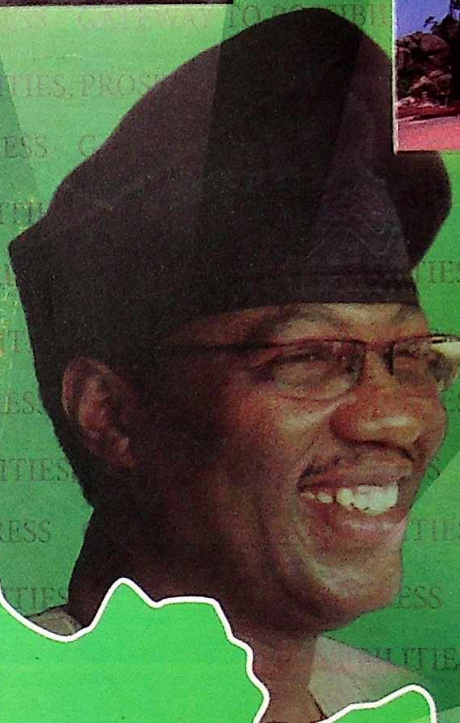


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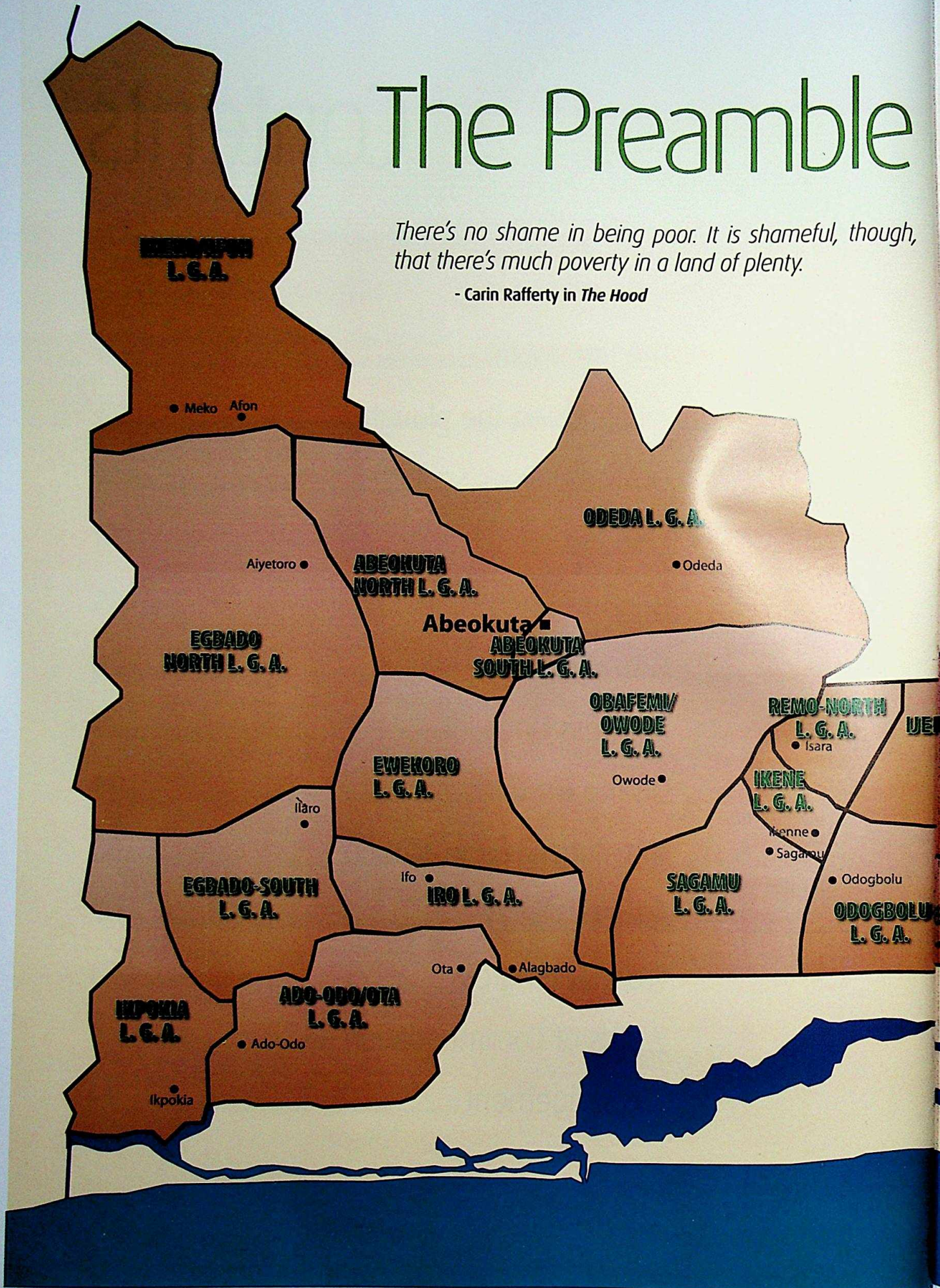
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The Preamble

There's no shame in being poor. It is shameful, though, that there's much poverty in a land of plenty.

- Carin Rafferty in *The Hood*



...Ogun State has no reason to be poor

The state is remarkably exceptional in many respects:

- Has the historical record of being the state through which Western civilisation entered Nigeria.
- With this civilisation came international trade, Christian religion and Western education.
- The State has a track record in the supply of highly trained manpower to the country at a time when the rest of the country was yet to be fully exposed to Western education.

In the colonial and pre-colonial days, the people of Ogun State dominated the professions, particularly the legal, educational, medical, engineering and administrative professions as well as religious vocations. It is not surprising, therefore, that the State has produced many prominent citizens in various walks of life.

- The political leadership of Western region was under the control of the State from the early 1940s to the mid-1960s when democratic governance was halted by the military. Today, the

people of the State are still at the forefront of the country's commercial and industrial enterprises, as well as religion and the professions.

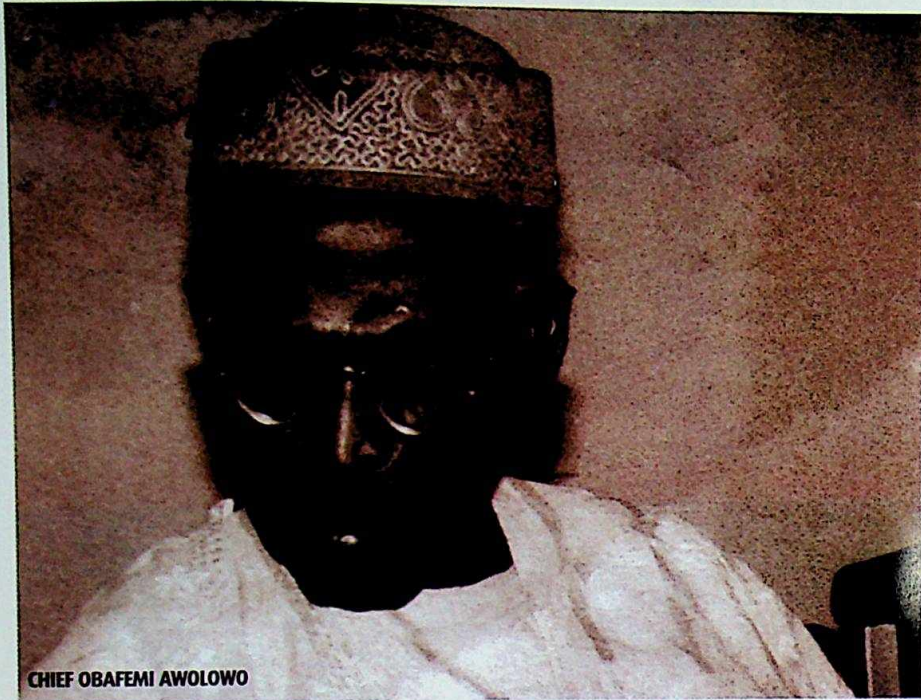
- The first newspaper in Nigeria, *Iwe Irohin fun Awon Egba*, by Reverend Henry Townsend was established in Abeokuta in 1859.
- Abeokuta, the capital city of the State, is only about 100 kilometres from Lagos, the country's industrial and commercial nerve centre. This proximity and the State's geographical contiguity to Lagos have placed the State in an advantaged position in terms of access to the economic benefits and inspiration that Lagos offers.
- The State is especially blessed by nature in terms of its geographical location. It is not only a creek and lagoon region, it is also blessed with a coastal plain with the elevation increasing northwards from above 40m to 250m above the sea level. The undulating plain is broken by the North West/South sandstone extending from near Aiyetoro in Yewa zone eastward to Ijebu-Igbo. There are pockets of rocky outcrops dotting the landscape especially around Abeokuta. With a good climatic pattern of evenly balanced wet and dry seasons, and with a total land mass of about 16,409.26 square kilometres, the State is undoubtedly a fortunate one in terms of location from the point of view of economic, tourist and natural resources potential.
- The State is endowed with wide, extensive, fertile and arable lands which could be turned into agricultural use. With the savannah land in the northwestern part, there exists a large opportunity for livestock production on a large scale to meet the needs of the State for livestock products



THE PACESETTERS

Our forebears... left a legacy of industry, hard work and track records of excellent performance in all aspects of our national life

THE PREAMBLE



CHIEF OBAFEMI AWOLOWO



CHIEF MKO ABIOLA



CHIEF SIMEON ADEBO



MRS FUNMILAYO RANSOME-KUTI



SENATOR AFOLABI OLABIMTAN



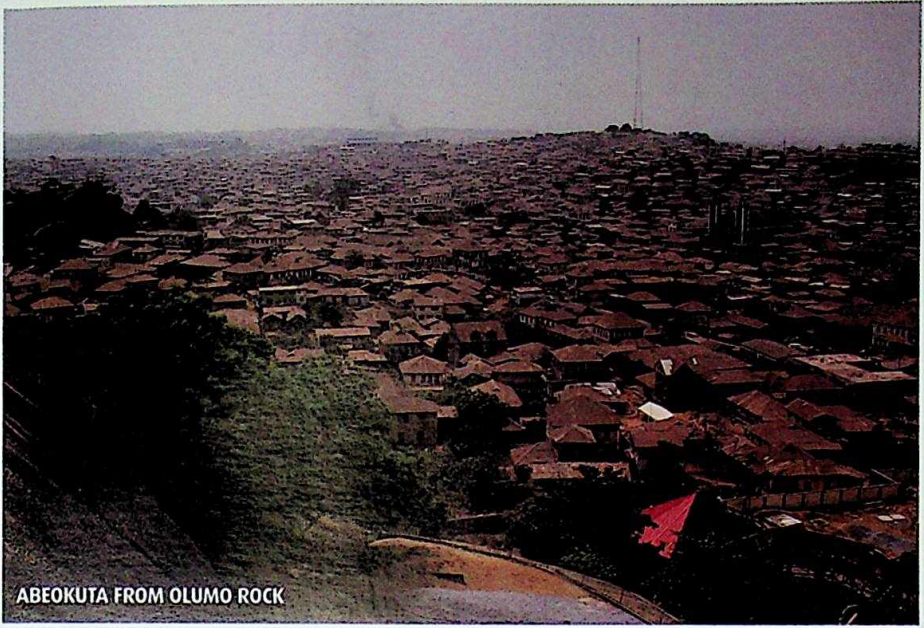
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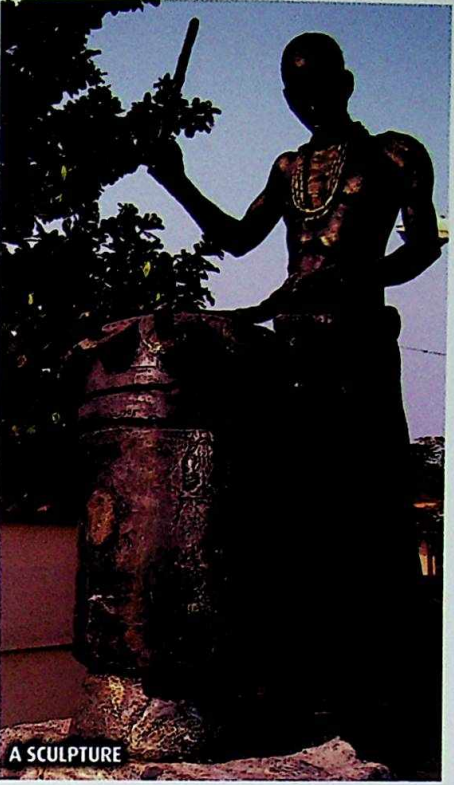
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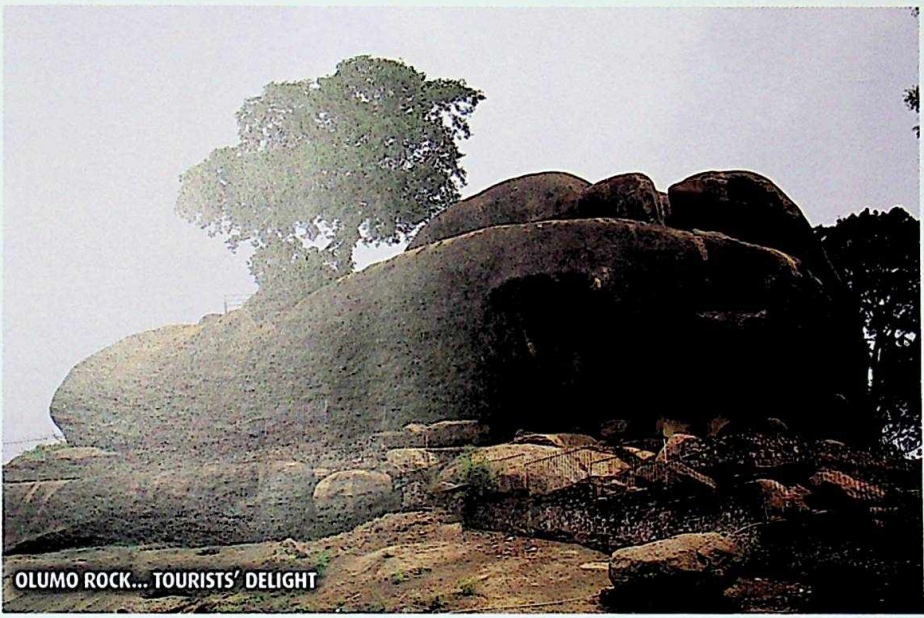
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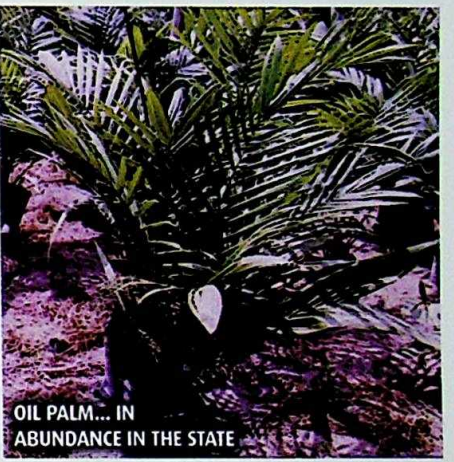
ABEOKUTA FROM OLUMO ROCK



A SCULPTURE



OLUMO ROCK... TOURISTS' DELIGHT



OIL PALM... IN ABUNDANCE IN THE STATE

and even contribute to the country's stock of such products. The State also has vast forest reserves that could be reforested to meet its demands for timber and wildlife while at the same time preserving the forest resources. Besides, there is a network of lakes, rivers, lagoons and ocean fronts whose resources are also available for tapping. The State has a lot to offer Nigeria and the international community. The State is an embodiment of outstanding traditional cultures which over time have been refined without distortions to make them internationally attractive and alluring. In effect, the State is a tourist's delight. From Remo to Egba and from Yewa to Ijebu, there abound spectacular tourist attractions that could leave the most cynical tourist gasping for breath. The most popular tourist

attraction in the State is the Olumo Rock located in the heart of Abeokuta. Also in Abeokuta at Ogbe is the old Manse. In Ilaro, there is Orona Shrine. In Ipokia, there is Tongeji Island. In Ota, there are St James Anglican School and the Ijamido River Shrine.

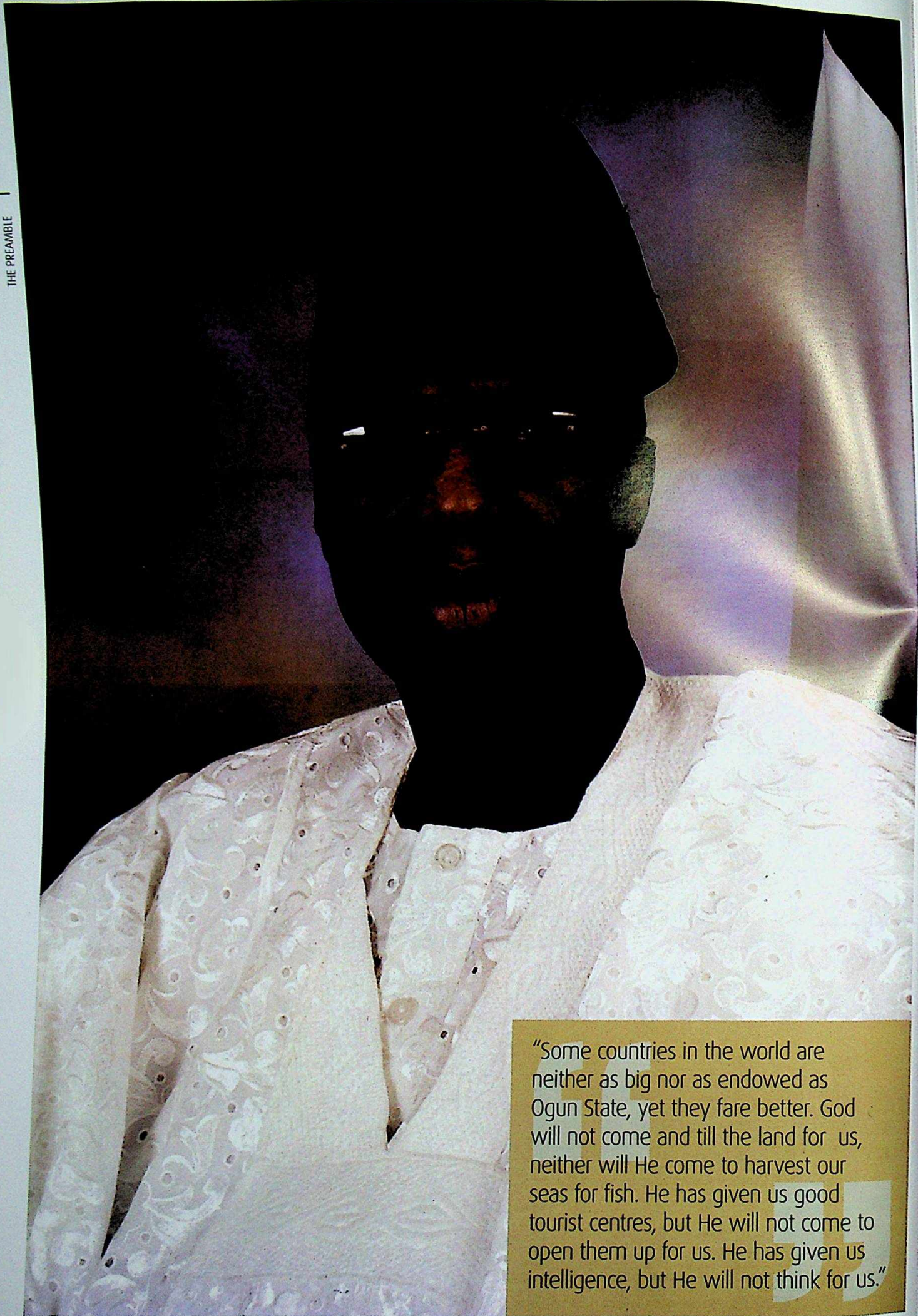
- The State is blessed with an abundance of historic monuments that include the Birikisu Sungbo Shrine at Oke-Eri near Ijebu Ode and River Yemoji in Ijebu Ode which has a natural swimming pool.
- The State has almost a dozen universities, two owned by the State, one by the Federal Government and the remainder privately-owned; one college of education; six polytechnics and one college of agriculture.
- The State is very rich in mineral resources: limestone, gypsum, tar, gravel, high quality stone, phosphate,

bitumen. And there is an increasing evidence of crude oil deposits.

