climbing up the stairs. No fewer than 510,390 passengers used the exchange in November, just 69,946 passengers less than the traffic in October when the exchange was just recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and before the protest. But the comparison with the month of October captures the upswing better by showing that 258,934 more passengers boarded buses in November than in October. On the average, the terminal picked 15,978 passengers per day during the three months of September to November, slightly more than half of the 30,000 passengers it picked on Thursday September 3, this year when it launched its inter-state operations at Terminal 1. The interchange runs three terminals – 1 for inter-city, 2- for the Oshodi-Abule-Egba Bus Rapid Transit route and 3- for

intra-city destinations from Oshodi. The figures show that terminal 2, launched in August by Governor Babajide Sanwo-olu is the fastest recovering terminal in terms of passenger traffic overtaking its September traffic of 106,133 by 50,830 passengers and tripling its October performance of 51,884 passengers to achieve 156,963 passengers. Analysts believe the instant success of Terminal 2 is not surprising considering the density of the corridor, the fairly short 16.38 kilometre route and the shorter turn-around speed. Add to this the competition among five bus companies including Primero, TSL and LBSL ensuring that passengers are picked up as fast as possible unlike routes where they have to wait for long to get on the buses. A similar traffic upsurge was predicted for the inter-city hub of terminal 3 with the expectation of departures rising due to the opening of the terminal to the buses plying western, Eastern and Southern routes. Starting with 90,027 passengers in September, the terminal suffered a 36,084 drop



Month	Passenger Volume			Total Pax.
	Terminal 1	Terminal 2	Terminal 3	
September 2020	90,027	106,133	384,176	580,336
October 2020	53,943	51,884	145,629	251,456
November 2020	77,189	156,963	276,238	510,390
Total:	221,159	314,980	806,043	1,342,182
Monthly Average:	73,720	104,993	268,681	447,394
Weekly Average:	18,430	26,248	67,170	111,849
Daily Average:	2,633	3,750	9,596	15,978

to floor at 53,943 in October. But at 77,189, its efforts to gear up and regain torque still fell behind its September performance of 90,027 by 12,838 passengers. While Terminal 2 is recording the fastest recovery, the Transport interchange will still rely on the modest pace of

Terminal 3's flight to regain momentum. In September, the terminal, which has the highest number of buses, recorded 384,176 passengers but suffered a setback in October for obvious reasons that lowered its performance to 145,629 passengers, less than half of its

September feat. In November, it recorded 276,238 passengers, still 107,938 below its September figures but an impressive 238,547 passengers more than October. Overall, 1,342,182 passengers used the interchange between September and November

implying that an average of 447,394 passengers used it monthly and 111,849 weekly. There is confidence that the traffic will certainly rise in December because of the holiday season, enhance security and economic boost of vacationers and tourists.

Improving the welfare of the people is my goal- Shammeh

The chairman, Isolo Local Council Development Area, Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye, known by his admirers as Shammeh, spoke to Echoneews' Damilola Kusimo on the achievements of his administration

You served a three year first term and a four year second term as chairman of the Isolo Local Council Development Area. How do you feel about this achievement?
I thank Allah, the Merciful for giving me the rare opportunity to serve the good people of Isolo. I thank the residents, the community and political leaders for their support and co-operation. Without them, I and my entire administrative and political team could not have gone this far.

What motivated you to go into politics?
It is the passion to improve the welfare of the common man and woman. The belief that government can be used to touch the lives of people and make them better citizens. For the welfare of the people is the purpose of government. The needs of the people are many but

gradually and with focus, we can meet the basic needs and make many people happy.

Good roads are considered critical to development, how would you score your administration on roads?
Despite socio-economic problems experienced this year, our road infrastructure drive was extended to Ago-Okota, The roads we have commissioned so far include Dotun Adeagbo, Hakeem Onitiri, Sylvester Anyanwu, Nwakiba and Adejoke Sumbo, Lukman Atobajeun, Moshalashi Street, Asa Afariogun via Kolawole Shonibare and Chivita Avenue.

What has been the focus on education?
Everybody knows that education is important to the growth of our society because it enables us to nurture the next generation. Our administration successfully reconstructed Akinbaiye Primary

School. We procured two 100-seater school buses to convey children to the school village. This innovation was informed by the need to reduce the risk the students are exposed to on their way to and from school. We also introduced N50,000 bursary for undergraduates and 250 graduates have benefitted so far. We have also distributed exercise books to primary schools in the seven political wards of the development area.

Health, they say, is wealth. Local governments are charged with the responsibility of primary health.
Yes, health is very important and we take it seriously. You can go and do your research. All primary health care centres operate optimally across the council with commendable service delivery in primary health care. Our model PHC in Ilasamaja operates 24 hour service with qualified doctors and nurses on hand to attend to emergency cases. The others at Isolo, Ajao Estate, Apena, Okota, Ishagatedo and LSPDC Estate operate day services.

