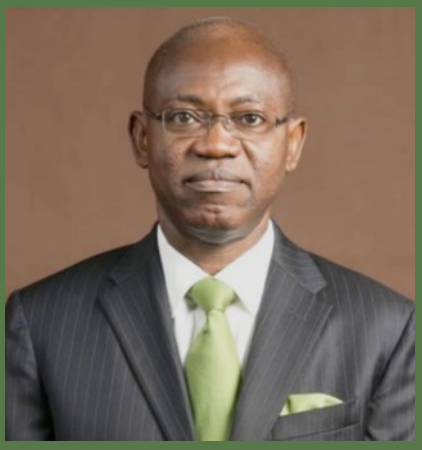




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Isese Day 2023: **Pray for Nigeria, Ogun community leader urges traditionalists**

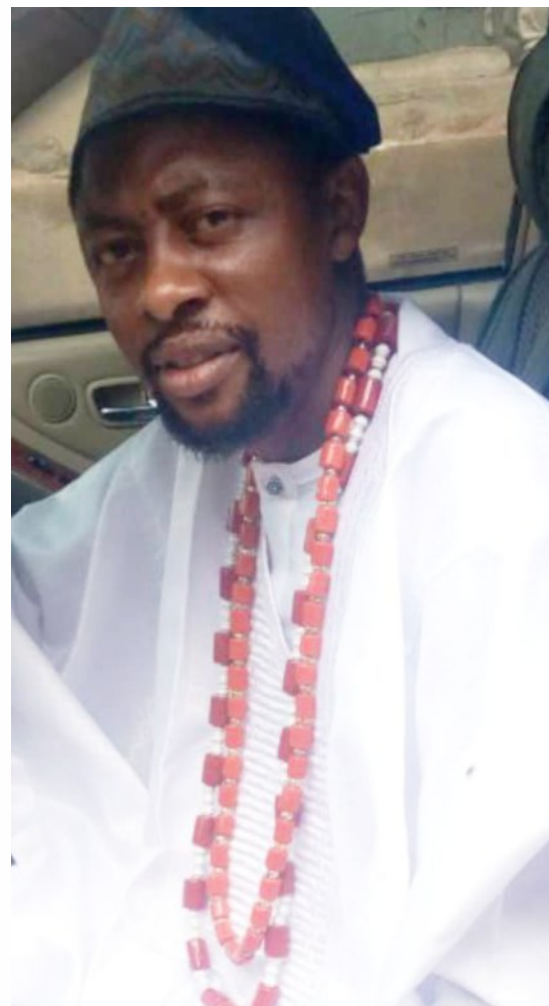
As Nigeria joins the rest of the world to celebrate "Isese" Day (day of tradition), Baale Of Mamu land, Okemosan, Abeokuta, Ogun State, Chief Fredrick Fadipe has urged traditionalists in the country to pray for Nigeria as they celebrate Isese day.

He called on them to use the occasion of this year's celebration to pray fervently for Nigeria in casting away pain, poverty and insecurity in the country.

Chief Fadipe made this known in a statement personally signed by him and made available to newsmen in Abeokuta.

He noted that 'Isese' day embodies peace, love and fear, factors that if strongly considered and embraced by all nationalities, will end evil and viciousness in the world.

In his words, "The best and foundational religion is the traditional one. It is the religion that existed before the advent of others in Nigeria. I want to urge the traditionalists to use the occasion of this year's celebration to pray for Nigeria and our president, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu. Our Able Governor, Prince Dr Dapo Abiodun should also be remembered in their prayers for his continuous efforts towards keeping



the ship of infrastructural developments and good leadership afloat in Ogun State."

Congratulating all traditionalists and by extension Ijemo Descendants on the special occasion, he charged them to live by example in order to attract more followers ignorantly lured by strange religions.

“THERE IS NO SHORTCUT TO SUCCESS BUT THROUGH DETERMINATION AND HARD WORK”

Hon (Mrs.) Mojisola Badmus, is a woman of distinction with difference. She is an embodiment of diligence, dedication, hard-work, perseverance and focus which has make her inspirational woman and a role model worthy emulating by the young ladies.



Can we meet you ma?

My name is Hon.(Mrs.) Mojisola Badmus, the Executive Vice-Chairman of Igando – Ikotun LCDA. Am also the supervisor for works of the LCDA.

Let have insight about your educational background.

I commenced my primary school at Coker Primary School, Surulere, Lagos State. I proceeded to Tolonbi Secondary School, Surulere Lagos State. I had diploma in law from Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin; I have Bsc in Bank and Finance from Lagos State University, Ojoo . For my love to acquire more knowledge, I went back to Lagos State University, Ojoo for my MBA where I specialized in Management. Am still hoping to commence my Ph.D soonest by

God's grace.

As a Vice- Chairman of Igando-Ikotun LCDA, how did you find yourself in politics?

To be candid, I was born into politics. My father late Jimoh Adio Balogun was a renowned politician. Loved by his people in Lagos. I grew up to know my father as an excellent and cheerful giver. Then, I saw people gathered in our house and I would ask my father that why these numerous people always gather in our house. His response was that, it was about government and about development of our nation. He was a grass root politician especially in Surulere community. As I was growing up, I had in me how to make positive impact in the society and how I will be putting smile in people's

faces. I think the best way to give back to the society is by joining politics.

As a woman of distinction, what keeps you soaring in life?

Passion to serve humility. I believe that passion and determination is very vital in life and it contribute to success. If you have passion for what you're doing, sky is the stepping stone. When I was growing up, my mentor, late chief M.K.O Abiola was the pillar of sports in Africa, he had the similar traits of my late father. They were both excellent givers, because they wanted people to be in happy mood always. This has also been in my mind that I would be a philanthropist that anyone path in my way will never remain the same for positive.

Who has been your professional inspiration?

My father! He was very hardworking being. He never believe in negative. He believed that once you dream it, you can achieve it. He never gives no for an answer because “NO” was not in his dictionary. He was a goal getter. He started from humble beginning to achieve what he achieved before his demise. Up till date; despite that he is no more, in Surulere, his legacies are still there. People still remember his name because of his positive impact in the Surulere community. I always tell myself I want to surpass his achievements and I am on the track.

What was your greatest advice you have ever received and by who?

The greatest advice ever received then was that there is success everywhere and there is no short cut to success but through determination and hard work. I once asked my father that he should advise me on which profession I can engage myself into, that will make me hallmark. His response was that all professions are good but the best is what makes you outstanding in the profession. My father taught me to be industrious, determine, persistence, consistence. He said, if I have all these, success is sure.

As a mother and Vice-Chairman of Igando-Ikotun LCDA, how do you balance office works and home affairs that one does not affects each other?

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“THERE IS NO SHORTCUT TO SUCCESS...”

Laugh! I have been asked this question numerous times. It's passion, zeal and determination. As a mother, you want to be successful and as a humanitarian, you also want to contribute your quota to the society and have impact in the community. You know what is on your table. Just like a student that want to gain admission into higher institution, he/she must pass both Mathematics and English language as we know that both subjects are parallel subjects, but the student must prepare very well and pass them. I know how to balance the two together and God is really helping me.

What is the biggest lesson you have learnt that you think is advisable to others?

The biggest lesson I have ever learnt in my life is that hardwork does not kill but pays. Hardwork is actually lacking in our community today especially among the youths. They want to be over night Dangote. They have forgotten that with hard work, Persistence, tolerance, determination and consistence, the sky is the stepping stone for them. For example, when I newly Joined politics, I was very active in all political activities of my local government especially the critical aspect when people used to avoid or run away from. Before I became executive Vice – Chairman of Igando-Ikotun LCDA, it was not an easy task. There was storm but I overcame because of my participations in the party. So hard work really pays and prepare you ahead for the future. There was a time I was vouching for the position of a local government councilor, I was denied but I never lose hope. I continued with my participation in grass root politics. Thank God where I am today.

As a woman of distinction that is closer to the people and your schedule is very tight, how do you relax?

To be sincere, if you really love what you're doing, there will not be tension and you will not be frustrated. Even in the midst of your tight schedule, despite you love and appreciate what you are doing, you will be over the moon because you are adding positive value to the people. So you will feel relax.

What is your philosophy of life?

What goes around comes around. If you believe that, there will not be a room for laziness in your life. I believe that whatever I do to the people or community. I also do it to myself.

How do you develop yourself as a leader?

As a leader, I develop my followers because there is nothing to lead if you do not have adequate and loyal followers. As a leader, you must lead by examples. I make them know that they can be better than me because I am always in cloud nine whenever I see my followers achieving greatness.

As a leader that has men as her subordinates, tell us your resistance experience whenever you are leading them.