- Our forefathers and past leaders (in Ogun State) have left us a legacy of industry, hard work and track records of excellent performance in all aspects of our national life.

...Some countries in the world are neither as big nor as endowed as Ogun State, yet they fare better. God will not come and till the land for us, neither will He come to harvest our seas for fish. He has given us good tourist centres, but He will not come to open them up for us. He has given us intelligence, but He will not think for us.

We are the **gateway** to the country and we have easy access to the busiest airport, seaport, road and rail facilities, but of what use have we put this unique opportunities?



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We are daring to challenge what is, and pursue what ought to be

What the State needs...is the harnessing of its human and natural resources in such a way as to assure for its citizens the highest attainable standard of living...I believe that our people deserve more than they have got so far in terms of the betterment of their lives. Even if the level of our achievements is not unacceptable, we would still have to challenge ourselves as to the need to improve the situation.

Let us make no mistake about it; we

need to rouse the sleeping giant that our State has become if we are to reach our manifest destiny, even in our lifetimes. For, there is no doubt that the present situation can, and indeed need to be improved, and it is our collective duty to resurrect and reactivate the State.

We need to have a dream of our State and I do have one.

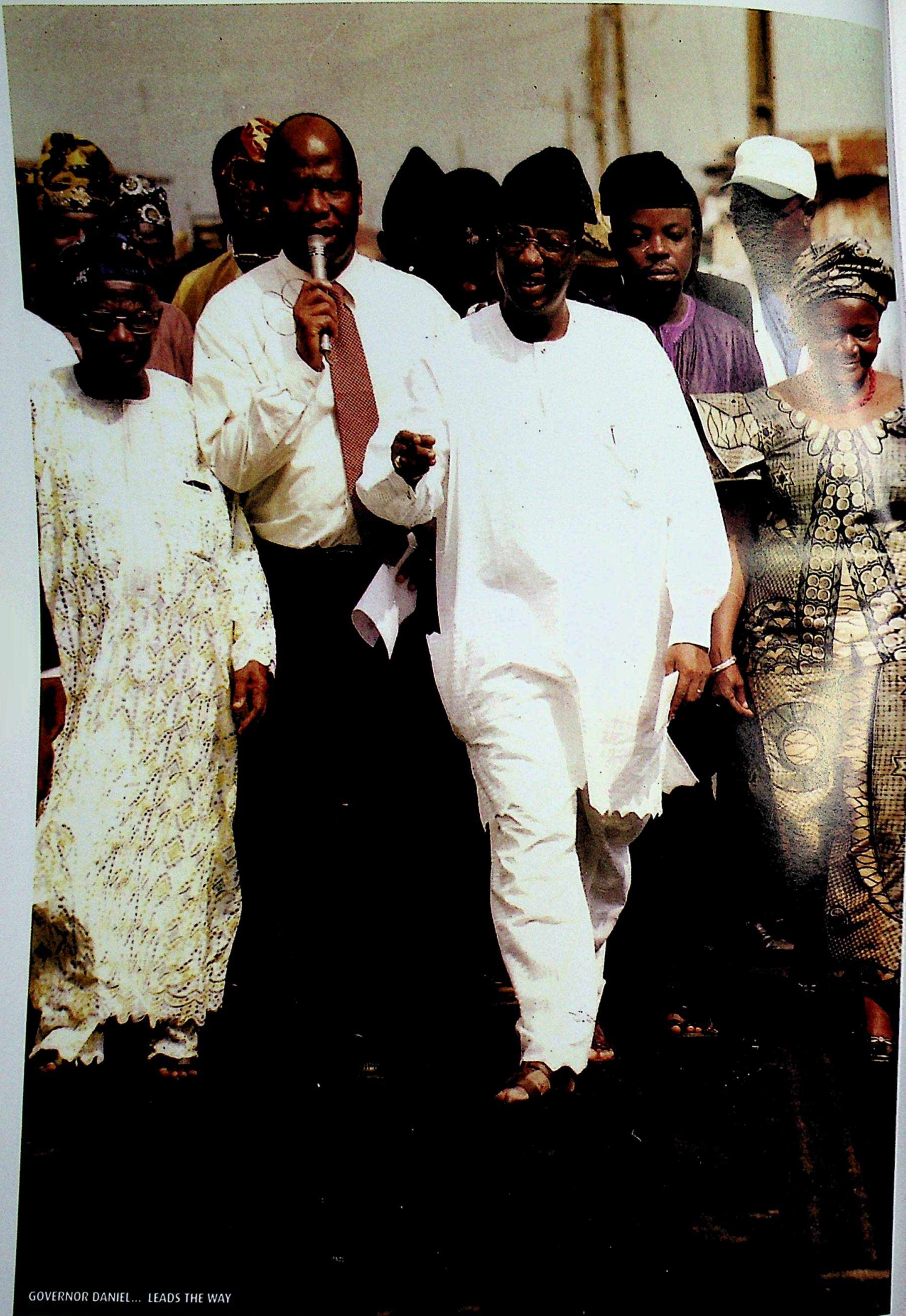
I have the dream of abundant prosperity in the midst of pervasive austerity. I have the dream of assured possibilities in the midst of seeming impossibilities, a dream of dynamic progress in the midst of faithless stagnation and a dream of hope in the midst of despair.

Surely, we may not be responsible for the unbecoming situation of things and surely, we may not be responsible for the way things have gone. But certainly, we

cannot avoid being responsible for the way things will become. We must, and we have to be responsible for the way things are going to be. This is necessary so that our cherished businesses, our lovely recreations, and all other aspects of our lives can experience the good times once again.

We cannot afford to continue to treat the welfare of our vulnerable people with anything less than a sense of urgency. For, any society in which the people are left at the mercy of the vagaries of social and political weather stands the danger of losing control over its members. Our future is in our hands and we must not allow it to slip by.(But) if our State, our great Ogun State, is to develop and progress, we and not any other people or powers must engineer the process.





GOVERNOR DANIEL... LEADS THE WAY

All hands on the plough

All that we need for the realisation of our collective dream... is action - appropriate and decisive action. Nothing good comes easy and that whatever is noble or laudable, must be worked for and earned.

ISE YA

Ise ya a a
Ise ya a a
Omo Ogun ise ya a
Olodumare ise ma ya o e e
Ise ya
Eyin Omo Ogun ese giri
Ise po fun wa lati se e e
Omo rere ki isa se e e
Omo Ogun ki s'ole e
Ebere gb'eru o o
Olorun nbe fun wa
E tera m'ose o o
Ise ya
Omo Ogun ise e ya a

On The Driver's Seat

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

- John Quincy Adams, 6th US President

He who stands with the poor and the weak in defence of their interests is the only citizen deserving of a leader's mantle. And always remember, our own society has been built on the sweat of the poor with very little given to them in return. So, let it be your task to learn all the arts and skills to help in uplifting the poor majority.

- Late Chief Obafemi Awolowo

Where there is no vision, the people perish: that's what the wise king said in *Proverbs 29:18*. Now, imagine that there is a vision but no visionary - that person with an unusually acute foresight and imagination - to execute the vision. Listen to this: *"I do believe that there are a few things we can do for our people and I am fired by the zeal to render service to our people."* Those are the words of Justus Olugbenga Daniel, better known as Otunba Gbenga Daniel, and fondly called OGD, in an interview published on July 16, 2001, by a defunct newspaper, *The Anchor*. Going by happenings in today's Ogun State, those words can be described as the

profound words of a visionary, and a missionary too.

A critical study of OGD's life shows that leading the way is like second nature to him. For instance, at the University of Lagos (UNILAG) where he studied Mechanical Engineering during the era of the prodigious Prof Ayodele Awojobi of blessed memory, he was President of the Engineering Students' body. At the Baptist Boys High School (BBHS), Abeokuta, which he attended from 1963 to 1973, he represented the school in a lot of extra-curricular activities such as debates and quiz competitions; this earned him exceptional popularity. Now, add learning at the feet of a master such as late Chief Obafemi Awolowo - while at UNILAG, he became the youngest member of the late sage's Committee of Friends - then you have a well-rounded leader.

The story of how he got into Awo's circle is instructive of OGD's sagacity. Concerned that Pa Awo was constantly attacked and vilified by the then radicals, particularly those in the academia, "despite that Awo did so much in Western Region," the young Daniel decided to visit the late sage at his Park Lane, Apapa, Lagos home. He

continues the story:

I introduced myself and I said the reason why I actually came is, I just must understand why you're being attacked when, in fact, from what I had seen you should be hailed. And I said, there's something we can do about it. He looked at me and said: 'Young man, what do you want to do?' and I said if you speak to some of these radicals they would begin to see things your own way. He then gave me the authority to invite anyone of them that I feel he should talk with. And the first person I invited was Professor Ayodele Awojobi, who was then my lecturer in mechanical engineering, and who was a known radical and commentator on social and political issues. Prior to the time I invited Awojobi, he was also one of his critics. But by the time I invited him and Chief Awolowo spoke with him, the story changed and he became converted and started to expand the ideals of inviting quite a number of people. I don't want to be mentioning names so that I

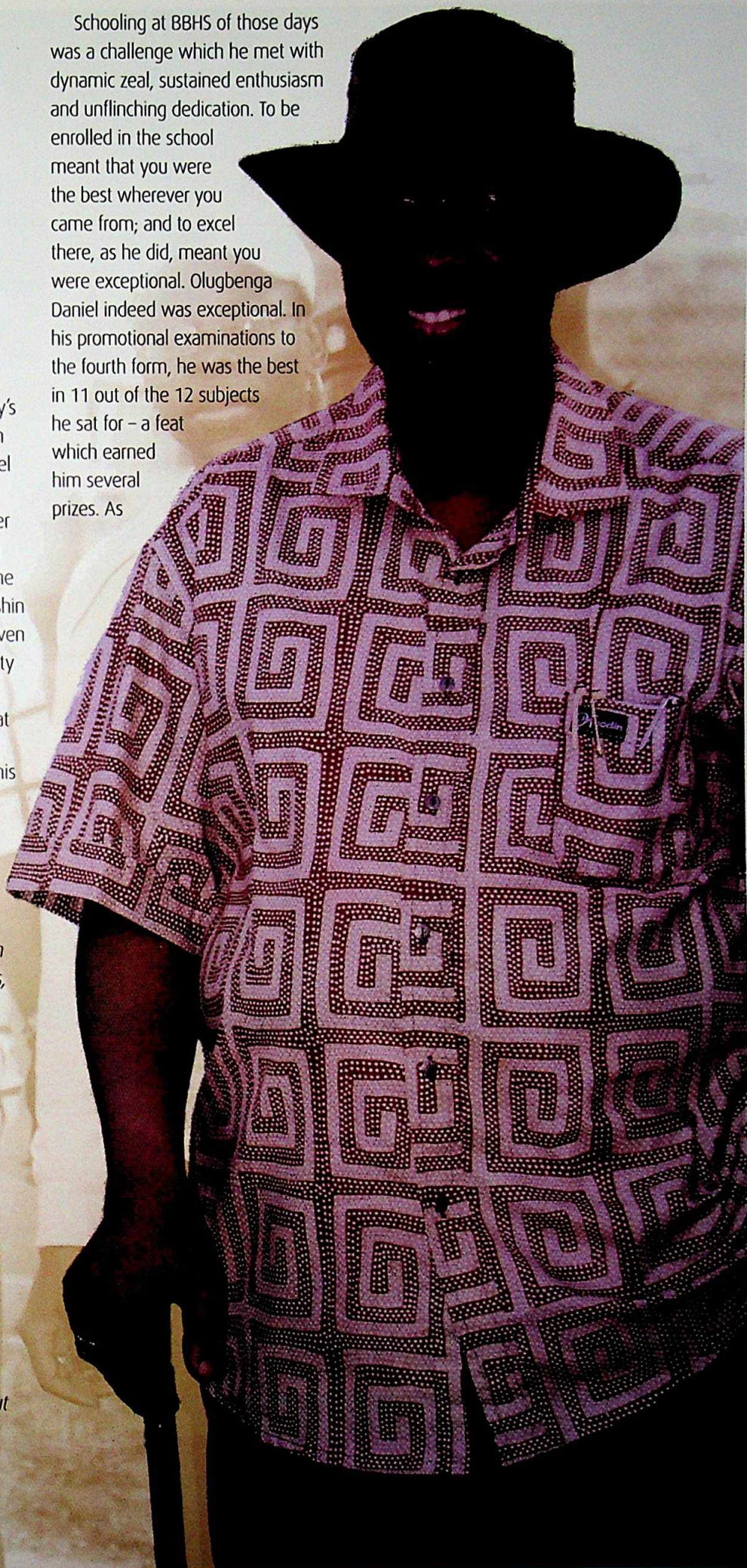
don't sound immodest, but I have no doubt in my mind that most of them know themselves. Radicals, University of Lagos based, and virtually all the names that later became "Awoist", got invited into the fold. And that is how I started to attend the meetings of the Committee of Friends.

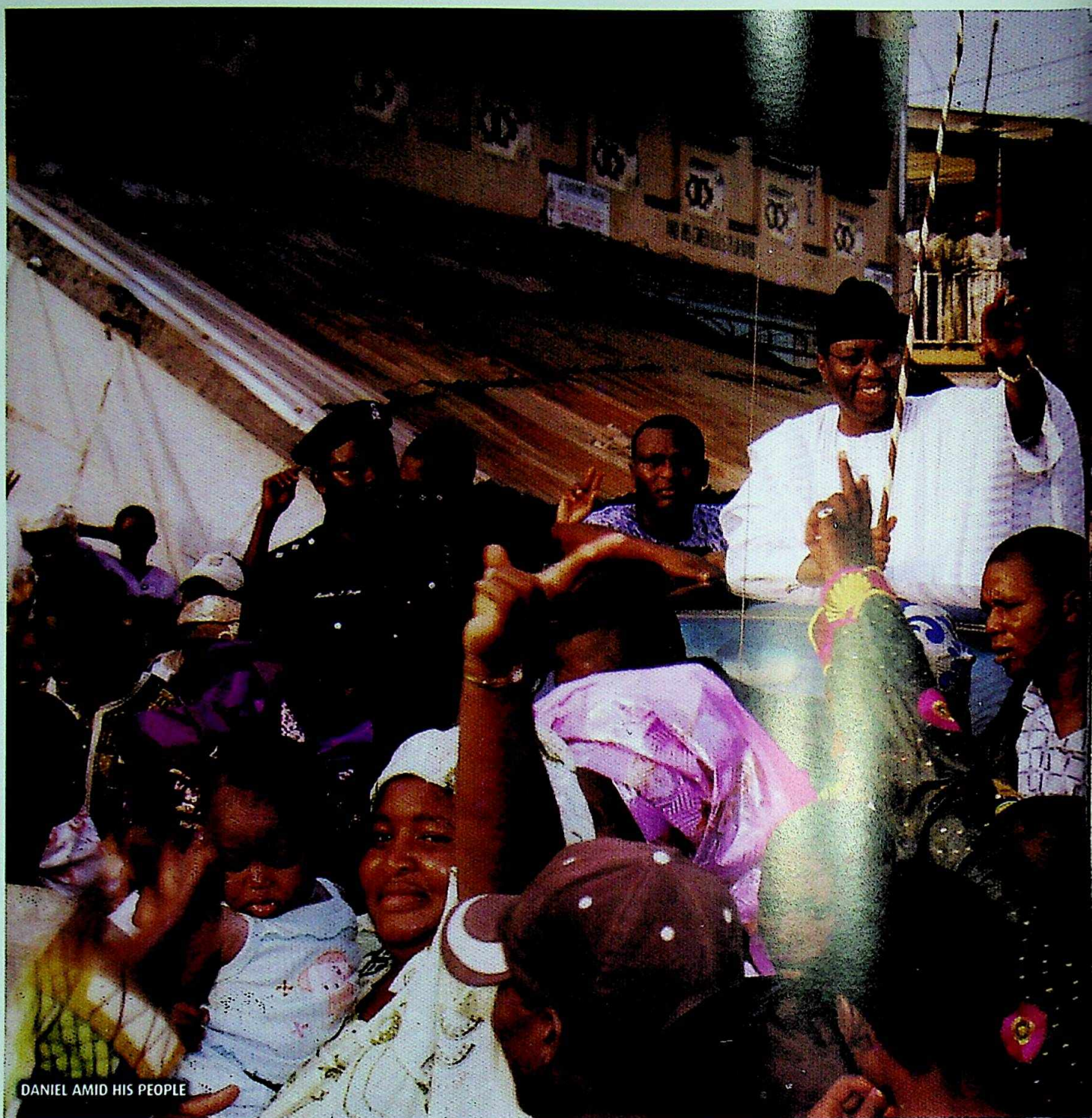
Born on April 6, 1956, in the ancient city of Ibadan, to Rev. Abraham Adebola and Madam Olaitan Daniel, OGD hails from the Oje dynasty whose gallantry is acclaimed in Makun located within today's Sagamu Local Government Area of Ogun State. At Ibadan, young Olugbenga Daniel began his educational career at Saint James' Primary School, Oke-Ado and later ICC Primary School, Oke- Bola. Following the movement of his parents to Lagos, he completed his primary education at Mushin Public School, Lagos. While in Mushin, even as a Christian, he had the rare opportunity of studying a bit of Arabic language and Islam. This explains why he is at home at Islamic worships.

In a way, religion helped in shaping his character. He confesses:

"...as a young man, I was deeply religious...I was a travelling secretary of the Scripture Union in those days. Even back at the secondary school, I was the chaplain of Ilugun Baptist Church. On Sundays, I had to go and take on a whole church, and I was the one who was ministering to them every Sunday as a student, when all the other students at the Baptist Boys High School went to worship at the Owu Baptist Church. I had to go to Ilugun Baptist Church because there was no pastor at that church, and I think I ministered in Ilugun Baptist Church for close to one year. So, I think I have been lucky that I had such disciplined background." He allows, however: "Having said that, I am not a saint, I am a human being. But I tried very, very hard within limits to ensure that I control whatever situation I found myself. I think the greatest thing I have is that I have the capacity to exercise control."

