

2004 OUTGOING SPEECH

Extract

DEDICATION

My fellow members, I like to dedicate this speech to the Osun Indigenes Organization (TOIOG) selfless outgoing executive members. These are people who made my presidency an easy one and gave Osun a clearer direction since the year 2000. They made me understand what patience, caring and sharing have in common. It is “NOT” criticizing but critiquing, not self-centeredness but embracement, not inactive but active, not controlling but leading, not discouraging but encouraging. Definitely not with weariness but with vigor. Patience, caring and sharing expound progress, participation, hope, joy, understanding and results.

FOUR-YEAR ACHIEVEMENTS

In my acceptance speech when I first took office (February 2000), my focus was to identify the challenges that we faced as a group and find where we can find solutions. I categorized the challenges as follows. Vertical Growth, Inclusion, Oneness, Constitution and By-laws, Finances, Outreach Program, Undivided attention, Investments, Projects, Fund raising, and other personal/family obligations and interests.

ONENESS and FIP - In my acceptance speech, I defined my notion of ONENESS as “a sense of inclusion in a progression towards oneness which is a notion of “family pride.” I like to thank those who met with me and supported the idea of the FAMILY INTERACTIVE PROGRAM (FIP). The organization has benefited from the various calls, interactions and visits as part of the program. For those who had expected that their suggestions should have been implemented as part of the effort, I hope you all understand and bear with me. I tried to merge various ideas and that was the best for the organization. Although there are so many other ideas that go with the FIP, I hope the new executive will find the program helpful in expanding family trust, values and re-orientation to the future cohesion of our children. I still believe that we will find groupings beneficial to formulate intimacy among families.

Others - We have taken a stride in investment, projects and fundraising. The success is very dependent on the second part of the Transformation Vision Agenda. I am very confident that the new president will do very well in these areas.

OUR HOPE

As God has been our help in the past years, we have hope for years to come to strengthen us together. But strength does not come when we re-invent the wheel. Osun Indigenes Organization will gain strength when we build, as we have been doing, on the first

foundation. And now that the pillar is in place, it is now time to beautify its completion with elegant beams, chandeliers, furniture, etc.

OUR CHALLENGES

- Endurance –
- Understanding – We are all volunteering, not getting paid. We need to work together to achieve our objectives
- We instead of “I” –
- Outreach –

REMINDER! - What We are Not.

- Organization where members have no overriding personal agenda.
- Not for Profit.
- Not a copycat of other organization but rather try to do things better by being creative.
- Not a subordinate of other organization but supporters of all productive efforts.

FINAL COMMENT

This organization is blessed with members who have been consistent in their caring sharing efforts. I will encourage all members to focus on positive efforts that benefit the organization. I thank those who are willing at all times to see the positive sides of the organization and pray that God continue to help them as they strive for norms that would speed the transformation of our society.

I just want to thank all members of this prestigious organization for allowing me to make a thirteen-year impact within my four-year term.

God bless us all.

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