Both men and woman especially in Africa loves to resist changes. We hardly adapt to new development because we believes that new policy or development is a punishment to us. As a leader, you must always show your subordinates love. Let them feel important. you must not be a dictator. You must give a room for subordinates' suggestions in office as they says “two good heads are better than one”. It is just that as a leader I understand my subordinates very well especially, the men. The men I



have here are very supporting and understanding. Infact, they makes my job easier. Once again, they are super-fantastic.

How is your working relationship with the executive Chairman of Igando-Ikotun LCDA Comrade Lasisi Akinsanya and his Excellence, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-olu the Executive Governor of Lagos state?

Excellent! From the day we were swore in. I make up my mind that as executive Vice-Chairman of Igando-Ikotun LCDA, I will make sure I write my name with gold by supporting the administration of Comrade Lasisi Akinsanya. I appreciate him for giving me the chance and the privilege in his administration. He doesn't look down on anyone. He is a very hardworking person that always give room for suggestion. We works as a team in order to achieve our aims and objectives. For governor Babajide Sanwo-olu, working with him is an honor. He is a very kind hearted man. He loves the grass root mobilizers.

As a Vice-Chairman of Igando-Ikotun LCDA, what are your plans for young ladies empowerment?

We have been doing that and we will never relent in empowering our young ladies because they are the mothers of tomorrow. Before I became the vice-chairperson, I have empowered numerous women via my NGO (BMA). We train them to be self-reliance. We also organizes seminar in which we tell them that they are not in this world to be spectators but to add values to the society. I believe that once a lady has being trained and empower, you have trained and empower a nation.

What advice would you give to young ladies who are looking up to a role model like you?

My advice for them is that they should believe in God and themselves. They should shun drugs and prostitution. They should determine to be successful. Rome was not built in a day. Slow and steady wins the race.

Thanks for time.

It's my pleasure.

Petroleum Industry Act: **Ogun begins identification of Littoral Communities**



Ogun State Government has begun the process of the determination of Coast line communities along the Gulf of Guinea for the operationalization of the Littoral Host Community Development Trust (HCDT) done in conjunction with the National Boundary Commission.

This exercise is in pursuance of the provisions of the Petroleum Industry Act no.6 of 2021, which stipulates that host communities affected by the Petroleum operations will be entitled to 3% of upstream companies actual annual operating expenditure of the preceding financial year, in deriving direct social and economic benefits from Petroleum operations within their communities.

The exercise which is a fall out of an advocacy visit earlier made by The Director General, National Boundary Commission, Surv. Adamu Adaji to the Office of the Deputy Governor and Chairman of Ogun State Boundary Committee, Engr. Noimot Salako-Oyedele, on the need to sensitize the State on the all-important assignment for adequate representation of the identified communities in the Host Communities

Development Trust.

According, the Acting Surveyor General of the State, who led the State team on the exercise informed that the mandate given to the joint field team is to verify and capture the Littoral Communities along the Gulf of Guinea that are within 500metres buffer from the shore line to satisfy the provisions of the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA) for gazzete purposes.

He added that the exercise which was carried at Ode-Omi in the Ogun Waterside Local Government area of the State was done by a joint field team comprising members from the Federal Government, National Boundary Commission, Office of the Surveyor General of the Federation, Nigerian Upstream Regulatory Commission and the Ogun State Boundary Commission.

Reacting to the Exercise on behalf of concerned communities totalling 60 in all, the Lenuwa of Ode-Omi, Oba Folailu Adekunle Hassan, appreciated the State and Federal government for the initiative, promising the support of his community towards the overall success of the exercise.

**HRM Oba
Abdulwahab Kayode
Olukayode Oyedotun:
A royal
father
with kind
gesture**



Kabiyesi, with honour and gratitude, can we meet you?

I am HRM Oba Abdulwahab Kayode Olukayode Oyedotun Bibire 1, the Orangun of Ila – Orangun.

Kabiyesi, please kindly tell us your journey to the throne?

My journey to the throne was a divine arrangement. I was one of the 13 contestants. By the grace of God, I was chosen among all. It is not by my power but by God.

Kabiyesi, before your coronation as a king, what were you doing?

I was a teacher. I was in teaching profession for 23 years.

Sir, as a teacher, what has life taught you?

Life has taught me to be humble as a teacher, give respect to whom respect is due. Never be proud and look down on anybody.

What are your experiences as a king since your ascension to the throne of your fore-fathers?



My experience as a king is full of challenges because I have to solve community problems every blessed day. As a king, I have been able to be closer to my people (Ila – Orangun indigenes). Despite all the challenges, God has been helping me to overcome all.

Sir, as the royal father of heartbeat of Igbomina, what is the Ila – Orangun of your dream?

Very soon, I want Ila-Orangun to be a state capital of Igbomina state if created by the government. I believe that the Igbomina State will be carved out of Osun and Kwara State.

Sir, how do you relax as a busy king?

Creating time for relaxation is very vital as we all knew that our body is not made of steel.

As a very respected royal father, how have you been able to relate with the people of your kingdom.

There are two different things. The kingdom and the domestic affairs are met the same.

Kabiyesi, it is a popular proverb that Ila people are fond of drinking palm wine and as a result of this, they are not educated. What is your say about this?

This is absolutely an insult to the people of Ila Orangun and anybody saying that does not know the rich history of Ila-Orangun very well. Ila-Orangun indigenes are absolutely doing super-fantastic well within and outside Nigeria. We have professors, medical doctors, pilots, accountants, politicians, etc. Ila-Orangun indigenes are well educated.

Sir, how have you been able to relate with your friends after you ascend to the throne?

Wow! They are still my friends. I can never forget our old days. I can't say because I am a king that I will forget my humble beginning.

As a king, how have you been able to give back to the society? Yes! As a king, my priority is my kingdom, the development of my kingdom is very important to me.

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A royal father with kind gesture

Likewise the lives and properties of my people are also paramount.

As Ila-Orangun is one of the descendants of Oduduwa, kindly tell us briefly about Ila-Orangun history.

Ila-Orangun was founded by Orangun Fagbamila Ajagun-nla (the progenitor of Igbomina race), a son of the legendary Oduduwa. However, opinion differs as to how the people got the name "Ila – Orangun" for their settlement. "Ila – Orangun" was derived from the two settlements, which resulted from two separate events in the life of the founder. When Fagbamila Ajagun-nla was about to leave Ile-Ife to found his own kingdom, his father, Oduduwa gave him half (Ilaji) of his property. Also, the Odu Ifa that directed his existence "Oro mi sin" when translated means "My life plans" are straight forward. Thus, the settlement "illaji ni mo pin, oro mi gun" later became "Ila - Orangun".

During Eka Festival in Ila – Orangun, when praising all the former kings but there is a particular King being cursed, why is it like that?

It is not true. All previous Kings are being praised during the festival. It is just a rumor. Don't let me say anything about my forefathers. It is a long story.

Kabiyesi, as a king, do you play politics?

A king is the father of all politicians in his community. A king must accept all political parties in his kingdom and he must not be biased. A king must make sure there is peace so a king must not involve himself in politics.

Ila Orangun people have been living in peace without any fear of insecurity. How have you been able to achieve this?

The Challenges of insecurity has been totally solved. The security personnel both the local and the police are doing wonderfully well. Moreover, the people of Ila – Orangun are peace loving people.

Kabiyesi, as we know that everybody has a past, as a King, if you are able to go back to your past, what would you correct? Hmm! That is a funny question. In my past, I have no regret because I didn't live a wayward life. In fact, I didn't know I am a prince. I was just living my normal life.

Sir, what is the relationship with you and Ila – Orangun indigenes in diaspora?

Our relationship is very cordial. They are really assisting the Kingdom in their own little ways. As we all know that the government cannot do everything, we must also assist the government, I always have meeting with them whenever I am with them and advice them to come home and invest in Ila – Orangun because the town is fast developing. Thank God, we have another federal university.

Kabiyesi, it is a belief in Yoruba land that whenever a

king join his ancestors, the reigning king will eat the heart of the previous king before he ascend to the throne, please throw light into it.

That is what people says but am telling you that it is not true. The only link between all the kings emerges in Ila – Orangun is the wearing of the garment that belongs to all of us (Kings). The garment name is "SEGEDE".

It is also a belief that the reigning King will marry the wives of the previous King, enlighten us on that Sir.

That is absolutely not true. When I ascended the throne, I met women that are older than me and old enough to be my mother. I can't send them out of the palace. It is my responsibility to take proper good care of them but not to marry them.

HRM Sir, there is Ila – Orangun and Oke – Ila Orangun, what is the relationship between the two kingdom?

