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Oke-Ogbere link bridge makes N150 million in first year

By Damilola Kushimo

At the rate of no fewer than 1500 commuters paying various tolls daily, the owners of the Oke-Ogbere Link Bridge made N150million in the first year of operations.

ECHONEWS learnt that no fewer than 200 buses, 150 tricycles, 100 motorcycles and a thousand pedestrians use the bridge on daily basis which amount to 529,250 commuters accessed the bridge in a year.

With N50 toll paid per pedestrian and N200, N150 and N100 paid by car, bus and motorcycle and tricycle respectively, the company has made not less than N150million..

Since it was commissioned on Thursday December 5, 2019, the road users have significantly increased despite paying tolls.

The Bridge was constructed by De-Prinocc Construction Company Limited on concession last year.

It was concessioned to the company by the federal government under the watch of National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA).

The bridge was built under Public Private Partnership (PPP) agreement to link Oke-Ogbere community in Isolo LCDA to other neighbouring communities since the artificial canal earlier constructed had divided the community from others.

The bridge has bridged the gap



Oke-Ogbere link bridge

between Oke-Ogbere community and other neighbouring communities including Bucknor, Jakande Gate, Isheri Oshun, Amuwo Odofin, Okota and Isolo as it has since become a reliable escape route for almost all road users coming from Ejigbo, Egbedimu, Ikotun-Igando LCDAs to Isolo, Amuwo Odofin, Mushin, Oshodi-Isolo LGAs from the time-wasting traffic congestion on the narrowed Mushin-Isolo Road.

According to users sampled by EchoneWS, most of them love using the route because of the conveniences such as dual paths for vehicles, electricity that illuminates and 24-hour Closed Circuit Television (CCTV).

They also cite regular patrol by security operatives from both neighbouring police stations and also security operatives

from Area D.

Commissioning the project last year, former Minister for Defence, Sen. Musiliu Obanikoro commended the CEO of De-Prinocc Construction Company, Ambassador Prince Yommy Ogungbe for citing such infrastructure between the communities, emphasising that such project needs to be replicated in areas that crave for development in Lagos state to connect them.

On the occasion, Ogungbe promised that the bridge would stand the test of time and lead to the development of the environment.

To fulfil its promise, the company graded the access roads leading directly to the bridge.

Ogungbe said: "The cost implication of Oke-Ogbere link bridge is high. The construction was done with best quality of

construction materials and with effective maintenance, the project would last for more than 50 years.

"Before construction, we did soil test and realised that the soil was muddy. In each of the pipes we buried inside, we still have another 16MM iron rod inside before casting with concrete. The pipe inside is mine steel that will be there for good 30 years with nothing happening to it."

Commenting on the bridge and the company's handling of the business, the Baale of Oke-Ogbere Community, High Chief Tajudeen Amoo Orilowo, said it has been useful to his community and the other neighbouring communities.

He noted that in the past one year of its operation, the bridge has attracted other developments in terms of economic and social growth to the community.

The monarch supported the claim by referencing the new businesses at the entrance of the community road especially the hotel.

He said the the owner of the hotel has also interlocked the road from the main entrance into the community to the front of his business premises.

The chief explained that the ongoing construction of second outfall on the Community Road by the state government was encouraged by the growing population of the community as a result of its connection to other communities.

His words: "We've been enjoying the facility as there have been rapid developments not only on our side but, on both ends of the divide. Before now, they sold a plot at the rate of N2.5million or N3million but now, it is between N10million and N12million over there and

between N30million and N35million here.

"The infrastructure is an enormous blessing, it has brought a lot of developments to the community and we hope to see more. The people are happy. The bridge has been so important on the basis that it connects communities together. There has been great ease on interrelation and inter-trading." Meanwhile, some of the commuters who spoke to ECHONEWS were not bothered with the tolls they paid as they were particularly concerned with the comfort of getting to their destinations with ease since the bridge was constructed.

Change of Name

I, **Okafor Ifeanyi Edmund**, formerly known and addressed as Ifeanyi Okafor now wish to be known and addressed as **Okafor Ifeanyi Edmund**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and authorities concerned should please take note.

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Correction of Name/Date of Birth

Correct Date of 26/8/1987, Wrongly written as 27/8/1987
Name Wrongly written as **ADELEYE SAHEED OLANREWAJU** instead of **ADELEYE SAHEED OLANREWAJU**. Correct name is Adeleye saheed olanrewaju. All former documents remain valid. The general public and authorities concerned should please take note.