Aside running ante-natal and post-natal clinics in all the PHCs, we have also distributed maternity packs to pregnant women to reduce the financial burden of getting such packs as well as facilitating their safe delivery.

Government is expected to take care of the underprivileged, how have you fared in this area?
In the last three years in office, our administration has continually extended helping hands to the widows, senior citizens and the physically challenged, within Isolo council area in fulfilment of our campaign promises. Though the token of N10,000 and food items may not be enough to turn their lives around, it represents the council's modest way of connecting with the deprived members of the LCDA. The first batch of the Endowment Programme was held in August 2017 with 100 people benefitting. Another 100 benefitted from the second batch on the 21st of April, 2018. The third batch of the programme was held in April, this year to bring the total to 300.



Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye

There have been improvements in the council's working environment. Is this also part of your legacies?
Of course, as an administration that places premium on the comfort of our workforce, we have spent the last three years on the gradual renovation of offices starting from re-roofing, re-painting and restructuring of administrative blocks A,B,C, D and E while work is already going on at the Engineering block. It will include the construction of a 1,000 capacity hall that would also augment the council's revenue generation.

MOH seeks more workers for better services

By Damilola Kushimo

The Medical Officer of Health (MOH), Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Dr. Baqiah Nojimudeen-Yesufu, has urged state health authorities to employ more workers and provide more

work spaces to boost health services to citizens.

She listed the challenges while receiving the House Committee on Health of the Lagos State House of Assembly (LSHA) when it visited the council recently. The committee led by its chairman, Hon. Akeem

Shokunle who represents Oshodi-Isolo Constituency I, visited the council to have first-hand information about the health facilities and their challenges to recommend solutions to the government.

Responding to the committee's enquiries, the MOH emphasised that although all

the seven primary health care centres, PHCs in the council area are functional and the Ilesamaja PHC operates 24-hours, shortage of nurses and medical record officers, inadequate spaces to accommodate patients and other environmental challenges limit their impact.

The committee chairman, who noted the challenges, promised that the government would find solutions to them as the challenges are not peculiar to Isolo LCDA.

He said other council areas across the state complained of the same challenges, saying the committee would invite all

MOHs across the state to discuss the way forward.

He explained that the committee was inspecting all the PHCs in the state to identify their challenges and proffer solutions as part of the state government efforts to revive the health sector from the grassroots.

We'll intensify our support for police in 2021 - PCRC

By Damilola Kushimo

The Police Community Relations Committee (PCRC), Ago-Okota Division has pledged to intensify support for the police

Why we won't celebrate Oke-Ogbere Day this year - Baale

By Damilola Kushimo

This year's celebration of Oke-Ogbere Day has been put on hold.

Disclosing the news to Echonews, The Baale of Oke-Ogbere Community, Okota, High Chief Tajudeen Amoo Orilowo gave the insecurity that followed the EndSARS violence and worsening economic situation as reasons for the decision.

The maiden edition, held late last year was capped with the grand commissioning of the newly constructed Oke-Ogbere link Bridge.

He explained that the community could not guarantee the security of the prospective guests due to the security situation of the community and the whole nation, adding that the community could not be celebrating while other Nigerians are battling with insecurity in the northeastern part of the country and other areas.

In the circumstances, it has been postponed to next year.

"It should be next year. We want to give gap to the celebration and give consideration to many social and economic factors. Moreover, we have to consider the convenience of our invitees because this year has been so challenging due to the pandemic, #EndSARS protest and the issue of insecurity in some parts of the country. Maybe by next year or upper we will have the celebration," he said.

next year praying that the calamity that befell the police in the year 2020 should not occur again.

The chairman, Hon. Musibau Alebiosu, said this during the last monthly meeting to round off year 2020 while adjourning the meeting till Thursday, January 14, 2021.

He also informed that the committee would not hold its annual get-together party for security and economic reasons.

During the meeting, Alebiosu appreciated the contributions of the members towards ensuring that the committee delivered its duties this year by maintaining effective rapport between the police and the community.

Specifically, he thanked members for protecting police officers and their stations during the #EndSARS protest violence during which some police stations were burnt including the neighbouring Ilesamaja Police Station while some officers were also killed across the state.

He promised that the committee would improve the relationship between the two parties and embark on developmental projects.

He also extended his appreciation to the members of the Oodua People's Congress (OPC) for working hand-in-hand with the committee to repel the hoodlums who attempted to vandalise Okota police station during the EndSARS protest.

Commending the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), SP Ladi Tarpaya, Alebiosu said she has been so fantastic in the discharge of her duty, describing her as a hardworking police officer whose passion for policing is inspiring.