Both the kingdom are of the same father. It was a tussle of brotherhood. There is no rift between the two kingdom. The Orangun Oke – Ila is my very good brother.

What is the relationship between you and the remaining twelve contestants that contested the throne with you?

It is still cordial. It is a pity that some of them are dead. Three of them that are alive still come to the palace. We still relate like brothers because we all know that two people cannot become King at a time in one palace. Am not on the throne because am more knowledgeable than them.

Sir, if you are not a King after your retirement as a teacher, what would you have been doing?

That is for God to decide. Well, maybe I would have built a very gigantic and well-constructed citadel of learning.

Sir, as Aremo of Oduduwa, what is your relationship with HRM

Oba Ofunwusi, Ooni of Ile – Ife?

Ah! Ojaja 1 is my father. He is a man of peace. He wants unity among all the Yoruba. Either he is younger than me in age, he is my father due to his position. He is the Chairman, Council of Obas in Osun State. I give him respect because he is a man of wisdom. He do call me almost every day.

Kabiyesi, as a Muslim by religion, how do you relate to other religion in Ila – Orangun?

As a father of Ila – Orangun Kingdom every other people in respective of their religions are my people. Every religion leaders always come to the palace and pray for me as a King, you must not distance yourself from all religions.

HRM, any message for Osun State industries?

I am appealing to the people of Osun State to accept the present government. This is the government that wants the best for the people of Osun State. This present government needs our cooperation and make sure we all live in peace and harmony.



Abiodun releases funds for the payment of gratuity to retirees



Governor Abiodun's Game-Changing Strategy: Putting Yewa in the front-burner

The Governor of Ogun State, prince Dapo Abiodun has released funds for the payment of gratuity to Ogun State Retirees.

The government is presently paying those who retired in February 2013 for both Teachers and Local Government Retirees.

Those who retired in 2009 and 2010 had been paid by this administration long time ago.

Gari Rediscovered:

How Volta Region is taking gari to a new level with sweet potatoes

In Anlo Tsiame, nestled in the heart of the Volta Region, a captivating culinary innovation has emerged.

Pink gari is made from purple potatoes. This stunning fusion of traditional African cuisine and modern culinary creativity has been capturing the hearts and taste buds of locals and visitors alike

This innovation was first discovered on @seyramOfficial on Twitter, this delectable delight will not only add a splash of color to the local cuisine. But it will also contribute to the socio-economic development of the community.

Gari, a popular West African staple made from fermented cassava, has been a dietary mainstay for generations.

However, in the vibrant town of Anlo Tsiame, a twist has been introduced that has taken this everyday dish to new heights. The secret lies in the use of purple sweet potatoes, a colorful tuber rich in antioxidants and nutrient.

The innovation was made known to the public through @seyramofficials, a local collective committed to enticing the youth into agriculture by using his page to promote the sale of agricultural products.

The introduction of pink gari has not only been a gastronomic revelation but has also brought about positive changes in the local community. By utilizing locally available ingredients



and traditional techniques, Anlo Tsiame has reinvigorated interest in traditional foods while opening new economic avenues.

Additionally, it is gaining attention from both locals and tourists, boosting tourism and promoting the region as a culinary destination.

Embracing Innovation while Preserving Tradition

The emergence of pink gari made from purple sweet potatoes in Anlo Tsiame stands as a testament to the dynamic nature of culinary evolution. This innovative twist on a

classic dish showcases how traditions can be respectfully upheld while allowing room for creativity and experimentation.

Anlo Tsiame has demonstrated that by combining the past and the present, it is possible to create a culinary masterpiece that not only delights the senses but also sustains local communities and traditions.

The pink gari phenomenon is a living example of how food can be a powerful tool for cultural expression and economic progress.

CHIEF YEMI ELEBUIBON IS AN IFA PRIEST THAT HAS TAKEN CULTURE ROUND THE WORLD

EARLY LIFE

CHIEF Yemi Elebuibon's house in Osogbo is like a Mecca of sorts as he hosts different people from all over the world including Whites. Some of them even bear core Yoruba traditional names and wear our local attires proudly. Elebuibon is a traditional icon in Nigeria, who is known far and wide. The Araba of Osogbo has taken native culture and traditions beyond the shores of Nigeria. In a few days, the well-respected Ifa priest, actor, playwright and lecturer. Elebuibon was born in 1947 in Osogbo to Akínrindé Àkàndé Èlẹ̀búìbọ̀n (c. 1885 – 1957) an Ifa priest and hunter, and Şìjuwoyá Abeje Èlẹ̀búìbọ̀n (née Awóniyi). Elebuibon comes from a long line of hunters, priests, herbalists, and warriors. His father was claimed to be a descendant of the legendary warrior Olutimehin, one of the founders of the city of Osogbo. His mother was born into a family of priests who worshipped Oya and Ifa. The title "Araba" is given to the chief Ifa priest of Osogbo, and this title was held by his maternal grandfather, Kẹ̀hìndé Adéyẹ̀mi Awóniyi, the longest serving Araba of Osogbo. His maternal grandmother was Oyawenu Awoniyi. The names of Elebuibon and his parents are clear in describing the origins and traditions of the family. Elebuibon's mother's name, Sijuwoya means "Open your eyes to see/worship Oya," showing her parents worshipped Oya. "Elebuibon" originates from a nickname of his father's meaning "Owner of many guns," showing that he was a hunter. Elebuibon's mother's maiden name Awoniyi means "The Oracle is valuable," the oracle referring to the Ifa.

Elebuibon's father was a polygamist who had 6 wives, and Elebuibon's mother was the youngest wife. His



father had many children, but at the time many of them had died in infancy. This phenomenon is known in the Yoruba culture as abiku. Elebuibon's father and Elebuibon's maternal grandfather (Awoniyi) were close Ifa contemporaries and it was revealed that to solve this problem, Elebuibon's father would have to marry a female child of the Araba chieftaincy family. This girl was Elebuibon's mother. However, when he married Sijuwoya, she still had the Abiku problem, and had 2 children who died in infancy. To figure out a problem with this, he consulted the Ifa and it was determined that she would have to use water and give offerings to the goddess Osun (in the river Osun). Soon later, she had her only

surviving child, Elebuibon. The circumstances of his birth can be seen in the names Elebuibon was given. His first name Ifayemi means Ifa befits me and his other names Osundagbonu refers to the goddess Osun, who they believed gave them Elebuibon.

CAREER

Elebuibon began training as an Ifa priest by his father in 1951 when he was 4 years old. He continued this rigorous training in the traditional arts until his father died when he was only 10 in 1957. He was then put under the guidance of

Chief Faniyi Ajani (the Agbongbon-Awo of Osogbo), another well trained Ifa priest who most likely was a contemporary of Elebuibon's father and grandfather. After training for another 10 years, he became an official Babalawo in 1967. He did not attend formal schooling but self-educated himself. He then became an actor for Duro Ladipo's famous plays including Oba kò so.[4] He then became associated with the National Black Theatre, in which he currently serves a cultural advisor. He then began to publish several books and papers in both Yoruba and English. He also wrote many traditional Yoruba plays based on Yoruba figures (known as èwí in Yoruba). His traditions morality drama "IFA OLOKUN

...IFA PRIEST THAT HAS TAKEN CULTURE ROUND THE WORLD

ASORODAYO” (a popular phrase praising Ifa and Orunmila culled from Odu-Ifa was presented as a series on Nigeria national television network. In an effort to conserve Yoruba history and culture that he felt was being lost to Western influences, he established several cultural institutions in Nigeria, including Ancient Philosophy International in Osogbo, a centre dedicated to teaching African Traditional Religion and Performing Arts. He was appointed the Vice Chairman of Board of Traditional Medicine, Osun State, and he is presently the President of International Congress of Orisa Tradition and culture, Nigeria Chapter. Through his efforts, the Osun-Osogbo Grove was named a UNESCO World heritage site and in 2005, UNESCO declared in its third proclamation of World Masterpieces that the Ifa Divination System in Nigeria was one of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity to be preserved and protected. He continues to go on lecture tours in addition to practicing his traditional religion.

