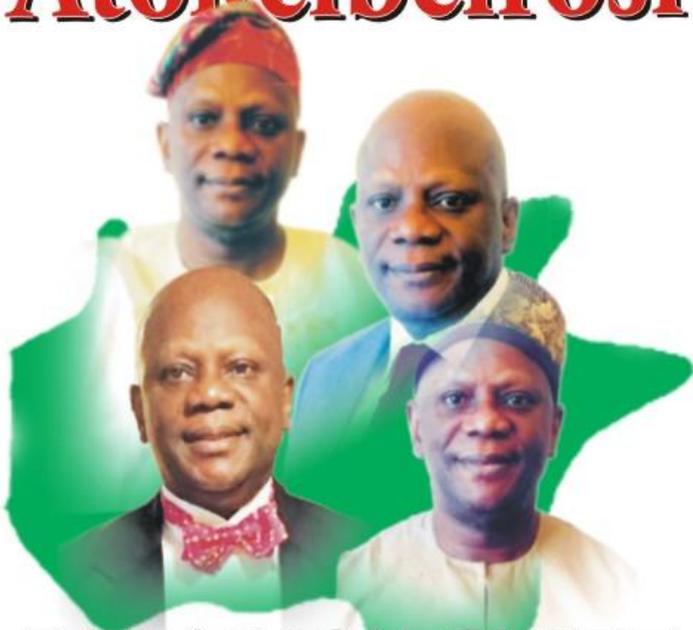


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1. INTRODUCTION

ATOKEIBEIROSI (a to oke ibe i ro si) is a rich Ekiti word and an epithet with a very deep meaning. In Ekiti dialect, the word is pronounced as *r m d r d r m m* A-T'OKE-IBE-I-RO-SI.

It is a philosophy and a school of thought on competence and readiness for an important assignment or a defined task. It is also a kind of measured testimonial on ability, excellence, appropriateness and preparedness for a specific project or job.

The “*oke*” in the word stands for a top position, the pinnacle of an institution or the foreman for a project that requires some set skills. In the context of Ekiti governorship and the 2022 election, the *oke* also stands for “*Oke-Bareke*” the name given to the seat of government by the colonial District Officer (DO) in the old Ekiti District under Ondo Province and the state governor’s office retains the address till date.

In essence, the word *atokeibeiroso* then means the person capable of standing there, holding fort or being in the designated position to take charge of the responsibilities involved. The philosophical school of thought can then be interpreted to mean an endorsement and statement of reassurance of someone being “up-to-the-task” before him or her.

In a challenging country like Nigeria with a troubled economy in which Ekiti is listed among the insolvent states, it will require a radical intervention to bid farewell to status quo and impoverishment of the masses. To bid poverty farewell would need a paradigm shift to a new progressive order in the way we conduct our affairs. To restore hope demands for a purpose driven leadership that will be fair to all, a credible government under a person of integrity to administer the affairs of the state towards making things to look up more, in Ekiti.

It doesn’t require any rocket science to turn things around but persistence to change things for better for the benefit of the majority. This will require the political will to block leakages in the system, readiness to make sacrifices starting with all ranks of government officials, an undistracted political leadership, credible government and focused administration. Actualising this niche, starts with choosing

right, the person who governs us. Whoever doesn't have the self-discipline, orientation of having consideration for others, inclination to excellence and disposition to honourable ways may not likely deliver on the targeted paradigm shift. Even if the warped system makes it a "winner takes all", it is the beneficiaries of the unfair system that will come together and say that they will apply the pecks of political office for the benefit of the majority.

What we need is leadership by example, and not by precept. The political leaders can't be living in obscene affluence which has made them to be distant from their masters (the people) and expect the masses to observe austerity measure endlessly. *Ko ni kan d'ibo ko, ke a mu itan elila wa gari, ke wi ki i ra ko di bo a j'asan! E yo work!* It is not sustainable for the political class to continue the status quo of impoverishing the masses through their insensitivity, excesses and greed. Especially when there is enough to go round to make life more abundant for all; it is the greed of the few that we cannot meet, tolerate and sustain.

Just as it is done in the sane climes where the citizens write their constitution and not the one forced on them by a military decree or a junta, it is the prerogative of the people to decide how they want to be governed. Ekiti as a state and people should be able to look at their peculiarities and agree on a common manifesto that will best suit them and serve the larger interest of the majority. This is the task before the responsible elitist class in Ekiti if we ever want to make considerable progress as a state. We can't continue on the path of status quo and expect to achieve the success recorded by societies that have made deliberate effort to jettison wasteful tendencies and relegate corruption to the background.

This publication is therefore meant to formally present to Ekiti people the possibility of a new progressive governance order, provided the people can give their mandate to a new governor with fresh and tested perspectives to a fruitful purpose driven leadership. The race for the governorship of our Jerusalem, Ekiti-State would be futile if it cannot infuse our people with optimism in our future, imbue confidence in our present and even have some measure of pride in the inadequacies of our past. It is doable if we allow the right people to take charge of

our affairs and we are sincere with ourselves to do things right. What I humbly present in this modest corpus is therefore, an abridged description of the manifestos, the Paradigm-Shift-Team (PST) hopes to pursue diligently, with your support when we are given the mandate. It also highlights the humble profile of an aspirant who has paid his dues in Ekiti over the years and still available to do more, God willing.

It is our expectation that proper implementation of the programmes will restore hope to our people. I humbly seek your mandate and God being my helper, we can replace skepticism with assurance, change letdown to sanguinity, change apathy to collective involvement of the masses in the affairs of our beloved Ekiti-State. Together, we banish the thought that our politicians can never get it right. Remember that the likes of Baba Michael Adekunle Ajasin and Chief Lateef Kayode Jakande did exceptionally well in their time, we can do it again, and even better, in line with the millennium age.

We are going to focus on things we have some control over within the confines of Nigeria's constitution. Consequently, as a programme of action, the Paradigm Shift Agenda (PSA) has five cardinal goals, its many dimensions notwithstanding:

- ✓ Economic Restructuring and Financial Reengineering through Accountability
- ✓ Restoration of confidence in the public service through an efficient civil service system
- ✓ Sustainable democratic model that will eliminate dominance of charlatans in Ekiti politics
- ✓ Security and Welfare Scheme that will be fair to all.
- ✓ Even spread of government infrastructures and development

The target in the economic sphere is to pursue with vigour on how to take Ekiti out of those states categorised as insolvent. PST will build on the foundations of the past administrations without being enslaved by it albeit. We shall consciously seek to strengthen our economic environment towards boosting the Internally Generated Revenue (IGR), optimally. The ultimate goal is to make Ekiti an investors' destination by making the state that ranks high in security architecture which makes life and property safe. The welfare of the residents will be more

paramount in the new progressive order in Ekiti-State. Also schisms that threaten harmony among political ranks will be redressed.

Ekiti State is overdue for a functional long-term development plan, such that every community knows what awaits them or things that are in stock for them. Once the current administration finalizes the 30-Year Development Plan, every successive administration would be required to key-into the development plan irrespective of the ruling party in government. Our traditional rulers and institutions would be accorded due place in the scheme of things and strategically engaged in relevant areas for the benefit of the state. In as much as Ekiti leaders have a clearly defined purpose and every community buys into it and all the stakeholders take ownership of the development plan and the new order, then the strife often associated with succession in the political class will be minimized. When the bar of lasting good government has been raised, there is provision of a level playing field and more responsible people participate at all tiers of government, the charlatans will be effectively contained. This is the key for things to look up in Ekiti and remove despondency and disillusionment from the expression on the faces of Ekiti indigenes who have been deprived over the years.

A period for a call to duty, like now was anticipated when with all humility, the inspiration came for me to convene Ekitipanupo Forum on March 6th 2005. The platform is a microcosm of Ekiti-State, dominated by the best of brains of Ekiti people at home and abroad from which every government can tap from the intellectual resource of indigenes scattered all over the world. I am running for the office of Governor of Ekiti-State because I wish to be in position to stand up in future and say to my kinsmen that I humbly responded to the call to duty. I have respectfully come forward so that we can together renew collective optimism in the dream project of Ekiti-State that will be prosperous for the benefit of all and to the delight of all ranks of well-meaning stakeholders. *A juse o, amin.*

Seye Adetunmbi

May 2nd 2021

2. THE DECLARATION

March 6th 2021, marked the 16th year that Ekitipanupo Forum was convened by me., I formally signified interest in the governorship of Ekiti-State in my annual message to the forum, titled “Purpose Driven Leadership and Governance: Need for a Paradigm Shift.

2.1. The Need for a Paradigm Shift

How benevolent, productive, relevant, and resourceful a government and an administration will be, is a function of the purpose of the leadership. The mindset of a leader defines the kind of leadership that will be provided irrespective of the tier of government that is involved. This principle applies to the management of activities in the private sector too. The real leadership is not just a role one plays, it is a life one leads and this can only be built on a good and strong character to deliver an enduring good government to the masses.

Good leadership in the governance of nations and states is the bedrock for development. The old western region of Nigeria remains an evergreen example in our clime. Consequently, it is imperative to consciously groom good leadership for future; a visionary leadership characterized by values and commitment to the custom of excellence. There is need to depart from rat race governing system and entrench a new paradigm for a more enduring purposeful governance for the benefit of the majority on a lasting note.

The prevalent purpose of those who dominate the political space in Nigeria over the years had been less than altruistic. Many are involved for the winner to take all, the interest of the larger society is of no importance to them for as long as they are settled. “*Bamu-bamu ni mo yo....*”. Once the foundation is bad, deceptive and structured to serve a narrow sect, the poor masses will be short-changed in perpetuity. For as long as Nigeria operates a questionable constitution it will take a sincere leadership with conscience at all tiers of government to deliver optimal benefits of democracy to the masses and make progress considerably as a nation or as a state.

Calling for a paradigm shift in the way party flag bearers emerge and how we are governed would involve a lot of commitment. The vision is to make Ekiti for an example the model state in the manner Chief Obafemi Awolowo and his team made old western region to stand out in Nigeria. The targeted fresh perspective will associate with the successes of the remarkable past and present leaders or heroes. In essence, every good deed of the past and present administrations will be improved upon while those aspects that do not align with the new paradigm will be jettisoned. Past mistakes will be consciously avoided.

It would amount to self-deceit/grandiose for any governor and the president in Nigeria today to say there is no room for improvement in the way our people have been governed and that there is no alternative to the status quo. Even after intervention by the paradigm shift movement, there will still be room for an improvement because we are dealing with the vagaries associated with humanity. What is fundamental is a sustainable leadership structure that will ensure manifestation of the desirable purposeful governance for the benefit of all, on a lasting note.

Just as the federal government of Nigeria needs a fundamental policy reset to durably exit economic crises and warped system, the state governments need to get real and rejig the way politics are played. The advocacy is to explore tested new plausible ways for governing our people. We cannot continue to do the same thing repeatedly and expect a



different result. Recycling people with the status quo mindset in government will continue to set us back. Whoever truly means well for the people will associate with the Paradigm Shift Movement (PSM). It is worth giving fresh vista of opportunities a chance under a disciplined, more dynamic and honest leadership.

Ekitipanupo Indigenous Intellectual Roundtable was initiated for the best brains of Ekiti indigenes irrespective of their location, to be deployed optimally for the benefit of the state and Ekiti people. It was structured to think ahead and have intellectual input to the manifestos of the ruling political party. This for instance informed the blue print that was presented to Ekiti State government in December 2010.

Over the years, I have been called upon privately and publicly to run for the office of Governor in Ekiti-State by some well-meaning indigenes. On a number of occasions, a few non-Ekiti associates who have been following my modest socio-political progressive activities all these years on Ekiti also prompted me along this line. My response had always been that I have at various times supported political aspirations of a number of people and stood by those who have governed Ekiti-State personally and through Ekitipanupo Forum. Let me see them through first. A good turn is expected to deserve another and wisdom demands that I should heed the call at the opportune time. If it is not God's time, you cannot force it; but when it is God's time, you cannot stop it.

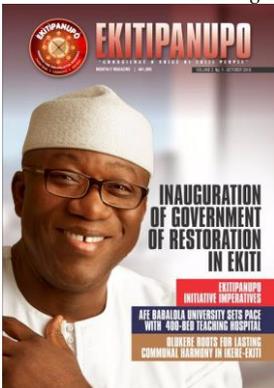
To some of my people, it is long overdue. I cannot see a better time than now for me to make myself more available to the service of Ekiti-State. It is an apt response to a collective call to duty. With all humility, by the grace of God I will be available in 2022 and leave the electorate to decide. In the words of Abraham Lincoln, "no man is good enough to govern another without the man's consent."



In December 1999, courtesy call on Otunba Niyi Adebayo, the 1st elected Ekiti Governor



During Ekiti North Senatorial rerun election in 2009



Special edition of Ekitipanupo magazine that celebrated the 2nd coming of Governor Kayode Fayemi in 2018. Newly published books presented to JKF on 19/2/21

What I am humbly making myself available for is to unleash the potential, the imponderable goodwill, wide network and huge intellectual capacity of over 1,000 tested professionals in all works of life who constitute Ekitipanupo Forum. No political party parades the caliber of brilliant technocrats in Ekitipanupo Forum. In essence, the forum which is a microcosm of Ekiti-State will be put into optimal use to complement the government of the day with vast and tested integrated intellectual inputs. Ekitipanupo has capacity to provide advisory and consultancy service to Ekiti-State *pro bono* in virtually all sectors of the economy. I was involved in the Lagos Smart City Project sponsored by IBM in 2013, as a consultant through PYXERA Group. Indigenes shall be given top priority on professional services that they can provide at competitive rates.



With Babatunde Raji Fashola SAN after the formal presentation of the report of a 2-week pro-brono service of IBM Senior Executives on Lagos Smart City Project in 2013.

Part of the PSM is to challenge every political party to allow a level playing ground for party flag bearers to emerge by playing down too much influence of money which often throws up the highest bidder. The implication of a corrupted process relegates to the background, competence, antecedents, relevant experience, character audit and verifiable inclination to the best practices; which tends to deprive the masses of good quality government. Because when the loyalty of a governor is first to the political godfather, then larger interest of the majority is secondary.

Political actors who treat Ekiti State as a “farm settlement” should not be encouraged. People in this category live outside the state, they come to play politics and go back to their preferred place of abode. Farm-settlement politicians are more likely to fleece the meager resources of the state. Let it be the other way round, by making Ekiti your home and any other place the farm settlement. The new order is to make the class of people who see Ekiti as their home-base to dominate our political space towards boosting Ekiti fortune and making the state to be better for it.

PSM is about departure from a system that has become one huge waste. An intervention of a purpose driven governance that will clear debris of deceit, duplicity, double dealing, lies and treachery. An administration that will be bold to check and demobilize politicians who have turned our politics into a hoax, a portal of guile and dissimulation. When one is made a leader or called upon to lead, it comes with responsibility to bring the best out of others. It is not just a matter of wearing a crown or parading the title of being called councilor, commissioner, honorable, governor, senator or president.

The PSM is about “servant-authority” whereby whoever emerges as the president, senator, governor or councilor will see himself or herself as the chief servant officer and not a tin-god! "The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Mathew 23:11-12

Memory of Alhaji Lateef Jakande and Chief Michael Adekunle Ajasin keeps resonating on the power of selflessness in government. Likewise, Mother Theresa’s service to humanity at its best which earned her Nobel Prize. More than a president of any nation, any pope, state governor or chief executive officer of a multinational corporation, the virtuous woman in her simplicity had authority because she was a servant. She glorified God in her service to mankind.