Schooling at BBHS of those days was a challenge which he met with dynamic zeal, sustained enthusiasm and unflinching dedication. To be enrolled in the school meant that you were the best wherever you came from; and to excel there, as he did, meant you were exceptional. Olugbenga Daniel indeed was exceptional. In his promotional examinations to the fourth form, he was the best in 11 out of the 12 subjects he sat for – a feat which earned him several prizes. As





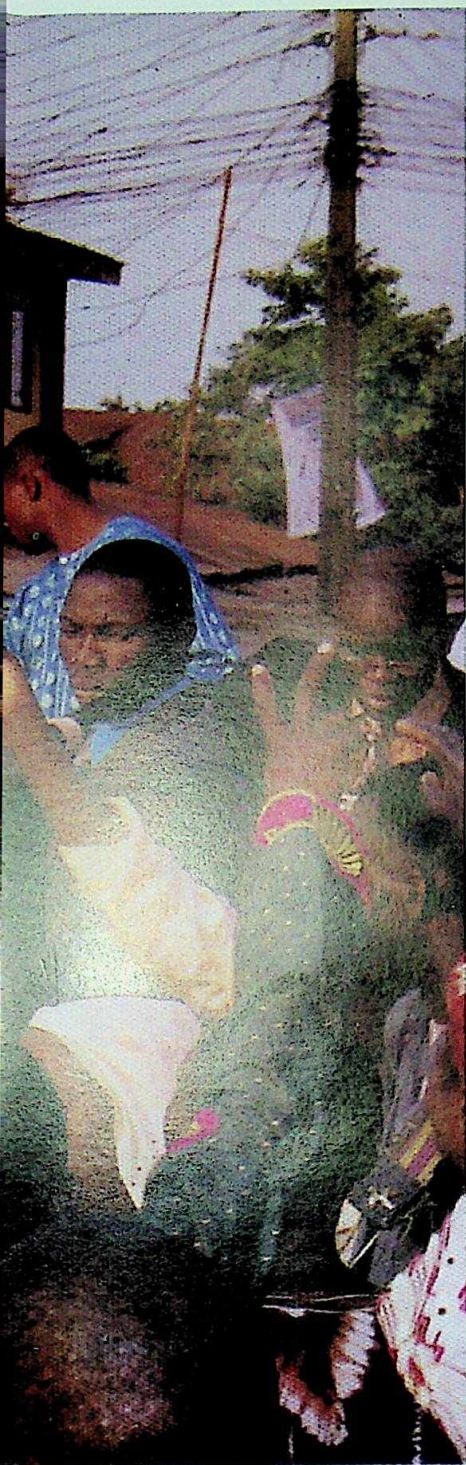
DANIEL AMID HIS PEOPLE

customary at BBHS then, he attempted the General Certificate Examination (GCE) in Form Four and he came out with the second best result. It was at BBHS that he learnt how to play the organ and became a maestro of sorts.

His streak of excellence continued at the School of Basic Studies at The Polytechnic, Ibadan between 1974 and 1976, leading to an excellent A-Level result. It was with these outstanding results that Daniel got admitted into the School of Engineering of the University of Lagos, where he not only earned scholarship from the United African Company (UAC), he also became

one of the best and beloved students of the legendary Professor Awojobi. An avid reader with an insatiable appetite for knowledge, he frequently visited different libraries to update himself. This directly resulted in his commanding intellectual versatility and intimidating mental perception. It was through the readings that he caught the Obafemi Awolowo bug and imbibed the need for a just, egalitarian and developmental political system, which he believes, is the only imperative for social stability. He was a social activist who served as the President of the philanthropic and highly rated Cosmic Club.

By providence, he served the mandatory one-year National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) programme in Lagos, and had his primary assignment at the School of Engineering, Lagos State Polytechnic. Here, he rose to the challenge of supervising the construction of the department's complex. He equally gave his best in other areas so much so that at the end of the service year, the institution persuaded him to continue as a staff. He thereafter represented the college on the National Board of Technical Education (NBTE) charged with the task of drawing up the curricular for technical education in Nigeria. Apart from being a



Manager in charge of projects and operations and his responsibilities included the design, fabrication and erection of steel structures like crane installations and factories made of steel. He also worked on the design and fabrication of steel storage tanks, trailers, badges and the like. Through a newspaper advertisement that was particularly challenging, he moved dramatically from Metal Construction (W.A.) Limited to H. F. Schroeder (W. A.) Limited, Lagos. At Schroeder, the challenges were indeed greater and the exposure correspondingly impressive. With widespread travelling opportunities, provided through job executions, he became conversant with

many of Nigeria's towns and villages in addition to the daunting task of running three full-fledged, large and independent departments. When he was promoted to the position of Assistant General Manager, the departments under his supervision increased to five with greater responsibilities. As the Deputy Managing Director of Schroeder, old records were broken and new ones were set as he became the first black man to rise to that position after 30 years of the company's operations in Africa. He eventually left the company after he had put in nine years of meritorious service.

With diligently acquired skill and expertise in vertical transportation,



lecturer of Applied Mechanics he displayed such responsibility and acute sense of duty that he was drafted to conduct a whole sessional examination of the Polytechnic, single-handedly, and he did this excellently well. While at Lagos State Polytechnic, his urge for greater self-development inspired him to enrol in 1980 at the University of Lagos for a Master of Business Administration degree (MBA).

Desirous of more exposure, greater challenges and sundry opportunities, he left the academia to practise his profession, joining Metal Construction (W.A.) Limited, Apapa, Lagos as the Assistant Commercial



OTUNBA GBENGA AND YEYE OLUFUNKE DANIEL... MARITAL UNION... A PERFECT DESIGN SUSTAINED BY MUTUAL AFFECTION



WHEN HE BECAME THE AIMERE OF LULEHA

of developmental initiatives targeted at the rural communities in a bid to address issues of poverty and economic deprivation, in line with the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

Convinced of the need to plow back into the society some of the abundance it has pleased God to endow him with, GFF became the vehicle for his humanitarian activities which include Micro-credit Scheme, Trade Establishment Scheme,

Free Medical Services, Children De-worming, Scholarship Awards to students of tertiary institutions, and Free Screening for diabetes and hypertensive patients. GFF is also involved in distribution of wheel chairs to people with paralysis and provision of financial assistance to people with peculiar needs. Over the years, no fewer than half a million people all over Ogun State have benefited from the Micro-Credit Scheme which is a revolving loan meant for starting small-scale business and the Trade Establishment Scheme (TES) which is essentially about providing implements and tools for starting either a trade or a vocation. The Trade Establishment Scheme, very popular among the masses, makes available items such as refrigerators, deep freezers, water storage tanks, coolers, pop-corn-making machines, block-making

material handling, power plants and general engineering through training, self-development, numerous local and international seminars, workshops, conferences and such activities, he was ready to take his own destiny in his own hands. And, so Kresta Laurel Limited was born. As the founding Chief Executive Officer of the company, he was responsible for the overall planning, equipment selection, specification, liaison with related professionals, acquisition, organisation and general supervision. This brought about the astronomical growth of the company to comfortable leadership position in the vertical transportation industry. Today, Kresta Laurel Limited is undoubtedly a household name throughout the country and beyond - a situation which confirms his diligence.

In July 2002, Otunba Olugbenga Daniel co-founded with his amiable wife, Yeye Olufunke Fehintade Daniel, a non-partisan, non-profit, socio-cultural group, the Gateway Front Foundation (GFF), with a focus on improving the lives of the poor and down-trodden people in Ogun State. GFF works positively in a series



RECEIVING YET ANOTHER AWARD



A CARING GOVERNOR



LISTENING EAR - WITH LATE SPECIAL ADVISER ON JOB CREATION, MRS MARIA SOKENU

machines, sewing machines, fishing nets, wheel barrows, etc, which were given free of charge to beneficiaries.

Equally worthy of mention is the Children De-worming Programme which was carried out all over the State. No fewer than 500,000 children have benefited from this programme which was complemented with free medical services provided by the foundation's mobile clinic. Virtually all strata of the society in Ogun State have benefited in one way or another from the activities of the GFF.

Otunba Daniel's generosity and humanitarian activities have not gone unnoticed. Many organisations including the Jaycees and the Rotary Club have honoured him with awards for his

exemplary services to the community while numerous communities in Ogun State and beyond have since 1993 been honouring him with chieftaincy titles. To date, he has no fewer than 60 traditional and honorary titles. A prophet that is duly and deservedly honoured both at home and abroad with assorted high-ranking traditional titles, he is among others:

- Otunba Rojugbuwa of Ijagba, Sagamu
- Otunba Adeoti of Omu-Ijebu
- Fesojoye of Ile-Ife
- Aare Asoludero of Makun, Sagamu
- Okoesisi of Obinugwu (Imo State)
- Bobagunwa of Gbagura Abeokuta
- Bashorun of Epeland
- Gbobaniyi of Oke-Ona Egba

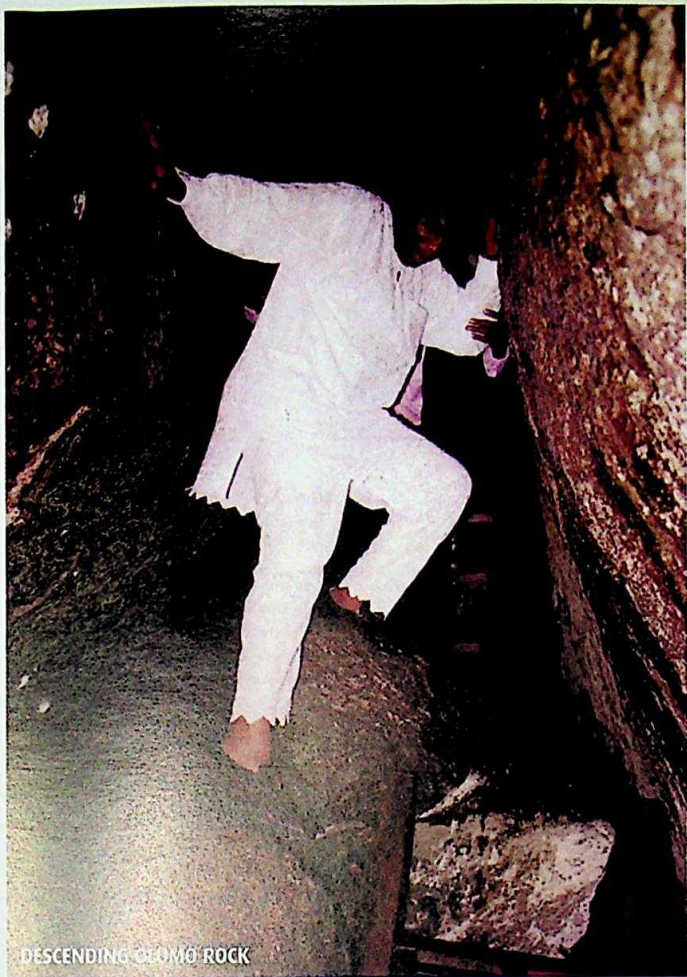
- Akorewolu of Ilodo-Ijebu
- Akinrogun of Iro-Ipokia
- Bobatolu of Ayetoro
- Baselu of Joga-Orile
- Apagunpote of Oba
- Mayetoro of Ifo
- Gbobaniyi of Iwopin
- Arole of Remoland
- Asiwaju Onigbagbo of Remoland
- Amayederun of Iraniken, Sagamu
- Asalu of Ibido, Sagamu
- Otunba Majeobaje of Ilaporu
- Ogidi Omo of Odolewu
- Otunba Fiwayoje of Ilupeju Legunsen, Sagamu
- Otunba Atayese of Ode Remo
- Jagunmolu of Ejila Awori-land
- Jiradeto (Alatunse) of Ere
- Baaloro of Oba-Obafemi
- Gbobaniyi of Iwopin
- Otunba Mayegun of Ibiade
- Adimula of Aiyede in Ikaleland
- Otunba Atunluse of Abigi Waterside
- Fesogboye of Odo-Arawa
- Otunba Atunluse of Ogbere
- Obaloro of Aiyepe
- Akogun of Okun Owa
- Okanlomo of Owode
- Aare Muludeso of Ijesha Ijebu
- Aare Ataiyese of Isaraland
- Aare Oriade of Iperu Akesanland
- Atobase of Irolu Remo
- Olu Nla of Egbaland
- Otunba Obalofin of Ijebuland
- Adimula of Ketuland, (Benin Republic)

In recognition of his contributions to development in the State, Otunba Daniel has been honoured with several academic laurels, including:

- Honorary Fellow National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria - 2004
- Doctor of Development Administration (DDA, *Honoris Causa*) Babcock University, Ilishan - 2004
- Doctor of Agriculture (D.Agric, *Honoris Causa*), University of Agriculture, Abeokuta - 2005

He has also won several distinguished awards including but not limited to the following:

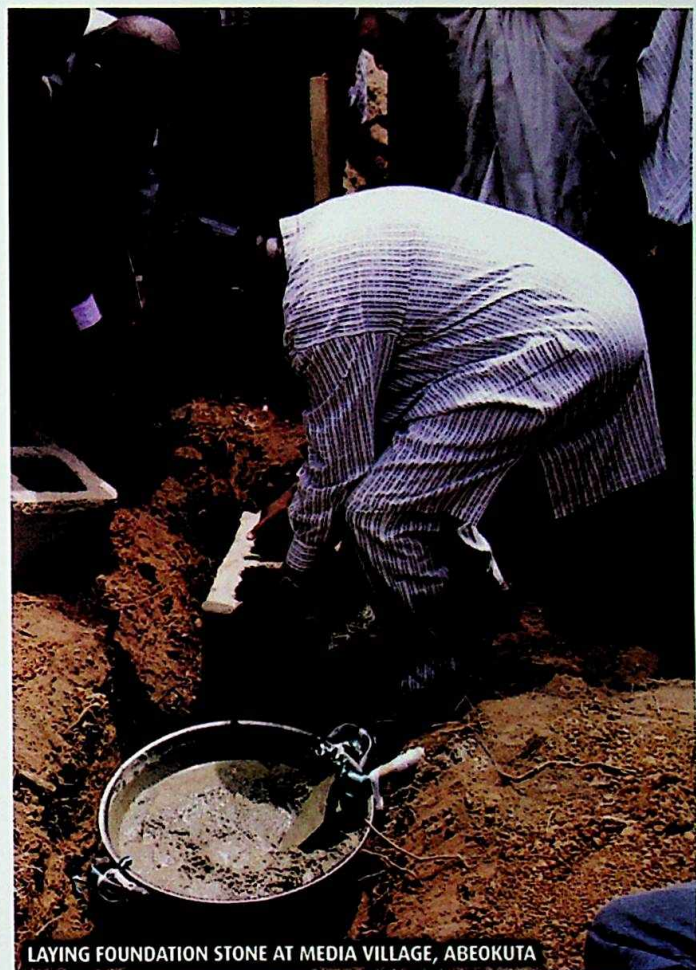
- One of Nigeria's 100 most successful Businessmen (National Concord) - 1993
- MKO Abiola Leadership Prize - 2004



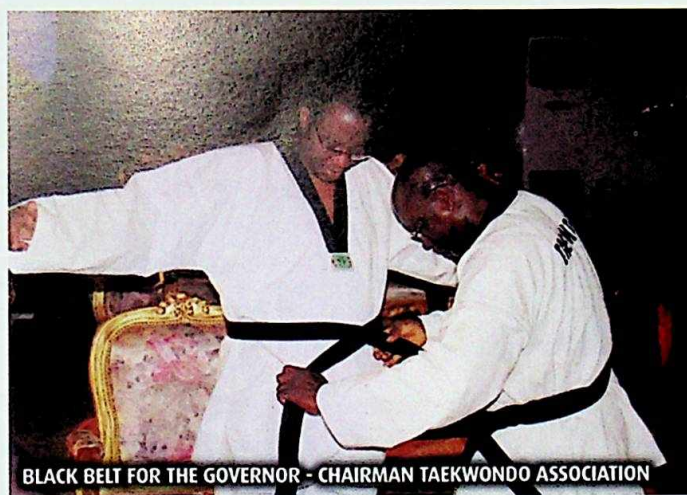
DESCENDING OLUMO ROCK



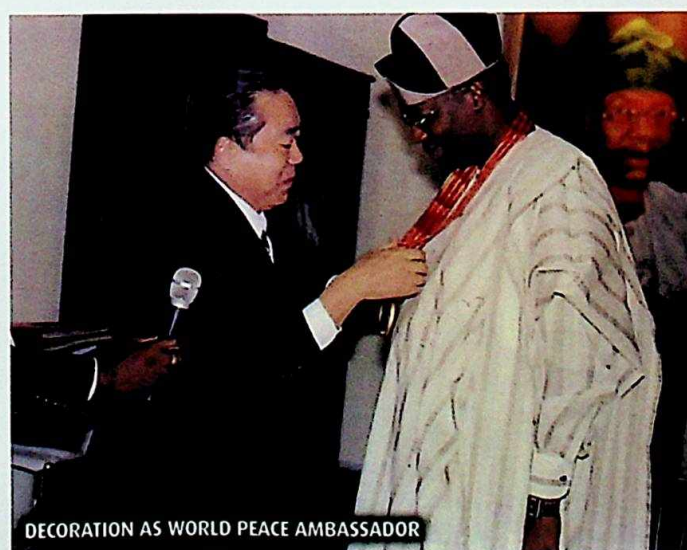
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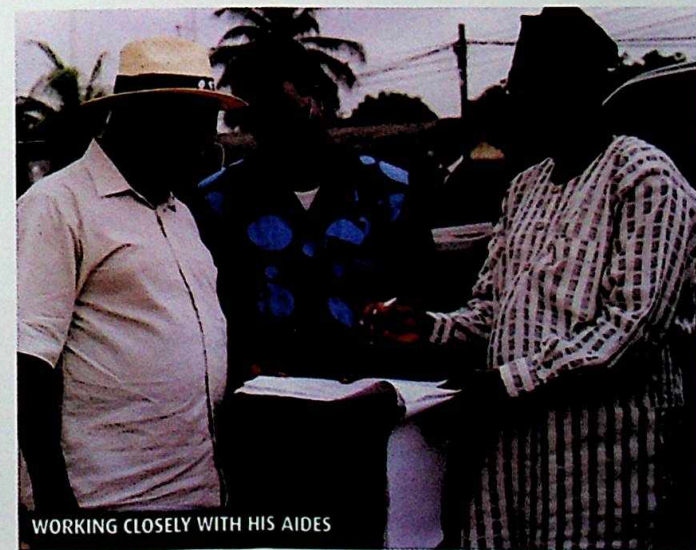
LAYING FOUNDATION STONE AT MEDIA VILLAGE, ABEOKUTA



BLACK BELT FOR THE GOVERNOR - CHAIRMAN TAEKWONDO ASSOCIATION



DECORATION AS WORLD PEACE AMBASSADOR



WORKING CLOSELY WITH HIS AIDES

- African Leadership for the Best Performed Governor of year 2003 - 2004
- City People Magazine Award Excellence for the Best Performed Governor of year 2003 - 2004
- Man of the Year (By the American Biographical Institute Inc) - 2004
- Most Distinguished Governor
- National Association of Nigerian Nurses and Midwives Ogun State Chapter - 2004
- Best Performing Governor in Primary Education Development - 2005
- Most Resourceful Governor (by *National Encomium* Magazine) - 2005
- Good Governance Award (by Nigerian Institute of Directors) - 2005

OGD also belongs to a number of social clubs, including:

- Metropolitan Club, Lagos
 - Ikoyi Club, Lagos
 - Island Club, Lagos
 - Lagos Country Club, Ikeja
 - Sagamite Club, Sagamu
 - Obanta Club, Ijebu-Ode
 - The Club, Sheraton Hotel and Towers
- He is also Grand Patron of the Scout Movement in Nigeria, the Nigerian Red Cross and several other national and international organisations.

