

**Testimonials on
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My Dearest Governor

This little note is to congratulate you again for the journey so far. I had cause to travel along part of Otun Road yesterday and I noticed the great transformation of the road from a death-trap to an Apian Way. They said that you did it!

I visited Christ's School today, and I was told that you donated 194 Laptops to the SS1 Class there, with more to come! I am impressed. These are some of our expectations for our dear Fountain of Knowledge State.

At Ido-Ile, where you are busy with the road that links Ido-Ile to Okemesi junction, you are making history!

In all these, I cannot resist the urge to enclose this my little note of "Congratulations Thank you". I pray that the Lord will continue to lead you aright and bless your efforts.

Thank you and remain blessed.

Yours Sincerely,

Prof. Chief (Mrs.) Olufunke Egunjobi, OON
11 December 2009

LETTER OF APPRECIATION, SSI Students, Christ's School, Ado-Ekiti

We, the students of SS1 in Christ's School Ado-Ekiti hereby register our profound and sincere gratitude to you for your kind gesture to make laptop computer visible to us. This will enable us to have adequate E-learning and give us opportunity to compete favourably with our counterparts anywhere in the ICT World. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless and assist you so as to lead Ekiti State to the Promised Land.

Once again, we thank you for your love and concern for our education. As you love the student most especially the students of Christ's School, Ado-Ekiti. Christ whose name we ber. Will continue to love and bless you.

Yours obediently

Ayodele Muyiwa	Class Captain SS1A
Ajayi Femi Nathaniel	Class Captain SS1B
Afolabi Bamidele A.	Class Captain SS1C
Owolabi Temitayo	Class Captain SS1D
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04 December 2009

Your Excellency,

APPRECIATION

The members of THE GENT'S CLUB, IRO-EKITI use this medium to appreciate the good work you are doing in the state, particularly linking our town – IRO-EKITI IN GBONYIN LOCAL GOVT AREA – to our Kith and Kin in Ekiti State.

Moreover, we hereby express our sincere appreciation and thanks for the boreholes provided in our town by your administration.

We sincerely appeal that one industry be sited at Iro-Ekiti to compliment the economic value of the roads constructed to improve the living standard of our people and prevent rural-urban migration.

Members of the club appreciate Your Excellency genuinely in all ramifications. We pledge our loyalty and support to your administration at all times.

May Almighty God grant you the wisdom which transcends that of the Biblical Solomon and enablement to oversee the administration of Ekiti State.

Moreover, may your tenure continue to witness development saturated with uncommon achievements. God bless.

Signed

The Gents Club, Iro-Ekiti

Olu Abiona Akeju
Secretary
July 6, 2009

Barrister 'Seni Osho
President

His Royal Majesty Oba Oladele Olasore (Late)
The Owaloko of Iloko Ijesa

One thing I can say is that although we are not from Ekiti State, I cannot see the difference between Osun and Ekiti except in name only. Nobody who is a lover of this nation would listen the way I did to Governor Oni and would not see transparency in what he said. As evident in the way he spoke, there are politicians especially those politicians that speak to you as they conjure what they said. And some of us are experienced enough to identify those who are speaking the truth and those who are just talking politics. Governor Oni is not a politician; I think you know that. I feel that somebody like him getting to this position in Nigeria is rare; but when God desires something he provides every avenue to make it to happen.

I am personally very proud of him. And when I interact with my colleagues in Ekiti, they have always been full of praises and commendations for him.

I am surprised that somebody could come out to present the account of what he has done not waiting till the time of budget. It means he is confident of what he is doing. All we can wish for you is to continue in what you are doing and God will bless you.

Akogun Tola Adeniyi, Veteran Journalist

Education is the bedrock of Ekiti State and the Governor has continued to give adequate attention to that very special area of advancement in Ekiti State. I can only say as I said earlier that we appreciate and continue to pray for him to make this State the model that it is aspiring to be and will continue to be and by the grace of God Ekiti will be a leader

Àrẹ̀ Afe Babalola, Founder, ABUAD

We have many important Ekiti people here. Today is a great day, a memorable day. I am proud to be an Ekiti man. Everybody here would now appreciate Ekiti as a State chosen by God to lead others. No evil will befall any of you. Whoever thinks of evil for this State evil will befall him. Ekiti will continue to move from strength to strength. We have a Governor who I believe you all agree with me is chosen by God to lead this state. Ekiti people in AMERICA and CANADA who watched the speech of the Governor would see that this man, a gifted man, highly intelligent man, humble man, a patriotic man, is the right person to lead this State at this period.