Looking back, I associated with the electioneering campaign of the first civilian governor of Ekiti-State in 1999. His successor was at the 1st Ekiti Day, hosted on December 6th 2003 by a group

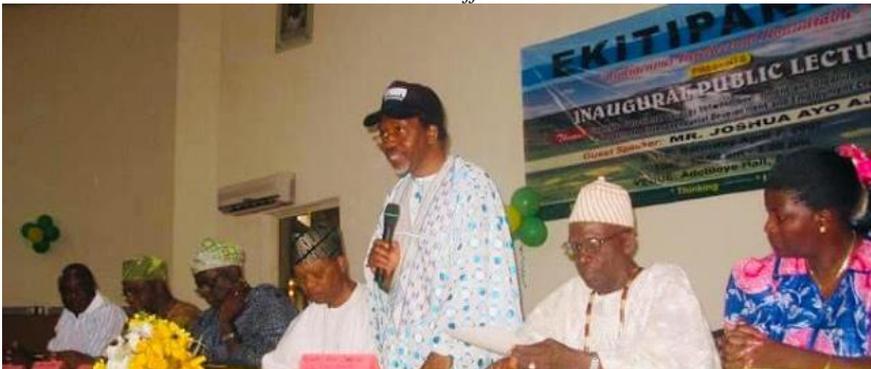
which I co-initiated. After the anthem I composed was rendered, the governor was so impressed and pronounced it the first Ekiti State anthem. On March 6th 2005, the inspiration to convene an indigenous intellectual roundtable manifested, Ekitipanupo Forum evolved.



L-R: Gbenga Adeusi, Tokie Adebayo, Yemi Olayinka, Gbenga Ogunsakin, Banji Oyinloye, Seye, Toyin Oniyelu & Kunle Adeyemo after thanksgiving at St Michael's Anglican Church of Ifaki for a successful 1st Ekiti Day held in 2005



Seye and Chief Segun Oni – Seye was the MC at the Fundraiser for his governorship race in 2007. Seye with Chief Ayo Fayose at Ifaki in 2017 – 2 Ekitipanupo events held during his tenure in office.



Prof Akin Oyeboode (standing), flanked L-R by Prof Demola Omojola, Chief Aderiye, Dr Ayo Ajayi, Prince Julius Adelusi-Adeluyi, High Chief J Babatola and Yeye Bolanle Olatunde at the first public lecture of Ekitipanupo Forum in 2007



L-R: Prof J. Aina, Prof Sam Ade Ojo, Dr Adebimpe Okunade, Prof Michael Omolewa, Chief Wole Olanipekun, Seye Adetunmbi, Aare & Yeye Afe Babalola and Otunba Niyi Adebayo at the 2nd Public Lecture marking the 10th anniversary of Ekitipanupo Forum in 2015



Chief Afe Babalola & Seye Adetunmbi flanked by the representatives of HRM Oba Adejuge Aladesanmi III, the Ewi of Ado-Ekiti and the VC of ABUAD at the 2nd Public Lecture of Ekitipanupo held at ABUAD on 23/5/15



At Ekiti Colloquium in 2016, L-R: Mrs Fola Richie-Adewusi, Prince Julius Adeluside Adeluji, Prof Banji Akintoye and Seye Adetunmbi

The 1st Public Lecture of Ekitipanupo Forum was hosted on April 7th, 2007 during the emergency rule interregnum and Ekitipanupo Magazine was launched. The 10th anniversary of Ekitipanupo Forum was marked with the 2nd Public Lecture at Afe Babalola University in 2015 and the Ekitipanupo Legacy Book was formally presented to the public. In 2016, Ekiti Colloquium was hosted by Ekitipanupo Forum.

Leadership is essentially about service, empowerment and inspiration and not about control, power and manipulation. Towards driving the paradigm shift to fruition, *Atoke-ibe-irosi* Strategy Group (ASG) has been constituted. The pioneers are reputable indigenes

from over 60 Ekiti towns across the 16 local government areas, who have encouraged me over the years and believe in my ability, with all humility, to provide the required leadership. ASG is



Political party membership validation at Ifaki-Ekiti on 9/2/21

open to people of good character who can add value to the 2022 mission in Ekiti-State. The target is for every Ekiti community to be represented in the strategy group.

God may not call many to fame and fortune, but He calls everyone to serve faithfully with the given talents. If perchance, what we do earns us recognition, fame or affluence, let it be done to the glory of God. My prayer is that whatever my calling, my lot, my circumstances, and my divine given gifts, may God help me and grant me the grace to use all to serve my people and glorify our almighty creator. Here I am, send me (Isaiah 6:8) to lead the paradigm shift in a lasting purpose driven governance in Ekiti, come 2022, God being my helper.

2.2. Endorsements

The humble declaration attracted responses from various constituencies some of which are made available in this publication.

It is an impressive and well-thought-out testimony of a committed prospective servant leader and God knows that this is long overdue for all parts of stewardship in Nigeria. I personally wish you all the very best I will give you my support and I need to know on what political party's platform you would contest the elections. And you would need to develop structured programs for the State, unlike the vacuous theses of all previous governments of our state, the best of which only seems good in comparison to another in the stream of incompetence.

Your personality and industry are appealing virtues and earn my endorsement of your moral integrity. Please keep me posted as you investigate and or develop programs of sustainability to which your prospective fellow stewards must commit. Bless your heart Chief. God bless Ekiti State

Akin Babatola, Ado-Ekiti based in USA

He is a jolly good fellow who combines competence with character. From the first day that providence brought us together, he remains the personality that can be trusted. I wholly support his candidature. I pray for his emergence and success. I also wish our State well in choosing the next Governor. **Kunle Oladele**, Ado-Ekiti

If you start a race early, the prospect of first breasting the tape is higher than a late starter. You are the first among the progressives to have taken the first step. You are more than qualified. Your family background is unique. Your personality, your knowledge and your natural skill and wisdom are rich enough to rule any great country. I wish you success in the tough race ahead. **Wale Adeoye**, Itapaji-Ekiti

Congratulations on this move.

Taiwo Oluleye, Efon-Alaye

A great initiative. You are worthy sir

Dr Sikiru Eniola, Ado-Ekiti

Following the press release of intention to contest in the forthcoming Ekiti State Gubernatorial Elections, I want to congratulate the Convener of Ekitipanupo Forum, Chief Seye Adetunmbi for the courage to step out and make himself available as a credible alternative at this period and wish him great success on this journey.

The 2022 Gubernatorial Elections in our state offers us another unique opportunity for a paradigm shift and the enthronement of a visionary, competent, passionate and dedicated leadership that will facilitate the much needed growth and development of our dear state.

By making himself available, Chief Seye Adetunmbi has become the symbol of our collective aspiration for a passionate, credible and competent leadership in our dear state.

This is therefore a clarion call for us all to join hands with Chief Seye Adetunmbi and work together to make this dream a reality. The destiny of our beloved Ekiti State is in our hands and together, we can! *Ure Ekiti a soju kete ra o!*

'Tope Orolu, Ikere-Ekiti

Congratulations to the Okan of Ekiti. It is a good outing as we watch the events unfold. The task ahead requires people of intellect and conscience like you. Hearty cheers.

Dr Jadesola Babatola, Ado-Ekiti

Dear Multiple Chief, no better time than this time. You have been a model in the leadership of Papa Awolowo. The public goods should be expended on the mass of the people. This has been the thrust of

your massive engagements in the political struggle. I pray you will find favour sir.

Declaring your intention to have a go at the gubernatorial is evidently prayers answered. This declaration should be beyond party lineage. It should be something every stakeholder, youths, old, educated or not educated, the rulers and the ruled, the leaders and the led should see as an opportunity to get it right this time in Ekiti so we can produce model from Ekiti for Nigeria.

Multiple chief, may you receive light upon your aspiration. As for me and my house we shall do our best to follow you to the Promised land of egalitarian and robust society. The Paradigm Shift is now! **Agbaje Ojo Wilson**, Efon-Alaaye

I'm so happy for this move Seye because Ekiti people need someone upright, humble and loving like you to carry the torch of our run down state. The glory of Ekiti will return through you in Jesus name. I just want to appeal to you not to seek help in Egypt. Keep the faith and hold on to Christ. You will surely have the mantle if you can put your trust solely in The Holy One of Israel. You are my brother and God willing; I will support you 1001%. I've read through your written initiative and passing it along. God will back you up, just lean on Him. I'm on cloud 9 right now because you are right for the job. God Almighty will hand over the office of Ekiti State Governor to you in Jesus name. Remain blessed. – Mrs **Bose Akingbade** nee Asebiomo, Igbara Odo-Ekiti

Seye you are coming at a right time when the atmosphere is actually calling for a radical change. Count on my constituent's support. **Bayo Adesua**, Omuo-Ekiti

Our beloved brother from another mother... We know you are “destined to occupy an exalted position of authority” like Mama rightfully stated and we believe that this is your “calling from God”. We pledge our 100% support in any shape or form trusting God to

see us through. Congratulations in advance bro. **Prince Wale Alade**, Awo-Ekiti and **Olori Moni Alade**, Ado-Ekiti

Seye, I congratulate you on the announcement of your new venture of servant leadership. Best of luck! - **Soji Tinubu Emure-Ekiti**

Seye o! Our indefatigable, inspirational and purpose driven multiple chieftaincy title holder of Ekiti land, you're blessed. Congratulations on your well thought out and courageous decision to step into the political boxing ring of 2022 Governorship Contest of Ekiti State. *Iyanu Asele!* **Ayan Kolawole**, Ikun-Ekiti

I want to salute Chief Eletolua, Adetunmbi for his passion and aspiration to lead Ekiti in the forthcoming election. His passion for Ekiti brand transcends a mere lip service that characterized many people who have declared similar ambitions in the past. The manner with which he has conducted the affairs of Ekitipanupo particularly his style of moderation should attest to his abilities to manage complex behaviors of people with diverse opinions fairly and objectively.

He has also showed high points in mingling with people across various ages, young and old. He possesses the sweet and sour sauce style of human relations putting situations in right perspectives, tolerating the tolerables, and situating the condemnables in their deserved positions with the aim of reforming but not punitive. I urge people to bear these in mind when comparing him with other would be candidates, when making their choices. He is one of Ekiti bright minds with a name and pedigree to protect. I urge his party to give him a chance during a selection process that would/should ideally be in accordance with real internal democracy. Even if you are not in his party or connected with another candidate for any reasons, let your conscience know that Seye Adetunmbi is a good seed for good fruit and be part of the nursery to nurture it. God bless. - **Ayo Olaleye**, Ootunja-Ekiti

We are sincerely impressed about your humble step to make Nigeria join the league of Nations who made their solid intellectually packaged, well-grounded scions, step into a terrain of such leadership like the Awolowos of this world! The Lord who led you, Spirit and Mind to choose the Way will never forsake You! His presence will go with you as He did for Moses. Congratulations. - **Ven LL Eso**, Lagos, 9/3/21

- Finally - **Abi Adigun**, Huston, USA
- Best wishes - **Yinka Adekunle**, Lagos
- The way to go.... A task that must be done. God in His infinite mercies will see you through - **Bassey Nkposong**, Abuja
- Wish you the best. - **Wole Sowole**, Lagos

You have indeed put your hands on the plough, and there is no turning back. I wish you a great success in one of the highly responsible positions in our society now!! God Almighty will make it possible, in Jesus Mighty Name. Amen. Engineer **Gbenga Osinowo**, Lagos

Seye, I wish you God's guidance. He shall bless your vision and aid its accomplishment. The most-high God shall plant or uproot, as may be necessary, all things and issues as required to bring you to the promised land. Keep the struggle on. **Dr Akintade Afolayan**

I pray you become the next governor. I also pray you make a positive impact when you get there, please start planning what you are going to do when you get there including building your team even before the contest. God grant your prayers. - **Emmanuel Awure**, Capital Market Roundtable (CMR)

Chief Seye. Going through your beautiful write up, PSM is the answer. All we are saying is ride on and God will grant you huge success. Consult widely and remain focused - **Henry Olayemi** CMR

Responses to the Constituted Atokeibeirosi Strategy Group



Nice one Seye. You always show exceptional qualities in our over 40 years of friendship. I am here with you on this journey. **Akinwale Falodun**, Odo-Oro, Ikole LGA (Canada)

Thanks for adding me to this group. I am here firmly in support and behind your initiative. **Dotun Akinola**, Ido-Ekiti
Seye, I am here solidly behind this project. It's time. **Yomi Olorunfemi**, Usi-Ekiti (USA)

Seye, thank you for including me in this noble initiative. **Mofe Akinbanji**, Efon-Alaye

It's highly appreciated to be added to this strategic platform. Best wishes always. Happy new month to everyone... **Sola Oni**, Omu Ekiti.

Thank you sir for inviting me to be a part of this strategic group. Together we can! **Tope Orolu**, Ikere, Ekiti State

Thanks so much Okan for this bold step. *Isedale Ekiti a gbe wa ooo, amin ase Edumare.* **Kunle Makinde**, Ijan-Ekiti

My multiple Chief, By His grace, I am behind you, sir. Please pardon my getting to the platform late. May God bless this aspiration in Jesus name - **Wilson Agbaje**, Efon-Alaye

A se se, l'ase Èdùmàrè. Glad to be part of this clarion call to serve. **Tokunbo Adegun**, Usi Ekiti

Seye, I am deeply honoured to be a very small part of this great initiative. May you do us proud and May the good Lord grant it. Amen *Ure gbogbo Ekiti as'oju kete ra. Amin.* **Funso Daramola**, Ilupeju-Ekiti (UK)

We will get there says the Lord of the whole universe with one mind and one voice. **Israel Adu**, Awo-Ekiti

The mountains heights,
awaits the climb,
to be systematically assaulted
And vigorously mastered
By relentless, untiring efforts,
Of a team prepared and forged,
In the crucibles of life and learning
The eternal mountains of Ekiti,
Those mounds portend great blessings
To those who aspire
Ayo Ipinmoye, Ijelu-Ekiti

The race is already a success. I am happy to be part of the worthy project. **Olabode Ajayi**, Ikun-Amure Ekiti. (USA)

We are with you all the way awe. May the Lord be with you on this venture brother. **Tunde Shittu**, Ikere-Ekiti. (UK)

This is a wonderful move and I am proud to be a part of it.
My name is **Felix Ayoyinka**, Ogboye Quarters, Otun-Ekiti

Chief Eletolua, I should congratulate you in advance. You have what it takes to get to the top. **Adebayo Ajimoko** from Ifisin Ekiti.

Okanlomo Eletolua. This is a laudable initiative. It is a rare honour to be so recognised and included in this project. Oluwa ti l'owo si. Ajuse o. **Bode Babalola**, Aiyedun-Ekiti

Well, I think it is important, indeed as a sign of respect to the dignitaries here, that I, Gbenga Ogunsakin I'm on board and identify

with this alternate route to actualising the long enduring dreams of our state. **Gbenga Ogunsakin**, Ado-Ekiti

I am very excited to be part of this historic moment. Isn't it high time we wrestled our state back from the hands of visionless leadership? Seye, "go on *so un*" **Hezekiah Olubunmi Akindele**, Are-Ekiti (USA)

Thanks for adding me Seye. Your pre-emptiveness in the matter of our dear state is commendable. You will surely reap the fruit abundantly, God willing. **Col Deji Okeya** Rtd. Emure-Ekiti

I am honored to be here to support a worthy comrade of high integrity with unparalleled record of selfless service to humanity for a worthy cause. *Ajuse*. **Victor Adewusi**, Iyin-Ekiti (USA)

A very good move and our state is seriously in need of radical change. God leads and we follow!
Engineer Adebayo Ademilua (FNSE), Iye - Ekiti

Seye, I stand with confidence on my comments (made on November 10, 2019 at Opebi concerning your ability to successfully govern Ekiti state. I admire your patriotic attitude towards our state and your ability to bring people together for a common goal. *Ire o* - **Eyitayo Omolewa**, Igbole-Ekiti (USA)

Congratulations Chief! It's a great privilege to be part of this worthy cause - **Gbemi Kayode**, Usi-Ekiti (UK)

I feel honoured to be part of this. Congratulations. **Tope Adebayo**, Ayegbaju Ekiti (Canada)

I'm quite happy to participate in this initiative. I hope, at the end of the day, it would impact positively on the political process of our beloved state. **Taiye Abiodun**, Ado-Ekiti, (Canada)

It is highly appreciated to be added to this strategic platform. Best wishes always. Happy new month to everyone...**Sola Oni**, Omu Ekiti.