IVLP mentors another 120 students in Ajumoni Senior Grammar School

By Damilola Kushimo

The Lagos State chapter of International Visitor Leadership Programme (IVLP) has finally completed the mentoring of 120 students of Ajumoni Senior Grammar School.

Having gone through six weeks of intensive mentorship programme in the first quarter of the year, the association formally graduated the students in a ceremonious manner.

The council leader, Hon. Remy Shittu Remy, who is an alumnus of the association and also the Team Leader charged the students to ensure that the

knowledge they acquired reflect in their personality, urging them to pass it on to their contemporaries in the community as he further advised them to remain motivated in becoming the change and solution they want to see in the community, the country and the world at large.

He assured that the team would continue monitoring the students' progress to ensure that they make good decisions that would positively impact their lives.

The students were presented with certificates and three novels in addition to the backpack of textbooks and other writing materials that were delivered to them at home

during the coronavirus pandemic.

One of the mentees, Ezekiel Ilori, a commercial student, said he had since aligned his life to the teachings he got during the mentorship exercise, explaining how some of his friends tried to lure him into smoking and internet fraud and how he, in turn, advised them against such way of life.

He said: "When some of my friends told me to join them in smoking and get involved in internet fraud - Yahoo Yahoo, I made them understand that it is not good and that there is no future in it. I advised them to turn a new leaf and try to make a better future for themselves. I will like to further advise them to



Some of the mentees; students of Ajumoni Senior Grammar School, displaying their certificates in a group picture with the leadership of U S International Visitor Leadership program (IVLP)

be better person in the community.

"As a commercial student, I want to be an accountant, just as we've been charged, to be a solution to the society and the country."

Also speaking, Miss Jennifer Okoro, an Art student, assured that she would not allow peer group to influence her decision in life as she promised to live up to the good and lofty expectations of the association.

The programme has also been scheduled for the students of Ijeshatedo Senior Grammar School and Ansar-Ud-Deen Comprehensive Senior High School in January 2021.

Politicians mourn, bid Kinoshi farewell

By Damilola Kushimo

The death of Chief Funsho Kinoshi on Thursday, December 3, 2020, has thrown the whole of Oshodi-Isolo LGA as community leaders poured glowing and emotional tributes on the elder statesman.

Admirers of his legacies trooped to his residence to commiserate with his family. Chief Joseph Oluwafunsho Akanni Kinoshi was a pioneer Member of the Lagos State House of Assembly where he represented Lagos Island Constituency II twice.

Till his death at the First Cardiology Consultant, where he was being treated, he was a politician of great reputation, a philanthropist and lover of all.

He was one of the foremost leaders of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in the state and his influence was deeply rooted in his ward, Apena ward in Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA) and Oshodi-Isolo LGA at

large.

Since his death on Thursday, December 3, 2020, emotional tributes have been written by notable community and political leaders across the state about his personality, life and times as some described him as a great mobiliser whose demise has left a great vacuum.

In his condolence message, the Member of the House of Representatives in Oshodi-Isolo Constituency II, Hon. Ganiyu Johnson wrote: "The late Kinoshi was a force to reckon with in politics of our great party, the All Progressives Congress (APC). His contributions to the development of the constituency cannot be overemphasized. He would be greatly remembered for the legacy that he has left behind. Chief Kinoshi will be greatly missed by the people of Lagos State and Oshodi-Isolo Constituency II in particular because his exit has left a very big vacuum."

While he prayed that God grants the deceased family the needed fortitude to bear



Late Chief Funsho Kinoshi

the irreparable loss, Hon. Jude Idimogu, the Member of the Lagos State House of Assembly, explained that much solace would be taken in the realities that the deceased left legacies which would continue to bear eloquent testimonies of his eventful life on earth even though he had died at the time when his wealth of experience is most needed to move the constituency forward.

Also, the Council Leader, Isolo LCDA, Hon. Remy Shittu Remy described him as his political benefactor whose shocking demise is a colossal

loss to Isolo and Lagos APC.

"He was very generous, straightforward and blunt in telling the truth. He contributed immensely towards the growth of Apena ward in terms of finance and provision of supports for the less privileged. He also always purchased certificate examination forms for indigent students in the community. His impact will be greatly felt," said Apena Ward Chairman, Mr. Olawale Dasuki.