Just like all other aspects of his life, OGD's union with Yeye Olufunke is another success to behold. This marriage, blessed with beautiful children, is a perfect design sustained by mutual affection.

A prolific writer, he has produced the following:

- The Land of My Dream, Lagos. (Metro Publishers, 2003)
- Control Towers in Air Conditioning System (Published in UNILAG ENGINEER, Volume One 1997)
- Engineer in The Society A Renaissance. 1979
- A study of Efficiency of Physical Supply And Distribution of Petroleum Products - Case Study, AP Limited, Lagos. (1981)
- Maintenance and Repairs of Equipment In Nigeria
- Vertical and Horizontal Systems Transportation (1986).

Many more are still in his kitty waiting to be rolled out.

For recreation which he rarely has, he studies biographies and autobiographies of great men. He plays squash, table tennis and the piano.

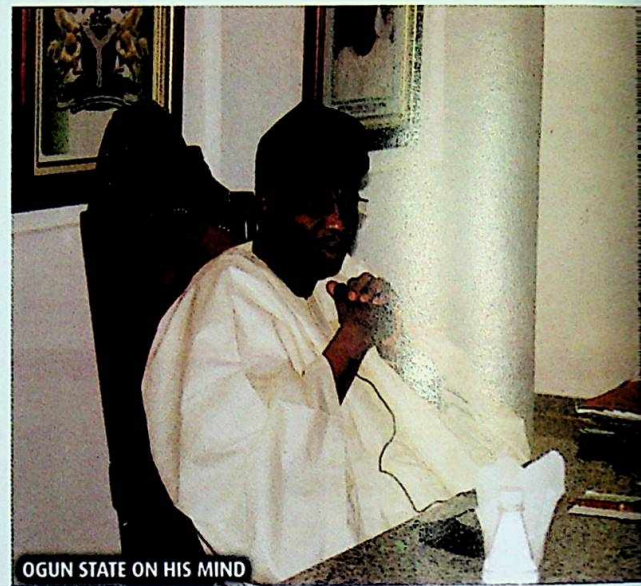
On, May 29, 2003, Justus Olugbenga Daniel was sworn-in as the Governor of Ogun State – the land of his dream. This did not come on a *Silver Salva* tray. It was the result of sweat and swot. On June 11, 2002, OGD set out with a team of the best and the brightest on painstaking tour of the nooks and cranny of Ogun State: 1,000 towns and villages in all the 236 wards in the 20 local government areas of the State. Lasting six months, they saw a state in despair, contrary to the reports of "development" that had been carried in the media. They saw a sleeping giant. To quote him:

When we were on these tours, we got a lot of surprises and those surprises largely represent(ed) the true state of affairs in Ogun State as we saw it on the field. The poor state of infrastructure, poor state of roads, poor state of schools at all levels, the poor state of various health institutions. Even at locations to have been provided with water, we got to those places and there was no water. Areas that were supposed to have been provided with rural electrification and transformers, we got to the locations to be told that transformers that were brought and commissioned in the full glare of camera were removed and taken to another location.....

They strategised and produced "My

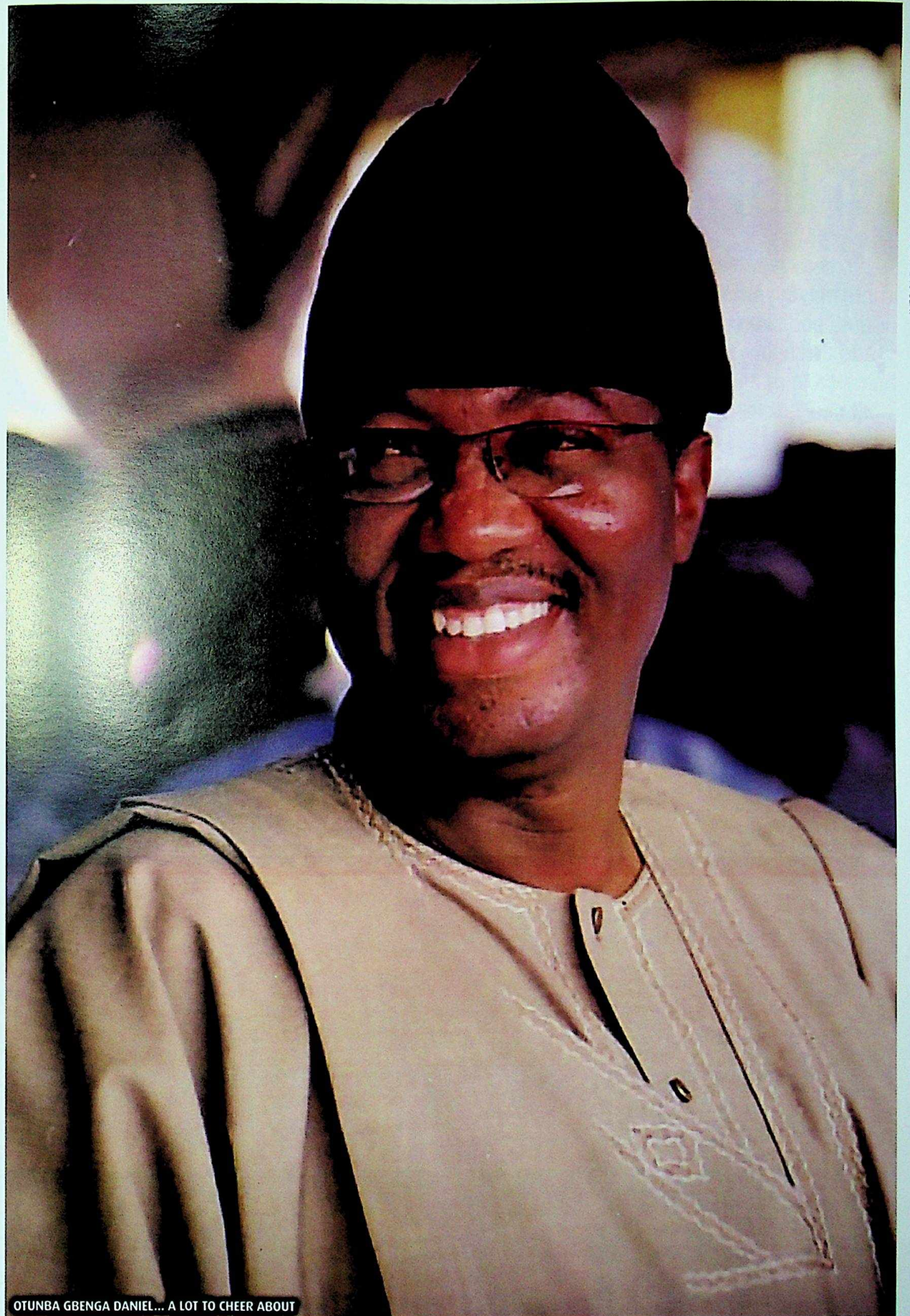
"Good leaders are those whose commitment and "labour", whether in the political, economic or social sphere, are devoted to the overall interests, welfare and security of their people, over and above their own personal and material concerns. Good leadership is manifested in the observable development and progress of the society on an enduring basis."

- Professor 'Femi Odekunle, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria.



Contract With Ogun People" – a blueprint for awakening the sleeping giant and freeing the people from hunger, ignorance, disease and powerlessness, and for the transformation of Ogun State into an investment destination. Simply put, it was to release the State from its state of suspended animation and make the vast resources of the State, human and material, work for its growth and development.

With evidences on the ground and commendations from the lowly, the highly and the mighty; friends and foes as well; an irreversible emancipation of the people of Ogun State from want and cant is moving apace, through a governance ethos aptly termed "Business Unusual."



OTUNBA GBENGA DANIEL... A LOT TO CHEER ABOUT

I Pledge...

...to secure our people's hard-won political freedom with economic rights by enunciating and implementing programmes that free the teeming masses of our people from hunger, ignorance, disease and powerlessness.

...to deliver to our people economic benefits by exploiting to the fullest all the state's fallow human and material resources and to capture all possible sources of revenue into the usable pool.

...to build an active and thriving economic citizenry, able and equipped to assert their political liberties.

- Otunba Gbenga Daniel, Thursday, May 29, 2003.



MAKING THE PLEDGE ON MAY 29, 2003

INSPECTING HIS FIRST GUARD OF HONOUR AS GOVERNOR

Hand-in-Hand

"The governor is the number one citizen while I am number two. My role is supportive and I have been doing that. I have to support him on all issues. There has never been any reason to be at loggerheads with him and there will never be, Otunba Daniel is a listening governor. We are here to work, turn the state around for the better, for every one to reap the dividends of democracy. It is not business as usual but business unusual.

"We are aware of the expectations of the people and we are bent on making our mark in the political history of this state. The stakes are high and we cannot afford to fail."

- Alhaja Salmot Makanjuola Badru, Her Excellency, The Deputy Governor, Ogun State



WORKING HAND IN HAND - WITH DEPUTY GOVERNOR BADRU (2ND LEFT)

ALHAJA BADRU'S SWEARING-IN AS DEPUTY GOVERNOR

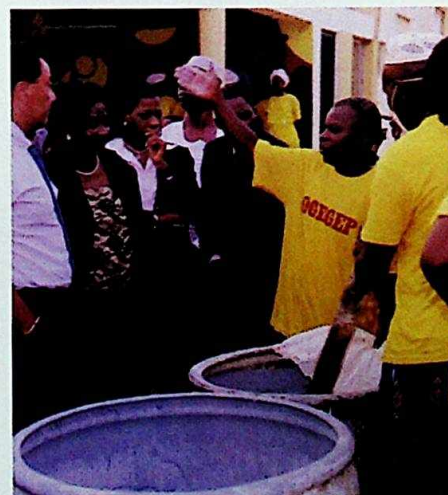
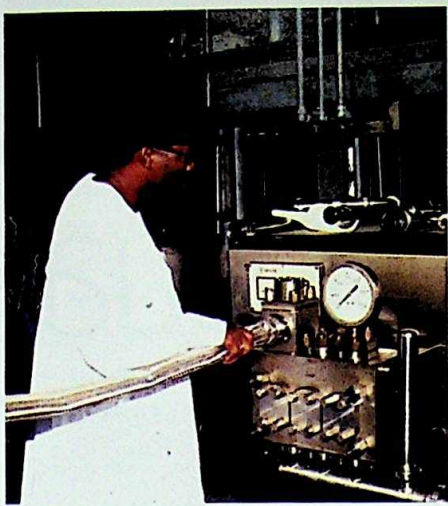
Partnership that works

"Relationship among members has been very cordial. We have been operating like one big family. As politicians and individuals, we have different views on issues and different approaches to achieve our goals. But whatever the differences, we discuss, debate and reach a logical conclusion right on the floor of the assembly. Ours has been a case of democracy in action. We are working towards the same goal. That goes for the Executive Arm too. We see each other as partners in progress but that does not disturb our independence as a separate arm of government. The rules are there in any responsible democracy and we are really aware of our rights and limitations.

...So far, it has been a progressive story."

- Hon. Titi Oseni, Speaker, Ogun state House of Assembly





Vision

...to make Ogun State a model – with an innovative and effective Government that is business-friendly, collaborates with its people, and is responsive to stakeholders.

Mission

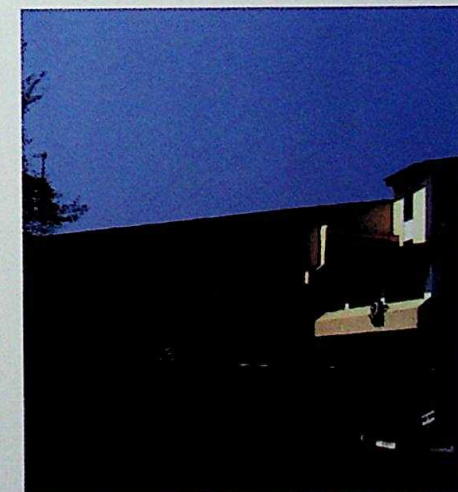
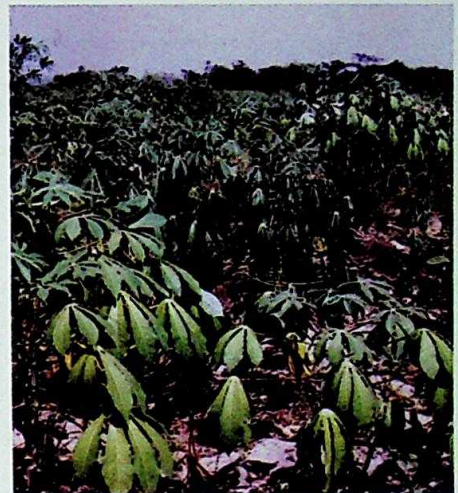
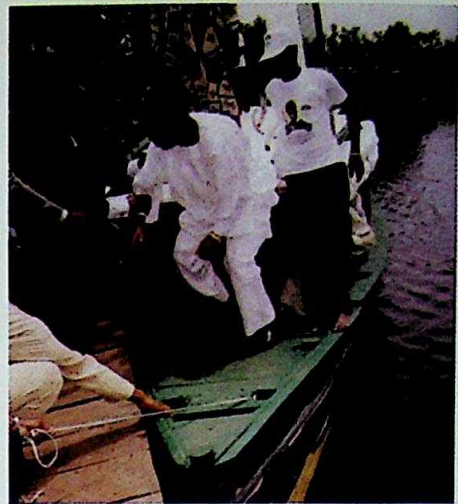
Commitment to the highest quality of service; provision of public safety; broadened economic base and expanded economic opportunities for indigenes, residents and visitors.

Core Values

Quality service delivery.
Accountability.
Excellence in governance.
Teamwork.
Participatory decision-making.

Key Goals

Reduce Poverty through employment generation.
Ensure food security.
Promote sustainable livelihoods.
Invest in the Youth
Improve service to the people.
Reform the way government business is conducted.
Build a financially strong base.



Business Unusual



THE CARGO AIRPORT TEAM ...ON THE FIELD

There is a need to set new parameters, to change focus and to re-energise the machinery of government towards optimum goal attainment. While we recognise the value in existing approaches, we equally acknowledge the imperative of seeking new frontiers in the governance of (the) State. The problems

that confront us today are radically different from what obtained yesteryears, calling for enhanced attitudes and aptitudes as we seek to inaugurate a new chapter in the socio-economic and political history of our State.

Our approach to governance will thus be radically different, in accordance with our credo of "business unusual."

(This) credo speaks to a desire to engineer a paradigm shift in the way Government business is conducted, to reduce waste and free up resources for developmental projects with long-lasting impact.

Our primary objective is to give hope to the hopeless, to return our State to work and to restore Ogun State to its rightful place among the Federating units of Nigeria. Achieving this objective requires singularity of purpose and patriotic commitment, which I am sure we can muster if we set our mind to it.

SAMPLERS



In some of the roads we are doing, sometimes the thing is so bad that we have to tar the road before we do the drainage because we cannot just wait. Whereas, normally, we should put drainage before doing the road. But in cases where we can still wait, we do so, for instance at Oba Erinwale Road in Sagamu. OGROMA (Ogun State Road Maintenance Agency) (had) been there for some time, but we found out that it (was) going to be a waste of time to do the road without the drainage. ...In the last few months, OGROMA has been busy with the drainages. Once the drainages are completed we can now fix the road.

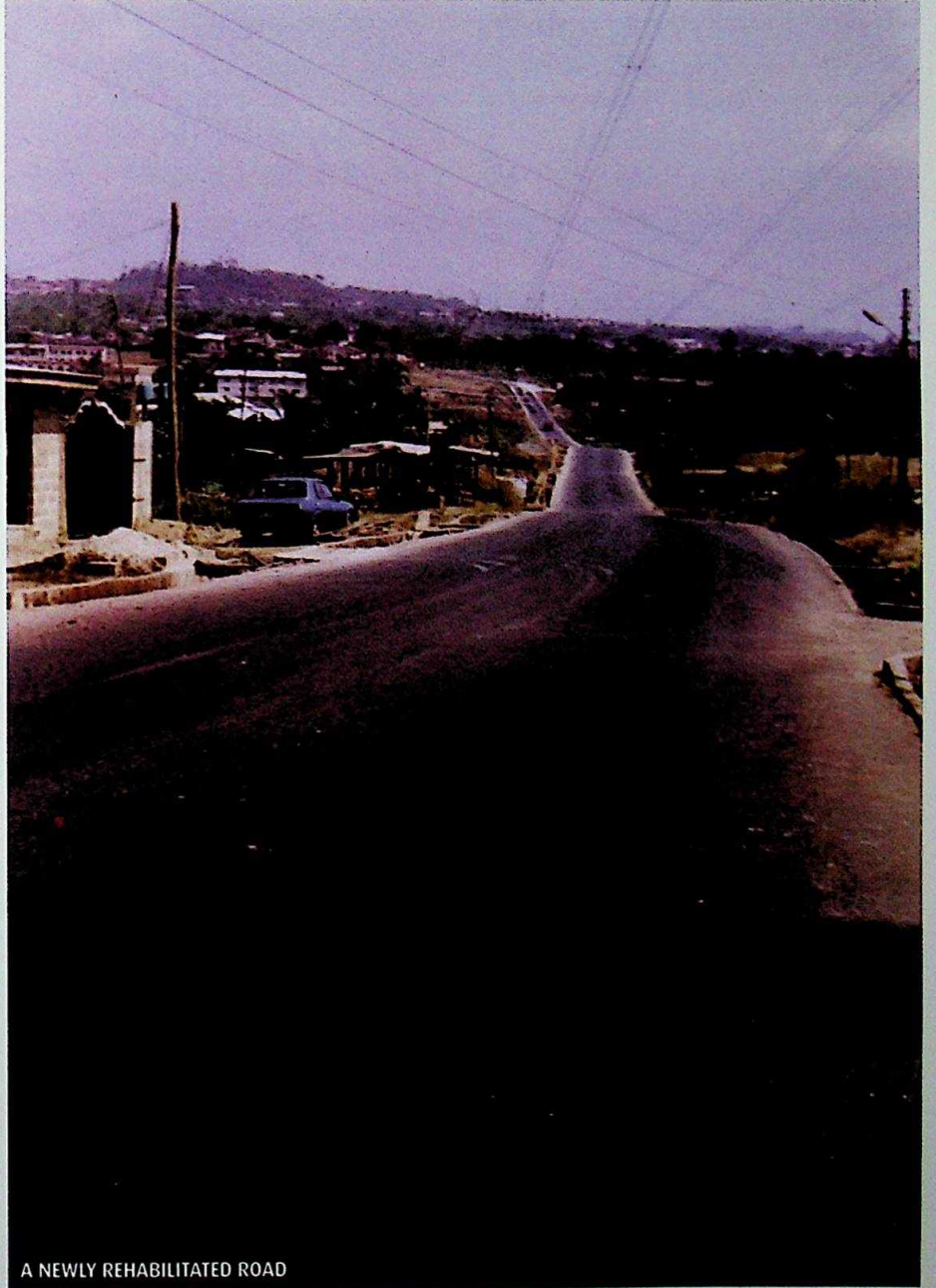


The first thing we made up our mind on is that we won't retrench, because to embark on a retrenchment is to add to this problem of unemployment. But, while saying we are not retrenching, we decided that we will rationalise. Our rationalization is not reduction of staff, it is about conducting a staff audit at all levels. Here, it will surprise you that in a lot of government departments there are a lot of idle staff, and you have other departments where people are overworked. We are now going through a process of rationalizing and restructuring through a staff audit. For instance, we are re-arranging OGBC (Ogun State Broadcasting Corporation), and I'm told they have about 30 drivers there. Those drivers were running the place probable 10 years ago when the concept and operation was something different. In the last few years, there has not been any need to keep 30 drivers in OGBC. Meanwhile, another department is requesting for drivers and I said rather than retrench those drivers, just transfer them to where they are needed.