Great honour to be a part of this. There shall be a new beginning in our homeland. **Tunde Jegede**, Ilupeju-Ekiti (Canada)

The scriptures say: for the vision is for an appointed time. I want to believe this is the time for this vision. Let's all pray that the Almighty God gives us the wisdom, understanding and wherewithal to run the race successfully. I'm very impressed, Seye, for the team you've put up here. - **Sola Adewumi**, Igogo-Ekiti

This is surely going to be a fruitful journey. We are up to the task. **Sola Faola**, Aaye-Ekiti

My dear brother, congratulations on this move you have made. This is the beginning and we will rise up with you to fight this battle. God is your strength! May the Almighty God perfect everything for u IJN. Okun o awe mi. **Ope Adebayo**, Osi-Ekiti

I'm very excited to be part of this progressive movement. I believe it's time for round pegs in round holes in Ekiti. For with God, nothing shall be impossible. 'Áṣeéṣe o!' **Caleb Arogundade**, Ipoti-Ekiti

Okan 1... you have beamed the light; we are fully ready to light it up with you. **Tayo Awe**, Ijesha Isu-Ekiti

Good morning my dear brother. It's a great honor to be part of this noble course. The Lord will perfect all that concern this and everything shall lead to outstanding success. *Atuse Ekiti, ajumose gbogbo wa ni. Asese l'oruko Jesu.* **Mrs Tope Awe**, Ikole-Ekiti

Good thinking, good product! It's a privilege to be here.

Taiwo Adesola, Igbemo-Ekiti

With God all things are possible. It is an achievable project with sound integrity and sincerity towards the Progress of Ekiti State. Ekiti *a gbe oooo*. Seye, God will protect you always. **Lucas Ashaolu**, Ilawe-Ekiti

Thanks for the privilege. It shall be well

Dare Ojo, Iworoko-Ekiti

My dear friend and brother. Thanks for adding me in this group. *Ure gbogbo Ekiti as'oju kete ra*.

Kayode Olajuyin, Aramoko-Ekiti

Eletolua, may the Lord use you greatly for the good cause of Ekiti State, amen! **Sola Akeredolu**, Ilupeju-Ekiti

Well done Seye. You are prepared and up to the task. You have rolled out your thought process one after the other. Great work! **Col Williams Alao** (Rtd), Ikole-Ekiti

You know I will always align with you. I will be happy to do whatever I can to support this. There is need for a change in Ekiti and believe you are capable of the change. – **Jide Alabi**, Ikere-Ekiti

I am happy to be here. By the grace of God, it shall be well. **Dayo Bababusuyi**, Ijsha-Isu

Good to be part of this. - **Chief Olukolade Olorunsola**, Isan-Ekiti



3. ATOKEIBEIROSI STRATEGY GROUP

3.1. Background

The Atokeibeirosi Strategy Group (ASG) is a forum to deliberate on the strategic direction of the proposed cardinal programmes for sustainable good governance in Ekiti-State in the event that the PST is given mandate to govern the state. The group was formally constituted on March 1st 2021. It is a decision-making group with several sub-committees, whose remit it is to ensure that the cardinal programmes are on track to deliver its vision and objectives. The Atokeibeirosi steering committees were given Terms of Reference (TOR) to enable them develop appropriate manifesto that will be deployed as a campaign material and as the blueprint for implementation when elected to the office.

The purpose of the overarching coordinating body, the ASG Manifesto Team, was to coordinate the packaging of the ASG masterpiece document and provide direction and guidance to the sub-committees and advice to the aspirant on the way forward. The ASG manifesto team was made up of the chairmen and secretaries of the sub-steering committees who will take note of matters that are brought to its attention for decision and guidance. The constituted sub-committees within the ASG steering group will report upwards through their representatives, chairman and secretary while the coordinating group reported upward to the aspirant who is also a member of the manifesto team.

The role of the ASG was in two phases with clearly stated delivery timelines: It developed a policy statement for the sub-committee that encapsulates the direction and vision for each sub-committee and prepared a working blueprint articulating the prospects and problems of each cardinal programme assigned to the sub-committees and proposed solutions.

3.2. Pioneer Members of Atokeibeiroso Strategy Group

<p>Ido/Osi LGA – 1 1. Ifaki-Ekiti Adetunmbi Dayo Elesin Bode Ojo Ojo Fadiya 2. Aaye-Ekiti Sola Faola Tunde Fajana Remi Ogunmuko 3. Ifisin-Ekiti Bayo Ajimoko 4. Igbole-Ekiti Tayo Omolewa 5. Osi-Ekiti Ope Adebayo Jide Agbebi Tunde Oso 6. Ido-Ekiti Dotun Akinola Sola Ojo Ogunmiluyi 7. Usi-Ekiti Yomi Olorunfemi Tokunbo Adegun 8. Aiyetoro-Ekiti Sola Ajetunmobi 9. Ilogbo-Ekiti Femi Atewologun 10. Orin-Ekiti Gboyega Olubummo</p>	<p>Wole Aina 11. Ora-Ekiti Sunday Adelusi Ijero LGA - 2 12. Sola Arokodare 13. Aiyegunle-Ekiti Gbolaga Ajayi 14. Ijurin-Ekiti Akinbode Margaret Ekisola 15. Ipoti-Ekiti Caleb Arogundade 16. Odo Owa-Ekiti Deola Adetiloye 17. Ikoro-Ekiti Chief Ayo Akande Olumide Fayomi Tolu Olugbamila Ekiti West LGA - 3 18. Aramoko-Ekiti Kayode Olajuyin Tokunbo Ibikunle 19. Okemesi-Ekiti Dr Bankole Osuntokun Jide Omidiran 19. Ido Ile-Ekiti Dr Anthony Ayodele 20. Erio-Ekiti Adufe Aiyegbusi</p>	<p>Efon Alaaye LGA - 4 21. Efon Taiwo Oluleye Tokunbo Oyeyemi Mofe Akinbanji Wilson Agbaje Dele Ologunleko Ifelodun/Irepodun-5 22. Igede-Ekiti Folorunso Osunrayi Bayo Otegbola 23. Iyin-Ekiti Victor Adewusi Martins Ojo Mayokun Makinde Segun Omoba 24. Iworoko-Ekiti Dare Ojo 25. Are-Ekiti Hezekiah Akindele 26. Afao-Ekiti Samuel Abifade 27. Igbemo-Ekiti Taiwo Adesola 29. Awo-Ekiti Israel Adu Prince Wale Alade Ayo Adunbi</p>
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<p>Ado LGA – 6 30. Ado-Ekiti Akin Babatola Taiye Abiodun Olori Moni Alade Gbenga Ogunsakin Kunle Adeyemo Deji Ajayi Olutope Ojo Yemi Ogunlade</p>	<p>Emure LGA - 10 36. Emure-Ekiti Col Deji Okeya Rtd Bola Adefemi Oladele Olarewaju</p> <p>Ekiti East LGA - 11 37. Omuo-Ekiti Stephen Adesua</p>	<p>Tope Osuolale Ilejemeje LGA - 14 48. Iye-Ekiti Bayo Ademilua</p>
<p>Ikere LGA - 7 31. Ikere-Ekiti Tope Orolu Tunde Shitu Tayo Ogundare Dayo Ayeni Jide Alabi</p>	<p>Gbonyin Aiyekire LGA - 12 39. Ode-Ekiti Prof Grace Adebo 40. Ijan-Ekiti Kunle Makinde 41. Aisegba-Ekiti Dare Adeyemi 42. Imesi-Ekiti Foluso Oladimeji Dare Adejumo</p>	<p>Oye LGA - 15 49. Oye-Ekiti Bode Owoyeye Duro Omogbenigun Sanya Aribatise 50. Aiyegbaju-Ekiti Tope Adebayo 51. Isan-Ekiti Samson Agbelusi Apata Kolade Olorunsola 52. Aiyede-Ekiti Ropo Dada 53. Itaji-Ekiti Adeleye 54. Ire-Ekiti Biodun Daramola</p>
<p>Ekiti South West LGA - 8 32. Ilawe-Ekiti Lucas Ashaolu Henry Afowowe 33. Igbara Odo-Ekiti Bose Asebiomo 34. Ogotun-Ekiti Ayo Oladapo</p>	<p>Moba LGA - 13 43. Otun-Ekiti Felix Ayoyinka 44. Osan-Ekiti Folorunso Joseph 45. Ikun Amure-Ekiti Bode Ajayi 46. Igogo-Ekiti Adesola Adewumi 47. Ikosu</p>	<p>55. Ilupeju-Ekiti Sola Akeredolu Tunde Jegede 56. Itapa-Ekiti Gbenga Adeusi 57. Osin-Ekiti Dayo Famosaya 58. Omu-Ekiti Sola Oni 59. Ijelu-Ekiti Ayo Ipinmoye</p>
<p>Ise/Orun LGA - 9 35. Ise-Ekiti Taiye Ogunleye Gbenga Omotoso</p>		

Ikole LGA – 16	62. Odo Oro-Ekiti	65. Itapaji-Ekiti
60. Ikole-Ekiti	Akin Falodun	Wale Adeoye
A.A. Adeleye	63. Ijesha Isu-Ekiti	66. Asin-Ekiti
Col Williams Alao	Dr Laofe Ogundipe	Prof Segun Aiyejuyo
Mrs Tope Awe	Tayo Awe	67. Irele-Ekiti
Olumide Ogunleye	Dayo Bababusuyi	Femi Agbana
Dr Taiye Orimolade	64. Aiyedun-Ekiti	Other Members
Dr Kehinde Orimolade	Sesan Adeleye	Diipo Fagunwa
Prof Demola Omojola	Bode Babalola	Dayo Abinusawa
61. Ootunja-Ekiti	Dr Gbenga Ala	Goke Aroloye
Adewumi Ojo	Gbenga Olorunfemi	Sanya Haastrup

3.3. Manifestos' Development Committees

The membership of the sub-committees was by nomination and volunteering. People were encouraged to join the committee of interest and where could be most effective, in order to deliver the vision of Atokeibeirosi. The ASG sub-committees and their roles are stated as follows:

The following are the sub-committees identified within ASG and their abridged roles/terms of reference:

- i. **Agriculture Committee:** To come up with initiatives on how to boost farming beyond subsistence level in Ekiti and facilitate more commercial farming activities across the state. The Chairman is Professor Grace Adebo and Prince Gbenga Ala is the Secretary
- ii. **Education Committee:** To investigate and come up with initiatives on good quality, affordable education at primary and secondary education levels. Raise the bar of standard in public tertiary institutions and technical colleges. Facilitate functional vocational training outlets. The Chairman is Professor Demola Omojola and the Secretary is Gbenga Olorunfemi

- iii. **Healthcare Committee:** Support and produce initiatives on efficient, portable and affordable healthcare delivery system that will be available close to every community. The functional dispensary and maternity home in the 1950s-1970s readily came to mind for it to be improved upon and spread across the state. The Chairman is Dr Bankole Osuntokun and the Secretary is Sola Ajetunmobi
- iv. **Enterprise Development, Employment and Wealth Creation Committee:** Consciously grow economic activities in the state through creative measures in all sectors towards boosting IGR. Finance, investment, manufacturing, commerce and trading, hospitality and tourism. The Chairman is Mr Akin Babatola and the Secretary is Felix Ayoyinka
- v. **Security Committee:** Initiatives on making Ekiti the safest state in Nigeria. The Chairman is Colonel Deji Okeya Rtd and the Secretary is Pastor Dayo Bababusuyi
- vi. **Infrastructure Committee:** Sustainable good infrastructural facilities. The Chairman is Engineer Duro Omogbenigun and the Secretary is Wilson Agbaje
- vii. **Public Service and Welfare Scheme Committee:** A smart and proficient civil service. A sharp, disciplined and professional work that will serve with dignity and integrity at all levels. The Chairman is Mr Victor Adewusi and the Secretary is Ms Mofe Akinbanji



4. VISION, MISSION AND THE MANIFESTOS

The Mission Statement

My desire is to be part of improving on the fortune of Ekiti-State that will be solvent and be a model for all other states in Nigeria in service delivery to the public, in creating measurable employment opportunities, a reference place in integrated wealth creation, a safe place for all, provision of sustainable good healthcare system, quality affordable education, a state where there will be justice for all and lead a government that will facilitate an enabling environment and be fair to all ranks of stakeholders.

4.1. The Vision

The vision of paradigm shift is a promissory note to cause a fundamental change in approach to governance and political leadership in Ekiti. It is a patriotic call for urgent, concrete and collective action to make Ekiti more prosperous for the benefit of all under a consistent good political leadership. It is about government that will give power to the people by carrying everyone along so that we can together build a virile economy for our state.

Due to challenges the majority of the people is facing in virtually all spheres of our human endeavours, indigenes are losing hope. Our team will work with vigour to replace distrust with optimism. With determination, we will renew hope in the Ekiti dream through an unambiguous pursuit of a new vision that will make us to be proud of our state unequivocally again.

Ekiti belongs to all of us indigenes, opportunities at our disposal should go round meritoriously to all well-meaning stakeholders.

With time and persistence, we should be able to turn around our abundant natural (forest, minerals, land) and human resources for the benefit of all by deploying our skilled manpower and enterprising indigenes in diaspora and within who have been waiting

for the right situation to get productively involved in the affairs of Ekiti-State.

Within the shortest possible time, mustering the political will to translate out assets and God given talents to prosperity is the mission of the paradigm shift. We will start with what we have in abundance, improve on it to optimal capacity through creative ingenuity of indigenes for the production and services needed for the development and growth of our economy. Of course, we will partner with outsiders in the areas where we are lacking or things needed to attain the desired development.

It has become imperative for all stakeholders to “think Ekiti first”, place emphasis on the timeless honourable values that Ekiti is noted for in the time of our fore bearers, the virtue of hard work, honesty, regard for decent behaviour, and commitment to accountability in the public service.

In the new order, justice won’t be limited to the law courts, it shall be for all and part of our daily creed. In the drive to be fair to all, social justice will not be rhetorical but entrenched in the disposition of people in authority at all levels.

Accountability shall be the watchword of everyone who holds public office and they are expected to discharge their duty as a sacred trust on behalf of Ekiti people. The perquisite to serve in the paradigm shift administration is to subscribe to the ethos that public office entails sacrifice, honesty, transparency accountability and complete submission to the will of the people because the power belongs to them.

4.2. The Manifestos

In developing the appropriate manifestoes for our state, we have to interrogate the issues and proffer the way out through measured solutions, if conscientiously pursued to a logical conclusion. The realities today include the fact that Ekiti relies mainly on federal allocation from Abuja to meet the needs of the major finances. It becomes inevitable for Ekiti to look inwards and consistently build the economy of the state towards boosting IGR. The health sector is

a major challenge, likewise standard of public schools have dropped in terms of facilities and quality of education system. Unemployment has become a major issue, resulting to hunger and starvation in some quarters which has resulted to insecurity of life and property. Some of the public utilities have degenerated to embarrassing state, begging for attention in the face of a challenging economy.

Programmes and Policies

In 2010, the intellectuals Ekitipanupo Forum brainstormed on all the issues and challenges confronting Ekiti-State and came up with a blue print which was formally presented to Ekiti State government. The document has been reviewed and updated where necessary, coupled with the fresh perspectives from ASG. This is what is presented here for implementation by the paradigm shift team when given the mandate to govern Ekiti-State. The comprehensive manifesto prepared by ASG is more detailed and packaged separately. What had been provided here are synopsis of what will be done to make the difference in governance of Ekiti-State.

1. AGRICULTURE

- A. Short-run Strategy and Quick wins** within the first year in office will include:
- i. Strengthening inputs supply market by removing market inefficiencies without price distortion.
 - ii. Embark on market linkages (price guarantee scheme) outside the state for primary produce to forestall glut.
 - iii. Will improve on facilitating access to production credit without distorting price (interest rate)
 - iv. Recruit unemployed graduates and young school-leavers for crash training programmes as new generation of farmers.
 - v. Will focus more on livestock, fisheries, short-gestation horticultural and high-value crops. Cassava, maize and rice will be targeted to improve on the yield and aggregate output for markets outside Ekiti

- vi. Operation Feed Ekiti (OFE) will be launched and the governor will lead by example by having a personal functional commercial farmland.