His friend, Alhaji M.A Alebiosu who is the Chairman of Police Community Relations Committee (PCRC) Ago-

Okota Division, said: "He was my brother and friend. He could barely do things without my knowledge. We've been friends as far back as 1970. He was so loving, generous, compassionate and a humanitarian. He will be greatly missed."

Also writing about the late Kinoshi, Prince Bayo Osiyemi said: "A second Republic state legislator in Lagos State and well-known socialite, late Chief Olufunso Kinoshi was elected in 1979 as a member of the Lagos State House of Assembly on the platform of the Unity Party of Nigeria and he was utterly supportive of the Lateef Jakande administration that set the pace for the economic emancipation of Lagos State. "Before his foray into politics in 1978, he had made some modest achievements in business and was a constant fixture in the social circuit during which the miliki king of juju music, Chief Commander Ebenezer Obey waxed a long playing record, eulogising Kinoshi and his pals like Chief Niyi Adegbenro, his friend

and in-law and Chief Layiwola Amoje.

"In the 90s, he participated in the PPP programme of the military administration, partnering, for example, with the old Mushin Local Government under the public-private arrangement to build the model market in front of the secretariat of the present Odiodowo LCDA on Town Planning Way in Ilupeju Estate."

Neighbours around his modest residence on Funsho Kinoshi street at Okota testified to his yeoman's effort in assisting to develop Okota area from a sleepy neighbourhood to the bubbly residential/commercial hub that it now is, between Isolo and Amuwo Odofin. Those who knew him in his early days on Lagos Island eulogised him as "a jolly good fellow."

He is survived by wives and children as well as a sibling, Ms Yeside Kinoshi, whose former husband, Chief Tunde Okusanya was once the chairman of the old Lagos Mainland Local Government.

Shammeh commends Leader for facilitating devprogrammes

By Damilola Kushimo

The Chairman of Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye (Shammeh), has commended the council leader, Hon. Remy Shittu Remy for facilitating various programmes for the development of the youths in the council area. One of such programmes is

the just concluded Waste to Wealth training for some young school leavers organised by United States Government Exchange Alumni Association (USGEAA).

Others include Drone Construction trainings and IVLP Mentorship programme for students of Central High School, Okota; IVLP Community Impact Programme on combating

Drug Addiction and Crime Prevention for 10 senior secondary schools in Isolo; IVLP Alumni Mentorship Programme for Students of Ajumoni Senior Grammar School as well as Covid-19 Stimulus Packages for 100 physically challenged people in Isolo.

In addition to developing the youths through the programmes, Olaleye noted that the council leader has

also exposed the council international recognition.

He said: "I'll have to appreciate him. He has been very useful to the local government and I know that he is exposed to initiative such as these. He's a fantastic person. We are lucky to have his kind. Where you have able hands, areas where your mind will not shift to they will help you shift it to it. This is not his first time. I will only encourage him to do more.

He's a blessing to the local government.

"People like us can be very proud and very happy when we are no longer at this level. With people like him in the local government, we know that the local government will go to places.

Remy is an alumnus of the Lagos state's chapter of US International Visitors Leadership Programme (IVLP).



Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye

In commemoration of this year's World AIDS Day, the Lagos State chapter of Youth Action Movement of Nigeria (YAM) in partnership with Planned Parenthood Federation of Nigeria (PPFN) has staged a road show to enlighten the residents on HIV/AIDS and stigmatisation. The bodies walked across several communities in Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), creating awareness about the deadly

virus and the need to shun stigmatisation.

According to the State Coordinator of YAM, Omolaja Okesola, people living with the virus need to be shown love rather than being stigmatised. He explained that in tandem with the 2020 World AIDS Day "Ending the HIV/AIDS Epidemic: Resilience and Impact," the NGO and its partner were playing their part in creating solidarity among people who live with the virus

YAM, PPFN sensitise residents on HIV/AIDS stigmatisation

By Damilola Kushimo

and further try to ensure that stigmatisation against them is discouraged in the community.

"We've come out to canvass for the eradication of HIV and AIDS globally and to reduce the risk of contacting it by creating enough awareness and sensitisation about the

disease. It is an annual event and the ultimate goal is to see to the end of the epidemic in our country as a whole, starting from our community," he stated.

Also speaking the State Chairperson of PPFN, Comr. Olumide Ojetunde, emphasised that government and other NGOs need to further complement the efforts

in order to totally eradicate the virus in the society.