The second thing is to now look at the database of the unemployed. Who are these unemployed? We tried to have a database, and having done that, we now (asked).what are the areas of need? So, we have a process of matching supply



DIGGING OF TRENCHES



A NEWLY REHABILITATED ROAD

with demand. For example, there are a lot of rooms for teachers at the secondary school level. The problem is about how we are going to pay them. In response to that, we came out with a programme where we said we are going to employ 2000 teachers yearly who will be paid an allowance for a period of one year. That time-frame will give us the opportunity to re-arrange and re-organise. While we keep them off the streets, we are hoping that within that one year, we will be able to absorb them properly into the Teaching Service Commission. After that, we can now take another set of the unemployed. By so doing, we would have gone through a process of gradually absorbing the unemployed teachers.

We are taking a look at other people. What are their qualifications, what else can they do outside white collar jobs. And that was what led to the training of people in Agriculture. I think the programmes are quite successful. The farm estates were there lying fallow. I was at Apoje Farm recently where I was told they needed 120

climbers and they have only two persons who are from Akwa Ibom. I now ask(ed) what really the problem is. Is it that our people don't know how to climb palm trees? I was later told that there is a better way than climbing, which in operation in Malaysia. I now said, can't we study it and use the same model here? We have done that and will commence the training of our people who will not have to climb any longer. In that case, there is an area of need but we lack people who are properly trained to do those things. We now require the competencies to do the work in Apoje. We found the boys on the streets and asked if they will be willing to acquire training in that area which they gladly accepted to do. And with a little help from us, they were trained and they are now moving to Apoje, happy that they are now engaged.

For the long term, we need to now begin to see the kind of education to be offered so that the graduates that are going to come out in the next five to eight years, will be those trained in the areas of

demand.



One of the biggest problems in government is leakages and when I used (that word), I'm being very polite.

...There are so many areas we are looking at. For instance, in terms of bank interest alone, due to prudent management within four months into this administration we were able to save N57 million out of bank charges.

We (would tell a bank), "you are charging the state 23 per cent but we now have another bank willing to charge us 18 per cent. We don't want to take this account from you because you've been our friend and ally over the years, but if you are not ready to accept this cheaper rate, another bank will get the account." I don't even hide the name of the bank and everybody was complying without terms, and by that step alone, we have saved a tremendous amount of money.



OGUN STATE HAS A COMPETITIVE BANKING ENVIRONMENT

On The Ground

In the following pages are pictorial presentations of the transformation that is taking place under Otunba Gbenga Daniel Administration's watch.

Agriculture

PLEDGE: We will play the role of enabler and facilitator as we seek to raise the practice and vocation of Agriculture to a level that ensures food security for the populace and

secures sustainable livelihoods and enhanced incomes for our farmers. We will use the resuscitation of the farm settlement scheme to provide large-scale employment opportunities for school leavers

and other unemployed youth who show interest in going into Agriculture as a vocation.

With determination and focus on our part and with God on our side, our Gateway State will also become a breadbasket, not only for our nation but also for the West African sub-region at large.



PLOUGHING LAND FOR CASSAVA CULTIVATION AT ONE OF THE 20 FARM SETTLEMENTS AND ESTATES



A CASSAVA FIELD



CASSAVA CROP BEING PREPARED FOR CONSUMPTION

Wealth Avenues in Agriculture and Forestry

Gmelina: In Ijebu East and Ogun Waterside, there is an over-aged and under-utilised 25,000-hectare *gmelina*, *aborea* plantation with an expected yield of five million cubic feet. Investors interested in the conversion of *gmelina* have a ready source of raw materials.

Cashew: At Ibara Orile, the state has 400 hectares of cashew which are being expanded continually. Besides, small farmers in the area have individual cashew plots. Thus, cashew processing industries are feasible.



Rubber: Manufacturers of rubberised products can access raw materials from the extensive rubber plantations in Ilushin, Ikenne and Ibiade.



Tomatoes: Tomato production thrives in the Igbesa vegetable belt in the Ado-Odo/Ota Local Government.



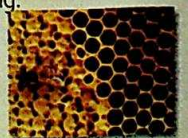
Ripe and fresh tomatoes are abundant for more than six months in the year and enough to support a tomato puree industry.

Kolanut: Ogun State is one of the largest producers of kolanut in the country. Its plantations abound in the Remo Zone of the State.

Cassava: Any investor interested in the production of cassava starch, chips, flour and all other derivatives should come to the State where the production of this root crop has been improved through the introduction of high-yielding and disease-resistant varieties.

Poultry: Ogun State is the largest poultry producer in Nigeria such that at certain periods there is usually a glut of poultry eggs. Opportunities, therefore, exist for investment in poultry-based industries such as egg powder and poultry meat processing.

Bee-Farming: Opportunities exist in the abundant forest and crop plantations, to boost honey production for both domestic consumption



and export.

Cocoa: More than 3,000 tonnes of cocoa is being graded yearly in Ogun State. With the renewed rehabilitation of old grooves of cocoa and the planting of new hybrid cocoa seedlings, the availability of more than enough raw materials to feed a cocoa-based industry in the State is guaranteed.



Rice: "Ofada", though quite nutritious suffers from poor processing and packaging. Yet this rice variant grows vastly in Ofada in Obafemi-Owode Local Government Area. This is a great investment opportunity.

Oil Palm: Palm oil, palm kernel and other derivatives from fresh fruit bunches of oil palm, are seasonal in production. During the peak season, from December to June, there is usually a glut of palm oil. Locating oil palm industries in Ogun Waterside and Ipokia/Ado-Odo Local Government Areas of the State makes investment sense.

Maize: Maize is produced in commercial quantities throughout the length and breadth of the State, particularly in Yewa North Local Government Area.



Industries which make use of maize as a raw material will thrive.

Pineapple: Large and medium scale pineapple farms abound in the State, enough to supply canning industries.



Sugar cane: Large sugar cane plantations exist in Papalanto in Ewekoro Local Government Area. Industries requiring sugar cane as raw material will thrive and operate profitably in the State.



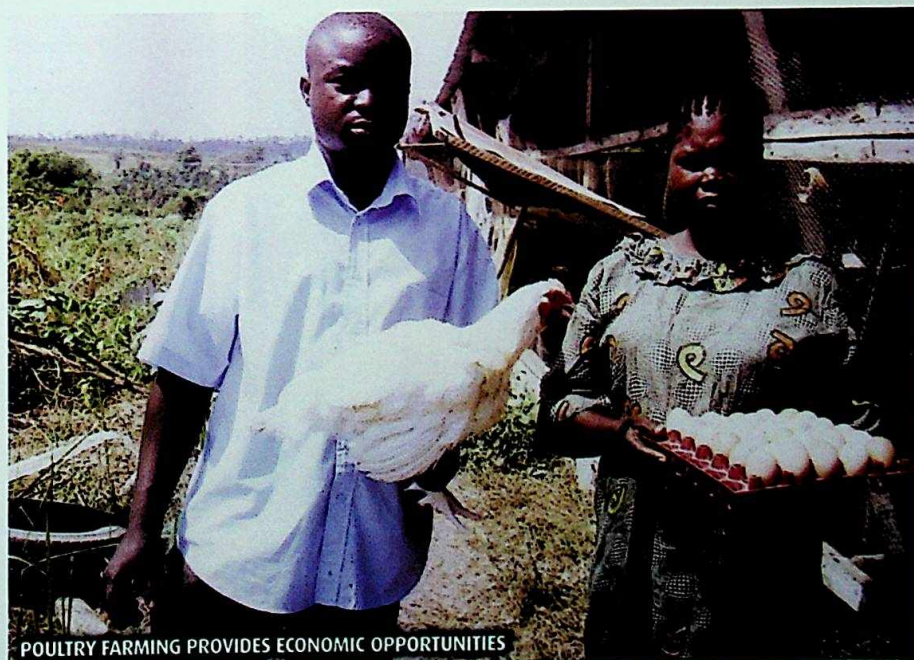
Citrus: Citrus is produced in commercial quantities in some areas of the State. In the 1970s, much of the citrus used by Lafia Canning Factory in Ibadan, was obtained from Ogun State. The plantations still exist and expanding them will supply the needed citrus such as sweet orange, grape juice, shad dock and tangelo to relevant industries.



Coffee: There is currently no coffee processing industry in Ogun State despite the large quantities of coffee that is handled in the State.



FARMERS HOLDING A MEETING AT A FARM SETTLEMENT



POULTRY FARMING PROVIDES ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Citizen Participation

PLEDGE: Our passion for progress shall be pursued with uncommon impetus. The people should know what they want out of life, define it, and on their own, do something about it as far as their resource capacities can carry them. They should be ready to

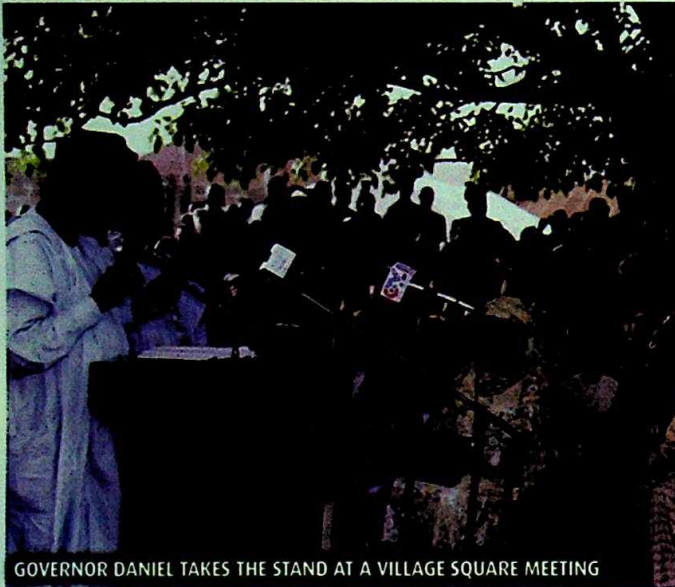
make sacrifices in order to make their collective dreams come true. They must remain focused at all times to prevent someone from distracting them. Their sense of purpose must be constantly fired by their inner convictions so that if they see their enemies who pretend to be friends, they will

easily recognise them.

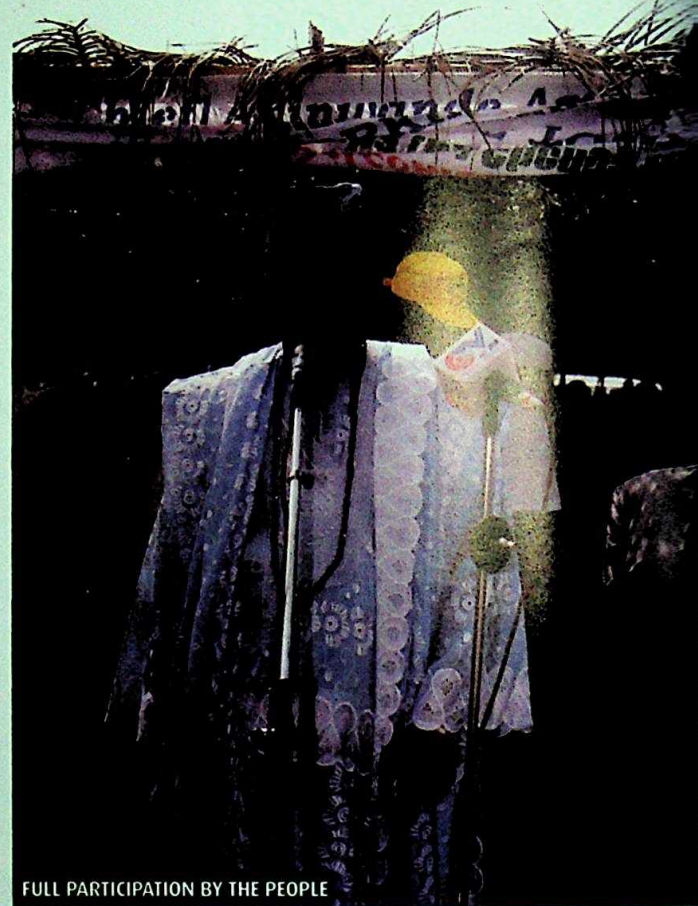
When the people are fully orientated, sensitised and mobilised, the leader... must be ready to go the whole length of the journey with the people. He must be at the vanguard of the people's aspiration and in case of any misfortune; he must be ready to be the first victim.

In today's world, leadership must be earned through drudgery, labour, pain, long suffering and sacrifices.

ON THE GROUND



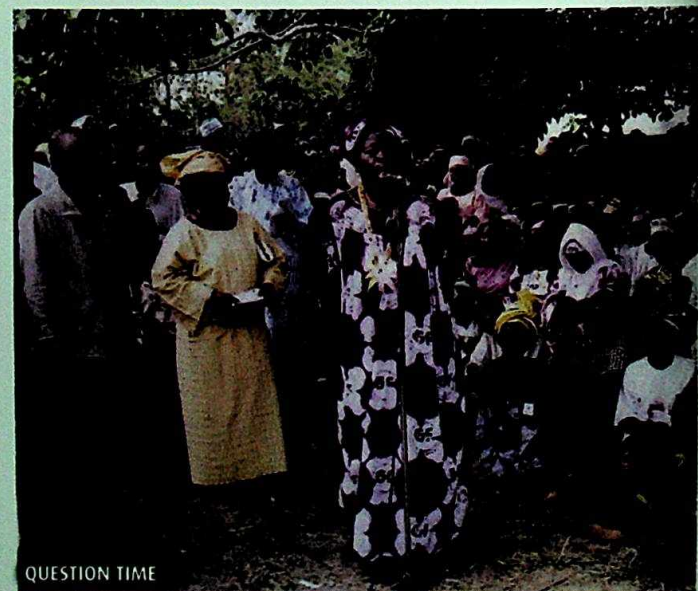
GOVERNOR DANIEL TAKES THE STAND AT A VILLAGE SQUARE MEETING



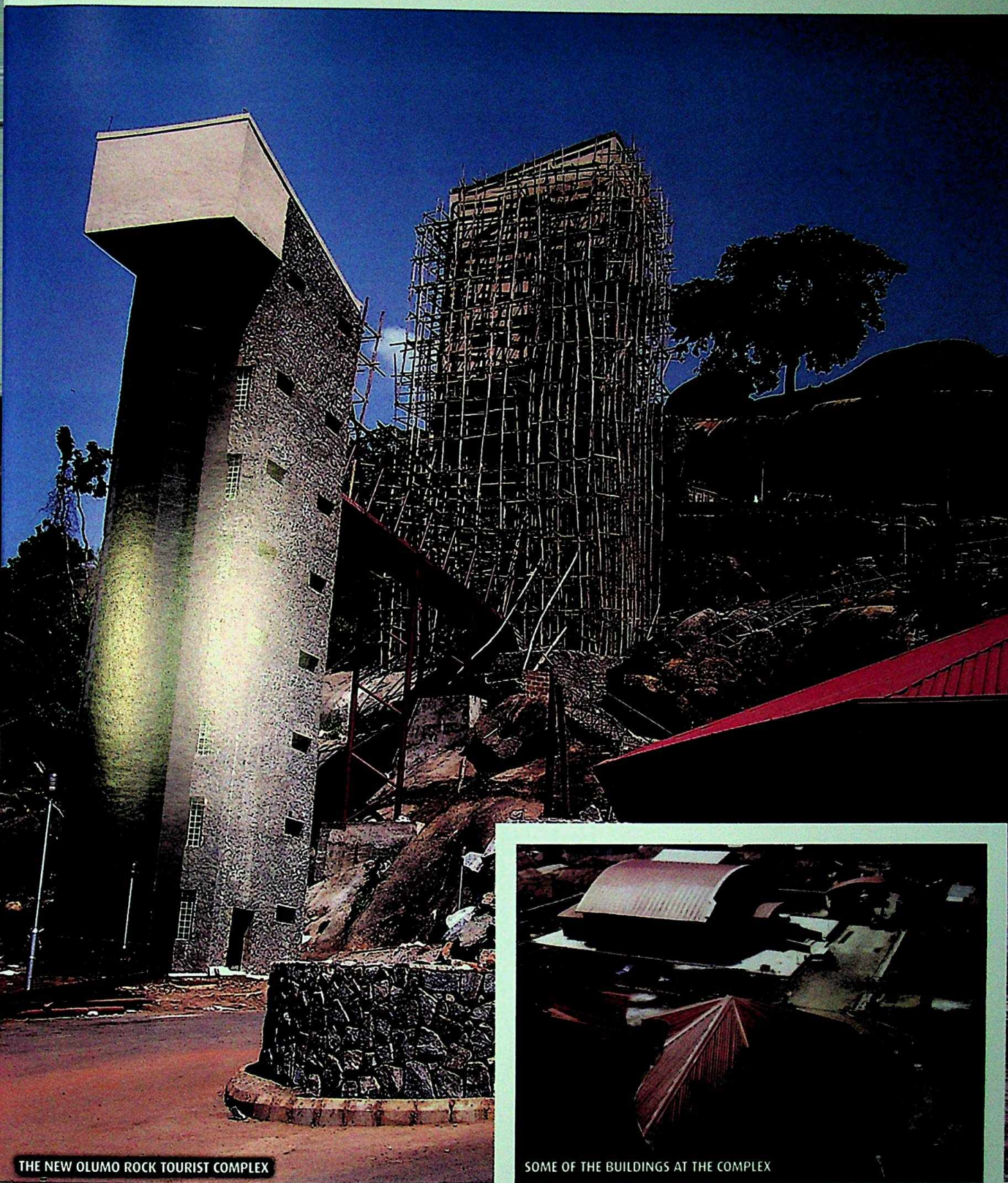
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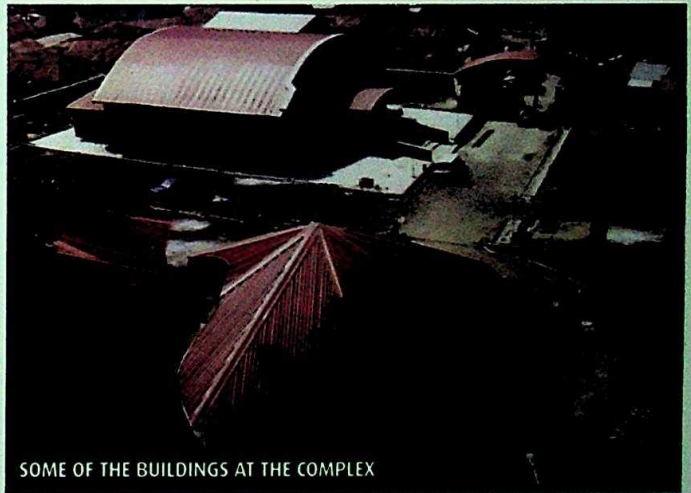
A PARTICIPANT AT A VILLAGE SQUARE MEETING



QUESTION TIME



THE NEW OLUMO ROCK TOURIST COMPLEX



SOME OF THE BUILDINGS AT THE COMPLEX

Culture and Tourism

PLEDGE: Our goal is to become “The Friendly Gateway” as we turn our rich cultures, traditions and topography into springboards for huge

and state-wide tourism enterprises. For this reason we will incorporate the Gateway Tourism Development Corporation (GTDC) to serve as the hub of our tourism

initiatives.