B. Medium Term Strategy within 1 to 3 years

- i. Will develop post-harvest and processing sector to absorb production increases.
- ii. Will ease access to land for agricultural purposes. The binding constraints will be removed.
- iii. Will invest more in tree and cash crops especially cocoa, rubber, coffee, teak, mahogany, oil palm etc
- iv. Consciously develop more incentives for private sector and direct foreign investment in agricultural sector
- v. Will strengthen support institutions like research institutions, cooperatives, ADP, MANR, faculties of agriculture etc to respond to challenges.
- vi. Will develop more agro-industrial facilities through Private-Public Partnership that will be driven by incentives
- vii. Introduce more modern and cutting-edge technology in farming such as mechanisation, biotechnology etc and monitor result

C. Long Term Strategy for 3 years and above as a going concern

- i. Make the existing irrigation facilities more productive and replicate in other necessary parts of the state.
- ii. Facilitate export of value-added agricultural products for foreign exchange
- iii. Will develop excellent capacity (human and material) for adaptive agricultural research
- iv. Will improve on developing infrastructure that will respond to, and support productivity growth
- v. Provide enabling and competitive agricultural investment environment that will make Ekiti the ultimate destination in Nigeria.
- vi. Will partner with bilateral and multilateral donor agencies to develop the sector.

2. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

The numbers of Industrial Establishments currently located in Ekiti State are very few in comparison with its potentials. There is a need to identify the factors that may be inhibiting the ability of Ekiti to attract industrial development to the State.

Policy Statement and Direction

- i. Status of the existing government-owned companies will be assessed with the professional inputs from consultants. Where necessary intervention is required will be looked into with dispatch.
- ii. The human capital resources capacity and structure in the state will be identified. This will enable the government to facilitate specific training and re-orientation that are aligned with development of skilled labour to drive the industrial strategy as well as in the development and encouragement of entrepreneurial capabilities.
- iii. The emphasis of the industries to be promoted will be placed on simple and high labour intensive factories. The following industries have been identified to start with:
 - a. Agriculture and Forest Product Processing - Rice mill, palm oil, sawmilling, fish smoking, meat processing etc
 - b. Household and Personal care products - Soap, toilet rolls, foam etc
 - c. Building materials - Paints and coatings
- iv. Key into the strategic development of oil service support capabilities - especially in fabrications and engineering services as a PPP with reputable service providers
- v. Rejig the operations of Ekiti State Investment Holding Company to be more productive and strategically drive industrial development in Ekiti.
- vi. Will approach and work with UNIDO and other multilateral agencies.
- vii. Facilitate and promote strategic trade exhibitions and study tours

- viii. Will provide infrastructural facility to support industrial development. Development of industrial clusters with the large deposit of granite across Ekiti-State will be vigorously pursued.
- ix. Access to finance will be facilitated for every bankable project. This will be professionally structured in order not to expose the government to direct involvement in the running of the businesses. The initial investment of government is to act as a catalyst to launch successful enterprises of serious minded business owners with a strategic exit route inbuilt in the financial engineering.

3. HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

The government will transform the health system by addressing all the pillars of a good health care system - Service delivery, health workforce, health information systems, access to essential medicines, financing, niche leadership/governance

Service Delivery: The health system to be implemented will be designed to improve service delivery such that universal health coverage can be achieved in Ekiti State to lay the foundation for socioeconomic development of Ekiti and to attain all the health related aspects of sustainable development goals. The new health policy will transform any dysfunctional aspect of Ekiti health system into a highly effective, self-sufficient and self-sustaining health system that will make primary healthcare services available to the people free at the point of delivery.

The Niche Healthcare System in Ekiti: Considering the fact that 70% of the health benefits can be derived from an effective primary health care, the new health agenda will focus on reorganising Ekiti health system to ensure that primary health care is well funded and is attractive to health personnel to choose to work there. This can be achieved through primary health care based on universal access to equitable, evidence based, available and affordable health services for all Ekiti indigenes that will be funded by health insurance. The healthcare agenda is going to be built on the international evidence which shows that there will be no successful

health service without health insurance and that any health insurance will not be successful unless it is made mandatory. Considering the fact that Ekiti Health Insurance Scheme was signed into law in 2016 and this makes health insurance mandatory in Ekiti, our niche Healthcare Policy will be designed to implement the existing law.

The government will provide primary health care based on Universal Health Coverage as a platform for socioeconomic development of the State. Starting with primary healthcare services - All residents of Ekiti will be provided with an easily accessible, self-sustaining and evidence based healthcare that is free at the point of use. There are several innovative ways of funding a healthcare system. Our healthcare agenda will explore the following:

- Mandatory Health Insurance managed by the people.
- Each Community will have a Health Cooperative organised by Community Health Insurance Committee that will stipulate the amount of the premium. This must be approved by the government.
- Self-employed doctors e.g. UK General Practitioners
- Health Bank
- Health Lottery

4. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

Policy Direction: To achieve the identified policy targets, the objectives are:

1. Will sustain a reliable civil servants' database through biometric technology
2. Computerisation of payroll, pension and e-Payment processes in the state's civil service will be improved upon and sustained
3. ICT certification programme for civil servants will be mandatory
4. Provision of state-of-the-art healthcare delivery system through ICT
5. ICT infrastructure will be deployed to facilitate efficient crime control

6. Development of ICT park and outsourcing centre will be a priority.

5. INFRASTRUCTURE - PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

Physical Infrastructure development is crucial to the social, economic and physical development of any society. The deficiency of such development implies that the quality of life will be adversely impacted, and opportunity for investment and industrial growth reduced or non-existent. The goal is to ensure even spread of infrastructures across the state, as practicable as possible.

Policy Thrust and Direction

The government will partner with reputable organisations and attract public sector towards infrastructures development. Targets include: Potable drinking water for all towns and villages, good roads networks and transportation systems, electricity and petroleum, good and affordable housing development, and other essential services that may be classified as physical infrastructure, e.g. telecommunications.

Portable Drinking Water - Masterplan with efficient water supply design; Reengineering of the State Water Board will be improved upon for an enhanced efficiency and result; Will involve the local government authorities more in water supply to their locality.

Affordable Homes – Home ownership will be encouraged. The developers will be mandated to reserve certain percentage of development for low-cost housing. The government will consider shared-ownership agreements where buyers part-own and part rent and over the years, build up their equity. Government will enter into PPP with developers via land allocation, guaranteeing mortgages for civil servants, infrastructural developments, rebates etc.

Electricity and Fuel (Oil & Gas) – Work with determination to ensure that Ekiti State is adequately imbued with power from electricity and petroleum; both renewable and non-renewable resources. Will work with Federal Government on all aspects of energy need, including the maximum use of national electricity grid

and pipelines (gas) of all NIPP projects. Work with Federal Government with respect on all aspects of energy need, including the maximum use of national grid (electricity) and pipelines (gas) of all NIPP projects. Evaluate existing IPP proposals for quick decision

6. EDUCATION

The government will ensure that children of school age have access to a tuition free primary and secondary quality education in a conducive school environment. The secondary schools would have trained counsellors who can direct students to where they believe they are suited for. No course or line of study would be inferior to another. Fragmentations in the tertiary education system will be addressed. Not all careers require a four or more years of university level education. Those careers that require only trade school of a few months or a year at the most e.g. artisan workers, nursing attendants, barbers, drivers etc will be implanted and encourage indigenes to participate.

All Ekiti indigenes would have access to the educational system in the state irrespective of where they are in Ekiti. The implication of this is that facilities would be available to all who want to partake. As a matter of policy children up to the age of 18 would have access to compulsory and free education. Special schools would be facilitated for the physically and mentally challenged indigenes. The government will look into grant window for indigenes postsecondary institutions.

7. FINANCE

Internally generated revenue must be grown and this will require a lot of creativity, hard work and productivity considering the nature and structure of the economy of Ekiti-State. The bedrock of a sustainable meaningful performance of the government is to put in place a system known for accountability and transparency. Therefore, the general policy thrust dwells on practical sequence of reforms and reorganisation that will strengthen the ability of Ekiti State to assess the condition of her public expenditure, procurement

and financial accountability system in a manner that will among other things: reduce the cost of governance significantly, increase sources of internally generated revenue, allow monitoring of progress, address developmental and fiduciary concerns that will lead to improved impact of the reforms and reorganisation such that we can attract global development partners.

- **Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability Reforms**
Government will strengthen the existing Public Procurement Act, Fiscal Responsibility Act/Debt Management Act with effective monitoring to ensure compliance efficiently.

- **Restructure the machinery of government**
The overhead cost of governance will be strategically reduced and deploy the savings thereof for developmental programs. Duplication of jobs and functions within and across the MDAs will be reduced

- **Reorganisation of the State Board of Internal Revenue**
Transparency and accountability in the revenue generation process will be enhanced to reassure tax payers that their welfare is government's priority. Systematically increase the tax base of the state and progressively increase the amount generated.

- **Increase revenue from existing channels**
Realise fully the tax revenue potentials of all existing sources of tax in the state and plug loopholes.

- **Create new sources of revenue**
The tax base of the state will be increased. Setting up lottery and gaming business would be encouraged.

- **Professionally manage Investment Holding Company**
The investment and business ventures of government will be more profitably coordinated to increase investment income while potential income earning investment opportunities will be identified for government and target profitable ventures for investment.

- **Capital Market**
Funds will be sourced in the capital market at the cheapest cost possible for development projects as the situation permits.

- **Microcredit tool to promote rural development**

Savings culture among all the strata (young and old) of the society will be encouraged. This is to create pool of fund for rural development and effectively use available resources for poverty alleviation in relevant quarters.

8. MINERAL RESOURCES

Mineral resources like clay and granite that can be explored without crossing any federal legislation will be explored to the fullest. For those minerals that will naturally be seen as falling within the concurrent legislative list the state government will set up a separate commission to look into establishing the process of applying for operating and prospection licences. The minerals in these category include: Metallic deposits in Ijero, Aramoko, Ara, Ikogosi, Erinjinyan; Foundry sand for Ceramic in Ijero, Bauxite in Orin-Ekiti. Agency for cottage business development will be on top priority.

9. TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILTY

Ekiti State is blessed with natural beauties and attractions and endowed with substantial human and material resources especially in the field of tourism. Considering our many tourist attractions (the known and hidden ones), cultural monuments, traditional festivals, indigenous arts and hotels, the government will facilitate a private sector driven tourism development as a veritable and sustainable source of revenue for all the stakeholders. Existing agencies and bureau will be more empowered to yield the expected result.

10. SECURITY

The main issue that confronts Nigeria today is the state of security and Ekiti has had many nasty experiences with the recorded number of victims till date. In order to address the policy direction, the following security threats were identified.

- i. Poverty-the greatest security threat to livelihood of Ekiti people
- ii. Violent cultism
- iii. Kidnapping and terrorism (sometimes in the form herdsman-farmers' clashes)

- iv. Violent Crime-mainly bank robbery mostly by external actors.
- v. Deforestation – As a forest dependent people, the destruction of our forests, destroys our livelihood, our indigenous knowledge, our health and our food security.
- vi. Cybercrime (Yahoo boys)
- vii. Political thuggery and area boy mentality
- viii. Armed robbery, targeted assassinations and maiming
- ix. Proliferation of Small Arms and Light weapons

Policy Direction

Considering the fact that in numerous climes, emphasis had shifted from the classical security framing of kinetic approach to human centred security systems. These are contained in efficient healthcare delivery, sustainable food production and construction of viable and efficient transportation system. The key and operational factor in human centred security systems is good governance and sincere political leadership which the paradigm shift team will be committed to if elected to office. With good infrastructures and gainful employment, there will be a commensurate reduction in crimes. Sustainable food production and full utilisation of the value chain spectrum will also reduce crimes and enable farmers to utilise our forest resources optimally and occupy the ungoverned spaces being used by kidnappers and the killer herdsmen.

To contain and reduce crime the government will regulate proliferation of okada riders, curb infiltration of bandits under the guise of herders from neighbouring states to eliminate open grazing, call for a strong military presence in Ekiti-State, resolve boundary disputes, make Amotekun more effective and support the formation of vigilante groups through the registered community development associations, traditional rulers and other various leaders in the society. The government as a matter of necessity will procure robust insurance cover and arms' license for the members of registered indigenous private security groups coupled with functional arms admin system.

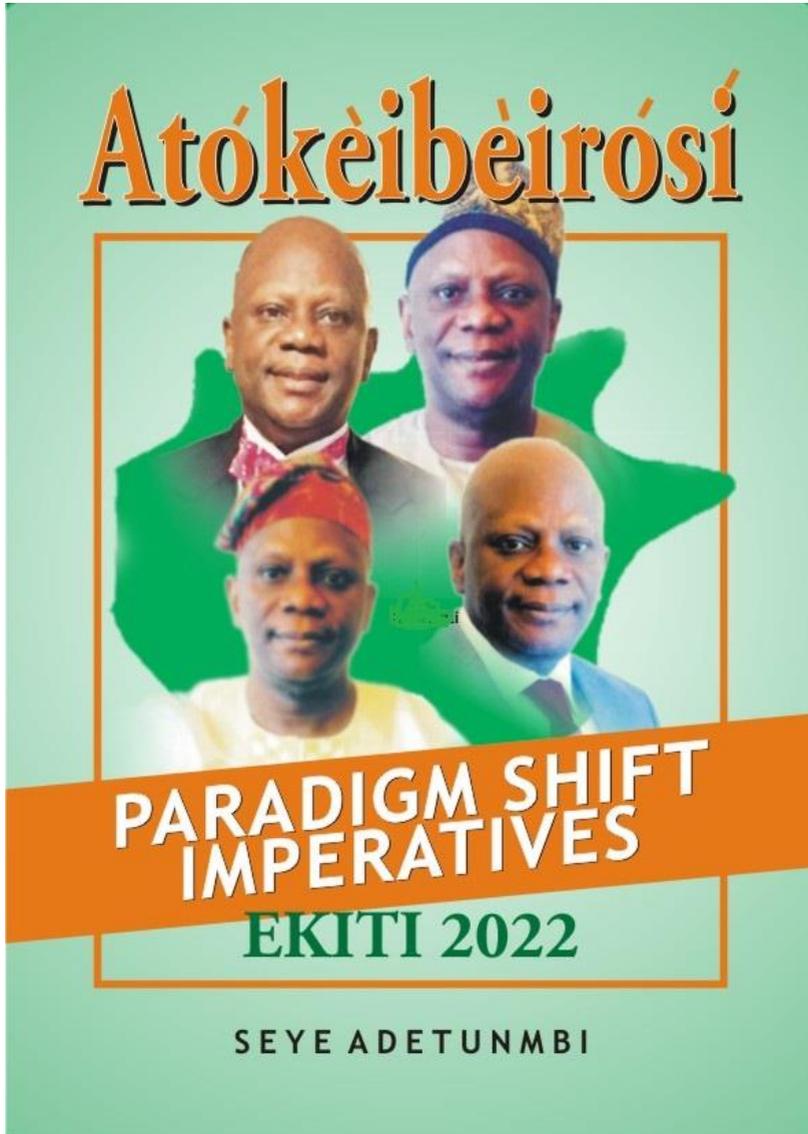
Government's response to the threats in the areas of legislation will be looked into clinically to be sure that we have adequate laws addressing the issues. The platforms for enforcement will be reinforced with specialized courts for some of the crimes. Interagency collaboration across board will be effectively monitored and assisted with technological support platforms. The specific roles of the vigilante groups within the security architecture will be clearly defined

11. WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

There will be a deliberate policy to further promote gender equality and empowering women by maximizing the potential of their huge population in Ekiti. More strategic links will be established with international NGOs to ensure Ekiti indigenes have their fair share the international grants and awards

12. YOUTHS AND SPORTS

Identification of sport talents and attraction of sport entrepreneurs will rank high in the priority of the government. The old inter-school sports competition would be encouraged and supported by the government. Each community will have access to sporting complex where talents can be developed such that more Ekiti indigenes can compete nationally and participate in international events.