"Regardless of the great level of relationship between the community and the police, as

PCRC, we will do better next year to sustain it and even raise the bar. It has been so great working with the DPO. She's doing fantastically well, she's at work 24/7. There was a time I had to report her to the Area Commander when she was so sick in the office but, instead of going home to treat herself, she brought the doctor to the office to treat her. She's untiring when it comes to working.

"We've enjoyed working with her. I urge the residents to give more support to the police, the community can't do without the police, we experienced that in the aftermath of the protest. As PCRC, we will embark on some development projects next year and that includes transforming our PCRC hall to a storey-building among others."



Hon Musibau Alebiosu

DOORT CDA hails Dawodu for donating transformer

By Edith Igbokwe

The residents of DOORT community which comprises Dawodu, Oyegoke, Olowokere, Rufia and Titilayo Streets are happy with the Member of the House of Representatives in Oshodi-Isolo Constituency I, Hon. Bashiru Dawodu. Reason: the lawmaker donated a 500 KVA transformer to boost the community's efforts to have regular electricity.

The community had been experiencing irregular power supply as it has been sharing transmitter with other communities for the past five years.

The Community Development Association (CDA) was overjoyous last two weeks when it was informed that the new transformer was ready for delivery and installation.

The space for the transformer and the poles needed for wire connection have also been prepared.

However, the community has been waiting impatiently for Ikeja Electric to install the transformer.

The Oshodi Undertaking Manager, Engr. Adebayo, told Echonews that the transformer could not be installed without the approval from the head office at Alausa.

Reacting, the CDA Chairman, Mr. Femi Awoyemi, told ECHONEWS that they have contacted the company and hopefully the transformer may be installed next week.

He said the community had earlier written series of letters to the Ikeja Electric to provide them with their own transformer since there was a lot of load on the existing one but it did not honour the request until the transformer was eventually procured by the lawmaker.

He explained that the community switched to their representative for help after series of abortive efforts at Ikeja Electric.

After consulting him, Dawodu



Dr. Bashir Dawodu

had asked the community to forward a letter to his constituency office to which he responded.

"Just like a miracle, we were called last two weeks that our transformer was ready and we were asked to provide the place where the transformer will be so that the contractor will commence his work.

"We have provided a space and the fencing has been done.

The community members contributed to get three poles to hang the wires because the contractor requested for the poles and we also told the Engineer who came from Abuja to sort out the approval issue at Alausa. We are waiting for the approval to get the transformer installed. We sincerely appreciate Hon. Bashiru Dawodu for coming to our aid," he said.

Congratulations!

The Management and entire staff of Isolo Local Council Development Area, Lagos State congratulate our visionary boss, compassionate mentor, exemplary leader and super administrator, Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye on the legacy of developmental policies of his first and second tenures as the Executive Chairman.