ARABA OSOGBO CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF REIGNS

The title of Araba as head of all Ifa Priest is not known until one famous military, Ifa Priest Ikujenyo, Ikujenlowo, the one who used his skill and knowledge of Ifa to assist world of Ibadan war lords. Ogunmola Basorun of Ibadan, as well as, Ibikunle Kujenyo, an indigene of Osogbo was awarded the title of Araba. Before then, it was Oluawo that inhabitants of Osogbo use. Oluawo means King of all Ifa Priest. Hence it became names of some compounds in Osogbo where the bearer used to live. Oluawo Abodunrin and Oluawo Oba is existence in Osogbo. Ikujenyo a famous person became Araba of Osogbo. Since, all others have followed in his footsteps Basorun Ibikunle (1851-1864). Basorun Ogunmola (1865-1867). Ogunmola went to two important wars after he became leader of Ibadan (the Kutuje War and the Atadi War). He became Basorun after kutuje War. A basorun is high chief father of heavenly child in oyo basorun was

head of kingmaker, and in Ibadan he is war lord. Ogunmola himself an Ifa priest. He hails from Feesu in Iwo, Osun State, Nigeria. Kujenyo used his influents as Araba and military man to make the name Osogbo well known inside and outside the city. After demise of kujenyo another important Ifa Priest became Araba. Araba Awoniyi Kehinde Adeyemi of Amubiorogun Compound Ita olookan Osogbo. His knowledge of Ifa earned him any rewards. He had many horses and slaves. The name of his house became Ilearaba till today. Araba Awoniyi Adeyemi Kehinde was the grandfather of Araba Ifayemi Elebuibon. He lived and his tenure witnessed a lot of success within Osogbo and environ. He lived for many years.

Araba Oyelade of Arewekooko Compound came after his demise. During Araba Oyelade tenure, he used to build the temple of idin ileke a place where all use to worship today he is the one that donate parcel of the land to ifa community.

During the reigns of Oba Oyetona (1840-1902) Araba Falade of Alesinloye Compound reigns during the tenure of Oba Olugbeja II (1902-1917). It was very difficult to enumerate actual date of each Araba installation and end of their tenure since some of them possess mightily power of youthfulness medicine.



BOOKS WRITTEN

- Poetry Voice of Ifa
- Apetebii: The Wife of Orunmila
- Adventures of Obatala 1 & 2,
- The Healing Powers of Sacrafice
- Ifa, the Custodian of Destiny
- The Invisible Powers of the Metaphysical World: A Peep Into the World of Witches
- Iyere Ifa (Tonal Poetry, the Voice of Ifa): an Exposition of Yoruba Divinational Chants.
- Irinajo Eda
- Ogota Ewi Ogota Ajodun orikadun, New Series of Works
- Soul Journeys of a Priest in the Wonderland
- Water Spirit of Yorubaland
- Healing Power of the Prayer
- Iku the Fearful Spirit

Films produced

- Obatala in Praise Documentary: This film demonstrates the propitiation of Obatala his (Oriki) praise name and sacrifice
- Eko Eleko, drama based on Odu Ifa all these from series of weekly presentation of ifa Olokun Asorodayo

Play scripts written

- Nnkan mini
- Omolokun
- Oore pe...
- Ode Afawon Yanyan
- Afoju di Agba- Esin Abomu
- Adorun Mooto- Igun Dale
- Maforo ya oro- Ebo ju Agba lo - Anikajo pon... Ect.

Recorded CD

- Eniyan Won
- Orilodami
- Elenini Aye
- Aye di Jagba nrudu
- Oroki Asala
- Owonrin Sogbe
- Epe enu won

MEMBERSHIP AND AWARDS

- Member of Rotary Club Osogbo
- Member of Yoruba Centre of Excellence
- Trophy Second Prize Bauch Nafest 89
- Justice of Peace merit award by Government of Osun State
- Merit Award by Osogbo Progressive Union
- Silver Trophy Government of Oyo State by Sasa Eniyan Ore Sanya
- An honorary decorated degree of traditional religion upon the Recommendation (USA27-7-1993)

INSPIRATIONAL WOMAN PROFILE

Pharm. (Mrs) Modupe Adefunke Bakare is the director of Pharmaceutical Services, and head of Pharmacy Department, General Hospital, Gbagada, Lagos State. She had her early education at Akoka Primary School, Akoka, Lagos; Lara Day Nursery and Primary School, Ikeja, Lagos; and Maryland Comprehensive Secondary School, Maryland, Lagos. She obtained her bachelor and master's degrees in Pharmacy from the University of Lagos, in 1990 and 2000 respectively.

Bakare is a highly resourceful professional and mentor, with a strong commitment to making a positive impact on pharmacists, the pharmacy profession, her environment, and the world at large. In line with this passion, she has contributed immensely to the development and advancement of hospital pharmacy practice in Lagos State, as well as the successful implementation of the Sustainable Drug Revolving Fund (SDRF) programme in the state.

Bakare has acquired several professional qualifications, including Fellowship of the West African Postgraduate College of Pharmacists (WAPCP); Certificate in Leadership and Management in Health, Department of Global Health, University of Washington; and Certificates in Supply Chain Fundamentals, Dynamics, and Analytics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston. She is also a certified supply chain analyst, as obtained from the International Supply Chain Education Alliance (ISCEA), USA.

She is a preceptor to residents of the West African Postgraduate College of Pharmacists (WAPCP), while also supervising and she supervises the project dissertations of students of the college.

Bakare has served as a resource person/facilitator at several capacity



building programmes to improve the skills and competencies of pharmacists and other healthcare professionals. Her areas of expertise include pharmacotherapeutics, pharmacovigilance, pharmacoepidemiology, pharmacy practice and administration, communication skills, among others.

She has also attended numerous trainings, capacity building programmes and conferences, both locally and internationally.

She is a member of several

professional bodies, including Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN); Association of Hospital and Administrative Pharmacists of Nigeria (AHAPN); Association of Lady Pharmacists (ALPs); and the International Federation of Pharmacists (FIP),

She has received several awards, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to Pharmacy. She is a Merit Award Winner (MAW, PSN Lagos State). She also won Award of Excellence (from PSN Lagos State), ALPs Merit Award (AMA), and Distinguished Service Award (from AHAPN), among others.

WORTHY ACHIEVEMENT:

Prof. Prisca Olabisi Adejumo is a worthy leader to be emulated by the youths

Professor Prisca Olabisi Adejumo is the Head of Nursing Department, University of Ibadan, Nigeria. She recently became a professor of nursing, having worked in the area of nursing education and later focused on various conditions of people living with HIV and AIDS.

Her journey into the nursing profession began in the year 1997, when she bagged her Bachelor of Nursing Science degree from the Department of Nursing, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan. She took a step further and obtained her master's degree in Medical Surgical Nursing in 1998.

Self-motivated Adejumo went in for another master's degree in Medical Sociology, in the same university. Thereafter, she proceeded for her PhD in the same university and became a Doctor of Medical Sociology, in 2004.

Adejumo is a Fellow of the West African College of Nursing, a certified Wound Care nurse and a visiting

scholar to the University of Chicago, University of Iowa and University of Pennsylvania, USA, at various times. She teaches Medical Surgical Nursing to undergraduate and postgraduate students at the University of Ibadan. Her research interests include HIV/AIDS, Wound Care and Cancer Genetics, with current focus on cancer genetic counseling.

During the course of her work with PLWHA (people living with HIV/AIDS), she observed that they are susceptible to some chronic opportunistic conditions; this informed her decision to concentrate on two of these conditions. The first was chronic wounds and later cancers generally.

Her love for these special areas spurred her to become a co-investigator and collaborator on a number of projects to establish the UCH Interdisciplinary Wound Care Team and the cancer risk clinic in UCH.

A scholar par excellence, Adejumo has got several publications in peer-reviewed journals and has attended several local, national and international conferences and scientific meetings with membership in learned societies. She has some awards to her credit also. These include:

Federal Government of Nigeria Scholarship Award (2001/2002); Small Grants Programme for Thesis Writing, CODESRIA (Council for Development and Social Research in Africa) Award, Dakar, Senegal. (2003/ 2004); Mac Arthur Grant: Visiting Scholar (2005), University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, Philadelphia, USA; West African Health Organization Fellowship Award. Dakar, Senegal (2008); International Interdisciplinary Wound Care Course Scholarship, University of Stellenbosch, Capetown, South Africa sponsored by University of Toronto, Canada. (2010); Postdoctoral Fellowship in Nursing, INDEN and STTI Award, Iowa, USA (2011), and others.

Microfinance Learning and Development Center. Taiwo is a Member - Governing Council, FinTech Association of Nigeria and the NASSBER working group of The National Economic Summit Group (NESG).

He has attended several top management programs both locally and internationally including Lagos Business School, Nigeria, INSEAD, France and Euro money both in UK and Singapore.

An inspirational leader; Taiwo is respected as a credible voice in driving advocacy, capacity building, a win-win mental approach and strategic partnerships in the Microfinance and Digital Finance ecosystem. He has excellent leadership skills and continually mentors young professionals.

He has won several awards and recognition including the Leadership Financial Inclusion Award.



Paul Erubami is the current National President and a founding registered Trustee of the Association of Facilities Management Practitioners, Nigeria (AFMPN), the umbrella professional body for Nigeria's facility management.