He noted that since the virus was discovered in 1988 there has been a lot of stigmatisation against those who live with it which has not helped in eradicating the virus. "We need to accept those who live with the virus because that's not the end of life for them. We need to show them

more love and also pass the awareness around. People can have the virus and still live a normal life. We need to stop the stigmatisation. They need us. I'll advise other NGOs and government to do more in regards to this course to ensure that the risk of contacting it is further reduced and our society becomes HIV and AIDS free."

MAINTAIN CUP

North York FC defeat HOP FC in group opener

By Saheed Afolabi

North York FC kicked off their campaign at the maiden edition of the Notayo's Cup with a resounding victory over HOP FC by defeating them 2-0 as Oluwaseun Dada grabbed both goals for North York FC. North York FC started the match as the dominant side, exchanging passes uniquely. They were opened to chances in the early stage of the game which should have been

converted but were fired off the goal post.

North York FC failed to take their chances in the first half which ended in a stalemate as both teams made way to the half time team talk after the blast of the whistle from the center referee, signaling the end of the first half.

North York FC corrected their misfortunes in front of goal in the second half by taking the lead in the 50th minute through a half volley inside the 18 meters box which was scored

by Oluwaseun Dada.

Oluwaseun Dada further punished the defense of HOP FC with his second goal of the match by making sure North York FC grabbed their first win of the competition.

Azeez Alebiosun, the coach of North York FC said his players played a very good game and followed instructions.

Coach of HOP FC, Samson Oluwatosin said the game was a good game and the best team won but admitted that his team played poorly.

Diadem Stallion play six goals thriller with Rising Stars

By Saheed Afolabi

Diadem Stallion began their Maintain Cup tournament by playing a six goals thriller with Rising Stars.

The match ended in a 3-3 draw with Taiwo Omoshola scoring two goals for Diadem Stallion while Anuoluwa Arowosola scored a goal for Rising Stars, Rasheed Jimoh, Shuaib Akinwande and Fawas Owoseni also grabbed a goal each.

Diadem Stallion were the favourite to win the match but Rising Stars proved to be a stumbling block as they matched their opponents till the final whistle was blown.

Rising Stars took the lead through Rasheed Jimoh to silence the home fans.

Taiwo Omoshola equalized for Diadem Stallion in the 32nd minute to light up the match.

Anuoluwa Arowosola put Diadem Stallion ahead with a terrific finish as they took the lead to the break.

Rising Stars showed composure by going on level terms in the 58th minute through Shuaib Akinwande.

Fawas Owoseni put Rising Stars ahead in the 67th minute with a lovely finish.

Diadem Stallion were lucky to secure a draw through Taiwo Omoshola who scored the leveler in the game to make it 3-3.

Diadem Stallion were lucky to get a draw in this game because Rising Stars lost focus towards the end of the game.

Prince Gas Cup:

Ghetto Light FC beat Zik FA 3-2

By Saheed Afolabi

The Midfielder, Andrew Oluwafemi scored a sublime free kick as Ghetto Light FC defeated Zik FA in their third group match of the ongoing Prince Gas Cup at Igbo Owu Mini stadium on Tuesday evening.

ZIK FA drew first blood in the opening minutes of the game with a nicely executed free kick by the team's Captain.

Big Forward, Chukwu Chibuzor grabbed an equaliser for the Ghetto ballers when the Zik FA defense made a mountain out of center back, Olajide Daniel's outside shot. The game ended 1-1 in the first half.

The game needed an inspirational player to decide the next course of action and none other than mercurial midfielder, Andrew Oluwafemi who stepped forward with a sublime free kick from about 30 yards out to put the Ghetto



Ghetto Light FC

ballers in front.

With the momentum completely on the side of Ghetto Light FC, midfield maestro, Fayemi John, picked out Ishola Basit, who converted clinically for the 2nd goal.

Zik FA reduced the goal deficit of the match to 3-2 in the 83rd minute but all efforts to get a point could not materialise as they went down to the fire power of Ghetto Light FC.

Three goals to two was how it ended and the goals were enough to secure consecutive victories for the club as a new streak of wins resumed.

Ibadan FC thrash Alpha FA 5-1 to lift Power U17 trophy

By Saheed Afolabi

Ibadan FC made their Power Cup final against Alpha FA look easy as they thrashed their local rival in Ejigbo 5-1 to lift the Power Cup trophy.

Ibadan FC scored the opener in the 11th minute through their energetic midfielder.