God will reward you for your contributions to humanity

Signed



Shamsideen Babatunde Odeleye
COUNCIL MANAGER
For and On behalf of Isolo LCDA



**HON. SHAMSUDEEN
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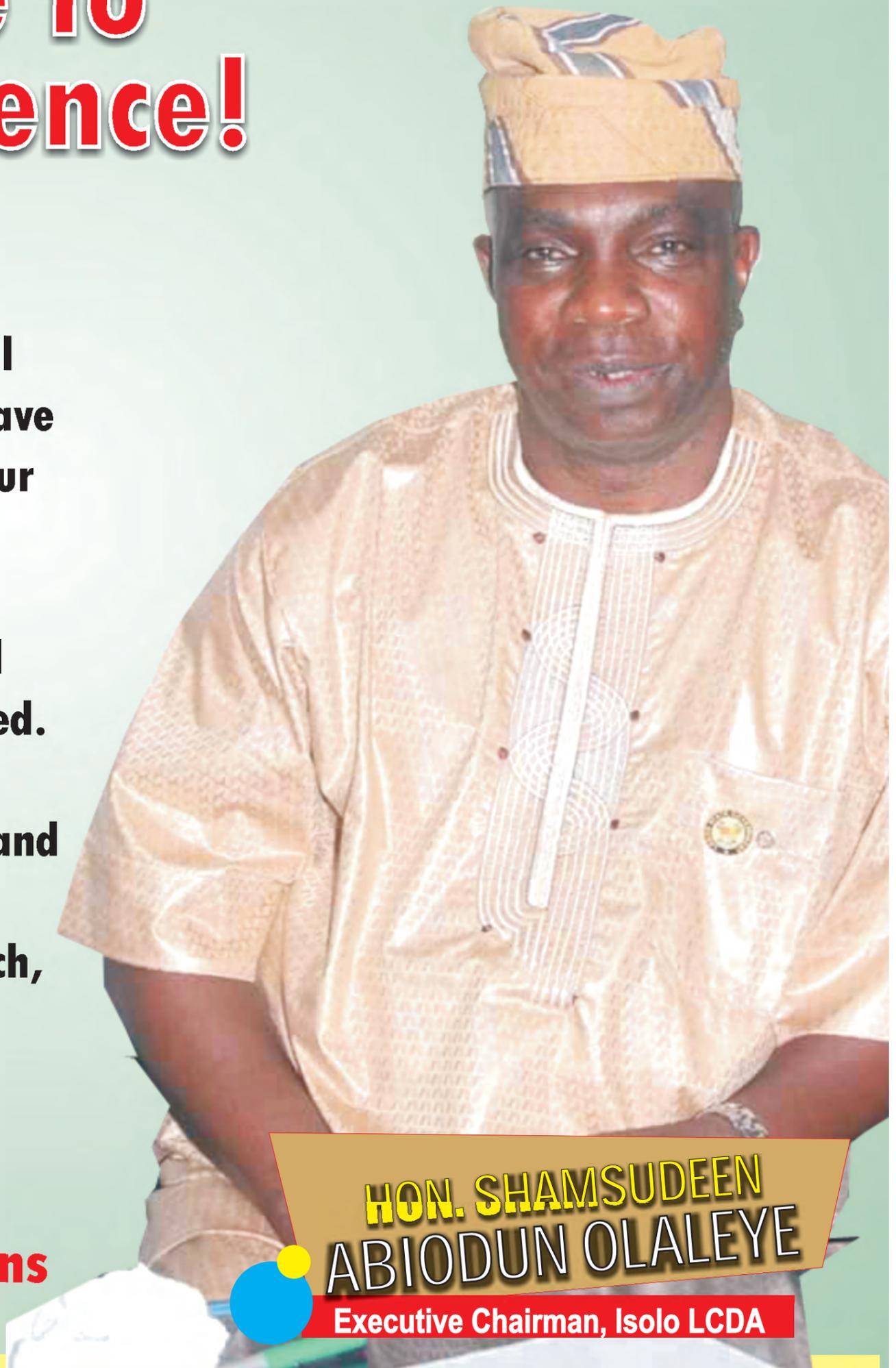
Executive Chairman, Isolo LCDA

Salute to Excellence!

Our Leader, when the history of Isolo LCDA will be written, we have no doubt that your developmental track record and giant strides will be boldly recorded.

As witnesses of and partners in your progressive march, we salute your excellent performance.

Congratulations



**HON. SHAMSUDEEN
ABIODUN OLALEYE**

Executive Chairman, Isolo LCDA

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Ejigbo NYCN holds culture day to preserve indigenous customs

By Saheed Afolabi

As part of efforts to preserve the Yoruba cultural heritage, the National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN), Ejigbo branch has organised a cultural Day to celebrate indigenous cultures. During the ceremony, the group honoured some dignitaries in the council area with merit awards in recognition of their contributions to the development of the youths. Speaking, the Chairman of Ejigbo LCDA, Hon. Monsuru

Bello (Obe) who was represented by the Secretary to Local Government (SLG), Hon. Paul Fregene commended the group for preserving the cultures, saying the Cultural Day celebration is necessary to keep the cultures alive. According to him, language is most valued culture of any tribe which must be preserved for the continuous existence of such tribe. He therefore urged the youths to know where they are from by celebrating their roots and cultures.

The chairman of Ejigbo Community Development Committee (CDC), Prince JeliliAtiku while delivering a lecture about cultural values, noted that the foreigners stole the Nigerian cultures which were replaced only by their languages. He said: "There is energy in Nigeria native languages the Whites stole from us and the only thing they gave us is their vocabulary. Culture is the ideas and social behaviour of a particular society. All the native languages in Nigeria had

advanced socially and were already civilised before the Whites came into the country. "The African cultures respect elders and women. Our cultures should be our pride and we should always stand high with our cultures wherever we are. Our traditional cultures have deep knowledge in solving any disease, we shouldn't throw our cultures away, we should be proud of our cultures." Atiku therefore discouraged the youths from placing foreign cultures over theirs.

"The youths should understand that their native cultures are gold and there is nothing that can replace gold. Our culture is an advanced civilization that cannot be compared to any other culture anywhere. The western people are keeping their culture. If you go to Paris, they speak French, that is their language and language is part of culture. So, if we are deviating from our cultures and embracing the western cultures, then we are making ourselves inferior to the cultures we are embracing. We

should embrace and understand that our cultures have deep knowledge." The recipients of the merit awards include the council chairman, Hon. Monsuru Bello; the CDC chairman, Prince JeliliAtiku; Bobaselu of Ejigbo Land, Chief Alex Nwoye; CEO Nico Hotels, Chief Nicholas Njoku; Dr. Chukwuneye Celestine; the Supervisor for Agriculture, Ejigbo LCDA, Hon. Adejoke Adeosun; Comr. Henry Ayanmale and the Coordinator of NYCN, Ejigbo branch, Comr. AkintundeAkinyele.