We are determined to make Ogun State the preferred conference and seminar destination in Nigeria and the West African sub-region as a complement to our effort to build a knowledge-based/driven economy.



THE ALL-NEW EXPO PARK AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE JUNE 12 CULTURAL CENTRE



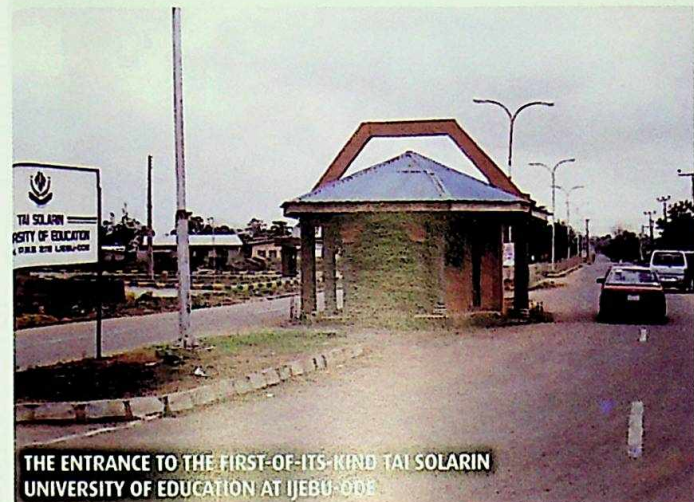
A MODERN PALACE FOR THE ILARO MONARCH

Education

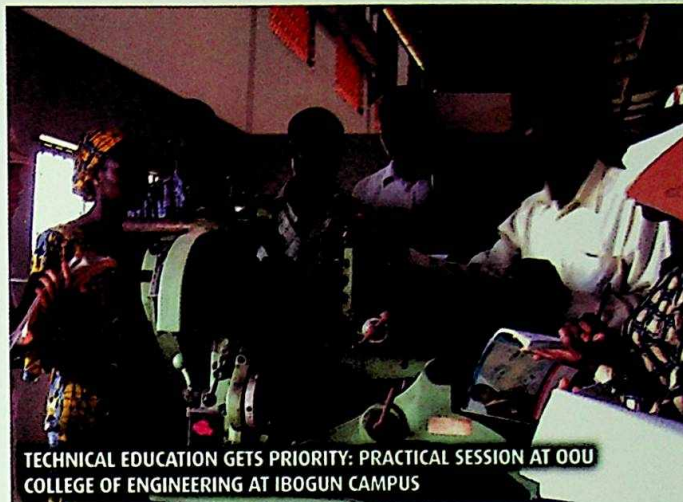
PLEDGE: My vision of higher education is to put in place all that is regarded in terms of infrastructure and incentives to enable these

institutions – and others to be established subsequently - in an atmosphere that is most conducive to teaching, research and character development.

We are committed to making useful additions to this worthy legacy (of free education) by expanding educational opportunities for our children and also enlarging the economy to guarantee employment after school.



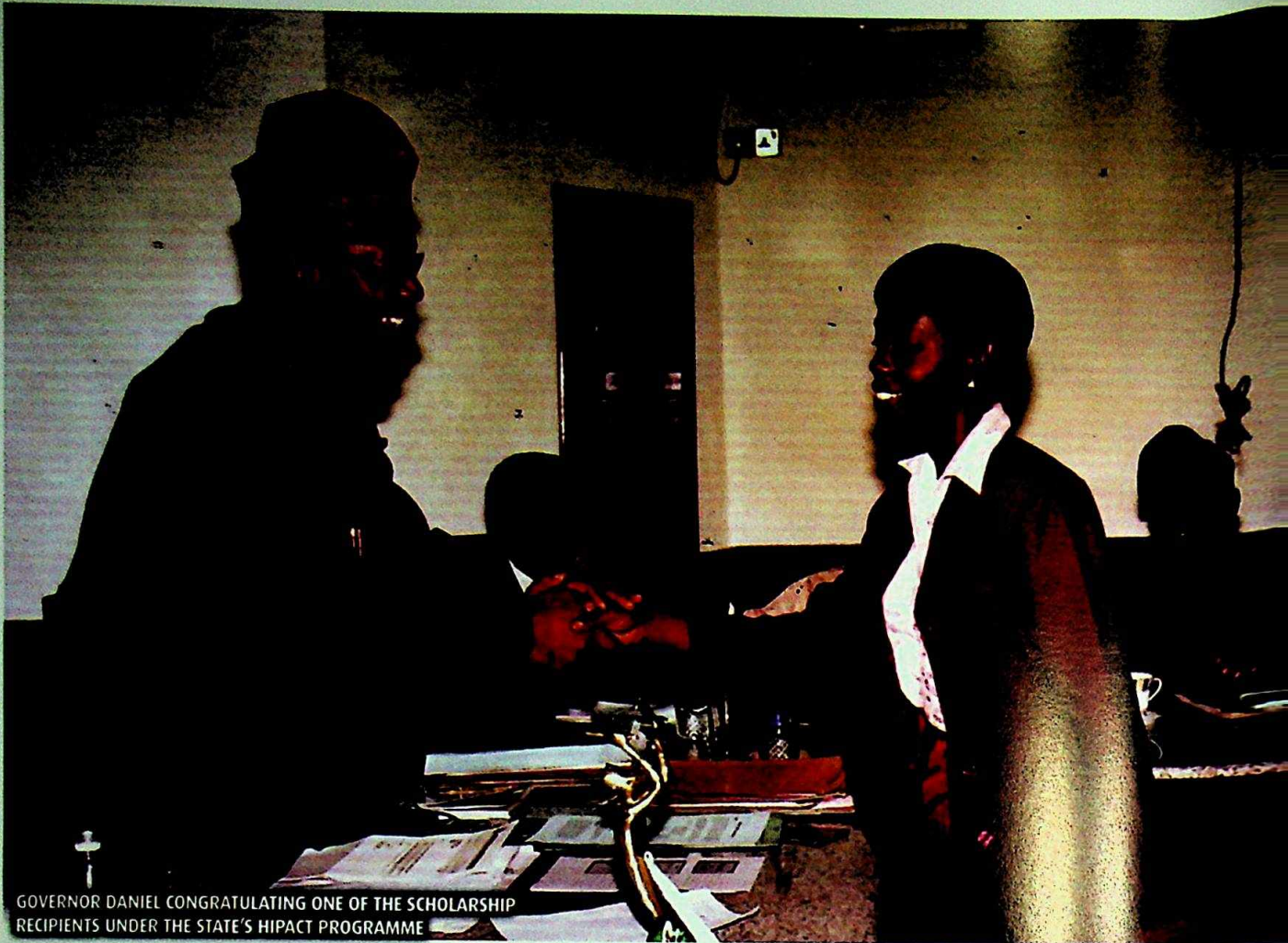
THE ENTRANCE TO THE FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND TAI SOLARIN UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATION AT IJEBU-ODE



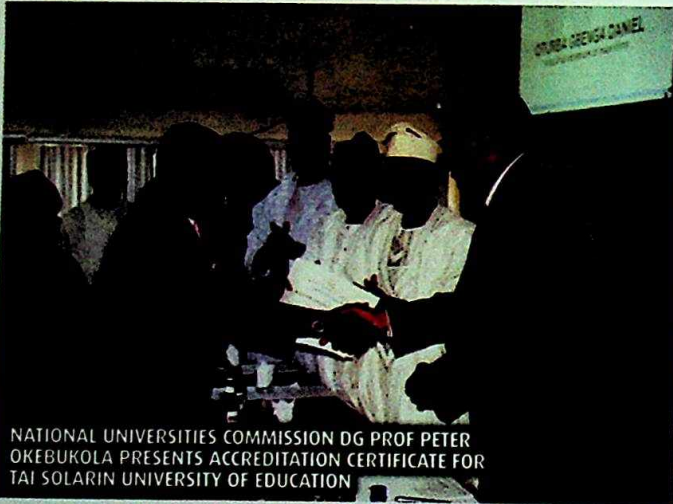
TECHNICAL EDUCATION GETS PRIORITY: PRACTICAL SESSION AT OOU COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AT IBOGUN CAMPUS



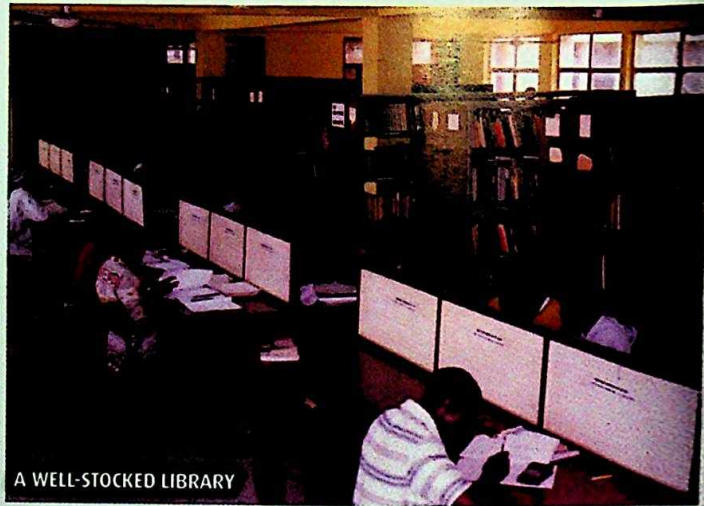
ON THE GROUND



GOVERNOR DANIEL CONGRATULATING ONE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS UNDER THE STATE'S HIPACT PROGRAMME



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION DG PROF PETER OKEBUKOLA PRESENTS ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATE FOR TAI SOLARIN UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATION



A WELL-STOCKED LIBRARY



BUSES FOR STUDENT



NEWLY CREATED COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, AYETORO CAMPUS, OOU

Industrialisation

PLEDGE: We will pursue a comprehensive industrialisation of Ogun State as a basis for massive job creation and the promotion of the welfare of our people, by developing new Industrial Estates and resuscitating old

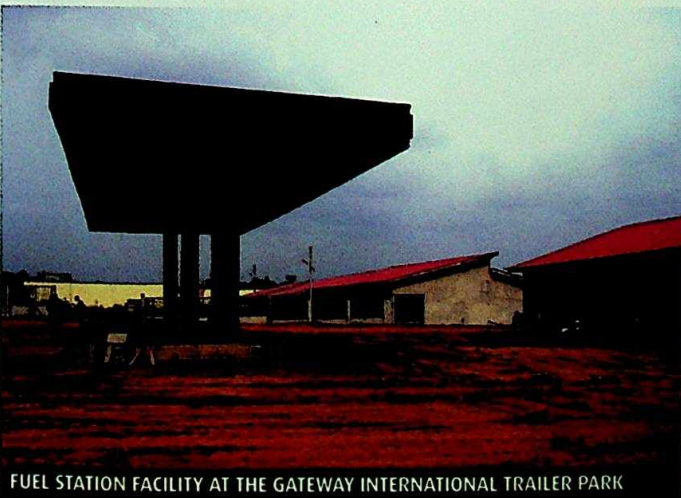
ones, which have become moribund due to past neglect; providing adequate infrastructure to support private investment in all parts of the State; achieving synergies with other levels of government, especially the federal level towards

leveraging large-scale impact in our industrialisation drive; and encouraging small-scale industrialists and artisans by granting them credit facilities i.e. soft loans at affordable interest rates.

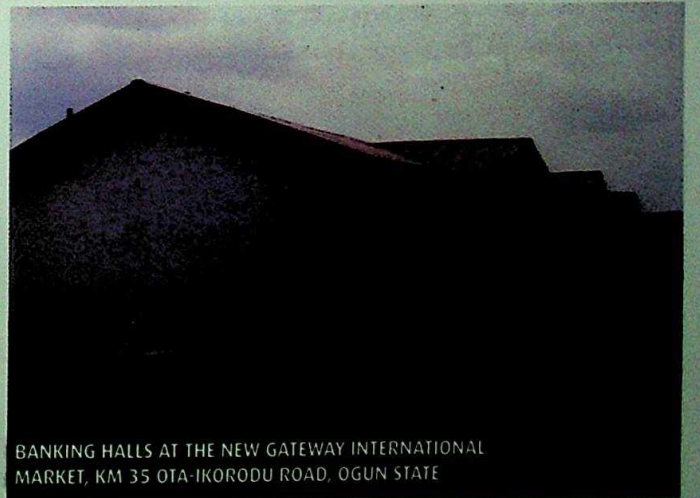
The goal is to transform the industrial base of the State consistent with our vision of expanding the economic base.



THE NEW GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL MARKET, SAGAMU



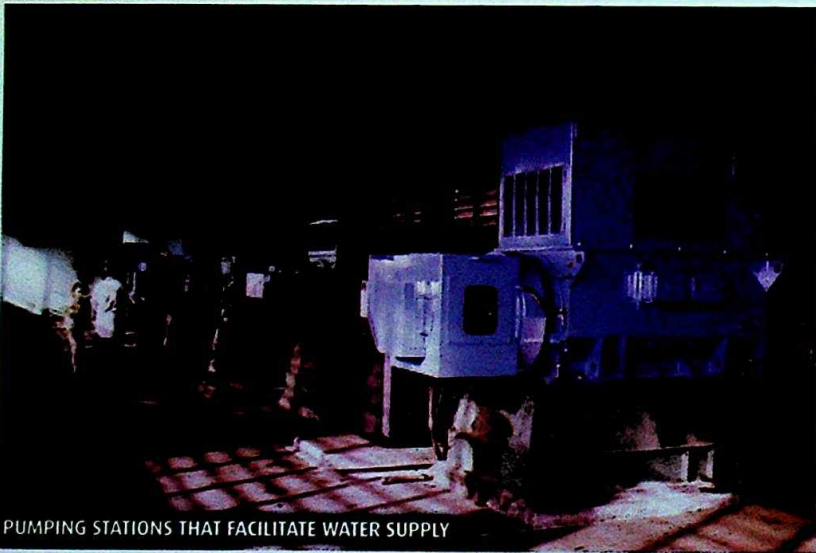
FUEL STATION FACILITY AT THE GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL TRAILER PARK



BANKING HALLS AT THE NEW GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL MARKET, KM 35 OTA-IKORODU ROAD, OGUN STATE



PROVISION OF WATER FOR ALL



PUMPING STATIONS THAT FACILITATE WATER SUPPLY



ANOTHER VIEW OF THE GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL MARKET

Ogun State Industrial Road Map

- Incorporation of the Gateway Bitumen Limited and the Gateway Oil and Gas Development Company to actualise the objectives of making Ogun State an oil-producing State.
- Disbursement of N40m as revolving loan to 250 medium and small-scale enterprises throughout the 20 local government areas of the State.
- Disbursement of N10m for the resuscitation of the Gateway Pharmaceutical Company.
- Disbursement of N200m to eight small-scale industrialists towards promotion of the small-scale industry sector in the State.
- Establishment of the Ogun State Business Development Services (OGBIZ).
- Incorporation of the Gateway Fertiliser Company Limited, the product of which is currently being tested by potential end users. Establishment of multi-million naira Export Free Zone in partnership with the Ondo State Government at Olukola border town.
- Registration of 161 new Co-operative Societies and 238 Fadama Co-operatives to bring the number of Co-operative Societies in the State to 5,792 and the granting of N10m revolving loan to 103 Co-operative Societies spread across the 20 local governments of the State.
- Release of N1m annual grant to Ogun State Co-operative Federation Limited. Construction of Sagamu International market, and Ajilete/Owode International Market at Owode in Yewa South Local Government.
- Layout plan on nine hectares of land at Onijangan-jangan, Abeokuta for the establishment of cottage and small-scale industries.
- Resuscitation of the Gateway Industrial Technical Company Limited Sango-Ota. Establishment of Border Free Zone, an ongoing multi-million naira long-term project at Idi-Iroko.
- Establishment of Dynamic Building System Limited to manufacture laterite bricks, train artisans in the art, as well as aid construction of low-cost houses.
- Establishment of 2,714 Community Development Associations (CDAs).
- Stimulation of the execution of 3,239 self-help projects valued at N1 billion, etc.
- Construction of three deep wells at Kajola, Oriji/Ojokoto/Fiditi and Asaka villages in Imeko/Afon Local Government at a cost of over N1m to promote community development in the State

Healthcare Delivery

PLEDGE: The key thrust of the system will be personnel motivation for medical professionals and ancillary staff, equipment upgrading in our hospitals and health centres, and infrastructure provision for access and

evacuation in the rural, riverine and other hard-to-reach areas. Our health programme focus will still remain with primary healthcare but with enhanced interest in secondary and tertiary healthcare, particularly accident and emergency given the position of the State as

home to major highways. Our hospitals and other health institutions shall once again become places where health workers – doctors, nurses, pharmacists, nutritionists, technologists and others – shall feel proud to operate from.



GOVERNOR DANIEL (2ND RIGHT) SEES OGRUMED IN ACTION



AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR CRITICAL RESCUE



BENEFICIARY OF FREE EYE SURGERY

Information and Communication Technology

PLEDGE: As part of our effort to promote efficiency and transparency in the conduct

of government business, we will immediately embarked on putting in place a cost-effective and up-to-date management information system (MIS) at all levels of governance.

Our initiative in e-governance will soon commence with the creation of a computerised database in the Governor's office to facilitate monitoring of projects, activities and finances of the ministries, departments and agencies.

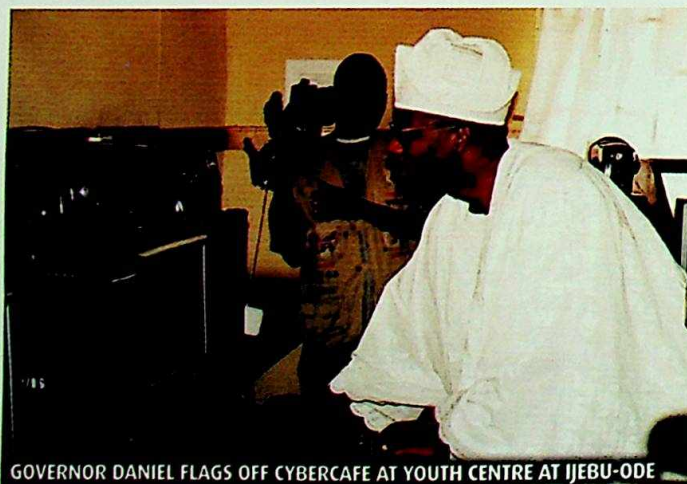
ON THE GROUND



SOUTH WEST RESOURCE CENTRE: A PROJECT IN COLLABORATION WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT



OGUN STATE AND US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WITH PARTICIPANTS OF AN IT PROGRAMME



GOVERNOR DANIEL FLAGS OFF CYBERCAFE AT YOUTH CENTRE AT IJEBU-ODE



COMPUTER TRAINING

Infrastructural Development

PLEDGE: The condition of social and physical infrastructure in many parts of the State attests to the challenging and compelling need to expeditiously embark on technically qualitative upgrading of vital facilities. To this end, roads, bridges, jetties and other transportation facilities throughout the State will be accorded priority attention within the budgetary framework. In particular, we will put in place a self-propelling system of road and infrastructure inspection and

maintenance to ensure rapid response to needs for repairs similar to the activities of the old Public Works Department (PWD). In addition, a new initiative in traffic control and management at major bottlenecks within towns and highways across the State will soon take off.