Ibadan FC stunned Alpha FA in the 17th minute by scoring the two goals in the space of 20 minutes.

Alpha FA were destabilised with the early goals conceded and played with pressure in the game.

Alpha FA defensive blunder caused the 3rd goal to be



Alpha FC vs Ibadan FC

conceded against Ibadan FC as their top striker made no mistake in finding the net.

Ibadan FC did not relent in their pursuit of more goals as they

scored the 4th goal in the 60th minute.

Alpha FA were able to grab a consolation goal in the 71st minute as they tried to crawl

back into the game.

Alpha FA were on the receiving end of a ruthless attack of Ibadan FC as they conceded the 5th goal in the 86th minute.

Alpha FC beat Fehintolu FC 1-0 to emerge winner of Power U10 Championship

By Saheed Afolabi

Alpha FC U10 side became victorious in the final of the Power Cup in Ejigbo by defeating Fehintolu FC 1-0 in a well contested encounter. Gideon Williams grabbed the

solitary goal of the match for Alpha FC to emerge winner of the Power Cup U10 category.

Alpha FC were more direct in their play but Fehintolu FC knocked the ball around in order to find a breakthrough through the resilience defense of Alpha

FC.

Both teams could not grab a goal in the first half as it ended in a goalless draw.

The match was a difficult one as both teams really matched each other in every position of play, trying to outplay each other to get

the winner.

The most impressive player on the field, Gideon Williams, later became the saviour of his team as he scored the only goal of the match from close range to much derive joy and happiness from his coach and team players.

NOTAYO'S CUP COMPETITION

M22 FC defeat IJB to seal semifinal spot

By Saheed Afolabi

M22 FC booked a place in the semifinal of the ongoing Notayo's Cup competition by defeating IJB FC 3-1.

M22 FC took the lead from a tight angle in the 16th minute. IJB equalised with a powerful shot just inside the 18 meters

box to light up the game.

M22 FC took advantage of silly defending from IJB FC to take commanding position in the match.

The first half was an entertaining one as both teams were on attacking spree.

M22 FC holding midfielder was sent off for a second bookable offence after

elbowing an opposing player which was an act against the rules of the game in the 65th minute.

IJB left back was given his marching order for a bad tackle against a M22 FC player.

M22 FC scored the 3rd goal from the penalty spot to dash the hopes of IJB FC.

Ms Success FC thrash Da Faria FC

Ms Success FC came from a goal down to sweep aside Da Faria FC in a keenly contested tie.

Azeez Babalola grabbed the solitary goal for Da Faria FC, beating the trio of Ms Success FC stars - Solomon Adelere, Francis Dovi and captain of the side, Anthony Ndubusi, who is currently leading the goal scorers chart of the Notayo's Cup

competition.

Da Faria FC opened the goal account of the match through Azeez Babalola who fired into the bottom corner of the net.

Anthony Ndubusi had a chance to put Ms Success FC on level terms in the 21st minute but he blasted his shot above the goal post to the annoyance of his coach.

Solomon Adelere brought Ms Success FC back on level terms

with a great rebound to settle the score line in the first half.

Ms Success FC took the lead through an individual effort from the man of the match, Francis Dovi, who escaped tackles from two opposing players before scoring from 20 meters out.

Ms Success FC captain, Anthony Ndubusi, wrapped up the victory for with a great free kick at the edge of the box.

SLEEP ON, BABA KINOSHI



**Late Chief Joseph
Olufunsho Kinoshi_(JP)**

**On behalf of the South South United People's forum in Oshodi Isolo constituency II,
We commiserate with our mother, sister and leader, Mrs Anne Kinoshi and the children
on the passage unto glory of Hon Chief Joseph Olufunsho Kinoshi(JP)
on Thursday 3rd December 2020.**

May God comfort you and uphold the entire family and party members.

Signed

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Ejigbo community laments over 9 months blackout

By Saheed Afolabi

Growing out of patience to get electricity supply back into the community after nine months of blackout, the residents on Edegbeja, Awoyemi and Coker Road communities in Ejigbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA) have again cried to Ikeja Electricity Distribution Company (IKEDC) for immediate replacement of their transformer to restore power to the community. As learnt by ECHONEWS, the communities had earlier experienced a 14-month total power outage due to a faulty transformer but later got the power back for less than 18 months after the transformer was repaired. However, they have found themselves in the similar situation since Wednesday, February 19, 2020 when personnel of IKEDC carried out a

checkup on the transformer and reportedly detected a looming technical glitch which necessitated extraction of the transformer for a comprehensive repair.