Paul Erubami is the MD/CEO of Max-Migold Ltd, a specialist facility management company providing management, technology, value-added and cost-reduction solutions to the property and facility management industry, including FM software and BIM, recruitment, training, audits, assets and energy management. Max-Migold is a frontrunner in FM education in Africa. It delivers training to over 2,000 professionals across the continent through the free giving-back training series and the comprehensive Facility Management Mastercraft Diploma Program that delivers internship placements and numerous packaged short courses and certifications.

Paul is a Chartered Member of the United Kingdom's Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), and a Certified Facility Manager of the International Facility Management Association (IFMA) USA as well the Institute of Workplace and Facility Management (CIWFM). He teaches the Essentials of Facility Management (EoFM), Facility Management Professional (FMP), Sustainability Facility Professional (SFP) and the Certified Facility Manager (CFM) credentials with FM Learning System (FMLS) programs for IFMA.

Paul is an industrial and business process engineer and real estate and property manager with 20 years of experience in strategy implementation, operations systems and processes deployment and change management for oil and gas, telecoms and corporate real estate. Apart from running a successful FM Company, Paul also serves as an adjunct lecturer in the Masters in FM program at the University of Lagos, Nigeria.

He is an architecture graduate with a postgraduate diploma in Economics and an MSc in Industrial Engineering and Operations Management from The University of Nottingham, United Kingdom. He is working on a Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) degree in Entrepreneurship at

Profile of Paul O. Erubami

MSc, SFP, FMP, CFM, CIWFM, MIoD, MRICS



Walden University, USA.

He managed some of the largest FM portfolios in Nigeria. Also, he worked abroad for a few years, including at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Shell Nigeria IFM Project, Schlumberger Nigeria, Nokia Solutions and Network Africa Hub, and Halliburton Ghana, among others. He has a dedicated work ethic, demonstrated by his commitment to the FM

industry and practical approach to resolving issues.

His peers and superiors acknowledge his positive attitude and team-oriented ethics. Paul is naturally inclined to guide and mentor aspiring individuals in attaining their career objectives. He is intensely driven when it comes to finding FM solutions. Additionally, Paul is a devoted Christian and married with lovely children.

High Chief Kufile prays for Ijemo Descendants on Ijemo Day Celebrations

The Oluwo of Ijemo land and Aro of Egbaland, High Chief Clement Oluyinka Kufile today at Oke Ijemo admonished the Sons and Daughters of Ijemo land to be dedicated to work and shun laziness as it has always been the practice of our founding Fathers to be hardworking.

High Chief Kufile who gave this advice while speaking at the Ijemo Day Celebrations held in honour of the founding fathers stated that "Ijemos are not known to be lazy, so during the days of our Founding Fathers they cultivated farms and mastered the cocoa trade. Whatever profession you are into, make sure you put in your best and create avenue to add in more businesses should the need arise."

The event commenced with a prayer session by some Muslim faithfuls for



all Ijemo Sons and Daughters home and abroad.

Also present at the gathering were

the Ogboni Ijemo Akomoyin Council of Chiefs and other Ijemo Chiefs. It will be pertinent to state that around 3:30 pm August 8, 1914 the meaningless Ijemo Massacre took place which subsequently birthed the yearly anniversary to remember the death of over 40 unarmed Men, Women and Children which finally brought to an end the Independent united Egba Government.

Ijemo Ara Itake Omo Akomoyin in Nigeria and diaspora are advised to contribute their quota towards the development of Ijemo and Egbaland in general.

Sons and Daughters of Ijemo also celebrates High Chief Clement Oluyinka Kufile, Oluwo Ijemo and Aro Egba land on his fatherly and leadership roles towards the growth, developments, unity and progress of Ijemoland.

MD/CEO's PROFILE:

Dr. Adekunle Eedris Onifade

Dr. Adekunle Eedris Onifade is a highly enterprising Nigerian. He is a young man who is determined and focused. He has made invaluable contributions to Nigeria's travel industry, particularly in the area of aviation services. He is the Founder and Director of Studies of the multiple-award-winning Universal School of Aviation which is based in Lagos and Abuja.

Adekunle, an indigene of Ogun State was born in Lagos. His early school was ASCON Staff School, Badagry. He attended Lagos State Model College, Badagry between 1998 and 2004. He was at Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago – Iwoye, Ogun State from 2008 to 2014 and there he earned a Bachelor of Science degree.

He went on to read for a postgraduate diploma at the National Teachers Institute. He is a Master of Science degree holder from Lagos State University.

He is also an honorary Doctoral Degree holder of the prestigious European American University.

Onifade's professional qualifications include the

Proficiency Certificate in Aviation and the Postgraduate Diploma of the Chartered Institute of Customer Relationship Management. He also has a certificate in Web Development of the New Horizon Institute of Information Technology.

His working life started as a Lecturer with City School of Aviation. He later worked as Ticketing Officer at Kul-Africa Travels & Tours. After that, he founded the Universal School of Aviation which is a thriving business today.

The Universal School of Aviation, his brainchild, only recently won World Bizz Award in Houston, Texas in 2019, also BID Leadership Award in Geneva, Switzerland for International Leadership Quality of The Year 2018. It also won the World Quality Merit award for Africa's Best Air Transport Institute of The Year 2018 held at The Nicon Luxury Hotel, Abuja.

Onifade has been making a lot of contribution to aviation development through the Africa Aviation Group, Aviation Revolution Africa and Kul-Africa.

It is in recognition of his contributions to national development in the sphere



of Management & Development of Standard Education in Nigeria that Mr. Adekunle Eedris Onifade was conferred with the Development in Nigeria Merit Award.

His contribution to youth development and less privileged in the society through Universal School of Aviation's Corporate Social Responsibility has earned him the 2018 Nigeria Humanitarian Icon Award and in 2019 won The National Merit Award for Change and Good Governance.

PDP/Adebutu's case against Abiodun pack of lies, distortions, says APC, gov in final written address



The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and its candidate in the March 18 governorship election in Ogun State, Hon. Ladi Adebutu, are on a wild goose chase at the Ogun State Election Petitions Tribunal, as their petitions rest on inconsistencies and distortions, Governor Dapo Abiodun and the All Progressives Congress (APC) have said.

Abiodun and the Ogun State Chapter of the APC made this submission in their final written addresses as respondents in the case brought against them, arguing that the petitioners did an awful job and failed to prove their case.

This, they said, was because Adebutu and PDP presented tutored and unreliable witnesses, relied on documents that contradicted their witnesses' case, and presented experts whose testimonies and documents lacked probative value.

They argued that Adebutu and PDP who are accused of vote buying with credible evidence, have unclean hands and could not receive equity with those unclean hands.

They further said that out of the 87 witnesses of the petitioners, 38

stated they were polling unit agents but did not tender any evidence to prove their claim, adding that the 49 who testified as voters testified the same thing word for word, making the same mistakes, thereby creating a situation where the tribunal ought to hold that their depositions were too obvious to be coincidental and were therefore unbelievable and of no probative value.

Arguing that the petition itself was based on provisions of the Electoral Act that do not support the margin of lead principle, Abiodun/APC contended that while the Margin of Lead principle is rooted in section 134 of the Electoral Act, the petition is based on sections 24, 47, 51, and 62 of the Electoral Act.

Relying on the Supreme Court verdict in *Oyetola v. Adeleke*, they argued that the petitioners did not prove overvoting, as Adebutu did not tender the BVAS machines for any of the 990 units complained about and did not even tender any BVAS machine.

Again, while noting that the petitioners expressly stated that Governor Abiodun was "duly sponsored" by APC, the respondents

said Adebutu did not present any evidence to back his forgery allegation against Abiodun, and that at the governor's request, the Tribunal summoned a WAEC official who produced a certified copy of the same certificate that the governor submitted to INEC.

They further said that while the petitioners claimed that Governor Abiodun should not be Governor because he had been convicted in Miami, USA, they provided no judgment in evidence of the alleged conviction.

Arguing that non-qualification is different from disqualification, Abiodun/APC said that even if such judgment exists, it relates to events that purportedly happened 37 years ago, whereas a disqualifying conviction must occur within the last ten years preceding the candidate's election.

They added that while the petitioners claimed that Adebutu and PDP scored the majority of lawful votes after APC's unlawful votes are deducted and their own excluded votes added, they never proved the unlawful votes credited to Governor Abiodun or the source of their excluded votes, even as the figures in the petition (63,015 and 35,228) conflicted with the figures in their witness' report (62,998 and 34,368).