After going through a rigorous screening, 41 university students across the country have finally emerged the winners of the 2020 Grooming Centre University Research Grants. Of the 41 winners, 13 undergraduates went home with N100,000 each while 28 postgraduate students grabbed N200,000 each. Grooming Centre University Research Grants birthed in 2019 with the target of empowering about 150 students with the research grants every year. However, only 25 - nine undergraduates and 15 postgraduates fulfilled the criteria, passed through the screening and won the grants while 41 of those who applied for the grants sailed through this year.

Explaining the criteria for selecting the winners this year, the chairman of Technical Committee that screened the applicants, Mr. Alex Ajibo, said

41 varsity students win N6.9m Grooming research grants

By Saheed Afolabi

the committee assessed the originality of the research works submitted by the applicants. According to him, the committee made sure all copied works were screened out of the contest. He added that some submitted works were not chosen due to lack of coherence, originality, compliance with instructions in presenting their works, adding that some could not be recognised by any supervisor. He said: "We maintain deep originality in screening the entries. We made sure those who copied already done work did not make it to the final stage. "Majority of them were disqualified due to lack of coherence, originality, while some digressed from 'Finance' which is the core of the research." Speaking on the grants, the



The awardees with the management of CREM Grooming Centre

CEO of Grooming Centre, Godwin Nwabunke, who was represented by the Project Coordinator and Head of New Initiatives, Mr. Chikezie Egbulefu, said the grants are the company's contributions to the growth of education and economy of the

nation. According to him, this year's grants were awarded to students for carrying out their research studies in the areas of microfinance, rural development, inclusive finance, social enterprise, MSME and women in development. "The project, which is managed by the Centre for Research in Enterprise and Action in Management (CREM), focuses on and encourages researches whose findings have the

potential to enhance the growth of the Nigerian economy post-COVID-19 and contribute to general human development," he said. While commending the Grooming Centre for the initiative, the CCO of Accion MFB, who was the keynote speaker during the presentation of the cheques to the winners, Mr. Ndubuisi Onuoha, said the government needs to key into such initiatives by microfinance banks, saying the economy of the nation can only be revived

when more entrepreneurs are built and empowered. He said the government should make entrepreneurial skill as compulsory part of the university curriculum as it is done in China to start building potential entrepreneurs right from the schools. The winners were from Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), University of Lagos (UNILAG), Lagos State University (LASU), Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), University of Uyo, University of Ibadan (UI), and others.

Residents commend Obe for opening Kashimawo Alimi road

By Saheed Afolabi

Residents of Oke-Afa and Ailegun Wards have commended the chairman of Ejigbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Monsuru Bello (Obe) for opening the newly constructed Kashimawo Alimi road to commuters.

The road serves as alternative route for motorists heading to Jakande Estate or Ailegun to beat the incessant heavy traffic at the Gate side of Jakande Estate.

The council authority had earlier delayed the opening of the road for use after its completion because it planned to erect an overhead barricade to bar heavy trucks

and lorries from plying the road. Commending the council chairman for the initiative, the chairman of Estate Youth Parliament (EYP), Yusuf Adeyemi, said the opening of the road has brought relief to the residents and other road users, saying it has also

reduced the traffic jams always experienced at Jakande Gate. Another resident of the Estate, Idris Giwa, said the community appreciates the chairman of Ejigbo LCDA for listening to the yearnings of the people by opening the road



The newly constructed Kashimawo Alimi road and the barricade done to prevent trucks from plying the road

Council leader donates 300 blocks for reconstruction of drainage

By Saheed Afolabi

The councillor representing Illamoshe ward and doubles as the council leader, Hon. Olanrewaju Akinbowale (Larry) has donated 300 9 inches blocks to Abiodun Adesugba Street in Illamoshe to aid the reconstruction of a failed drainage system. The dilapidated drainage has been affecting the road, making it impassable as flood overflows from the gutter onto the road. The councillor said the road has

been in a bad state for over two years, noting that it would be better if the falling drainage was fixed. He said he had to provide the blocks to rehabilitate the drainage on the request of the community. According to him, the service is a give back to the residents who voted him to represent them at the local council as a councillor. Akinbowale pledged that he would continue to try his best to make sure his ward gets better during his tenure. The community leaders and



Larry

other residents have commended the councillor for the gesture as they prayed for more developmental projects in their ward.

Ogunwusi thanks LASUBEB for new electronic gadgets

By Edith Igbokwe

The Executive Secretary (ES) of Oshodi Local Government Education Authority, Barr. Femi Ogunwusi, who was full of joy while receiving new electronic gadgets, from officials of the

Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board (LASUBEB) last week.