He has started and he must be allowed to give the shape. The shape would make everyone prosper. We were once rated as the best state in education. My own education was a limited one. I had only primary education, highly qualitative. Because of this I was able to build on that standard. Now education has gone to the lowest ebb in Nigeria but this man, who appreciates the importance of education, has been able to take the bull by the horn. Sir, I am happy to see the progress you are making in education. For the seven years that I was the Pro-Chancellor of the University of Lagos, I saw the nakedness of what education is in Nigeria: poor students, poor classes, poor teachers and poor classrooms. I saw cultism at its height. Something must be done! Government can not sponsor education alone. I believe that for every one million I have, I do not need nine hundred thousand of it. I will invest it in education to turn education around.

I am happy that we have been recognised in Nigeria as a reference point, a benchmark for others. We are putting Ekiti on the pages of the whole world and I want you to help me thank the Governor for persuading me to bring the Afe Babalola University to Ado Ekiti.

When I established the heritage library in Ibadan, all the important people were there, including Governor Adebayo Alao Akala of Oyo State. The people said we want to give you land and that I should establish the university around the library environment. The governor also promised land, road etc. But when Governor Oni heard about it, he called me and asked me to come home we will give you land. Since we have come no help has been given to us except the land because of the political situation in the country, the political situation in Ekiti. Those who said Ekiti is poor because Governor Oni has diverted Ekiti money into the university are sinners. If they are not punished here, they will be punished elsewhere. So, I call on every one of us to join hand with this God-given Governor so that he can achieve all that he has for us.

I think the man is an innovator. He is a brilliant man, highly gifted man. I think this is better than going to the press or television at every turn of events, you buy a needle and take it around; you buy a vehicle and you take it around that's not good enough for Ekiti State. I think this is the best thing that ought to be done by a Governor and should be copied and practiced by every other State.

If you listen to the speech of the Governor, he epitomises the length of the speech of Martin Luther King Jnr. There is a more popular one which he told his own people – be what you want to be.

Chief Ayo Ogunlade

Elder Statesman & Former Minister of the Federal Republic

What the Governor is doing today is called stewardship account. Our Governor every month gives account of his government activities and yearly the State of the State is organised to brief the people. I want to admonish that the local government chairmen and councillors should follow suit. If the governor is explaining his activities why are the local government chairmen not doing the same – accounting for how they spend the money meant for the people? No one can doubt the fact that this administration is committed to transparency and accountability.

Account of stewardship is a foundation of transparency and accountability. If you have something to hide, then you will not expose yourself in the way this man has done. In the field of education, here are the collars of the roads I have made, here are the collars of the ones that are in processes. In other words, if somebody says I was macheted, you don't say "where is it?". It will be so obvious. So, if the man doesn't have the courage to say go and find out and confirm whether what I am saying is true or false, he will not do this and this is good for the polity.

Femi Pedro

Deputy Governor, Lagos State (2003 – 2007)

My being here today is by accident. I came to Ekiti State to pay a private visit to His Excellency, Governor Segun Oni, and he extended this invitation to me. And I must say that I am overwhelmed by the level of progress achieved by his administration. I served as Deputy Governor of Lagos State for four years; I did not see this kind of progress. I am saying this with all sense of responsibility. I'm not here to sing the praises of the governor because I'm not from Ekiti State; I'm a Lagos Boy. But I have seen with my *koro koro* (naked) eyes the development in the state. This is progress and development. And I want to encourage the governor to continue in this way.

The little resource that Ekiti State has acquired, this Governor has made the best of it and that is why I am impressed. Sometimes some Governors even don't have money, but the little they have, they have not applied properly. But you can see in this particular case they have been focused on using resources very well, using them effectively and efficiently. You can see that sometimes, it is not when you make so much noise. Seeing is believing when

you see what is on ground, what the governor has done with the little he has acquired as the way he has managed resources. I am really really very impressed. I am overwhelmed.

Ekiti State has always been known for education and you have concentrated your efforts in this direction. But let me appeal to the people of this state, there will be no development without peace and stability. Let us stand behind this man. Enough is enough. Rally round him so that he will not get distracted.

Senator Ayo Arise

Members Senate of Nigeria, 6th National Assembly (2007–2011)

On behalf of my colleagues in the National Assembly, I like to congratulate our governor who is a friend to all of us; a wonderful personality, a listening governor for the wonderful work he is doing in the state. It is only when you are not performing that you will be challenged by people whom you think can contribute to your success. But he is performing and he has carried everybody along. In this success story of his, I can assure you that deep inside of us we know we have somebody who is capable to lead the state. For us, if you (Oni) continue the way you are doing with the kind of meagre resources available to the state; we will continue to queue behind you.

He is laying a very good foundation for the State. It is the duty of every Ekiti son and daughter to build on this foundation, to ensure that this State powers ahead to rest.