Meanwhile, the electricity distribution company has hitherto not repaired nor replaced the transformer, subjecting the community to total blackout.

The residents lamented that the protracted power seizure has greatly affected the economic and social developments of the communities.

They said they have written so many letters to the company but without getting positive responses.

In one of the numerous Save our Souls (SOS) letters written by the tenants and residents' association signed by Hon. (Mrs.) Yetunde Awodeko to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IKEDC, the communities explained that the said

transformer was working perfectly until Friday, February 7, this year when technical crew from Idimu Undertaking Office inspected the transformer as part of routine check and reported that the device was short of oil and ultimately needed comprehensive check to avert impending technical glitch.

However, on Wednesday, February 19 another technical crew from Oke-Afa Undertaking Office informed the community that the issues could not be rectified on the spot hence the need to take away the transformer for repair.

It was learnt that the community, at first, acting on the knowledge from previous experience, kicked against the idea but was persuaded to compromise based on strong assurances from the team that within three days the transformer would be returned but, it has not been returned, making it 292 days without light.

The latest reminder which was

dated Thursday, November 19, 2020 emphasised that substantiate amount of the debt owed by each household has been paid and assured that the balance would be paid when the transformer is returned.

The initial letter read in part: "We are using this medium to strongly appeal to the management of your organisation and your good self, to please, use your good office to avert the likely crippling of the epileptic economic situation in our community.

"We also use this medium to assure your organisation that all outstanding debts will be promptly paid without any delay if a functional transformer is reinstalled and subsequent payment shall be paid as and when due."

It was learnt that, as against the appeal of the community to have their transformer replaced in order to encourage other defaulting households to pay up the expected 10 per cent of their

debts, the distribution company insists that the community's part of the agreement must be met before the transformer could be returned.

Meanwhile, the management of the company told ECHONEWS that the company is putting in its best to fulfil its promise of the agreement with the community, urging the residents to honour their side of the agreement in order to fast-track the process and ultimate replacement.

"We are already on it and there is an established understanding between the company and the community already. We often visit them in our course of trying to find a lasting solution to the issue and we're currently filing our report but they have already entered an agreement with our company which they are yet to fulfil. We are already working on it on our side. They've not fulfilled their part of the agreement and that's what is still delaying the release of a new transformer

to them to replace the one that got spoilt."

In further response to this, one of the affected residents, Mr. Lawal Moshood, emphasised that a lot of people in the community have, so far, fulfilled the financial obligation, assuring that others would be encouraged to pay when the transformer is replaced.

"A lot of people have been paying but, we believed that others will be better encouraged if they see the transformer on ground and that is why we are appealing to IKEDC to give this a consideration. Power supply is a necessity that almost everyone cannot do without. We appeal to them to replace the transformer so as to encourage people to pay and meet the target.

"The blackout has grounded so many businesses in the community, economic activities have been on the downward spiral, the blackout has affected us," he lamented.

Razeva Schools graduate 100 students

By Saheed Afolabi

About 46 new secondary school leavers from Razeva Schools, Ejigbo have joined a host of other tertiary institution admission seekers as the schools graduated 100 students. During the 2020/2021 Graduation/Valedictory service held at the school premises last weekend, 46 senior students were graduated, 30 graduated from junior class to senior class while the remains were primary six going to secondary school and nursery 2 going to primary school.

The School Principal, Mrs. Godwin Ngozi urged the graduating students to be more hardworking and try to excel wherever they go.

She commended the students graduated from both junior and senior school for their excellent performances, which positioned the school to be ranked one of the best in Oshodi-Isolo LGA by the Educational District, advising them to sustain the feat in their further education pursuit.

Also speaking, the Head Teacher of the Primary section, Mr. Segun Alake, disclosed that during the last placement test examination for the Basic six students, the

school performed excellently.

He therefore admonished the pupils to always distinguish themselves with good behaviours and remain excellent in their academic performances.

The outgoing Head Girl of the school, Ezeigwe Chiamaka, said she has been groomed to explore opportunities around the world, adding that she is bold to compete favourably with any of her contemporaries across the globe.

She said: "All our dreams can come through if we have the courage to pursue them."

She therefore appealed to other students to always work harder

and have 'hard work' as their watchword.