LASUBEB is distributing the electronic gadgets to the 20 Local Government Education Authorities (LGEAs) to improve the quality of education.

The gadgets, including laptops, Table tops, Laser jet printers, photocopy machine, UPS and others, were received by the Educational Management Information System (EMIS) of Oshodi LGEA which confirmed the distribution.

The Board has recently distributed intervention textbooks to all public Early Childhood Care Development Education (ECCDE) and primary schools as well as the provision of sports equipment to some primary schools. Commending LASUBEB over

the gesture, he said the Board has provided for the needs of the Education Authorities across the state.

He state: "It is a long expected project that came to reality. We have been waiting for its arrival. As it finally came, it shows that the Board knows

exactly what they are doing in their office."

He, however, requested for more gadgets to enhance the productivity of departments which will positively contribute to the growth of the LGEA and that of the schools under its control.

Black Xmas awaits Olaiya Street residents

By Edith Igbokwe

Unless the Ikeja Electricity Distribution Company comes to their rescue by replacing them, not less than 82 households on Olaiya Street of Mafoluku, Oshodi may celebrate their Christmas in total darkness because the cables to their transformer were stolen.

Though the community

apprehended one of the thieves who carted away the cables and handed him to the police for investigation, the company is, allegedly, insisting that power would not be restored in the community until every customer pays up their bills till October, 2020.

The community has already lived in darkness for a month, waiting for the restoration of power.

Speaking to ECHONEWS over the issue, the treasurer of Agbelekale/Olaiya Community Development Association (CDA), Mr. Samuel Adegboyega, said the community members have been complying with the payment order, saying every customer on the street have paid their September bills except that of October which was affected by the Endsars protest.

He explained: "As we got hold of the hoodlum known as Malik who stole the cables, we handed him over to the Ikeja electric (Ie) at Ajao Estate Isolo and he was subsequently taken to Ikeja police at Area F for further investigations.

"As an offender who has vandalised government property, we leave him to face the justice while we battle with how to restore power supply to the community."

Adegboyega said though Ikeja Electric appreciated the community's effort in apprehending the robber, it insisted that the residents should pay the latest electricity bill of October before the restoration of power supply to the community could be done.

Meanwhile, the community has pointed out several other complaints which need be addressed by the company to avoid the constant break down of the transformer.

These include high tension wires hanging loosely on the poles, a rickety transformer that breaks down often, weak poles that are not strong enough to hold cables.

Responding, the Head of Corporate Communication, Ikeja Electric, Felix Ofulue, told EchoneWS that the company would fix all the identified challenges and restore power into the community once the owing customers pay up their debts.

Ex-political office holders endorse Obe for second term

By Saheed Afolabi

Following the assessment of his achievements within the three years of his first term in office, the Association of ex-political office holders in Ejigbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA) has endorsed the council chairman, Hon. Monsuru Bello (Obe) for second term in office.

In a communiqué issued at the end of its meeting held recently at the annex of Ejigbo LCDA on Otasunmi Street, Ejigbo, the association also condemned the vandalism of the council Secretariat by some hoodlums during the recent Endsars protest violence, calling for severe punishment for the perpetrators.

The association stated that various projects executed by the chairman have fostered economic activities and sustainable developments across the council area.

The communiqué signed by its Coordinator, Hon. Tanningbola Oladele Murtala and obtained by ECHONEWS read: "The carnage and vandalism of Thursday 8th October 2020 during the nationwide protests on Endsars which culminated in setting ablaze some sections and facilities of Ejigbo LCDA Secretariat were condemned in strongly



Hon. Monsurudeen Obe

worded terms. The perpetrators of the heinous acts were recommended to face the wrath and course of justice.

It reads: "The association commended and pronounced a vote of confidence on the Executive Chairman of Ejigbo LCDA, Hon. Monsuru Oloyede Bello Obe on his immeasurable giant strides and structural revolution in Ejigbo LCDA thus far and still counting.

"The association consequently endorsed and recommended the re-election of the Executive Chairman of Ejigbo LCDA, Hon. Monsuru Oloyede Bello Obe for second term having been impressed by his gargantuan structural revolution and welfare for the widows,

youths, senior citizens, religious leaders, community leaders and residents in Ejigbo LCDA.

"The association commended Hon. Monsuru Oloyede Bello Obe on his recent efforts to host and further reinforce peaceful pact of all stakeholders and chieftains of All Progressives Party (APC) comprising of the elders and leaders of the party in Ejigbo LCDA.

"The association resolved that its members are assets to Ejigbo LCDA whose experience and expertise are invariably a plus to Ejigbo LCDA. Hence, the call for inclusion of some of its members in subsequent administrative formation in Ejigbo LCDA."

Oshodi LG staff members get N50,000 soft loan for Xmas celebration

The management of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Excel Cooperative Society has granted its teeming members the opportunity to apply for a soft loan of N50,000 to cater for their needs during Christmas.