Finally, while indicating that the petitioners provided no admissible evidence to prove their allegations of vote-buying against Governor Abiodun, the respondents drew the tribunal's attention to the massive and proven details of vote-buying conducted by Adebutu during the election, which had been established in two police investigation reports and for which Adebutu (now at large) and other PDP chieftains are standing criminal trial.



7 Health Benefits of Eating Cucumber

Cucumber is a nutritious fruit with a high water content. Eating cucumber may help lower blood sugar, prevent constipation, and support weight loss. To maximize cucumber's health benefits, eat the peel, too.

Though commonly thought to be a vegetable, cucumber is actually a fruit. It's high in beneficial nutrients, as well as certain plant compounds and antioxidants that may help treat and even prevent some conditions.

Also, cucumbers are low in calories and contain a good amount of water and soluble fiber, making them ideal for promoting hydration and aiding in weight loss.

This article takes a closer look at some of the top health benefits of eating cucumber.

1. It's High in Nutrients

Cucumbers are low in calories but high in many important vitamins and minerals.

To maximize their nutrient content, cucumbers should be eaten unpeeled. Peeling them reduces the amount of fiber, as well as certain vitamins and minerals

2. It Contains Antioxidants

Antioxidants are molecules that block oxidation, a chemical reaction that forms highly reactive atoms with unpaired electrons known as free radicals.

The accumulation of these harmful free radicals can lead to several types of chronic illness.

In fact, oxidative stress caused by free radicals has been associated with cancer and heart, lung and autoimmune disease

Fruits and vegetables, including cucumbers, are especially rich in beneficial antioxidants that may reduce the risk of these conditions.

One study measured the antioxidant power of cucumber by supplementing 30 older adults with cucumber powder.

At the end of the 30-day study, cucumber powder caused a significant increase in several markers of antioxidant activity and improved antioxidant status

However, it's important to note that the cucumber powder used in this study likely contained a greater dose of antioxidants than you would consume in a typical serving of cucumber.

Another test-tube study investigated the antioxidant properties of cucumbers and found that they contain flavonoids and tannins, which are two groups of compounds that are especially effective at blocking harmful free radicals

3. It Promotes Hydration

Water is crucial to your body's function, playing numerous important roles. It is involved in processes like temperature regulation and the transportation of waste products and nutrients

In fact, proper hydration can affect everything from physical performance to metabolism

While you meet the majority of your fluid needs by drinking water or other liquids, some people may get as much as 40% of their total water intake from food.

4. It May Aid in Weight Loss

Cucumbers could potentially help you lose weight in a few different ways.

First of all, they are low in calories. Each one-cup (104-gram) serving contains just 16 calories, while an entire 11-ounce (300-gram) cucumber contains only 45 calories.

This means that you can eat plenty of cucumbers without packing on the extra calories that lead to weight gain.

Cucumbers can add freshness and flavor to salads, sandwiches and side dishes and may also be used as a replacement for higher calorie alternatives.

Furthermore, the high water content of cucumbers could aid in weight loss as well.

One analysis looked at 13 studies including 3,628 people and found that eating foods with high water and low calorie contents was associated with a significant decrease in body weight

5. It May Lower Blood Sugar

Several animal and test-tube studies have found that cucumbers may help reduce blood sugar level and prevent some complications of diabetes.

One animal study examined the effects of various plants on blood sugar. Cucumbers were shown to effectively reduce and control blood sugar levels (Another animal study induced diabetes in mice and then supplemented them with cucumber peel extract. Cucumber peel reversed most of the diabetes-associated changes and caused a

decrease in blood sugar

In addition, one test-tube study found that cucumbers may be effective at reducing oxidative stress and preventing diabetes-related complications

However, the current evidence is limited to test-tube and animal studies. Further research is needed to determine how cucumbers may affect blood sugar in humans.

6. It Could Promote Regularity

Eating cucumbers may help support regular bowel movements.

Dehydration is a major risk factor for constipation, as it can alter your water balance and make the passage of stool difficult

Cucumbers are high in water and promote hydration. Staying hydrated can improve stool consistency, prevent constipation and help maintain regularity

Moreover, cucumbers contain fiber which helps regulate bowel movements.

In particular, pectin, the type of soluble fiber found in cucumbers, can help increase bowel movement frequency.

One study had 80 participants supplement with pectin. It found that pectin sped up the movement of the intestinal muscles, all while feeding the beneficial bacteria in the gut that improve digestive health

7. Easy to Add to Your Diet

Mild with a distinctly crisp and refreshing flavor, cucumbers are commonly enjoyed fresh or pickled in everything from salads to sandwiches.

Cucumbers are also often eaten raw as a low-calorie snack or can be paired with hummus, olive oil, salt or salad dressing to add a bit more flavor.

With just a bit of creativity, cucumbers can be enjoyed in many ways.

The Bottom Line

Cucumbers are a refreshing, nutritious and incredibly versatile addition to any diet.

They are low in calories but contain many important vitamins and minerals, as well as a high water content.

Eating cucumbers may lead to many potential health benefits, including weight loss, balanced hydration, digestive regularity and lower blood sugar levels

Our Brand Reflects Excellence, Quality, Integrity

- MD, Jireh Technologies

Technologies have been setting the pace in Nigeria with its cutting-edge technology solutions for the pharmaceutical and hospital industries. With over 16 years' outstanding impact, its services have been massively sought by other industries, such as the oil and gas, real estate, security and education. Managing Director of the company, Mr Ehi Silence, in this interview with Noble, he explains the vision driving their business and their corporate journey so far in the Nigerian landscape.



What is the core vision driving the operations of Jireh Technologies in Nigeria?

The core vision, or what we call our goal, is to build a world-class, technology-based organization that delivers quality and cost-effective ICT solutions and services to its valued customers. That is the core driver of our business. And of course, the primary delivery focus is to ensure that all our customers go home, enjoying and experiencing our services with peace of mind.

What value do you think your services will add to the e-pharmacy and e-hospital management systems in Nigeria?

A lot. If you look at most management sectors, particularly the professional sector in the country, there

is a great need for technology because, today, technology drives every business. The professional sector is not left out. So, we found a need for us to develop solutions that can help the pharmaceutical industry and the hospital space.

Regarding the hospital sector, our services will improve the quality of services in hospitals through organized patient care services, monitoring of drug prescriptions, and, of course, payment tracking and generating of seamless reports at any time. This will help in reducing expenditure on hospital consumables in general and time spent in the hospital. Indeed, these solutions take the patient right from the front desk until he or she leaves the hospital.

There are so many opportunities to help the patient. The out-patient departments as well as the in-patient department are embedded in it, together with the pharmacy and the laboratory. All the aspects of medical practice are embedded in the software to ensure that both patients and service providers have peace of mind. It provides a platform for telemedicine where and when required. It improves the efficiency of staff and hospital professionals. For the e-pharmacy, it is an effective tool for driving the management of every pharmaceutical space, whether it is retail, distribution – indeed, all the aspects of pharmaceutical service delivery. It is very important. It is also to improve the efficiency of the system, to ensure effective monitoring of services and activities. Customer retention and prescription are robust in this solution. We also provide 2D solution optimal drug inventory management by monitoring the drug movement in the pharmacy, providing a platform for pharmacies with multi-branches to coordinate from a central point like the head office. And all of these are seamless. It also provides a platform for pharmacies which are in different locations to manage their activities, using technology. It also helps to track valid and expired drugs. In a nutshell, our e-pharmacy solution is to bring about peace of mind for both the pharmacy owners and the patients who visit them.

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How do you intend to market your value propositions to the Nigerian pharmaceutical and hospital industries?

Any service which cannot reach the people who need it is really not it. We will deploy publications in the print and digital media. We are also engaging members of the healthcare family in Nigeria. We shall partner with several health groups that serve as a target audience for our services. We shall also participate in the annual conferences of relevant professional bodies like the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN), Association of Community Pharmacists of Nigeria (ACPN) and the Association of Hospital and Administrative Pharmacists of Nigeria (AHAPN).

The entire management of Jireh Technologies constantly engages the executives of ACPN and AHAPN at all levels. The idea is for us to partner with all these various pharmaceutical groups to ensure that, through them, we are able to deliver our service offerings with peace of mind.

We also intend to make presentations at conferences and seminars and the opportunities are there. Any time these associations are having programmes, we want to be able to support them to ensure that, through them, we can reach out to everyone who needs our services.

Your services are essential to the pharmaceutical industry in Nigeria and perhaps, beyond. What are the strategies you have put in place to ensure that their demands are adequately and promptly met, at all times?