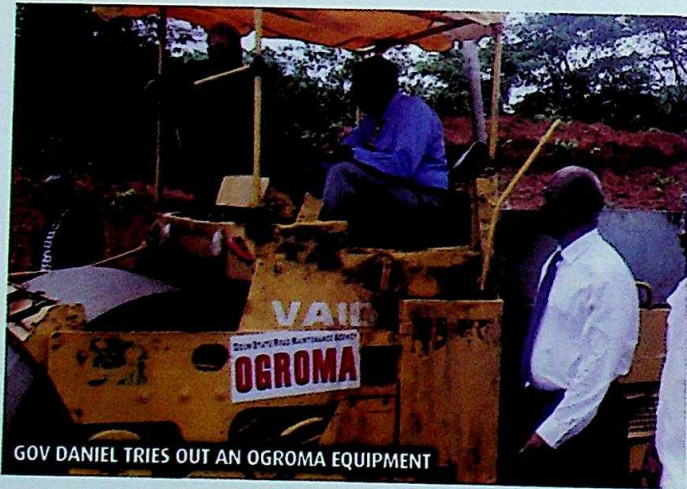
Given the location of Ogun State as a major transit, national and international artery, a new initiative in highway management has been put in place through the establishment of modern trailer, lorry and luxury buses, parks that facilitates free access, address environmental concerns and boost the State's capacity for internal revenue generation.



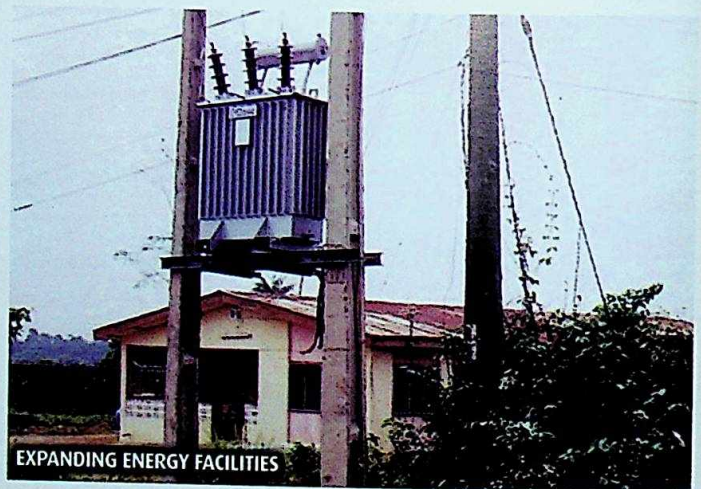
OGSEP MEN LIGHT UP THE STREETS



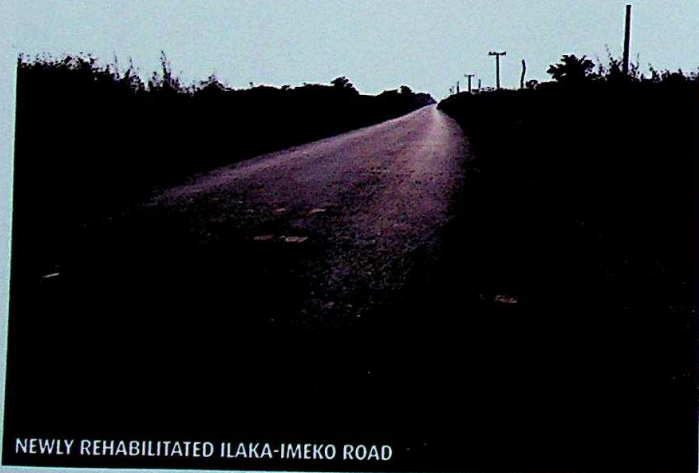
NEW ABEOKUTA SAGAMU DUAL CARRIAGEWAY SPARKLES AT NIGHT



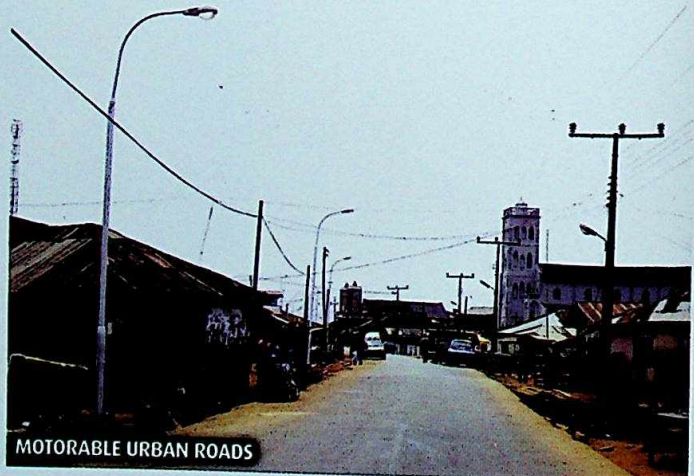
GOV DANIEL TRIES OUT AN OGROMA EQUIPMENT



EXPANDING ENERGY FACILITIES



NEWLY REHABILITATED ILAKA-IMEKO ROAD



MOTORABLE URBAN ROADS

Bye, bye bureaucracy

Engr Olufolaranmi Olusegun Onayemi, Director of Electrical Services in the ministry of works talks about the "magic" of lighting up Ogun State.

What are the projects that you've been carrying out since the inception of the Otunba Gbenga Daniel administration?

We have been involved in the maintenance of the street lights and also the construction of the street lights on the Sagamu-Abeokuta dual carriageway. **In the future, what are the other areas that you think you would want to lay hands on after finishing this one now?**

The beauty of what Otunba Gbenga Daniel is doing to the Civil Service is the professionalisation of each agency. Before now, electrical work was saddled (bundled) among other engineering works and (this situation) doesn't give it room to breathe. Because a lot of things are involved and before you know it, the big fish would have swallowed the small fish. But the beauty of what the administration is doing is that it is bringing up each profession for optimum performance.

Before now, the street lighting in Ogun State had been in comatose for between 12 and 15 years. So, by the time we came on board, people were saying, "Eh, don't mind them. That is what they would do and they would soon forget about it (halfway)." They do not even believe that we could turn it around. But the beauty of all these is that the governor brought out electrical works under a government agency called Ogun State Electrification Project (OGSEP) to handle all electrical matters in the state. And this is why we are able to perform. Bureaucracy was removed, and within a short time, you can't believe it,

within two months, we had been able to turn around everything. Every street light in Ogun State. And everybody was marvelling.

In Ogun State? Which towns?

They are working in Abeokuta, Ijebu Ode, Ayetoro, Shagamu, Ijebu-Igbo and Ilaro. At least, those six towns I mentioned, you will see their street light coming on. People couldn't believe it. Under two months. That is why I say the beauty of it all is the professionalism of each agency of the Civil service. That agency, Ogun State Electrification Project, OGSEP, was created by the governor in October, 2004. Street lighting is just one aspect. The other is rural electrification. The rural electrification cuts across all the nooks and cranny of the State, especially those rural areas where we don't have electricity supply. We are working on it and this year (2005), hopefully, we are going to embark on some.

Another thing this governor is doing is that he wants to give life to people living in the suburban areas. If you look at our major towns, Abeokuta for instance, many of the people living in this town, about half or two-third of them are living in the suburb. And these are the areas thieves, robbers are penetrating just because of the darkness. And the governor, being concerned about the lives of the people, is having it in mind to see to the electrification of such areas. So that at the end of the day, all these areas would have steady supply of lights (electricity). One, it is going to enhance the living conditions in the area. A lot of my colleagues are living in such areas... they would work in the day and in the night; they would not be able to sleep because they have very poor, low-voltage

electricity supply. They cannot iron their clothes. They cannot power the fan, they cannot sleep. By the time such areas are visited, that situation would be removed. The economy of such area would develop because people like welders, electronic workshops, whatever they are using electricity for, would spring up. And before you know it, people's economy would spring up. And the robbers would fly away because they don't operate in bright light. They cover themselves with darkness. So, when there is light everywhere now, you will see these robbers disappearing. And that is what we call meaningful development. I think this administrationits thinking is excellent.

My people, my officers are very happy. For one thing, we are given challenges.

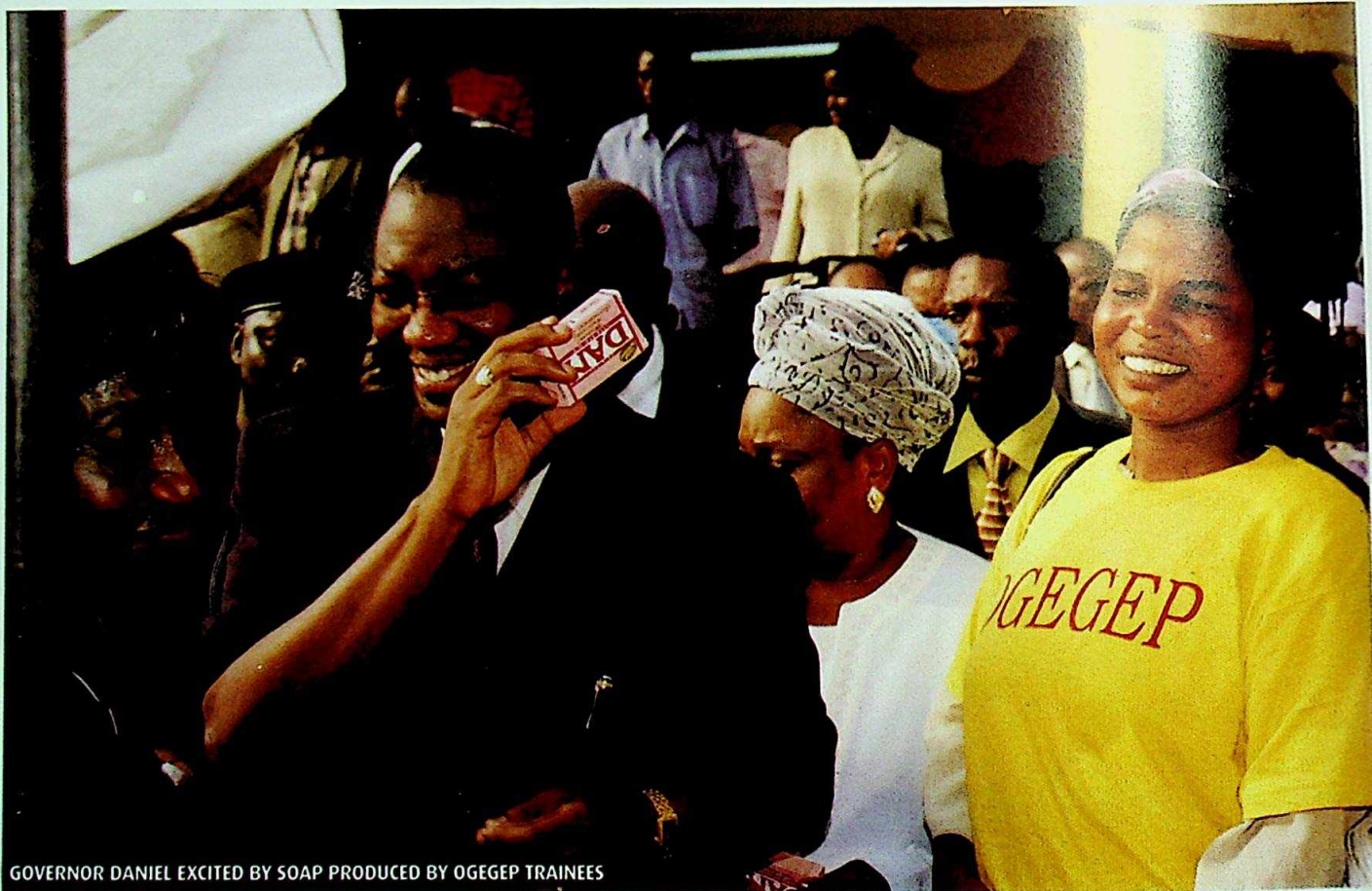
(No more) idling away. We are all proud now that we are putting into practice what we have learnt. And through that, these challenges, we are improving our skills to the benefit of the state because the state can now boast that they have able hands to handle electrical matters. But if the hands are allowed to rot away, we would just waste off. So, we are happy.



ENGINEER ONAYEMI



OGESEP STATE OFFICE... ABEOKUTA



GOVERNOR DANIEL EXCITED BY SOAP PRODUCED BY OGESEP TRAINEES

Youth Employment and Job Creation

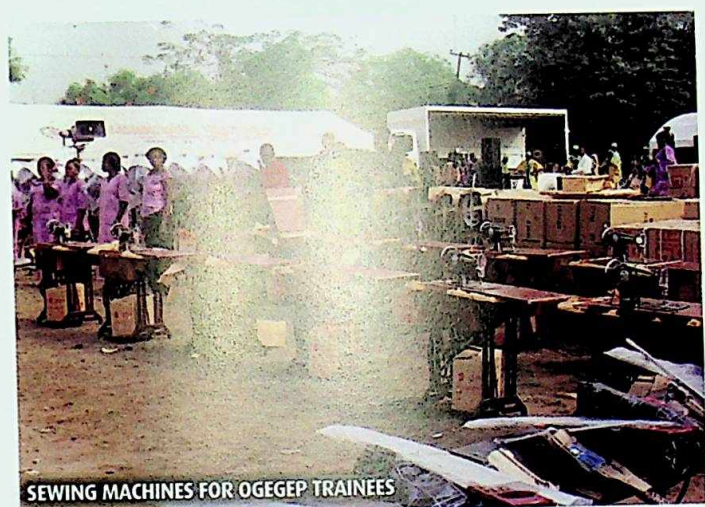
PLEDGE: We are embarking on compiling a comprehensive

database of able-bodied youth toward putting in place policies that target the specific employment needs of this category. Our youth

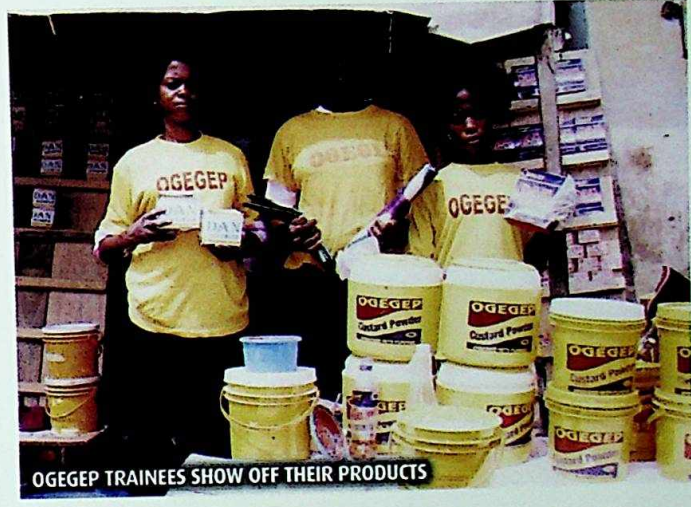
employment scheme will value retraining in tradable skills and the provision of starter kits in the form of in-kind working capital.



GOVERNOR DANIEL SAMPLING OGESEP'S PRODUCTS



SEWING MACHINES FOR OGESEP TRAINEES



OGESEP TRAINEES SHOW OFF THEIR PRODUCTS



INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION: FOREIGN EXPERT MEETS OGESEP OFFICIALS AND BENEFICIARIES

Investment Drive

In collaboration with the private sector, the State has institutionalised the Ogun State Economic and Investment Summit, to show, among other things, the amount and

quality of both human and material resources available in the State which a serious investor can tap into; emphasise the social and economic benefits of the State's proximity to Lagos without suffering the

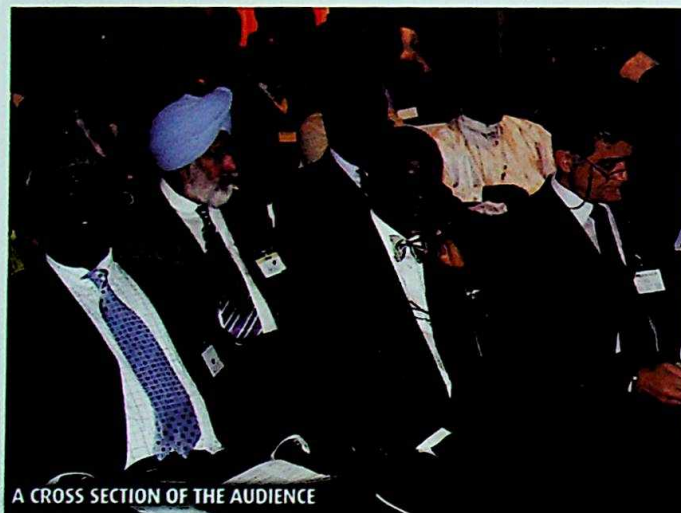
suffocation of Lagos business environment and show-case the environmental friendliness, socially and politically of the State.

Two editions of the Summit have been held.

ON THE GROUND



GOVERNOR DANIEL ADDRESSING THE SUMMIT



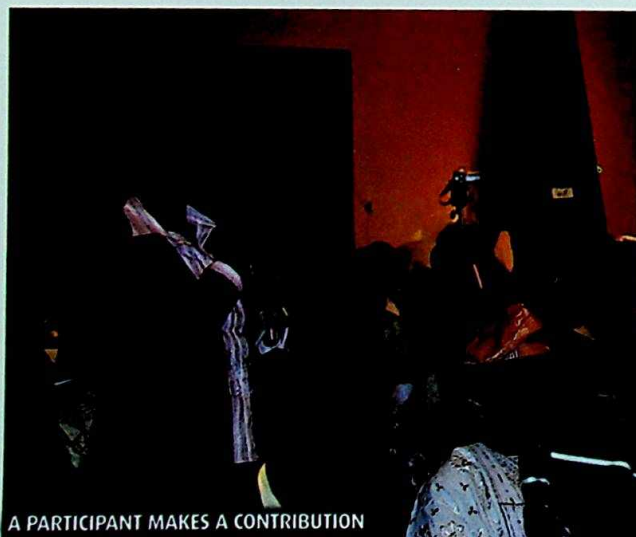
A CROSS SECTION OF THE AUDIENCE



RESOURCE PERSON



RESOURCE PERSON



A PARTICIPANT MAKES A CONTRIBUTION

The Gov as the Push

Interview with a member of a prospective investing team in Ogun State, the Impacto Group, who participated at the 2nd Ogun State Economic and Investment Summit

What exactly are you going away with from this summit? Are you motivated by this summit to commit resources to investments?

We are a trading company here in Nigeria. We are a Spanish company, bringing ceramics from Spain to sell here. Just because the market is so huge and the demand is so high, we are thinking of manufacturing them here despite all the adversity we gonna find here especially energy and transportation. But thanks to the helps and the backing that the governor is giving us, we are confident of the budget and are thinking of starting soon.