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4.3. An Abridged Resume of Seye Adetunmbi

Adebukola Oluseye Adetunmbi is a passionate Ekiti indigene, an inimitable family man, a keen Anglican church man, an advocate of professionalism and a just society. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers and the convener of Capital Market Roundtable (CMR) in Nigeria. He started his working career in the capital market in 1990 as a Corporate Finance Executive after his MBA programme. For over 27 years he worked with various financial intermediary and banking service providers until he established Value Investing Limited in 2008 as the Chief Responsibility Officer. As a consummate investment banker, tested stockbroker and integrated financial market practitioner, he worked at various times as a consultant to DFID, PYXERA Global, few state governments in Nigeria and a number of other multilateral agencies.

He has strong passion for writing and has over 120 published articles on a wide range of subjects not limited to the financial market, development economics, politics, biographies, ethics, culture and tradition. As at 2020, he has over ten book titles to his credit. He established Mindscope Africa as a publishing company in 2012 towards building an economy and business around his passion.

In 2005, he convened Ekitipanupo Forum, an indigenous intellectual roundtable for the socio-economic and political emancipation of his kinsmen in Ekiti-State of Nigeria.

Seye was born on July 21st, 1962 in Ifaki-Ekiti as the fifth child and the third son of his parents, Chief David Opeyemi Adetunmbi (1919-1990 and Chief Mrs Comfort Modupe Adetunmbi (1931-2017). He is a product of Ifaki Grammar School, Christ's School Ado-Ekiti, University of Ilorin and University of Lagos and holds B. Sc. Hons Geography, Postgraduate Diploma in Economics and Master of Business Administration.

He holds two chieftaincy titles from Ikole-Ekiti in 2007, and Ifisin-Ekiti in 2011. Seye Adetunmbi is married to Mrs Olabowale Adetunmbi, an Attorney at Law and to the glory of God, the matrimony is blessed with four fruitful children - Madiba, Dara, Semilore and Bowo. The patrician chief is a dedicated Christian, an Altar Server and a Lay Reader in the Church of Nigeria, Anglican Communion.

Schools Attended and Academic Qualifications

- a. University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Nigeria 1987-89: MBA
- b. University of Lagos, Lagos: Post-Graduate Diploma, Economics
- c. University of Ilorin, Ilorin 1982-86: B. Sc. (Hons) Geography
- d. Christ's School, Ado-Ekiti 1979-81: Higher School Certificate
- e. Ifaki Grammar School, Ifaki-Ekiti, 1973-1978 WASC
- f. St Michael's Anglican Primary School, Ifaki-Ekiti 1968-1973 Primary Six Leaving Certificate

Professional Qualifications

- i. Fellow of the Nigerian Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers 2012
- ii. Certificated Dealing Clerk of Nigerian Stock Exchange 1995

Advisory Services Profile

1. Consultant to PYXERA Group on IBM's Senior Executive Service on Lagos Smart City Project in 2013
2. Department for International Development (DFID) Consultant on Public Debt Management
3. DFID Consultant on Ekiti State Private Sector Development Strategy
4. Facilitated a Training on Critical Thinking for Ekiti State Government Officials in 2012

Working Career Summary and Work Experience

Finance & Banking Sector - Over 25 years in Senior Management Positions

11/08-date: *Chief Responsibility Officer* Value Investing Limited, Lagos - Integrated Financial Advisory Services, Asset Management

and Human Capital Development. Established Mindscope Africa in 2012, a publishing business.

12/06–06/08: *Managing Director* Index Asset Management Limited: Set-up the asset management company and was the pioneer CEO.

11/05–11/06: *Chief Investment Officer* GMA Limited, Lagos: Initiated and Coordinated the debut International Workshop on Asset Backed Securities in Nigeria

9/02–10/05: *Head, Investment Banking* Omegabank PLC Lagos – Coordinated the establishment of a subsidiary, Niche Securities Limited, a Dealing Member of NSE and was the pioneer Chief Operating Officer.

9/97-12/99: *Chief Operating Officer*, Folu Securities Limited (Member of NSE) Lagos, co-established and managed the Company

8/95-9/97: *Head, Capital Market*, Summa Guaranty & Trust PLC (Member of NSE) Lagos

7/94–8/95: *Managing Consultant* of Databank Zambia Limited (DZL) – Organized 1st International Training Seminar on IPO in Lusaka and Ndola, Zambia

1992-1994: *Head, Capital Market & Branch Manager*, Investicon Securities Limited (Member of NSE) Lagos

1990-1992: *Manager Corporate Finance* at Asset Management Company and *Deputy Manager, Corporate Finance* at Silver Financial Services Limited (Member of NSE). In 1991, coordinated the establishment of the first community bank in Lagos Island - 3i (Idumota, Idumagbo & Isale-Eko) Community Bank

Real Sector – Manufacturing: *Chief Operating Officer*, Van Vliet Trucks Nigeria Limited 01/2001- 09/02, a steel fabricating, wet/dry haulage and heavy duty vehicle trading company

Others: *Executive Secretary* of Equipment Leasing Association of Nigeria 02/02-09/02: Coordinated training programmes, seminars and publication of periodic journals

Instructor at the Nigerian Defence Academy/Military University Kaduna during National Youth Service Corp programme 3/86-2/87

International Exposure

- Participated in the 2nd and 10th Conference of the African Stock Exchanges Association, October 1994 and September 2006 in Sandton City South Africa respectively.
- Initiated and coordinated a national workshop in Zambia on IPOs - Going Public and Privatization organized by DZL in conjunction with Zambian Insurance Business College (**ZIBC**) held in Ndola and Lusaka in October and November 1994. Was the lead resource person.
- Resource Person at the Zambian Stock Market: An Alternative Source of Finance. A workshop organized by Lusaka Stock Exchange and University of Zambia Business and Economic Association, 22/7/94, Kitwe, Zambia.

Some of the Published Books

9. Christianity and Anglicanism: A Handbook for Believers in Christian Faith - September 2020
10. Financial Intermediation: Operations and Practice - A Guidebook for Operators and Practitioners - July 2020
11. The School: A Compendium on Christ's School Ado-Ekiti 1933-2020
12. Mindset: Multi-dimensional Structured Thoughts and Integrated Perspectives - Revised Edition 2020
13. The Apostle of Harmony: Biography of Chief D.O. Adetunmbi, 2018
14. Ekitipanupo: Legacy Book of an Indigenous Intellectual Roundtable – 2015
15. Like He That Serveth: Biography of Venerable L. L. Eso – 2015
16. In Deed and in Truth: A Special Publication on Christ's School, Ado-Ekiti at 80 – 2013

17. Typical Yoruba Community: Research Work of Chief D.O. Adetunmbi on Ifaki-Ekiti – 2018
18. Speeches from The Throne: Selected Messages of Oba Adetunla Adeleye II – 2008

Selected Professional Essays and Seminar Presentations

- a. Public Debt Management Strategy in Ekiti & Ondo-State, DFID Workshop of 20/12/11
- b. Lateral Thinking and Leadership, presented at the Creative Thinking Training for senior government officials of Ekiti State Government, 5th & 6th December 2011
- c. An overview of Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) - Prospect in Nigeria, published in November 2006.
- d. African Stock Exchanges Root for Integration, published in Business Day and Nigeria World in September 2006
- e. Imperatives of Assets Backed Securities to the Nigerian Economy and Capital Market April 2006, published in Business Day in May 2006
- f. Impact of Pension Reform on the Stock Market, a presentation at the annual conference of Capital Market Solicitors Association of Nigeria in June 2006
- g. Call for Restraint On Divergent views on Trade Alert System, published in Daily Independent, Punch and Thisday in 2005
- h. Complementing Real Estate Investment with Stock Market Opportunities, being a paper presented at Ekiti Business Summit organised by Ekitikete International Forum held on May 28 2005 at Sheraton Hotels, Dover, Delaware, USA
- i. Central Bank of Nigeria Reforms - Mergers and Acquisition Window, November 25, 2004.
- j. An overview of the Leasing Business and Practice in Nigeria, published in The Guardian in 2001
- k. Challenges of Leasing Business in Nigeria, published in The Guardian in 2001

- l. Reforms necessary for the Nigerian Leasing Industry, published in The Guardian in 2001
- m. Complementing SMEIES with Leasing, published in The Guardian in 2001
- n. A Black Book for Banks, published in The Guardian in 2000
- o. Initial Public Offers (IPO) in Nigeria: *The key players, Professional Parties, Pricing, Marketing and Applications of IPOs in Perspective*: International workshop organized by Summa Guaranty & Trust Plc in conjunction with Akintola Williams, Deloitte & Touché in Lagos, November 1996
- p. Overview of an IPO - Packaging and Marketing in an Emerging Market: National Workshop organized by DZL in conjunction with ZIBC, Zambia in 1994
- q. Financing Options open to Small and Medium Scale Companies in an Emerging Capital Market: NORTEC Seminar August 1994, in Ndola, Zambia.
- r. Working Capital & Cash Management-Credit Management Workshop organized by Zambian Insurance Business College Trust, August 1994 in Kitwe, Zambia.
- s. National Headcount in Nigeria - An Aerial Photographic Approach: The Valiant vol. 15, Journal of the NDA Military University, Kaduna July 1986.
- t. Military Applications of Air-Photo Interpretation: Presented to the Training Wing of the NDA Military University, Kaduna June 1986.

Thoughts on Ekiti

- i. Call for a Paradigm Shift on Purpose Driven Governance and Leadership on 6/3/21, published in Thisday, The Nation and Vanguard.
- ii. Interrogating the new Sociology of Ekiti People - 2016
- iii. Eyes on the Ball: Get it Right, The Nation of 25/4/11

- iv. Reliving the Rich Heritage of Ise-Ekiti, published in The Nation of 24/2/10
- v. Humbling Verdict, Business Day and Thisday in 2009
- vi. Call the Perverse to Order, Next newspaper in August 2009
- vii. Voice of Reason published in The Nation in 2009
- viii. A Just Rerun in Ekiti Election, The Guardian in July 2009
- ix. April 21 2007 Senatorial Election: What I Saw, The News Like He that Serveth, King Elekole Adeleye. Published in Guardian in 2007
- xi. Ekiti Nation: Homogeneity with Distinction, published in the maiden edition of Ekitipanupo Magazine
- xii. If I Were My People, published in Thisday on 18/2/07
- xiii. Communal Revelry: Ifaki Day 2006, published in Nov 2006
- xiv. A Seminal Village Square, published in Nigeria World in September 2006
- xv. Okorobo Ifaki Festival – A tourists’ Delight, published in Business Day and Thisday in September 2006
- xvi. Financing Options and Business Support Initiatives open to Ekiti People, a presentation at World Ekiti Business Summit 2006 held in May 2006
- xvii. Community Leaders Close Rank, Business Day publication in June 2006
- xviii. Customized Policies Socio-Economic Development of Ekiti State, published Business Day on 14/3/06
- xix. Panu-parapo, a call for harmony in February 2, 2005
- xx. Ekitipanupo: A Charge to the World Ekiti Summit held in Huston, USA May 2004
- xxi. Ekiti - A Naturally Endowed State: A concise research on the resourcefulness of Ekiti State packaged for the special publication for Ekiti Day held at Ado-Ekiti December 6 2003
- xxii. Stop It Now, a reaction to conflict on the sharing of Ondo-Sate Assets when Ekiti was created in 1999
- xxiii. Ekiti Indigenes want Own State, The Guardian of 31/03/96

- xxiv. On the Choice of State Capital, published in Tribune, 4/1/95
- xxv. Creation of Ekiti State, an open letter to the then Head of State, dated 19-12-94

Integrated Essays, National Issues, Economic and Socio-Political Views

- a. Atedo Peterside: Man of Integrity, published in Thisday 2019
- b. Yorubapanupo: Antidote for disharmony in the leadership of the Yoruba nation. Published in The Guardian 2009
- c. Quintessential Olowokure Twins at 80. Published in Guardian December 2009
- d. The Electorate Should Be Candidates Driven - Published the Nigeria World, Business Day and Thisday in 2007
- e. Quandary of Choosing Role Models and electing Nigerian Leaders, published in Thisday, Financial Standard and Business Day in June 2006
- f. Foremost Academic and The First Professor of Mathematics in Nigeria, published in The Guardian, 2006
- g. A Paragon of Academic Brilliance: Professor D. F. Ojo (1919-1991) published in The Guardian of 22/10/06.
- h. Tai Solarin - The Last Social Critic, published in Thisday, Business Day in 2006
- i. The Jew in us – Third or Barabbas published in New Age newspapers in April 2006
- j. Honesty: The Smugness of a Nation, published in Business Day of January 28 2004
- k. A Salute to Sir Rufus Foluso Giwa, published in the Business Day of 18/04/03, Thisday of 20/04/03 and The News Magazine in June 2003
- l. Colonial Hangover, published in Comet (The Nation) on 08/03/02
- m. The Last Awoist, a Tribute to Chief Bola Ige published in The Comet on September 4 2001
- n. Personalizing Public Office, Thisday August 4, 2001

- o. Irrevocable and Non-Negotiable Debt: Death, written in 2001
- p. An Attorney and a Gentleman: Chief I. I. Akapo (1931-1990), published in Thisday and Guardian in 2002
- q. Democracy and Nationalism, published in Guardian in 1999
- r. Murder of an Amazon published in The Guardian in 1998
- s. Africa: Beacons of Hope Amidst the Gloom, September 1996

Some Milestones

- a. Co-organised the 1st Ekiti Day held in Ado-Ekiti in 2003
- b. Convened Ekitipanupo Forum, an indigenous intellectual roundtable on March 6 2005
- c. Convened Capital Market Roundtable for all ranks of stakeholders in Nigeria on 15/8/08
- d. Initiated and organized the maiden Ekitipanupo Public Lecture on April 7th 2007
- e. Initiated and published Ekitipanupo Magazine and Legacy Book in 2007 and 2015
- f. Coordinated the 2nd Ekitipanupo Public Lecture held at Afe Babalola University in 2015
- g. Coordinated Ekiti Colloquium hosted by Ekitipanupo in 2016
- h. Chairman, Board of Trustees of Bandele Falegan Foundation

Other Personal Interests

- ✓ Enjoys reading, writing, organ music – choral hymns, squash racket and chess
- ✓ Likes keeping good company, of honourable people

The cover features a black and white portrait of Adebukola Oluseye Adetumbi, a woman wearing a traditional Ekiti headwrap and a patterned garment. The background is dark. The title 'Atokebeirosi 2022' is at the top in a large, stylized font. A circular logo on the right contains the text 'Atokebeirosi OKAN 2022'. A grey banner at the bottom contains the name 'ADEBUKOLA OLUSEYE ADETUMBI' and the subtitle 'Purpose Driven Leadership and Plausible Government in Ekiti'.

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4.4. Pictorial Highlights Background



Seye in 1964 with parents, Chief & Mrs D.O. Adetunmbi University of Ilorin product



Seye with siblings and their father in 1980. Sitting L-R: Senator Olu Adetunmbi, Mrs Yetunde Makinde, Baba, Chief Kayode Adetunmbi and Dayo Adetunmbi. Standing L-R: Mrs Nike Ogunyemi, Mrs Bosede Afolabi and Seye Adetunmbi



Rt. Rev. J.K. Olowokure (godfather of Seye Adetunmbi), Rt. Rev. Peter Awelewa Adebisi, Ven P. B. Oyebolu, Ven Wole Omotuyi, Ven J. Adebisi, Reverends Tosin Owoye, Kayode Okunuga, Siji Kolawole, Akin Akeredolu and Gbenga Ajayi at the thanksgiving service marking 50th birthday anniversary of Seye on 21/7/2012.

Corporate Outings



The stockbroker and investment banker, Seye Adetunmbi (r) on duty as the Chief Responsibility Officer of Niche Securities Limited at the Completion Board Meeting of Omega Bank PLC's Public Offer in 2005.