For the outgoing Head Boy, Lyan Otakpor, Razeva School represents the world on a smaller scale.

He said: "I experienced it all here. I'm ready for the world because our stay in this great citadel of learning has been tasking but God saw us through. I thank the management and staff for their care, love towards us."

Congratulating the graduating students, the school proprietress, Mrs. Eva Afolabi said the students had put up an exemplary life and attitude during their academic pursuit, appealing



Ezeigwe Chiamaka and Lyan Otakpor

to them not to relent in their journey to success.

She expressed gratitude to God Almighty for His faithfulness and mercies amidst Covid-19 pandemic, while also

appreciating the teachers for their selfless service in moulding the children to be better citizens.

At the event, the Beat graduating students were honoured with awards and certificates.

Ejigbo based gynaecologist, Dr. Wale Farayola, has disclosed that heavy menstruation is one of the major problems of fibroid patients. Farayola, who works with Lagos State Maternal and Child center, Amuwo Odofin (Obstetrics and Gynaecology), told ECHONEWS that fibroids are non-cancerous growths made of smooth muscle cells and fibrous connective tissue in the uterus. According to him, fibroids can develop at any time during a

Expert says fibroid patients suffer heavy menstruation

woman's childbearing years.

"Heavy menstruation or bleeding with or without pain is one of the major presenting complaints in people with fibroids.

"Some may have their menstruation extending beyond the normal time of three to seven days.

"Symptoms include menstrual disturbance (irregular bleeding), the menstrual pattern may become irregular and the

bleeding might be heavy in the presence of fibroid polyp or when a submucous fibroid becomes ulcerated.

"A large mass of fibroid may compress the surrounding organs and present corresponding symptoms like frequent urination or retention of urine.

"Fibroids may also cause mechanical distortion of the fallopian tubes which may cause

infertility," he explained.

The gynaecologist said no treatment was required if a fibroid has no symptoms.

However, he advised that fibroids which enlarge the uterus to about the size of a 12-weeks pregnancy, whether with symptoms or not, should preferably be removed.

According to him, treatment could be medical or surgical, stating that medical treatment is the

method of ovarian suppression using a gonadotrophin-releasing hormone analogue.

"These suppress circulating estradiol and progesterone levels by shutting down the pituitary-ovarian axis.

"Unfortunately, while very effective in shrinking fibroids when the ovarian function returns, the fibroids regrow to their previous dimensions.

"Also long-term use results in

significant bone loss," the gynaecologist said.

Farayola said some surgical treatments for fibroid include polypectomy, vaginal hysterectomy, vaginal myomectomy, abdominal hysterectomy and abdominal myomectomy.

He said that the recurrence rate of fibroids is extremely low especially with newer operative techniques.

Ijaiye road project for completion in December

By Edith Igbokwe

The engineer in charge of the ongoing drainage/street construction project in Ijaiye Street, Olarenwaju Abolade, has assured that the drainage phase of the project will be completed before the end of December, this year.

According to him, the 206 meters and 750 by 750 drainage size will be constructed without cover.

He said the works already done on site so far include 80meters base job, 180meters blinding and 150meters reinforcement including the cast of 30meters wall.

He informed that the second phase of the project which is the road construction would

depend on further directives after the construction of the drainage.

The road rehabilitation is part of Lagos State Governor Sanwo-Olu wards projects being done through the councillors.

The Councilor representing Igbihinadun Ward, Azeez Jaiyeola together with the residents of the community chose Ijaiye Street as the main project for the ward.

"I assure the community that towards the end of December the drainage work will be completed and I sincerely appreciate how the community members welcomed and accepted us, which made our job to progress quickly to the stage we are presently,"



Ongoing Ijaiye street drainage project

Abolade said.

Meanwhile, the councillor who was monitoring the project expressed satisfaction over the job done so far and the rate at which the project

progresses.

He said he was happy to have the road rehabilitated, saying it would be a landmark achievement that the community got accessible road

during his tenure as a councillor representing the ward.

He stated that the CDA members were overwhelmed with joy seeing the ongoing

development in their community as the street has been neglected for several years.

How I planned to survive after my political office term - Hon. Modupe Ogundeyi

By Edith Igbokwe

To create a permanent opportunity for generating income after leaving office as Supervisory Councillor, Hon. Mrs. Modupe Ogundeyi said she has opened a bar/restaurant as a fall back investment.