We have the capacity to respond to high demand. We already have licenses of these products resident with us. We are in partnership with a foreign firm. We have a robust team of IT and pharmaceutical professionals. For instance, our business development manager in Jireh Lagos is a pharmacist. We have put all of these in place. We do not intend to bring just IT people; we also want to bring in more pharmaceutical professionals to be able to add value to what the IT people are doing. We already have a mission statement for the organization which speaks for what I have just said. For instance, we have said that we will be adopting ICT standards in our delivery process. We have to imbibe the highest professional standards. A pharmacist with nothing less than 20 years' experience in the field is no longer a novice. We want to engage technical sales agreement with local and foreign players – which we have already started. We are building and retaining competencies through training and retraining.

To sum it up, we are very focused, dynamic and adaptive. The reason is that technology is very adaptive. And so, following the trend of what is going on in the industry, it is a good springboard for us to launch out to ensure that all of these bodies are able to hear us and enjoy our services.

Tell us about your operational presence so far in Nigeria.

We have our corporate head office in Port Harcourt, with a full-fledged regional office in Lagos. Today, we have a footprint of services in all states of Nigeria. Part

“ We believe in autographing our work with excellence.”

of our service offering is delivering services to telecoms operators. There is no local government that we have not worked with in Nigeria. We are a part of the massive roll out of the RF works for the operators, MTN, Econet, Globacom. We have thousands of BTSEs and RF stations that we deploy. Big time, we are in the oil and gas which is our second business. Today, we serve major IOCs both in their land stations and their offshore stations. We are more than 16 years in the business and we have been offering outstanding service and have developed unique solutions that meet their needs.

Besides the pharmaceutical and hospital landscapes, which other industry do you think requires your services in Nigeria?

The real estate is one of them, the hospitality and the educational industries also need our services. The religious and security institutions also need us. The construction industry too. A whole lot of them are already enjoying our services.

What are your plans for the immediate future in terms of competition?

By the grace of God, I have travelled quite a bit and I see that competition is the order of business. We have to prepare ourselves against every form of competition. Jireh Technologies as a brand thrives on information and capacity development through our research and development team.

We have an R&D team that is working on our products, constantly following the trend in the industry and that gives us an edge over some of our competitors. It also puts us in front of a whole lot of them. Apart from following the trend, we do a lot of massive training for our staff. There is no week in Jireh that we don't have training in all the departments. The Accounting, Sales, Engineering and even the Management teams are constantly trained. I just completed management training at the Lagos Business School. Capacity building is the order of today's business. With all of these, we have been able to meet the demands of our customers through our technology solutions.

In one sentence, how would you convince your customers to embrace your services as essential components of their businesses?

Our brand is sitting on a tripod stand of excellence quality and integrity. We also have a slogan that every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it. We believe in autographing our work with excellence.

10 Best Universities in Africa

Africa is home to many universities, some of which rank amongst the top best universities in the world. These universities have been numerically ranked based on their positions in the overall Best Global Universities rankings. Each institution was evaluated based on its research performance and its ratings by members of the academic community around the world and in the region. These are the top global universities in Africa.



University of Cape Town

1. University of Cape Town

The University of Cape Town is one of the oldest universities in South Africa. Its motto, in English, simply reads: 'Good Hope.' It has been ranked the number one university in Africa and has a global score of 109, as per US News.com best colleges ranking. It is, obviously, the number one university in South Africa. The University of Cape Town consists of 57 departments and 6 faculties, 1208 academic staff, and 3,179 non-academic staff. It has six campuses, some of which are urban, others suburban. It also offers degrees, including a master's degree, doctorate degrees, and others. Here, you can study a number of courses, including medicine and Surgery, engineering, etc. The university is friendly to even foreigners.

2. University of Witwatersrand

The University of Witwatersrand, commonly referred to as the University of Wits, is located in Johannesburg, South Africa, and comprises of many campuses. It is a University for Research and awards both undergraduate and postgraduate degrees. This university is ranked as the 212th best university on the list of global best universities. And it is the second-best university in Africa and South Africa. The University of Witwatersrand offers up to 3,600

courses. Postgraduate and undergraduate courses included.

True to its name, since its founding in 1896, the University of Wits has produced great personalities who influenced their world in outstanding capacities. The great leader, Nelson Mandela, for example, is an alumnus of the University of Witwatersrand.

If you are seeking a university to study in, the University of Witwatersrand is a great pick. It is welcoming to both local and international students.

3. Stellenbosch University

Located in Stellenbosch, in the heart of Western Cape, South Africa is the Stellenbosch University. It is a public university for research and the oldest university in Africa which has remained famous for its academic excellence. Having four campuses, its motto reads: "Good education strengthens the spirit." It is ranked as the 317th best university in the world and the third best in Africa. The University of Stellenbosch awards both undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in a wide range of studies, including Law, Medicine, Surgery, etc. It houses up to 150 departments, shared between 10 faculties. It is open to anyone,

irrespective of race. There are hostels for students who would prefer to live on the campus. You should check it out if you plan to study in Africa.

4. University of KwaZulu-Natal

This South African university is ranked 371 in the world and 4th in Africa. It is located in a province called KwaZulu-Natal and has been in existence since 2004 after it was merged with another university—The University of Durban-Westville. It is a public university and has five campuses, one of which is the former University of Durban-Westville. The motto of the University of KwaZulu-Natal is: "Inspiring Greatness.". Its colors are red and black. At the University of KwaZulu-Natal, there are four colleges. These colleges house many schools. There, for example, is the college of Health Science, which houses the School of Clinical Medicine, etc. The University of KwaZulu-Natal offers both postgraduate and undergraduate degrees and is friendly to international students. The environment around this university is kept clean and serene, and students take part in many activities, including film, art, writing, etc.

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5. Cairo University

This university was once known as the Egyptian University and later as the King Fuad I University. It is situated in the heart of Egypt's beautiful capital city, Cairo, and is one of Egypt's best public universities ranked 392 in the world and 5th in Africa. The University of Cairo was established around 1908. It houses 20 faculties and 3 institutions. It is amongst the top 50 centers for higher education in the world. Its School of Medicine is amongst the first schools of medicine to exist in a center for higher education in Africa, and its school of Law stands out as being amongst the best on the continent.

6. University of Johannesburg

The University of Johannesburg is ranked 417th in the world and 6th in Africa. It is famous for being one of South Africa's research hubs. This top university in South Africa is well known for its research capabilities and can bolster students' careers in business and economics, engineering, health sciences, and other fields. The university offers world-class academic programmes at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. It has over 50,000 students and offers several learning options for different programmes. The application processes are plainly explained on the university's website and should be followed thoroughly for submitting applications. Do note that the university has been in existence since 2005 following the merger between Rand Afrikaans University, the Technikon Witwatersrand, and the Soweto and East Rand campuses of Vista University. It has been empowering students with essential technical skills since its founding.

7. University of Ibadan

According to the latest ranking, the University of Ibadan, (usually referred to by locals as U. I), is the 425th best university in the world and 7th in Africa. The school is a center for higher learning located in Oyo State, Nigeria. It grew to full standing as a university in 1963. The University of Ibadan awards postgraduate and undergraduate degrees in a wide range of study areas, including arts, medicine, etc. The university was formerly known as the University College, Ibadan (UCI) and has been ranked as one of Nigeria's leading research-intensive universities. Its motto is: "Recte Sapere Fons," which reads: "To think straight is the fount of knowledge." The University of Ibadan was the first institution to award an academic degree in Nigeria and has contributed immensely to its economic, political, and social growth. Some of its most notable alumni are Chinua Achebe, the great novelist, and Wole Soyinka, the playwright.

8. University of Pretoria

The University of Pretoria is a top public university for research and learning, established in 1908. The university is home to a business school, nine different faculties, and it offers over 1800 academic programmes. According to the recent report by US News.com best colleges ranking, the University of Pretoria is the 434th best university globally and the best eight in Africa. The university has earned numerous awards and achievements in research at international and local levels. The university focuses on attaining successful innovations that can contribute to South Africa's economy and other neighboring countries. Students can choose

from many majors, minors, specializations, and graduate degree programmes. Many of the courses are also available in English and Afrikaans languages.

9. Mansoura University

Ranked as the 477th in the world and 9th best in Africa, Mansoura University is located in Egypt's middle of the Nile Delta. The university was established in 1972 as East Delta University, and in 1973, its name was changed to Mansoura University. Mansoura University is one of the largest institutions and has contributed so much to Egypt's cultural and scientific life. The university covers many major disciplines and has excellent medical facilities. Its Urology and Nephrology Centre is one of the largest in Africa. The university is amongst the top research-oriented institutes in Africa committed to creating a more optimistic world. You can choose from many subjects and a range of degree programmes, including diplomas, bachelor's, master's, and PhDs. This Egyptian university is undoubtedly very competitive and aspiring students must meet a certain standard of grades and application.