The organisation designed the soft loan not to exceed the sum of N50,000 based on rate of deduction from the members' salaries so that they can repay the loan with ease.

However, the management stated that the loan would be treated as additional loan

while members who are loan free should apply for regular loan.

To obtain the loan, the management asked interested members to enlist and submit their current pay slips to their coordinators who should submit same to the Secretariat.



The prepared space for the transformer at Olowokere junction



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Community Awards 2020

We thank our esteemed readers for responding to our request for nominations. We received many nominations and suggestions for new categories. Echonews is a community newspaper that provides regular news for residents of Oshodi-Isolo LGA, Isolo LCDA and Ejigbo LCDA. But we received nominations from areas outside the coverage. We regret that we could not take them for obvious reasons. There are three sources of this list: reports of activities of individuals, companies and governments published in Echonews this year; nominations from readers and nominations from our agents and associates in specific areas. Between today and midnight 12.00, you can vote your preferences by texting the following numbers: 08125115822 or 08086058965. (TEXT ONLY) The 2020 Echonews Community Awards comes with a special attraction: The Maiden Lecture: "Mobilising Our Communities for Security and Prosperity" will be delivered by Mr. Babajide Sanwo-olu, the Governor of Lagos State. It is going to be historic. Nominees are expected to book their tables in advance. Please call Damilola (08105248780), Edith, (07066287752) and Tope, (07010496879). Call early because in line with social distancing, the number of participants will be restricted. WEARING OF NOSE MASKS IS COMPULSORY.

Date: Thursday, December 17, 2020. Venue: The Banquet Hall, Iconic Castle Events Centre, NNPC, Ejigbo. Time: 12 noon