Seye (R) with the Senate President, Chief Pius Anyim (L) and ELAN team while following up on the Leasing Bill in 2002



Seye as the CEO of Index Asset Management Limited (IAML), personalizing service to two of his prime clients, Chief & Mrs M.S. Adigun on 13/11/07



Seye, the CEO of IAML with NOVARE team: Johan Henn, Tshakalisa Matiwaza and Derrick Roper at a business prospecting meeting in South Africa in 2007



L-R Dipo Aina, Tayo Shenbanjo, Seye Adetunmbi (standing) Wole Abegunde, Yomi Sanya at one of the activities of Capital Market Roundtable (CMR) in 2015



Some of the prominent members of CMR L-R: Ariyo Olushekun, Past President of CIS (PPC); HRH Oladipo Aina, PPC; Mike Itegboje, PPC; Seye Adetunmbi, Convener of CMR; Henry Olayemi, PPC and Tola Mobolurin, PPC at a CIS function in 2019



a). Seye with Atedo Peterside at his investiture as a Fellow of the Nigerian Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers. b). Seye flanked by Tofarati Augusto and Prof Gbolahan Elias at his investiture as a Fellow of CIS in 2012

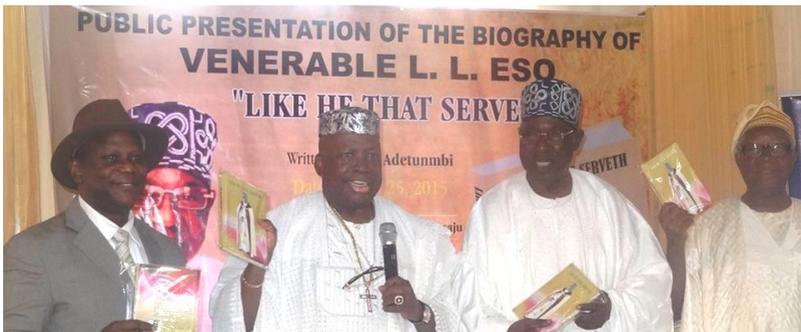


Seye with the CEO of the Nigerian Stock Exchange, the then D-G of Securities and Exchange Commission and other professional colleagues at the annual conference of Stockbokers in 2012



Seye with Sir Bunmi Famosaya & Mr Lekan Aiyeleso during opening ceremony of the training of Valueinvesting for Ekiti State senior government officials on 5/12/15

The Prolific Author



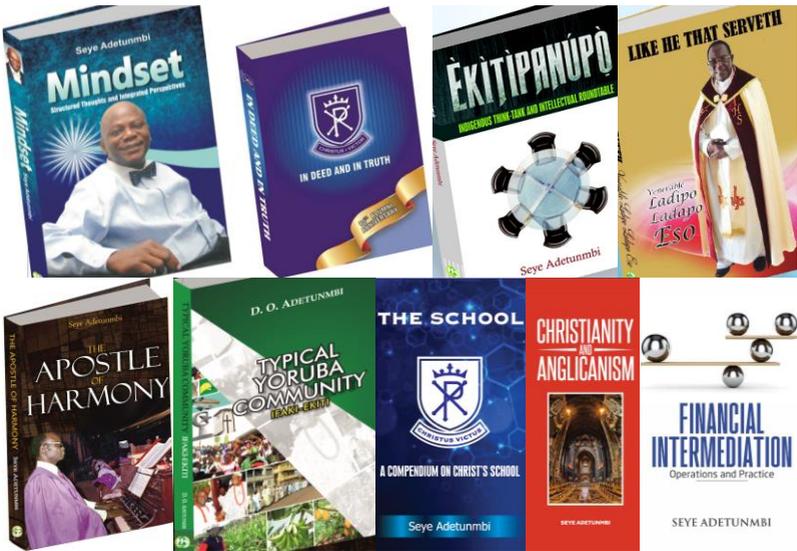
Seye Adetunmbi (author), Chief Dele Fajemirokun (Chief Launcher), Ven. L.L. Eso and Prince B. A. Onafowokan at the public presentation of the biography of Ven Eso, written to mark 80th birthday in August 2015



The unveiling of “In Deed and in Truth” put together by Seye to mark 80th anniversary of founding Christ’s School, Ado-Ekiti. Dr Kayode Fayemi unveiled it on 20/10/13



Multidimensional Prolific Writer



Some of the published books written by Seye Adetunmbi

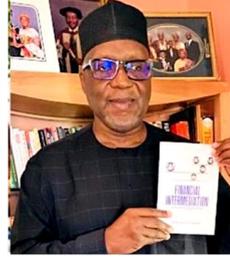
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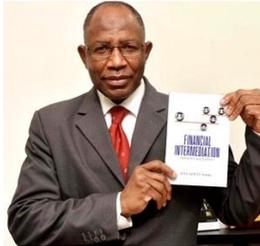
A collector's item – **Atedo Peterside**



The book displays arrays of historical and empirical knowledge about the Nigerian securities markets – **Chief Dele Fajemirokun**



The book shows how the market has grown and tries to establish pathways to the future – **Alimi Abdulrazaq**



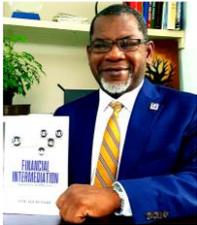
A major contribution to capital market in Nigeria – **Lamido Yuguda**, D-G, Securities & Exchange Commission



A timely book - **Arunmah Oteh**, onetime SEC D-G



The book will fill a lot of vacuums that exist when we talk of the capital market in Nigeria – **Oscar Onyema**, CEO, Nigerian Stock Exchange



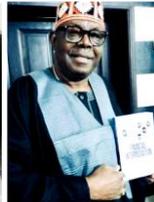
It is an excellently punctuated book, a great work in academic exercise and would be a wonderful addition to anyone's library – **Bola Ajomale**, CEO, NASD PLC



I find the book very appropriate, it is a useful guide for navigating the market as a non-operator – **Dr. U. J. Itsuehi**, Chairman, Dubril Oil



Brilliant expository dissertation
Ven. L. L. Eso



A detailed guidebook for practitioners and a well researched book for other professionals in the capital market – **Otunba Akin Osiyemi** FCA



We need a robust capital market for Nigeria to get it right, the unique book is the way to go. **Senator Ibikunle Amosun**



A reference manual, textbook and guidebook for investment banking in Nigeria – **Bolade Oyebola** FCA



Good quality book. Postgraduate Students would find it useful – **Afe Babalola**



Ekiti Socio-Political and Economic Development Activities



Dr Ayo Ajayi, Prince Julius Adelusi-Adeluyi, Seye Adetunmbi and Prof Akin Oyebode at the debut Public Lecture of Ekitipanupo on April 7, 2007



Okanlomo-Eletolua-Atokebeiro digging native gong & sekere music of Popular and his Ekitipanupo Native Band at the 1st Public Lecture of Ekitipanupo in 2007



Seye and Dr. Ayo Ajayi, onetime CEO of UAC PLC and with Prof Niyi Osundare



Unveiling of Ekitipanupo Legacy Book on May 23rd 2015 at ABUAD, Ado-Ekiti



Distinguished Ekiti Man Merit Award presented to Aare Afe Babalola on May 23rd 2015, by Chief Wole Olanipekun, supported by Prof Laofe Ogundipe and Seye



Prof Dupe Adelabu, Femi Falana SAN, Hon Niyi Afuye, Senator Olubunmi Adetunmbi, Seye Adetunmbi and Dr Femi Orebe at the maiden Colloquium of Ekitipanupo Forum held in Lagos

Recognitions and Awards



King Adeleye II installed Seye Adetunmbi as the Okanlomo of Ikole-Ekiti on 19/1/08



Oba Pastor M.F. Fabunmi, the Onarinla IV, Onifisin of Ifisin-Ekiti used anointing oil to install Seye as the Eletolua of Ifisin-Ekiti on 7/10/11



Okanlomo Eletolua flanked by 13 of his beautiful *iyawo-ile* from Ifaki-Ekiti who accompanied him to Ifisin-Ekiti for the chieftaincy installation ceremony



At Ifaki Day on 4/11/06, Seye Adetunmbi was honored by his people with a Merit Award and was accompanied by the wives of Adetunmbi-Adelodun family



Seye Adetunmbi (2nd left) received Worthy Alumnus Award from Christ School Alumni Association, North America Chapter on 14/9/13 in Atlanta Georgia



Ekiti Parapo Association of New York Honored him in 2013

Ore Arugbo with a Passion for Culture and Traditions

Always comfortable with elderly people



Chief Deji Fasuan and Seye in 2015 and with High Chief Alex Ajayi in 2017



a) Chief S. P. Ajibade, Dr Adebimpe Okunade & Seye during 80th birthday celebration of Mama Okunade in 2012. b) Bowo, Seye & Mama Ade-John on 24/11/13



Most Rev Joseph Abiodun Adetiloye & Seye on 2/10/10 at Odo Owa-Ekiti and on 22/1/15 with Brigadier-General Daramola in Ibadan



Seye with Prof Adelola Adeloje on 23/8/12 also with Chief Mrs Olorunfemi



Courtesy call on Baba S.B. Falegan at Ado-Ekiti and Prof Banji Akintoye in Lagos



Seye, Prof Omolewa & Aare Afe Babalola in 2015 and with his grandmother in 1991



Seye with his school Principal, Pa P.O. Adewole and Major-General James Oluleye



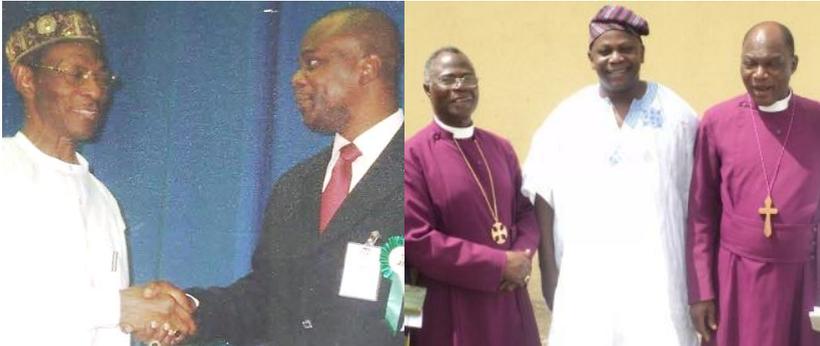
Eye-olobi, Ibiyinka Omoniyi and Seye were glad to one another at Ifaki on 22/12/07. Likewise, Pa Fadare a.k.a. Olorunwa and Seye on 25/10/15



Seye with Christ's School alumni elders in 2011 in Ado-Ekiti L-R: Chief SB Falegan, Chief F. A. Daramola, Chief Olusola Bayode and Chief Deji Fasuan,



L-R: Ven L.L. Eso, Dr B.A. Onafowokan, Prof T. Ogunlesi and Seye on 25/12/15 in Lagos



Seye with Mr Integrity, Gamaniel Onosode in 2002. Also flanked by the Rt. Rev Peter A. Adebiyi and Rt. Rev Michael Ipinmoye at the debut of Igbimo Ure Ekiti on 21/10/11.

Royal Fathers and Okanlomo Eletolua



Elekole Adeleye and his Okanlomo



Seye and Oba Apeju Oniyelu



Oba Justice Ademola Ajakaiye, Oba Oladele Olashore,



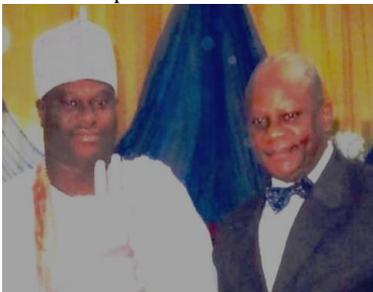
Oba Abolarinwa & Seye



At the opening ceremony of the ultramodern ABUAD Teaching Hospital in Ado-Ekiti. Seye flanked by Royal Majesties L-R: Elefon of Efon Alaaye, Olojudo of Ido-Ekiti, King Ado Bayero of Okene and Alara of Aramoko

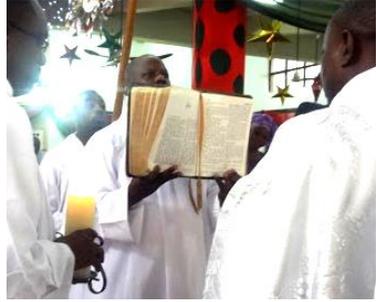
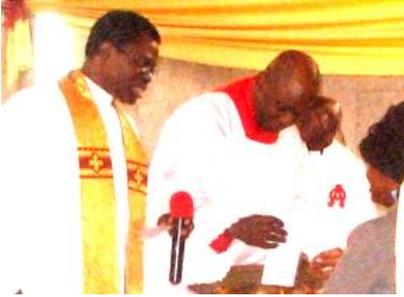


Seye presented Ekitipanupo Legacy Book to Ewi Ado and was with Arinjale of Ise-Ekiti in his palace.



Seye with Oonirisa Ogunwusi in 2018. Also with the nonegarian Olowokure twins, Bishop J.K. Olowokure is his Godfather.

Keen Church Man



On duty as an Altar Server at Anglican Church, Omodara Street, Opebi, Lagos



Seye was licensed as a Lay Reader in 2016 by Rt Rev J.O. Adedeji. Also with, Rt Rev I.O. Olubowlae at the Synod of 2018 as a nominee of Bishop of Ekiti-Oke



Seye received Anglican Fellowship Society of AVM Cathedral Award on 18/11/18

Miscellaneous



Seye Adetunmbi the activist, one of the conveners of New PAGE (Push Against Government Excesses) during a protest on 6/12/10 at TBS Square, Lagos against the jumbo pay of the legislators at the National Assembly



The passionate farmer



Chief Bukola Oluwadiya and Seye on duty



Seye exercised his franchise during governorship election on 14/7/18.



Celebration of the victory of Governor Fayemi at the polls on the 15th July 2018, Ifaki *ayans* and other indigenes came to rejoice with the Adetunmbis.



Seye at the inauguration ceremony of Governor Fayemi in 2018 flanked by Mrs Fola Richie-Adewusi & Chief Mrs Remi Balogun. Also with Mrs Funke Falodun, Mrs Wura Ajibade & Dr Wole Oluyede at the presidential rally on 5/2/19 in Ado



Seye on 4/11/19 during a courtesy visit to the Deputy Governor of Kwara-State, Hon. Kayode Alabi in Ilorin also with Bishop Olubowale at Ifaki in Jan 2021



Seye presented maiden edition of Mindset and Ekitipanupo Legacy Book to Chief Olusegun Obasanjo in Lagos on the 29th April, 2017



Seye (MC), joined dignitaries at the 80th birthday celebration of Chief Obasanjo in 2017 in Lagos



Messrs Fafaa Princewill, Uba Sani, Seye and Nuru Ribadu at the 80th birthday celebration hosted in honor of Baba Obasanjo in Ikoyi, Lagos.



Seye with the Deputy Governor of Osun-State, Hon. Gboyega Alabi and his wife on 5/1/20 in Lagos



Abi Adigun & Seye at Ndola, Zambia in 1994



Muyiwa Ayoade & Seye in Lagos



Table-Tennis, a favourite of Seye as a little boy. Represented Ekiti West in the old Ondo-State School Sports competition. In action at Ifaki on September 16th 2015, which enabled him to bond with the youths that he is always comfortable with, a modest contribution towards inspiring them.

4.5. Quotes and Voice of the People

How benevolent, productive, relevant, and resourceful a government and an administration will be, is a function of the purpose of the leadership. The mindset of a leader defines the kind of leadership that will be provided irrespective of the tier of government that is involved. Real leadership is not just a role one plays, it is a life one leads and this can only be built on a good and strong character to deliver an enduring good government to the masses.



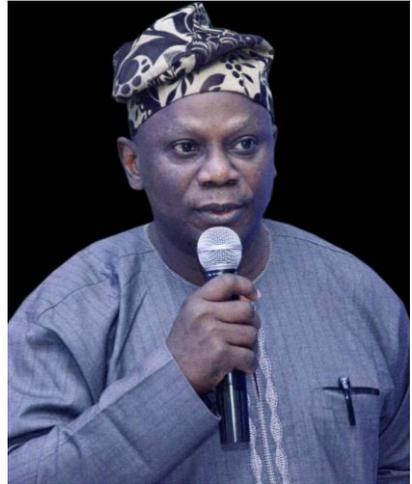
Good leadership in the governance of nations and states is the bedrock for development. Consequently, it is imperative to consciously groom good leadership for future; a visionary leadership characterized by values and commitment to the custom of excellence. There is need to depart from rat race governing system and entrench a new paradigm for a more enduring purposeful governance for the benefit of the majority on a lasting note.