Alaiyeluwa Oba (Dr.) Adedokun Abolarin

Aroyinkeye I, Òràngún of Òkè-Ìlá-Òràngún

It is important for us to understand and appreciate at any point in time what our leaders are doing. It is important for us to promote openness as at the same time for people to participate in the decision making process. Public opinion is important and that in what the Governor has exhibited with this State of the State address, and it should be encouraged. At a point the people must know and appreciate what those people who are governing us are doing. I commend him for this laudable move.

Senator Iyiola Omisore

Deputy Governor of Osun State (1999–2003); Member Nigerian Senate for Osun East (2003 to 2011)

I'm so proud that the data we were given, we were given the source of the data, and the development profile was arranged in a way that makes it easier to understand.

As the chairman, Senate Committee on Appropriation, I know how much federal allocation accrues to Ekiti State. There is no way you can match the amount of progress achieved by Governor Oni with the amount received as federal allocation by the state. It far exceeds what the state has received.

**Dr Seriki, Commissioner of Education, Niger State
(Representing Governor of Niger State, Dr. Aliyu Babangida, The Chief Servant)**

Let me congratulate the people of Ekiti State for being very lucky to have Governor Segun Oni. My Governor and Segun Oni are two of a kind. They are manifestations of democracy in Nigeria. They are responsible; they are accountable; they are responsive to the needs and aspiration of their people, but more importantly what we are witnessing this afternoon is what we called domestication of democracy in Niger State.

Governors that are transparent and accountable and know that they have a responsibility to the people who elected them should come out from time to time to give this kind of statement on what they have been doing. It is a welcome development and it shows that we are making progress as far as democracy is concerned in this country.

**Otunba Ben Oguntuase
Former Special Adviser, Policy & Strategy, Ekiti State**

You ought to tell the people what you are doing and Governor Segun Oni believes in that; that you owe the people your mandate and therefore must constantly feed them with what you are doing given the trust that they have reposed in you. This is what it's all about. It is a good initiative. He started it in this country and I believe several Governors are coping him

**Dr. Sikiru Tae Lawal
Deputy Governor, Ekiti State (2007 – 2010)**

Engr Segun Adebayo Oni started this program in this country. Some other states are doing it now and I am happy that if you say that Lawal proudly says the third is even better and from what happened today, you can say we are getting better. This is a report of activities. What you do not do, you cannot report. This is our home. There is no other place we can call home. I'm calling on everybody, whichever part you belong, this is your government; come and support the government of Engr Segun Adebayo Oni for us all to lift Ekiti State up.

A. O. Akinola, Principal Government College, Ado-Ekiti.

I thank Mr. Governor, I thank Ekiti State government for providing this very invaluable material for our students. It has been a joyous thing; my students are extremely happy. We members of staff, we are grateful to the government. We thank the government, and the Governor for this special grace.

**Chief Daramola,
Former Vice Chairman, Ekiti North, PDP, Ekiti State**

We should show appreciation to the government and the Governor, Engr Segun Oni, for bringing this type of first-class Eye Hospital to Ekiti State

HRM Oba Ademola Ajakaiye (Late)

Oluyn of Iyin-Ekiti

It is wonderful. The last time I saw such modern equipment was at Morefield Eye Hospital in London when I went there about three years ago for an eye operation and test. The equipment I see here is very modern.

Chief Omolafe Aderiye (Late)

Former Chairman NURTW, Ekiti State.

I'm seeing how the Governor is performing in Ekiti State. We are very very happy and that is why we gave the Governor 100% support for him to rule Ekiti State and we still pray that he comes back to rule again after his tenure because he has performed wonderfully in Ekiti.

Hon. Bisi Kolawole (Bisi K.)

Former Member Ekiti State House of Assembly.

I hope that we will be able to sustain it. But as far as this administration is concerned, I think this is a very excellent move. He started it about two years ago and we are just developing on it. So, he is already becoming an institution so to say. So, if you like follow suit, otherwise Ekiti people will query you: what is happening to our situation here, economically or in terms of accountability, you know? This is accountability in place, you understand; he is accounting for what he has done and I think it is expected of any administration.

Dr Carlos

Cuban Eye Specialist at the Ophthalmological Center, EKSUTH

I am being grateful particularly to the Ekiti State Governor, Engr. Segun Oni, because he has given us all the support that we need. All the conditions have been taken care of, everything from the accommodation, to the equipment, what we need to work.

Rt. Hon. Femi Bamisile

Former Speaker, Ekiti State House of Assembly, Member House of Representatives

Without a shadow of doubt, I am even looking forward to the event becoming institutional held in Nigeria because this will afford the people to know what government is all about. It is about giving back to the system what you've been able to do to the system. Tell them what you're able to do as a leader to them.