10. Northwest University - South Africa

According to the report cited earlier in this article, Northwest University ranks 510 in the world's best universities ranking. It is also ranked the 10th best University in Africa. It is the 6th South African University on this list. Publicly available information shows that the university came into existence in 2004, following the Potchefstroom University for Christian Higher Education merger and the University of Bophuthatswana.





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5 ADVANTAGES OF DRESSING FOR SUCCESS



Your appearance is often the first thing others notice about you. Dressing well can help form a positive impression to people you meet. Research has proved that people feel more intellectually capable when dressed in their formal attire. This evidently boosted their confidence and made them feel more powerful. With the science to back up the power of style in one's journey to success, take a look at the 5 more benefits that dressing for success provides.

1. It Leaves a Great Impression

In this fast-paced world, there will be several people you will meet where their first impressions of you are all they'll have to remember you by. Circumstances like interviews and networking are where this can matter a whole lot. When you dress in a way that makes you appear that you are on top of your game, chances are you will not be left behind.

2. It Makes You Believe in Yourself

While appearances may not be everything when people assess one's character and demeanour, it can certainly help with the power of affirmation through style choices. As mentioned earlier, your clothes have the ability to boost your confidence and empower you. Putting on that suit may not solve all your problems, but it can make you feel like you can conquer them.

3. It Attracts the Right Crowd

In order to attain success, you must be able to impress the right people. You also would want to surround yourself with people with goals and ambitions to keep yourself inspired. When you start to convey that sense of authority and confidence through your clothing, you will find yourself in good company with people that you meet along the way in your journey towards excellence.

4. It Keeps Productivity Flowing

When you stay in comfortable home clothing like a plain t-shirt and sweatpants, of course, you would be tempted to stay in all day. To rid of the lethargic feeling, you have to dress as if there are people you have to talk with. Assume that there is an opportunity already waiting for you on the other side of the door. How would you want to be perceived? Are you confident enough to take the task head-on? When you're in clothes that are comfortable and stylish, you would most likely be motivated to give it your all.

5. It Reflects a Good Character

Dressing well and staying well-groomed conveys more than just power, authority, and confidence. It shows that you have self-respect. The way you decide to present yourself to the world is how they'll take you. And if you show that you care for yourself by making sure you're looking your best at every given opportunity, it makes you stand out from the crowd.

Dressing for success has been closely associated with wearing formal attire, though it is an old saying that doesn't really come with a set of instructions on how to dress. Throwing on a suit and calling it a day may not be the way to go, especially when you're submitting proposals, doing interviews, or leading meetings. You must strategize your outfits as well in order for you to consistently portray one who strives for excellence. Here are a few tips and secrets that could be useful to you when the occasion calls for it.

Ogun receives FG's grains, considers aged women, others



Olatokunbo Talabi

The Secretary to the Government of Ogun State, Mr. Olatokunbo Talabi, has confirmed that the state has received the first delivery of 3,000 bags of rice donations from the Federal Government in fulfilment of its plan to distribute grains to mitigate the effect of the fuel subsidy removal.

The SSG says the rebagging of the grains and repackaging of the commodities were already ongoing before they could be distributed to the masses in due course.

Mr Talabi, while answering questions

from journalists on developments regarding the distribution of palliatives to states as promised by the FG in his office, Oke-Mosan, Abeokuta, affirmed that the state government has received money from the FG for the procurement of grains, part of the money planned for the procurements to be distributed to residents by each state.

The SSG noted that the state government is procuring more grains to complement the ones given by the FG for a wider reach among the residents.

He said, "Special considerations will be given to the elderly, physically challenged persons, and women, among others, in the distribution of the commodities."

He said that the state government had already set up a committee of highly credible persons to be involved in the distribution of the palliatives.

WORLD ISESE DAY 2023:

Olu Ilupeju Oke-Odo Gbagura Kingdom Abeokuta celebrates with traditionalists, urges prayers for Nigeria

...Commends Ogun Government For Declaring Public Holiday



The Olu Ilupeju Oke Odo Gbagura Kingdom Abeokuta, His Royal Majesty, Alayeluwa Oba Amb Saheed Balogun, Agbaje. (Agbajelola 1) has felicitated with all Traditional Religion Practitioners of Yoruba Land, Nigeria and globally on the special occasion of this year's World Isese Day celebration.

Oloke Odo in a press statement released urge the traditionalists and other non traditionalists alike to jointly use this occasion of the Isese Day to pray for peace, tranquillity, justice and unwavering love for one another irrespective of whatever differences.

"We also use this medium to solicit for our Government's support on the preservation and promotion of our ancestral religion, while also applauding the Prince Dapo Abiodun's led administration for the declaration of holiday to celebrate the annual Isese Day celebrations, I urge all other Southwest States governments that are yet to do so, to also do the needful in this regard."

"We must remain steadfast and committed to the cause of one indivisible and united Nation. Hence, let us use this occasion of this year's Isese day to revive the spirit of our progenitors and ancestors to offer ceaseless prayers for the present leadership of the country, States and communities; most importantly, our traditional institution."

Happy World Isese Day,
Isese Lagba, Eèpàà Mọlẹ!

Signed:
Office of Media and Publicity,
The Palace of Olu Ilupeju, Oke-Odo, Gbagura Kingdom, Abeokuta.

I have never tampered with LG funds, Abiodun replies Ogun council chairman

Ogun State Government recently, said that the Prince Dapo Abiodun-led administration has often had to augment the funds allocated to local governments in the state from the Federation Account to enable them to meet their obligations.

The government, in its reaction to a letter credited to the Chairman of Ijebu East Local Government, Mr Wale Adedayo, alleging zero revenue allocation to local governments in the state since 2021, said it had never tampered with local government funds.

It wondered how adding to the funds allocated to the local councils to enable them to meet their obligations amounted to hijacking their funds.

It said that funds meant for local governments in the state are being handled by the constitutionally recognised Joint Account and Allocation Committee (JAAC).

In a statement signed by the Chief Press Secretary (CPS) to the state governor, Mr Lekan Adeniran, the government said that JAAC members ensure that the third tier of government gets the required allocations for optimal performance.

It noted that the latest meeting by the JAAC was held last week, and was widely reported in the media.

At the meeting, which was held at the Conference Hall, Oba's Complex, Oke-Mosan, Abeokuta, over N5bn was shared among the 20 local government areas, out of which over N2 billion went into paying teachers.

"Between May 2023 when the Governor was sworn in for the second term and July 2023, the JAAC shared among 20 local governments N4.531b, N4.444b and N4.497b respectively on first line charges and just last week N5.2b was shared among the local governments for the month of August "the statement said.

The JAAC, according to the statement, comprises major stakeholders in local government administration, including the Chief Economic Adviser to the governor, Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Accountant General of the State, Permanent Secretary, Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, all 20 local government chairmen, one representative from each of the four Traditional Councils in the state, representative of SUBEB, NULGE, local govt pensioners, retired primary school teachers, Local Government Service Commission, Local Government Pension Commission and



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It has the mandate to meet every month to ensure that allocations to local governments are discussed and properly presented for fund allocation.

At such meetings, the state government makes full disclosure of the receipt from the federation account.

First-line charges, including local

government staff salaries and pensions; primary school teachers' salaries and pensions; healthcare workers' salaries and pensions and emoluments for traditional rulers are tabled for discussion and fund allocation at the JAAC meetings, the statement said.

The statement added that this same pattern has been followed since Prince Dapo Abiodun took over the leadership of the state in 2019.

Governor Abiodun, the statement said, recently directed the local governments to identify critical roads that required government attention in their domains, with some already commissioned.

In the same vein, many schools have been rehabilitated, while others are undergoing renovation.

"In addition to these, the state government also disburse funds to all local governments for developmental projects periodically," the statement added.

General Reunites With Sergeant Who Was Good To Him In His Days As A Young Officer



The General Officer Commanding GOC 2 Division, Ibadan, Major General VT Okoro, recently reunited with his first Chief Sergeant Major, WO Adegoke (Rtd.), years after they first met in the army.

According to a tweet posted Sunday by one of Nigeria's foremost military blogs,..., Adegoke, who was known as DanArewa in the army, and the Maj-Gen. Okoro met while the army general was a young officer at a military formation in Jos, Plateau State.

Although the blog post did not

indicate the nature of their relationship at the time, it insinuated that Adegoke was good to the then young officer.

The tweet read, "This is Major General VT Okoro, General Officer Commanding GOC 2 Division, Ibadan, who traced his first Chief Sergeant Major CSM when he was posted as a young officer to 93 Battalion in Jos.

"The name of the CSM is WO Adegoke Alias DanArewa Rtd. He traced him in Ibadan.

"In all you do in this uniform today always be good, for one day you will leave the job for others."



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