Once the foundation is bad, deceptive and structured to serve a narrow sect, the poor masses will be short-changed in perpetuity. For as long as Nigeria operates a questionable constitution it will take a sincere leadership with conscience at all tiers of government to deliver optimal benefits of democracy to the masses and make progress considerably as a nation or as a state.



Just as the federal government of Nigeria needs a fundamental policy reset to durably exit economic crises and warped system, the state governments need to get real and rejig the way politics are played. The advocacy is to explore tested new plausible ways for governing our people. We cannot continue to do the same thing repeatedly and expect a different result.

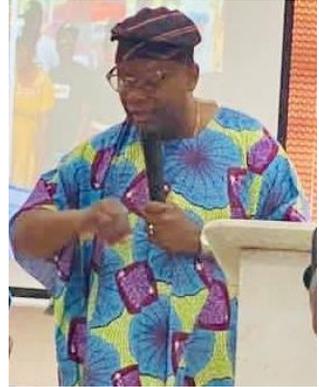
Recycling people with the status quo mindset in government will continue to set us back. Whoever truly means well for the people will associate with the Paradigm Shift Movement (PSM). It is worth it to give fresh vista of opportunities a chance under a disciplined, more dynamic and honest leadership.



Over the years, I have been called upon privately and publicly to run for the office of Governor in Ekiti-State by some well-meaning indigenes. On a number of occasions, a few non-Ekiti associates who have been following my modest socio-political progressive activities all these years on Ekiti also prompted me along this line. My response had always been that I have at various times supported political aspirations of a number of people and stood by those who have governed Ekiti-State personally and through Ekitipanupo Forum. Let me see them through first. A good turn is expected to deserve another and wisdom demands that I should heed the call at the opportune time. If it is not God's time, you cannot force it; but when it is God's time, you cannot stop it.



Paradigm Shift Movement (PSM) is about departure from a system that has become one huge waste. An intervention of a purpose driven governance that will clear debris of deceit, duplicity, double dealing, lies and treachery. An administration that will be bold to correct and demobilize politicians who have turned our politics into a hoax, an arena of dissimulation and guile.



When one is called upon to lead, it comes with responsibility to bring the best out of others. It is not just a matter of wearing a crown or parading the title of an office. PSM is about “servant-authority” whereby whoever emerges as the president, senator, governor or councilor will see himself or herself as the chief servant officer.



One of the fastest ways to curb the excesses of the insensitive northern hegemonists is what the Southern Governors’ Forum is doing. When it comes to matter of security, national fiscal discipline and restructuring of Nigeria, they should speak with one voice irrespective of their political party affiliation.

If all the states in the southern Nigeria could get their acts together by governing their people with conscience and productively, block infiltration of their ranks and incursion of overtly ambitious elements who will do anything for money and political power, the inconsiderate and rapacious politicians and apologists setting us back as a nation will be contained. The “divide and rule” potent tool will be neutralized. It is no rocket science! For as long as the ruthlessly clannish northern politicians have collaborators and partners in greed among the political class in southern Nigeria, there will be no peace. Clip the wing of the powerful politicians who are against a restructured and better Nigeria by drying up the fountain of their retrogressive partners in oppressive tendencies in the south. Demobilize and block their lubricants



Leadership is essentially about service, empowerment and inspiration and not about control, power and manipulation. My prayer is that whatever my calling, my lot, my circumstances and my divine given gifts, may God grant me the grace to use all to serve my people and glorify our creator. Here I am, send me to lead the paradigm shift in a lasting purpose driven governance in Ekiti, come 2022, God being my helper.



Commendations as an Author, Testimonials on Ekitipanupo Initiative and other Integrated Activities



*An extract from the Foreword by **Professor Akin Oyebo** to the book *Mindset* written by Seye Adetunmbi.*

The compendium has added a unique contribution to the growing literature on the proverbial question of “Whither Nigeria?” ...The author succeeded in making his work partly biographical, technical and partly historical, thereby rendering it as one of enduring value and relevance, especially to this and successive generations...Every one of us has a definite mindset, informed and shaped by a weltanschauung or world-view. Seye Adetunmbi has, through this book, exhibited his own window to the world – 1/7/12

You are irresistible and irrepressible. You are indeed a rare asset to Ifaki and no doubt to Ekiti..... You are, apart from your professional expertise, too many things rolled into one: an essayist, an historian, a literary artist, an activist, a journalist, a critic, an organizer, a mobilizer etc - 4/1/12 Our dear Okan, you are such an impresario! - **Professor Sam Ade Ojo** 2/2/12

You are deep in upbringing and you have in addition, "given yourself a rebirth". No doubt you have created a niche for yourself. - **Professor Funso Olorunfemi** 16/1/12

An amazing effort. Congratulations my dear Okan; you are obviously the linchpin - the '*non pareil*'. More grease to your elbows. **Dr Femi Orebe**

Lt Col Remi Balogun (Rtd) wrote:

...You are indeed a Bishop. You will soon stand on the pulpit, that's where you belong. You are an apostle not a crusader that you think you are. Pray for more revelation of God's will for you... You actually have a message for the nations of the world...Please let your light so shine. - Remi Balogun

Seye is so prolific - **Bisi Sanda** 22/1/12

Eletolua, master-festo-craft - **Gbenga Ogunsakin** 22/1/12

Oba ibo mi ran ni oga Seye o! Scepter has ever been in his hand since he was born - **Pastor Bayo Ojo**

Dr Femi Orebe wrote on a birthday anniversary of Seye:

Okanlomo you have been a distinct pride to us all. The way you have made a 'family' of thousands of Ekiti, home and abroad, and enable us to daily interact is truly unique. The good Lord will continue to renew you. Amen. Happy birthday. Many happy returns.

Happy birthday to a natural leader, Okan. May God give you long life and perfect health. You have brought an enduring source of pride to Ekiti people all over the world. You provided us with an alternative government. God in His mercy will reward you in ways unimaginable to you. Amen - **Adewale Adeoye**, Itapaji-Ekiti

Our darling Chief Okanlomo Oyinyo of Egbeoba Kingdom, the entire members of the Egbeoba National Development Council in Diaspora salute and rejoice with you, sir, as you turn the page on another year. The new year you started today shall be a glorious and fulfilling one. We are ever proud of you and we enjoy you to keep the flag flying. We wish you good health, long life and prosperity. *As'eyi s'amodun. Ase-re-re-a-re!* Many happy returns of today, sir. Happy birthday, sir. - **Olabisi Lateef JAF-Ogunlayi**

I wish this illustrious son of Ekiti and Nigeria a wonderful birthday and many happy returns of the day. The moderator of Ekitipanupo is unconsciously writing his name in gold for the future generation. I salute him for his courage and steadfastness and pray God to grant him many more years of service to our Ekiti State and our nation. Congratulations and Happy birthday - Hakeem Jamiu

Aburo, I know you miss Baba every day. But then, he replicated himself in you before passing on into glory. So, in you he left behind a credible legacy. My prayer is that God should enlarge your feet to fit into his shoes. And even enlarge it more that it will outgrow his own shoes, such that your own children will find an inspiration for aspiration - **Diipo Bamidele**, Ilupeju-Ekiti

Okanlomo Seye Adetunmbi Eletolua! The name looms larger than the man not because he likes to walk in the shadow, his frame or because of his pre-eminence in the cowrie world of moneybags but because of the universal appeal of the creation of his brain, ala Ekitipanupo. A year ago, that appeal drew your family, friends and admirers from far and near to mark your golden age at Ikeja where eminent Ekiti sons and daughters gathered to give you a deserved honour in a double event featuring a book launch and birthday bash. At that event, you shone like the radiance of the king in your tradition “*etu*” *full agbada* regalia that made you look like a man in a starting block for a race to add more accolades to the life already full of accomplishments. A year later, I am proud that you have not faltered in this mission of life of greatness. I am proud to be associated with you and I pray that you continue to add more value to that friendship. I rejoice with you on your day my worthy friend. More successes in your business and all you do, robust health and peace of mind in your family. Wa a rakoba o. Enini aye a di mo o. Happy birthday! - **Wole Olujobi**, 21/7/2013

Comments on Ekitipanupo Initiative



Apparently Ekitipanupo Forum means a lot to the members as evident in their various goodwill messages over the years some of which are highlighted here.

The initiative of *Ekitipanupo* is a product of genuine reflective thinking. We honour, cherish and love you for the ability and capability to accurately forecast the adequate instrument for the development of Ekiti through intellectual approach to issues. - **Jide Akilaya**

I value the adventurous energy of Seye Adetunmbi who, from now on, I will be calling the People-Gatherer - **Professor Niyi Osundare**
20/1/12

Bravo! I say again, you are the non pareil. Bravo. - **Dr Femi Orebe**

It takes an exceptionally brilliant mind to create and nurture a forum like this. It's a great accomplishment. - **Dr Adedamola Dada**

You created a forum where echoes from the valley are heard by those on top of the mountain and those atop share their fears and aspirations with the feet-dwellers. You rekindled hope and brought together ties once severed, and brought the lowly and the mighty into a common fold. You have created the best multi-party parliament. – **Wale Adeoye**

Instrument of strategic thinking – **Gbenga Ogunsakin**, Ado-Ekiti

A Multi-Party Parliament: Congratulations to Okan and his team. The construction of the airplane started with a mental picture. Ekitipanupo has grown from a dream to a reality. It's so wonderful to

learn new things here every day. You have given us so much even though, I know, we have given so little. You have created a forum where echoes from the valley are heard by those on top of the mountain and those atop share their fears and aspirations with the feet-dwellers. You have rekindled hope and brought together ties once severed and cords that never existed have been created and nurtured. You have given us opportunities that the best newspaper, radio or TV in the world can ever provide. You have brought the lowly and the mighty into a common fold. You have created the best multi-party parliament where everyone sits and holds the mace and even the ace as equals; where everyone is a Speaker at the same time a floor member. Through this network, tears have been wiped away from trapped souls in faraway Libya and locals in the recesses of our homesteads have seen gains and great changes never imagined, through a mere click of the button. Okan and his team, I thank you for this web of inestimable value. Thank you. - **Adewale Adeoye** - Itapaji

Well Done: I was very happy this morning when I read that Ekitipanupo was 8 years old. May God who has begun the good work continue to guide, guard, protect and support you in all your undertakings through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Teacher. Well done and God bless. **Rt. Rev. Michael Ipinmoye**, Ijelu-Ekiti

I Live Here: The critic part of me resisted the urge to congratulate my friend Seye on this 8th anniversary of this vibrant forum because I see it as bigger than him; however, my logic part concluded that Ekitipanupo “The Forum” may not have materialized without Seye. In fact, it was Seye who invited me to join the forum, thus, it became compelling to acknowledge the vision of the visionary of this great endeavour. Love it or hate it, Ekitipanupo is a desirable forum for the discerning minds of Ekiti ancestry and it is an honor to be part of this initiative, and I congratulate the initiator, Okanlomo Oluseye omo Baba Adetunmbi for being the husband, the wife and the parent who has assiduously nurtured this great forum to its eight birthday.

Congratulations ore, and for your information, I live here - **Victor Adewusi**, Iyin-Ekiti, USA

Great Accomplishment: I congratulate Okanlomo and Ekitipanupo. It takes an exceptionally brilliant mind to create and nurture a forum like this. It's a great accomplishment. - **Dr Adedamola Dada**, Ijero-Ekiti

Instrument of Strategic Thinking: *Okan mi tooto, eyi yi ni lati ki o pe o ku'se.* And refresh the mind of all that actually panupo was one of your jokers for e-eleven as its pioneer and forever most celebrated General Secretary, but which was nipped because the more politically-headed ones could not wait to lick the hot soup. Where is e-eleven today? It is a hard parable on the attitude of the new Interpreters of Ekiti to life, and in their guile and gimmicks how one can miscarry easily the solemn rituals aimed at the transformation of life. Their cheerier pastime is politics, more politics and more and more. Panupo was meant to be an instrument of strategic thinking in guiding that far sighted project to maximum gains. What we celebrate today, with glory to the good God is the successful half-life. With the privileged of inside info, though licence on my Seye Adetunmbi, gratitude to you all. – **Gbenga Ogunsakin**, Ado-Ewi

Product of Genuine Reflective Thinking: Okanlomo, *mo ki o. Aba re ni jo, aba 'Detunmbi!* Lucky you, you are a replica of your father, the sage. *Agbari po!* The initiative of Panupo is a product of genuine reflective thinking. We honour, cherish and love Oloye Okanlomo for his ability and capability to accurately forecast the adequate instrument for the development of Ekiti through intellectual approach to issues. Basically, the veritable means of development is through intellectual analysis. I cherish immensely my membership of the Forum. *A ku odun. Seye, omo oluwo ka ra o le* - **Jide Akilaya**, Ifaki-Ekiti.

Will Remain Indelible in The Minds of Ekiti People

Please permit me to register my congratulation to all members of this august body on the 8th anniversary of EKITIPANUPO. A forum I believe will remain perpetually indelible in the minds of all Ekiti sons and daughters. Am particularly grateful to Chief Seye Adetunmbi whose electronic ingenuity created this monumental association and especially the virtues it has espoused in the lives of all members through daily interaction. How can I forget our elders especially the courage and integrity, the culture of excellence and professionalism they have always demonstrated have continued to propel us forward? Okan, like I always told you, "you are the best". - **Akin Kolawole**, Otun-Ekiti

Bravo: I say again; you are the non pareil. Bravo. - **Dr Femi Orebe**, Are-Ekiti

More Grease...Okanlomo, *kare lae!* More grease (I mean to say more vaseline) to your elbow. - **Sir Remi Omotoso**, Aiyedun-Ekiti

Positive Contribution to Democracy: Seye has made a positive contribution to democratic governance. Happy birthday to our Panupo - **Dr Williams Borisade**, Igogo-Ekiti

Congratulations: Congratulations to Seye and all forumites. May God fill all of us with the spirit of success and progress. May God bless Ekiti state abundantly - **Bode Ojo** a.k.a. Tope Porta/Ifaki-Ekiti

Proud to Belong: A big congratulation to all forumites and most especially the initiators and all our gladiators in Ekitipanupo! More grease to your elbows and plenty ink to your pen. Am proud to belong here and thanks for giving us the young ones the platform to benefit and learn from your pool(s) of wisdom. *E se sir. A ku orire o.* - **Ayodele Orebe**, Are-Ekiti

A Great Privilege: Happy Birthday Ekitipanupo! Its indeed a great privilege and honour to sit at this table and share with all of you my fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters. I have made many friends and contacts who have all become part of my life on this august forum. Thank you all. Looking forward to the many more years ahead as we continue to evolve. *A ju se o. Amin.* - **Oludayo Olorunfemi**, Aiyedun-Ekiti

Done Well: Okan! You have done well. God will guide and guard all forumites. Amen - **Otunba Tunde Apata**, Isan-Ekiti

Best Wishes: Hearty cheers to Chief Okanlomo and the distinguished members who have toiled to make Ekitipanupo what it is today! Kind regards and best wishes, always. - **Adebanji Dada**, Itaji-Ekiti, USA

Great Initiative: Hurray Ekitipanupo is eight years old! I congratulate Adebukola Oluseye Adetunmbi for this great initiative. For Ekitipanupo to wax strong, fulfil its mandate, we need to identify the inadequacies/flaws/weaknesses in the Forum with a view to rectifying them. This should be on our front burner. I felicitate with all of us on the Forum. Many happy returns. Love and Peace Profound. - **Dr Adebimpe Okunade**, Oye-Ekiti

Visionary Initiative: Seye, congratulations on the visionary initiative of Panupo portal and kudos to the Back Office – **Dr Abiodun Adu**, UK/Ikere-Ekiti