Ogundeyi is the incumbent Supervisory Councillor for Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation (WAPA) Oshodi-Isolo Local Government. She reiterated that the

business venture would serve as a permanent source of income while she leaves her political career in 2021.

Ogundeyi noted that she once owned a restaurant which she stopped running as at the time she joined politics, disclosing that she could not cope combining the two careers.

Meanwhile, she said she decided to start up the business ahead of 2021 when she will be leaving the office.

"My daughter will be in charge for now while I supervise the

activities till when I will be fully ready to take over," she said.

Speaking during the opening ceremony and commissioning of the business venture, the council chairman, Hon. Bolaji Muse-Ariyoh commended her for starting a business before the end of her four years in office as he prayed for the success of the business.

Also speaking, the council leader, Hon. Rasheed Obasa, who declared the business opened by cutting the tape, applauded the effort of



Modupe Ogundeyi during the opening of her restaurant

Ogundeyi.

He described the councillor's effort as the best idea worthy of emulation by other politicians. He noted that other big

politicians have their one private businesses, saying doing business does not and should not affect participating in politics.

Oshodi Comprehensive High School Alumni to celebrate 39th Founder's Day anniversary

By Edith Igbokwe

Oshodi Comprehensive High School Alumni Association is putting together plans to celebrate its 39th Founder's Day Anniversary.

The event, being organised by 23 sets of graduated students from 1985 - 2018, is scheduled to hold this Saturday, December 12, 2020 at the school complex.

According to the President of the association, Otunba Ganiyu Hamzat, the event will kick-start with sporting activities tagged "Sportsmania" featuring male and female football competitions, sprint and indoor games.

This, as he said, would be followed by a fundraising for its proposed 3-in-1 project of a School Hall, an E-library and an Alumni Secretariat.

"The end of the year get-together will crown the event for the day.

"Professor Steven Monday Omodia, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Edo State University; Linus Iwuajoku, Director, Access Bank and Ike Sorunmu, ex-Super Eagles goalkeeper are Special Guests at the event.

"This event is aimed at reuniting thousands of Alumni across the globe, as it would be streamlined online," he informed.

The members of the Neighborhood corps, Oshodi-Isolo zone have disclosed that their new uniform would serve as morale booster for them.

They said the new uniform provided by the State government is to enhance their efficiency and to make them appear neater and

New uniform will boost our morale -Neighborhood corps

By Edith Igbokwe

smarter.

They said this while collecting the uniform at their office in Oshodi Secretariat.

During the distribution of the new uniform, the Chief Corps

Superintendent (CCS), Victor Oshinfade and the Director of Operations, Mrs. Adeniji commended the efforts of the Neighborhood corps in Oshodi-Isolo LGA as they further encouraged them to put in their best and to always appear neat while in uniform.

The Oshodi-Isolo Corps Officer (CO), Jubril Adeniji appreciated the government for the provision of the new uniform, saying it is a call to service as the government has provided them with the basic materials needed to function well while on duty.

Each member of the corps was given a new uniform with a belt, a pair of socks, a cap and a pair of shoes.

It was gathered that at the inception of their recruitment, a member was given five shirts and two pairs of trousers to start with.

Youth group supports widows, elderly persons with food items

By Edith Igbokwe

As part of its contribution to the welfare of the needy, a community-based organisation, Mafoluku Youth Alliance (MYA), has given food items to over 60 widows and the elder ones in Mafoluku, Oshodi.

The food items distributed

include rice, groundnut oil, tomatoes pastes and others.

According to the group, it has been distributing food items to the beneficiaries annually for the past six years as part of effort to cater for the needy in the society.

Speaking on the organisation's aim of putting up the programme, the group's coordinator, Adebayo

Akinsola, said it is meant to reduce the sufferings of the less privileged through especially in term of hunger.

Akinsola promised that the organisation would not relent in helping the less privileged in the community despite its financial challenge, saying it gets funds only from the donations by the members.

"There is no financial or

material support from neither the government nor members of the public. It's been just our contributions and God's support all the way."

Commenting on the programme, the Chairman of Mafoluku Community Development Association (CDA), Alhaji Adegbeni, said such initiative by the youths is what the society needs to

promote peace.

He commended the youths for the welfare packages while urging others to emulate them. One of the beneficiaries, Mrs. Rebecca, who was visibly elated over the gift, said it was unexpected

"I am very happy with these youths and what they are doing. I am also glad to be one of the beneficiaries. I wish them success in their future endeavours," she said.



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