FINAL LIST OF NOMINEES

CATEGORY	NOMINEES
MANUFACTURING COMPANY OF THE YEAR - CSR	1. PROMASIDOR 2. CHIVITA 3. UNILEVER
RETAIL STORE OF THE YEAR	1. JUSTRITE 2. SUPER SAVERS 3. GROCERY BAZAAR
BANK OF THE YEAR- CSR	1. UBA 2. FCMB 3. ZENITH
AIRLINE OF THE YEAR-CSR	1. DANA 2. AIRPEACE 3. ARIK
FILLING STATION OF THE YEAR	1. PETROCAM 2. FATGBEMS 3. MOBIL
MICROFINANCE	1. GROOMING 2. LAPO 3. AB MICROFINANCE
FEDERAL/STATE GOVT PROJECT OF THE YEAR	1. LAGOS STATE OSHODI TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE 2. LAGOS STATE DIGITAL SERVICE CABLE PROJECT 3. FEDERAL GOVT OSHODI-APAPA EXPRESSWAY
FEDERAL/STATE GOVT PROGRAMME OF THE YEAR	1. FG-EXPANDED PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME 2. LAGOS STATE COVID-19 MANAGEMENT 3. FG COVID-19 MANAGEMENT
FEDERAL & STATE LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR	1. HON. DR. BASHIRU DAWODU 2. HON. J. IDIMOJU 3. HON. G. JOHNSON
LEADER OF THE YEAR	1. LANRE AKINBOWALE 2. YEMMY SHITTU 3. RASHEED OBASA
COUNCILLOR OF THE YEAR	1. COUNCILLOR GRACE OKERE 2. COUNCILLOR AKEEM ADEYEMI ALARAPE 3. COUNCILLOR BUKOLA LAWAL
SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR	1. HON. AYO OJO 2. HON. WASIU DUROJAIYE 3. HON. MODUPE OGUNDEYI
CHAIRMAN OF THE YEAR- PROJECTS	1. HON. BOLAJI MUSE-ARIYOH 2. HON. SHAMSUDEN OLALEYE 3. HON. MONSURU BELLO OBE
CHAIRMAN OF THE YEAR – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	1. HON. BOLAJI MUSE-ARIYOH 2. HON. SHAMSUDEEN OLALEYE 3. HON. MONSURU BELLO OBE
CHAIRMAN OF THE YEAR- ADMINISTRATION	1. HON. BOLAJI MUSE-ARIYOH 2. HON. SHAMSUDEEN OLALEYE 3. HON. MONSURU BELLO OBE
VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE YEAR	1. TPL. DAISI OSHO 2. DR. TUNDE OLUSUNMADE 3. HON. BAYO OLASOJU
SLG OF THE YEAR	1. HON. EMMANUEL OLOJEDE 2. HON. PAUL FREGENE 3. HON. OLADIPUPO ABIOLA
HOA	1. MR. SHAMSUDEEN ODELEYE 2. MRS. IYABO OGUNYEMI 3. MR. FATAI ASHAFI
NULGE CHAIR	1. COMR. ALIU OLAGOROYE 2. COMR. SADIQ LAWAL 3. CIMR. ISMAIL OGBORIEFON
DOCTOR OF THE YEAR	1. DR. TUNDE OSOBA 2. DR. BAQIAH NOJIMUDEEN-YESUFU 3. DR. WALE AGOSU
TRAFFIC OFFICER	1. MUIBI ADEMOLA 2. TAIYE ONADEKO 3. KEHINDE ONADEKO
CDA PROJECT	1. PURCHASE OF TRANSFORMER –ARIYORI-IJAIYE CDA 2. ROAD CONSTRUCTION & LIGHTNING- GREENFIELD CDA PURCHASE OF 500 KVA TRANSFORMER & DRAINAGE 7 COVID-PALLIATIVE- CANAL VIEW PHASE 2 CDA
CDC OF THE YEAR	1. OSHODI-ISOLO CDC 2. ISOLO CDC 3. EJIGBO CDC
PARTY CHAIRMAN	1. ALHAJI OLAMIDE KASALI 2. BARR. GANI BELLO 3. ALHAJI FATAI KASUMU
POLITICIAN OF THE YEAR	1. COMR. M.C. OLUOMO 2. ADEBANJI GBELEYI 3. ALHAJI KASALI OLAMIDE
PHILANTROPIST	1. RED GRAPE/ HABEEB ANIBABA 2. ISOLO ROTARY CLUB 3. MR. MATHEW OLUBODUN/ BODUNMAT VENTURES
PHC	1. OGUNLANA PHC 2. ILASA PHC 3. IYANA EJIGBO PHC
SECONDARY SCHOOL	1. OSHODI COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL 2. OKOTA GRAMMAR SCHOOL 3. OKE-AFA COMPREHENSIVE COLLEGE
PRIMARY SCHOOL	1. MAFOLUKU PRIMARY SCHOOL 2. ASIWAJU BOLA AHMED TINUBU PRIMARY SCHOOL 3. OLADELE AJOMALE PRIMARY SCHOOL
FOOTBALL TEAM	1. OLOKE FC, OSHODI 2. DIADEM STALLION FC, ISOLO 3. GOLDEN STARS FC, EJIGBO
SPORTS ORGANISER	1. YEMI OKEGBENRO 2. ESTATE YOUTH PARLIAMENT 3. AYODEJI ADEBAYO
MARKET	1. BOLADE OSHODI MARKET 2. AJAO ESTATE MARKET 3. OBA MORUF OJoola MARKET, EJIGBO
ARTISAN ASSOCIATION	1. NIGERIAN ASSOCIATION OF HAIR DRESSERS AND COSMETOLOGISTS, OSHODI CHAPTER 2. NIGERIAN ASSOCIATION OF HAIR DRESSERS AND COSMETOLOGISTS, ISOLO CHAPTER 3. PROFESSIONAL AND MARKETERS ASSOCIATION, EJIGBO
IYALOJA	1. MRS. ADEYANJU EJIDE, IYALOJA OSHODI 2. ALHAJA SHERIFAT FAROMBI, IYALOJA ASWANI 3. CHIEF (MRS). S.M. ADEBIYI
BABALOJA	1. ALHAJI SHAMSUDEEN OGUNDIJO, IDERA MARKET 2. ALHAJI SAUBANA OJUBANIRE, OBA MOROOF MARKET
DPO	1. CSP ONYE FRANCES SOA DPO, ASWANI 2. CSP CHINEDU CHIEMEZEI, FMR DPO MAKINDE 3. CSP OLABISI OKUWABI
PSP	1. SAROBOL PSP 2. EXCELLENCE PSP 3. UNION GUARDS & CLEANERS PSP
YOUTH ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR.	1. OGUNDELE YOUTH ASSOCIATION, SHOGUNLE (LED BY OLATUBOSUN FASHOGBON) 2. ROTARACT CLUB 3. NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL OF NIGERIA, EJIGBO
CHURCH OF THE YEAR	1. THE AFRICAN CHURCH, ST MICHAEL'S PARISH, SHOGUNLE 2. ST. PETER'S AND PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, OKE-AFA 3. ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, ISHAGATEDO
MOSQUE OF THE YEAR	1. AJIMONI CENTRAL MOSQUE 2. ISHAGA CENTRAL MOSQUE 3. OLUWASEYI MOSQUE, OKE-AFA
CHIEF OF THE YEAR	1. CHIEF S.M. NWOYE 2. CHIEF OSENI ADEDEGUDU, HIGH CHIEF AMOO OROLOWO, BAALE OF OKE –OGBERE
IFA PRIEST OF THE YEAR	1. BABALAWO KAZEEM AGBEDE 2. ARABA IBRAHIM ADEKUNLE 3. BASEGUN AWOLAYE

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