Landmark Effort: Quite an apt summary of a landmark effort. Okan deserves our adulation. Congratulations, Ekitipanupo web forum! **Kayode Afolabi**, Ijero-Ekiti

Uncommon Political Platform: I thank God Almighty for this unique and uncommon Ekiti intellectual platform that enables me to freely express my views and contributions towards the development

of my State. "*Ti a ba pe ori aja, a pe ori ikoko ti won fi see*". *Ti o ba da bi owe, eyin agba ulu's edari jimi*. There's no way we will talk of this laudable initiative that we will not mention the initiator, so on this note I sincerely want to commend the initiator and the founder of this forum "Ekitipanupo". My beloved senior and my big uncle Seye, may God Almighty continue to bless you. You have done this and you will continue to do greater things in life. Amen. Uncle Seye, I have this for you: "Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly." — Robert F. Kennedy" Only those who attempt the absurd can achieve the impossible." — Albert Einstein "Whenever you want to achieve something, keep your eyes open, concentrate and make sure you know exactly what it is you want. No one can hit their target with their eyes closed." — Paulo Coelho. Please keep the flag flying. Benjamin Franklin said, "Critics are our friends, they show us our faults" at the same time "don't bow down to critics who have not themselves written great masterpieces" - Lawrence Ferlinghetti. Happy celebration to all.... It's one family - **Dotun Aladeberu**

Benefit of Meeting People: For the benefit of meeting one person, two persons, many persons who have made not a little difference in my world and Ekiti view we give thanks to Panupo. For the spirit of Ile Abiye we give thanks to Panupo. May the lights never fade - **Dele Babatunde, Ado-Ekiti**

A Rallying Point: I thank God for your life and for making it a great blessing to others, particularly to the Ekitis. Your magnetising role to Ekiti intellectuals through Ekitipanupo as a rallying point for the exchange of ideas and for the distillation and fertilisation laboratory of superior arguments for the progress of Ekiti has become part of the history of Ekiti. This your cardinal role has enlisted you among those that Andre Malraux classified as 'makers of history'. This is to congratulate Okan and all the wonderful members of Ekitipanupo family on the 8th Year Anniversary of Ekitipanupo. I wish the Forum many more years of useful service to our State and of fruitful

relationships between the ever increasing members of the great family. - **Ade Ojo**, Ifaki-Ekiti

Intellectual Platform: Congrats to Ekitipanupo Forum on its 8th Founding Anniversary. Kudos to Okan Seye Adetunmbi for his foresight, diligence and tenacious dispositions toward the formation, growth and sustenance of this intellectual platform for Ekitis. After all, it's not easy *lati k'ori tutu jo*, particularly the Ekitis, the strong-willed people. To God be the glory. *Ire O.* - **Otunba Ayan Kolawole**, Ikun-Ekiti

Avenue to Engage Who Is Who: Congratulations to everyone (Alagbas, Uncles, Aunties, brothers, Sisters and friends) especially the initiator, *Oloye Seye Adetunmbi* and the Leader Prof Akin Oyebode ably supported by the back office. Apart from being another institute of learning, it has been a portal to access free consultancy services in any area of human endeavour. For the younger generations it has been an opportunity to wine and dine with the Elders, for the less opportune and less accomplished, it has created an avenue to engage some big men and 'who is who' in the society in purposeful, productive and constructive discussions. To an extent too, it has provided opportunity to put erring people on the spot while also appreciating and commending achievers and those who mean well in the spirit of togetherness in one family. As a group of people with homogeneous cord of cultural semblance, Ekitipanupo has also maximised reconciliation, love and care among members more than brewing cold relationships. Many times I had thought of my shortcomings and wondered if I can be a moderator that will perform better than our moderator, thus on reflecting, I concluded that the hardest job anyone can accept is being a moderator of a group of every character that can be defined as human being. Cast the first stone if you are not a sinner. On that note, focusing on strengths I heartily congratulate our moderator, Okan Oyinyo Elekole and all of us for being drivers on a high traffic road with very minimal breach codes of conduct and astounding

compliances. We have tried. Congratulations everyone. - **Ayodeji Olaleye**, Ootunja-Ekiti

Force to Reckon with: Let me congratulate the initiator, the moderator, the members EBO and the entire members of the forum. The forum had become a force to reckon with. I'm happy and feel proud to be part of this forum. I hope we can roll out drums to celebrate our 10th year anniversary. Mo yo fun gbogbo. Ire Ekiti a s'aju gbogbo wa. Amin. - **Peter Olaleye**, Ilogbo-Ekiti

An Enduring Legacy: My dear brother Seye, it is great to know that this forum has clocked 8. How time flies. I congratulate you Okan for the vision borne out of an uncommon Zeal and vision for our nativity. May God continue to increase you. I must confess that the purpose for my electing to join this forum has been achieved. It has indeed served as the base for being in touch with happenings in Ekiti. May this forum continue to wax strong as an outpost of intellectual discuss of issues bothering on our common destiny. I however do wish it will be less combative but more friendly yet get deep into issues that will advance our state. My dear brother Seye, I am certain you must be happy having midwived such an enduring legacy as this. It is well with you. Happy anniversary to us all - **Ayo Ogunraku**, Ido-Ekiti

Underscore Ekiti as a Fountain of Intellectuals: This forum has in no small ways established us Ekiti as indeed fountain of intellectuals not minding our different views and political leanings, we still always find a meeting point to sit to eat our usual pounded yam, our common identity as a unit is still intact, God bless Panupo, **Moses Arowolaju**, Omuo-Ekiti

Good thinking Great results – **Boomyn**

Cognoscenti: Happy to be a member of this team, the cognoscenti of concerned Ekitians - **Biodun Adeyanju**, Ado-Ekiti

Laudable Project: A very big kudos to the initiators and sustainers of this laudable project! The wisdom, knowledge and understanding required to lead the Forum to Ekiti's Canaan Land shall not be found wanting in Jesus Name. Congratulations to all Forumites! - **Caleb Arogundade**, Ipoti

Brilliant and Resourceful Forum: Super congrats for creating and sustaining a most brilliant and resourceful forum for the people of the fountain of knowledge. It is certainly one of the greatest contributions to the total wellbeing of Ekiti land and people across the world.

Congratulations! Well done and keep it up. – **Mrs Bola Odutola** nee Adeyomoye, Ayetoro-Ekiti, UK

This is the celebration time. Congrats to Okanlomo. Thank you sir for being an exemplary coordinator. Thanks to the Agba ulus. Congrats to every distinguished member - **Dr Eniola Sikiru**, Ado

May I join the marvellous people in the House to welcome Panupo to yet another wonderful year. I also congratulate our own Oloye, the great 'Actualiser' who spares most of his time to keep the engine steaming. *A se yi sa'modun o!* - **Akogun Sanmi Awosusi**, Aramoko-Ekiti

Congratulations is the least of the word to beam the strength of our resolves - **Jadesola Babatola**, Ado-Ekiti

Have a glorious day and happy celebrations to my dear Okanlomo and the entire crew of which we all are part of - **Fikayo Tunde-Ojo**, Ifaki-Ekiti

Professor Omolewa wrote: My one, *okansoso ajanaku*, Who will dare object to whatever decision you take, having proved clearly your unswerving commitment to the promotion of all that is best and noble for our people? Thank God for the strength and conviction that He has generously given you as He continues to move you forward, trusting that his Grace will see us all through to His end-time Great Paradise in Jesus name.

Ven L.L. Eso wrote: Need to commend you for Papa Adigun's funerals The good that men do lives after them. Alas, you are building up historical monumental archives of Men and Places! I am working most steadily on my memoir which background you have craftily and expertly built to invite lots of memorable pasts...You were so vast and solid in construction and accuracy that assuredly points to the heights of legendary writers and classics...Okan1. Thanks and God bless your soul. Baba Eso 17/11/14

You are a natural leader! I know what you mean about bills, they can be really worrisome. But your star that is in ascendancy is not predicated on money however described but that innate ability to rise above the humdrum. You exert yourself so much for noble causes from all the few activities I am able to glean about you. And, that is the crux of the matter. Honour will always seek out the diligent in the cause of great causes. Warm wishes to your family. Congrats once again. **Kayode Afolabi**, Ijero-Ekiti (based in Akure)

Greetings and congratulations on your recognition award by the University of Ilorin alumni. You are blessed & your light must always shine because you are a blessing to humanity. God be with you and congrats! **Prof Biodun Ojo**, Ifaki-Ekiti

I congratulate myself for being part of this family. I would have missed a lot of gems-inestimable. Congratulations to *kete ra po o*. - **Kazeem**

Congratulations, Mr. Adetunmbi, for all your hard work in shepherding this forum. Thank you. - **Bunmi Fatoye-Matory**, Igede-Ekiti, USA

I salute all of us for being bond by the blood, bone and flesh. I thank my brothers and sister for the relationship. Eight *gbosa* to Panupo *lapapo* - **Ayo Otitoju**, Ilupeju-Ekiti

Congratulations to my wonderful Omiyes and congratulations to myself to come from the fountain of knowledge and in the midst of great intellectuals. Ure Ekiti asoju kete ra o. - **Adebayo Olusegun**, Iyin-Ekiti

Uncle Seye, I congratulate you on the 8th anniversary of Ekitipanupo, I wish you the best at all - **Seun Oloketuyi**

Congratulations on the 10th anniversary, the public lecture and presentation of the Ekitipanupo Legacy Book – **Gbenga Oyebode**

Seye "Okanlomo", I have been following the activities of this laudable platform with great admiration and profound respect and wish to congratulate you for the arduous and great efforts of harnessing the resources and the resource people being featured on the platform. Albeit, I'm not a journalist with penchant for continuous writing but I read contributions to the platform and could infer they are one of the best in the world to discuss and proffer solutions to issues. I don't want to play to the gallery or risk of sounding immodest by further brandishing more ethos of great comments from contemporary opinions but I 'll rather wish you more sustainable efforts and progress. And to your great team kudos. God bless you. **Tony Adejugbe** 21/4/21



At the 1st Ekiti Day venue on December 6th, 2003 in Ado-Ekiti



Debut meeting of Grass-root Awareness Committee of Ekitipanupo, L-R: Banjo Ogunrosoye, Banji Ajeigbe, Tolu Onisile, Bolanle Olatunde, Gabriel Akinyemi, Major Awe Rtd. Dola Bamgboye and Seye Adetunmbi



Debut meeting of Political Action Committee of Ekitipanupo L-R: Ayo Otitoju, Kayode Babalola, Sanmi Awosusi, Bode Owoyeye (Oye-Ekiti), Akin Areola & Tolu Onisile



Sir Olu Famosaya, Olumide Ogunleye, Chief Dayo Adedipe and other participants at the 1st Ekitipanupo Public Lecture in 2005



Seye and his wives (iyawo-ile) who went with him for his installation as the Okanlomo of Ikole-Ekiti by King Adeleye II in 2008



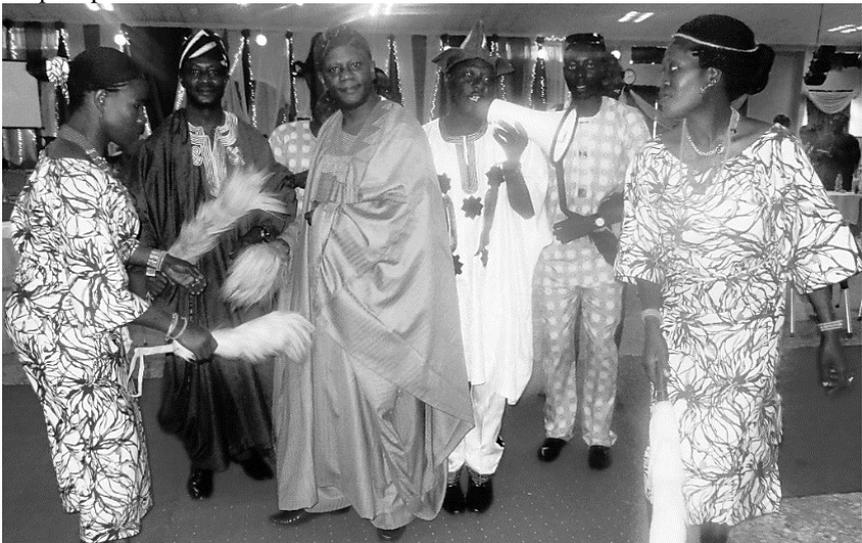
Members of the Planning Committee of the 2nd Ekitipanupo Public Lecture in 2015
L-R: Mrs Fola Richie-Adewusi, Dele Babatunde, Sunday Adelus, Gbenga Ogunsakin, Seye, Dr Sikiru Eniola, Mrs Fikayo Ojo and Oludayo Olorunfemi.



A cross section of participants at the 2nd Public Lecture



Rt Rev M. Ipinmoye, High Chief Alex Ajayi, Chief Egbeyemi & Seye at the 2nd Ekitipanupo Public Lecture



Post-event dance to native Ekiti gong music for a successive public lecture



Some members of Ekiti Colloquium Planning Committee in 2016 L-R: Dayo Benjamin, Seye Adetunmbi, Dr Dokun Adedeji, Olu Aluko, Dr Hakeem Bakare, Tope Orolu, Dr Laofe Ogundipe and Akin Adeoya



Some of the resource persons and discussants at the 2016 Ekiti Colloquium, L-R: Senator Olubunmi Adetunmbi, Dr Femi Orebe, Mr Banji Ogungbemi and Professor Mobolaji Aluko



The Honourable Minister, Rauf Aregbesola and Seye

5. CONCLUSION

When the people are well governed consistently and there is justice for all, there will be limitations to the agitation on which senatorial district a governor comes from. This complements the adage of getting things done to achieve the desired result: it doesn't matter if the cat is black or white for as long as the disturbing rat is killed. What is important is a fair political leadership to all, that provides a level playing field for everyone to participate without discriminating against any sect and let the people elect their governor. The duty of the elite or the political class is to ensure that competence, preparedness, progressive manifestos and the political will to do the right thing, define who governs our people.

Ekiti State is unique by our homogeneity and looking at the map of the state, the way the senatorial districts are spread, some parts allocated to Ekiti South for instance fall within the northern part of Ekiti while some communities that would have been best suited for Ekiti Central were grouped with Ekiti North and some that should be part of Ekiti Central were included in Ekiti South. In essence, it would have been better to use towns to define the senatorial districts and not local government area boundaries.

Nevertheless, every qualified indigene is entitled to contest for the office of the governor. In as much as it is desirable for every senatorial district to produce governor in line with democratic precepts, Ekiti people should not settle for just anything. We must not sacrifice larger interests for any narrow or sectional aspiration. Let every zone put forward their best foot that will implement progressive programmes and let the people vote in a free and fair election.

My humble charge to Ekiti stakeholders is that we should allow a new political order in our beloved state whereby the reputable indigenes will take more interest in their respective communities such that we can improve more on the quality of representation at all tiers of government. Communities should set measurable performance standard for their representatives and the politicians they give their votes to. It is through good government

policies that are well executed that the masses can benefit from the dividends of democracy.

This is why this handbook will be made available to every household in Ekiti-State while e-book will be accessible to the indigenes resident abroad, online. Our people must not just settle for anything anymore in Ekiti-State. We can't afford any governor that will cause the degeneration of good works of the current administration. We must not let Ekiti to be making a step forward and two steps backward. The educated ones will read this handbook and share the knowledge got and information contained here, with the illiterate ones. This will enable them to interrogate anyone canvassing for votes from them to tell them his or her plans. Don't give your votes to anyone who has not documented the intended programmes for the masses for ease of reconciliation and performance evaluation at the end of the tenure in office.

Good governance is a serious business and should be given the priority and the attention required by planning ahead. This timeless handbook is strategically packaged such that any progressive governor who means well for the masses would find it useful, to implement the well thought out policies for the benefit of the majority. We are prepared to turn the situation around for better such that things will look up more in Ekiti, if our political party would give the paradigm shift initiative a chance and the well-meaning electorate will give us the mandate through their votes.

Ure Ekiti a s'aju kete ra, l'ase Edumare, amin.

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