Thank you, but what I actually am desirous of knowing is how much are you influenced to come to commit resources to the state by the efforts and sincerity of the governor and his team?

Yes, yes. One of the key motivations that push us forward to commit this huge investment has been the governor. If it were not for him, maybe we would have thought twice not to do it.



FLASHBACK: FIRST INVESTMENT SUMMIT GOV CHATS WITH FINANCE MINISTER OKONJO-IWEALA

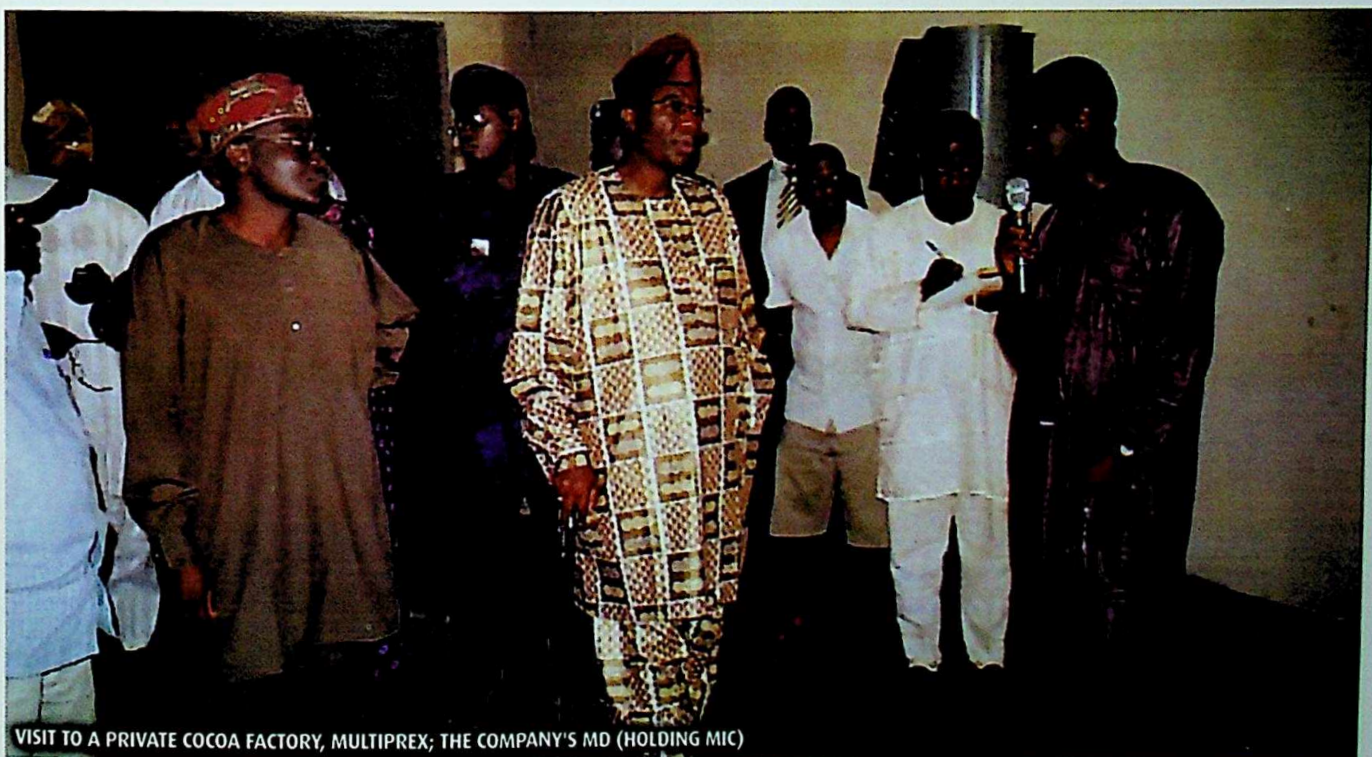


INVESTMENT DRIVE: GOVERNOR DANIEL INSPECTS MACHINERY

Incentives for Investors

- Liberalised regime of policies to guide business
- Establishment of a one-stop shop for new investors
- Commitment to ease access to land for agriculture, housing and industry
- A competitive banking environment that delivers investor-friendly products and services
- Well-maintained and increasing network of urban and rural roads
- Continuous expansion of power and energy facilities
- Provision of top-rate health, education and other social services
- Provision of water in additional towns and villages across the state
- Policy consistency and removal of constraints to business activities, and
- Project financing plans that promote viable public/private partnerships

(For further information and assistance, please contact Miss Yosola Akinbi, Economic Adviser to the Ogun State Governor. Tel: +234-39-243342. Email: econo-dev@ogunstate.gov.ng, yosolaa-kinbi@hotmail.com, economic-planning@hotmail.com)



VISIT TO A PRIVATE COCOA FACTORY, MULTIPREX; THE COMPANY'S MD (HOLDING MIC)

Transformation in Motion

Ready, Steady...OGD. As soon as the blast of the gun, on May 29, 2003, the man called OGD, short for Otunba Gbenga Daniel, was already several metres ahead in the race called Governance of Ogun State. This was because he came to the race more than fully prepared. Those in the race with him and observers too have had no choice but to keep pace with his speed... An attempt is made here to follow the motion...





IN THE BEGINNING, MAY 29, 2003

2003**May 29**

Swearing in of Otunba Gbenga Daniel as the 14th Governor of Ogun State.

May 30

Otunba Daniel pays courtesy visit on the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede; meets the Head of Service and Permanent Secretaries in the State.

June 2

Swearing-in of the new Secretary to the State Government, Mr Sarafadeen Tunji Isola

Gov Daniel visits Olumo Rock; promises to transform it into an international tourists' destination.

June 4

Inauguration of the Ogun State House of Assembly by Governor Gbenga Daniel.

Maiden meeting with the representatives of the Civil Service at the June 12 Cultural Centre, Abeokuta.

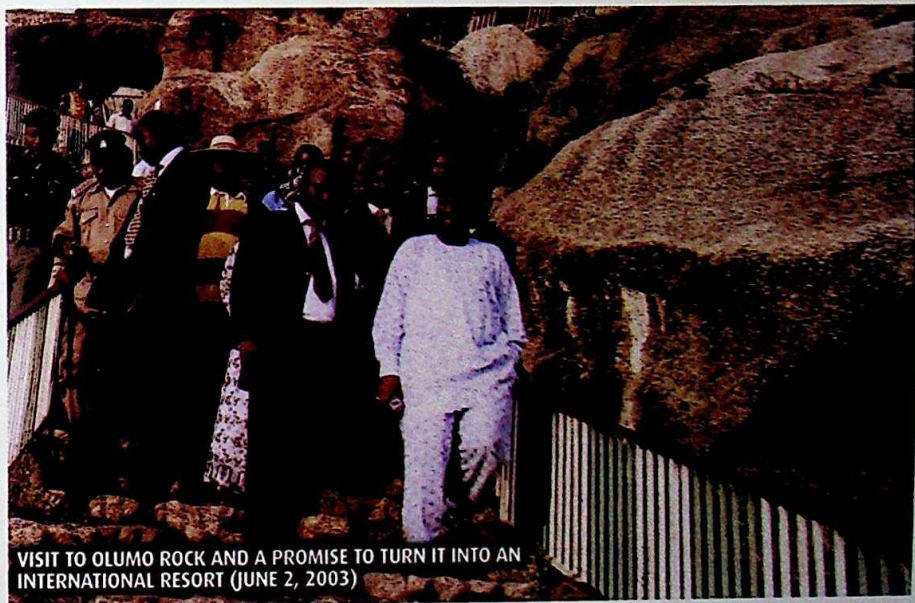
June 5

Otunba Daniel visits the School of Nursing, Ijebu-Ode;

Meets members of the Governing Council at Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye Campus and inspects the Comprehensive High School Ayetoro, proposed as OOU's College of Agriculture.

June 6

Meeting with the United States



VISIT TO OLUMO ROCK AND A PROMISE TO TURN IT INTO AN INTERNATIONAL RESORT (JUNE 2, 2003)

Ambassador, Mr. Howard Jeter and launching of the EDDI/Ambassador's Girl's Scholarship at Gateway Hotel, Abeokuta.

June 7

Fund-raising for the new Akarigbo's palace held at Akarigbo Square, Sagamu.

June 8

Special Thanksgiving Service to mark the inauguration of the Daniel Administration at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul's Sagamu.

June 9

Otunba Daniel inspects Odeda Farm Institute, Eweje.

Meets the Directors of Finance in the 20 Local Governments at the Exco Chamber

June 10

Visit to Mini Secretariat, Oke Ilewo and government establishments

June 12

Remembering late Chief M K O Abiola. Otunba Daniel meets the press.

June 13

Special Jumat Service to mark the

inauguration of the Administration.

June 15

Special Guest of Honour at the Global Excellence Nite at Niteshift Coliseum, Opebi, Lagos.

June 19

Gov Daniel meets members of the State Council of Obas in Abeokuta; and former Chairman and members of State INEC at Exco Chamber

June 20

Courtesy call by the State Chairman and members of the NLC, Ogun State Chapter

at Exco Chamber.

June 22

At the Outing Service for Late Health Minister Professor Olikoye Ransome Kuti at St. Johns Anglican Church, Igbein, Abeokuta.

July 3

Swearing-in of members of the New State Executive Council at the June 12 Cultural Centre, Abeokuta.

July 10

Otunba Gbenga Daniel attends the formal presentation of the book *Medicine: My*

Passport written by Professor T O Ogunlesi in commemoration of the professor's 89th Birthday; at the AGIP Recital hall, MUSON Centre, Lagos.

July 11

The Nigerian Red Cross Society, Ogun State Branch decorates the governor as Patron.

July 14

Flagging-off of Ogun State Employment Generation Programme at the Odeda Farm Institute, Eweje.

Swearing-in of 20 newly appointed Local Government Transition Committee Chairmen in Ogun State.

July 16

Governor attends the Year 2003 Afforestation Campaign organised by the Forestry Association of Nigeria (SAN), at the Baptist Boys High School Saje, Abeokuta.

July 18

Interactive session with Media Executives at Gateway Hotel, Kuto, Abeokuta.

July 22

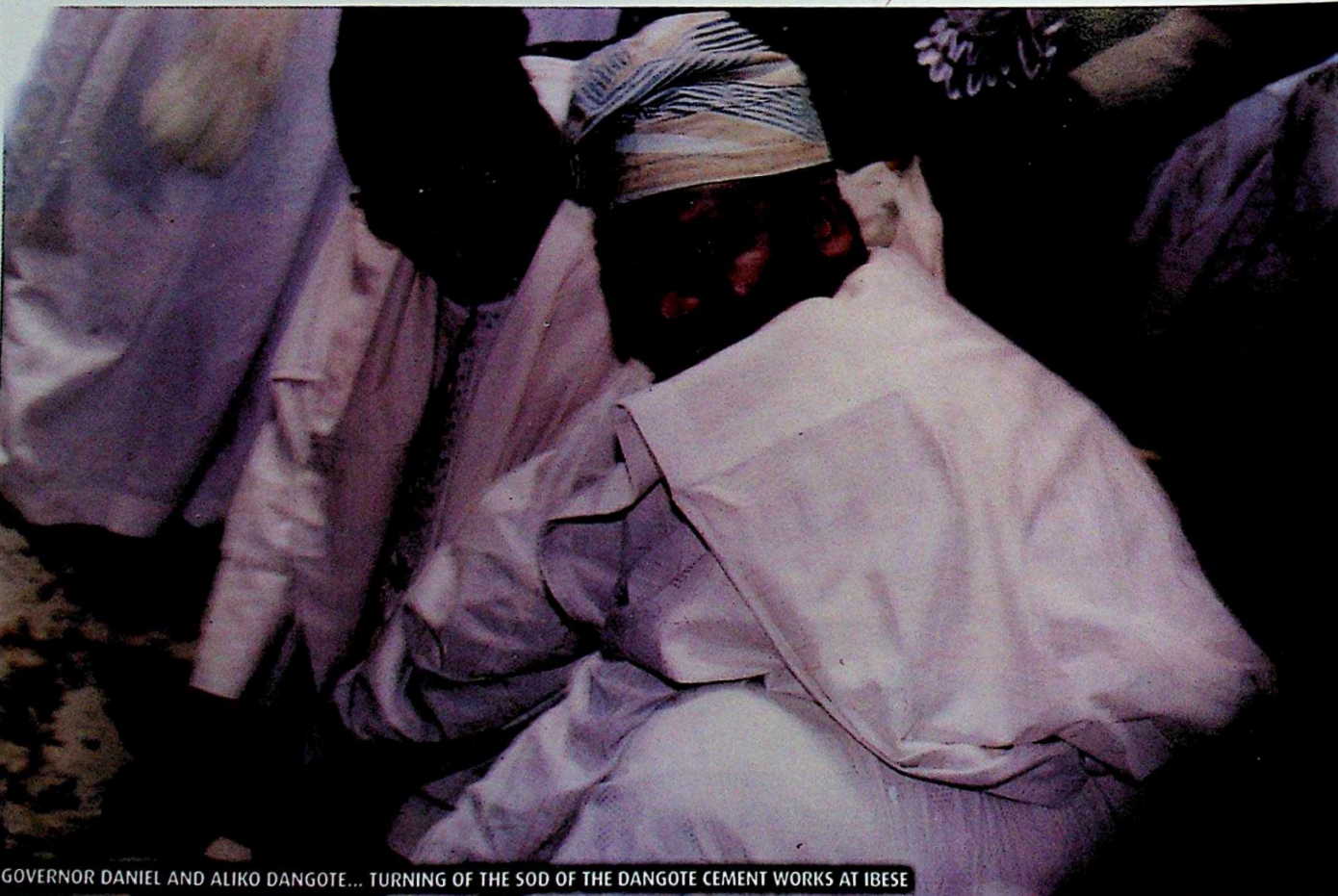
Village Square meeting at Coker Village market square, Coker. Yoruba Council of Elders hosts congratulatory dinner in honour of Otunba Gbenga Daniel at Gateway Hotel, Abeokuta.

July 23

Inauguration of the Ogun State Road Maintenance Agency (OGROMA) in Abeokuta.



YET ANOTHER COMMISSIONING



GOVERNOR DANIEL AND ALIKO DANGOTE... TURNING OF THE SOD OF THE DANGOTE CEMENT WORKS AT IBESE



GOVERNOR DANIEL WITH PRESIDENT OBA SANJO AT A SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL RETREAT ON INDUSTRY AND SMES ...AT ABEOKUTA

July 24

Otunba Gbenga Daniel at the second Annual Senator Abraham Adesanya Lecture, held at MUSON Centre, Lagos.

July 25

President Olusegun Obasanjo commissions the new FRCN station, Paramount FM 94.5 in Abeokuta.

July 28

Inauguration of the State Boundary Committee at Exco Chamber

July 31

Send-forth for four Permanent Secretaries who retired from the service; at Gateway Hotel Abeokuta.

August 5

31st Coronation Anniversary of Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede.

August 6

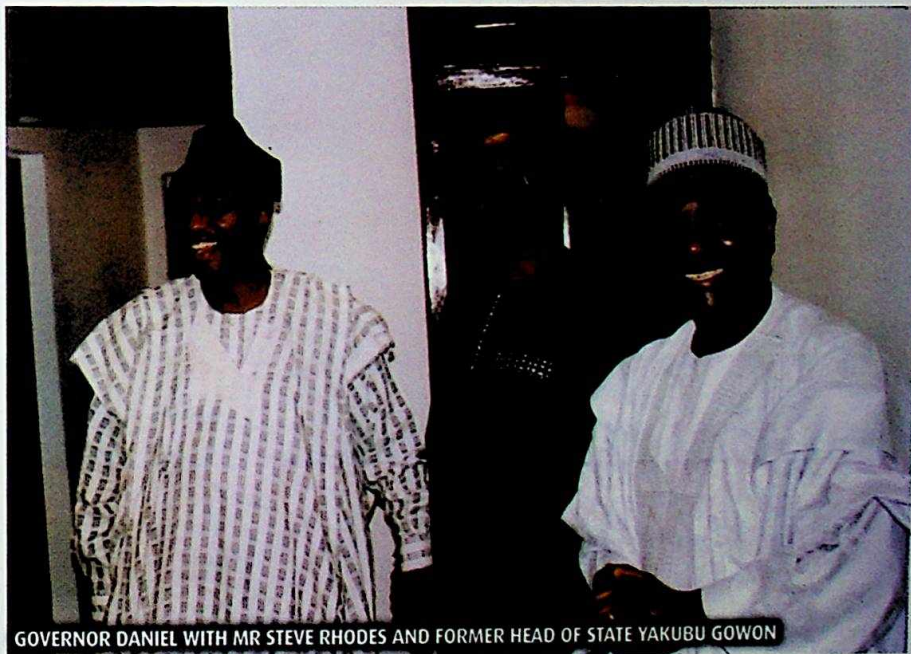
Chairman and members of the Christian Pilgrims Committee (CPC) on courtesy visit to the governor.

August 16

Gov Daniel attends the 4th Owu Day Celebration held at the African Church, Playground, Owu Abeokuta.

August 21

Otunba Daniel opens the Abeokuta branch of Equitorial Trust Bank.
Commissioning of projects of the Sunshine Foundation by Gov Gbenga Daniel in Ado-Odo/Ota Local Government Area.



GOVERNOR DANIEL WITH MR STEVE RHODES AND FORMER HEAD OF STATE YAKUBU GOWON

August 29

Minister of State for Women Affairs and Youth Development, Princess Olufunke Adedoyin visits the OGESEP trainees at the National Youth Camp, Owode- Egba.

September 4

Public Presentation of a Special Publication on the first 100 days of the Otunba Gbenga Daniel Administration; at the June 12 Cultural Centre, Abeokuta.

September 7

Command performance of "Ijaye War" in commemoration of OGD's 100 days in office.

September 10

Opening of the 17th NTA Abeokuta Book Fair.

September 12

Special sitting by the Ogun State House of Assembly to mark OGD's 100 days in office.

September 28

Otunba Daniel attends the special

reception in honour of leaders of Ogun West Senatorial District held at the Deputy Governor's Lodge, Abeokuta.

October 1

43rd National Day Celebration at the M K O Abiola Stadium Abeokuta.

October 4

Launching of N10 million Appeal Fund towards the completion of the palace and Development of physical infrastructure in Ijebu Ife held at the Ajalorun's palace, Ijebu

Ife.

October 6

Celebration of worldwide Teachers Day, at the M K O Abiola Stadium Abeokuta.

October 7

OGD holds maiden meeting with principals of public post-primary schools in the state at June 12, Cultural Centre, Abeokuta.

October 9

OGD inaugurates the state Education For All (EFA) forum at the Exco Chamber,

Governors Office, Abeokuta.

October 12

Reception in honour of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Olu Adeniji held at the Awujale's Palace, Ijebu Ode.

October 16

Otunba Gbenga Daniel attends the 2003 World Food Day and mini-Agricultural show held in Abeokuta.

October 17

Reception in honour of the officials of National Poverty Eradication Programme (NAPEP) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) during their visit to Ogun State.

October 20

Otunba Daniel inaugurates the State's Infrastructural Development Committee at Exco Chamber

October 21

Otunba Daniel attends the 1st Business Forum held at Gateway Hotel, Abeokuta.

Inauguration of the State's Voluntary Teaching Corps Scheme held at June 12, Cultural Centre, Abeokuta.

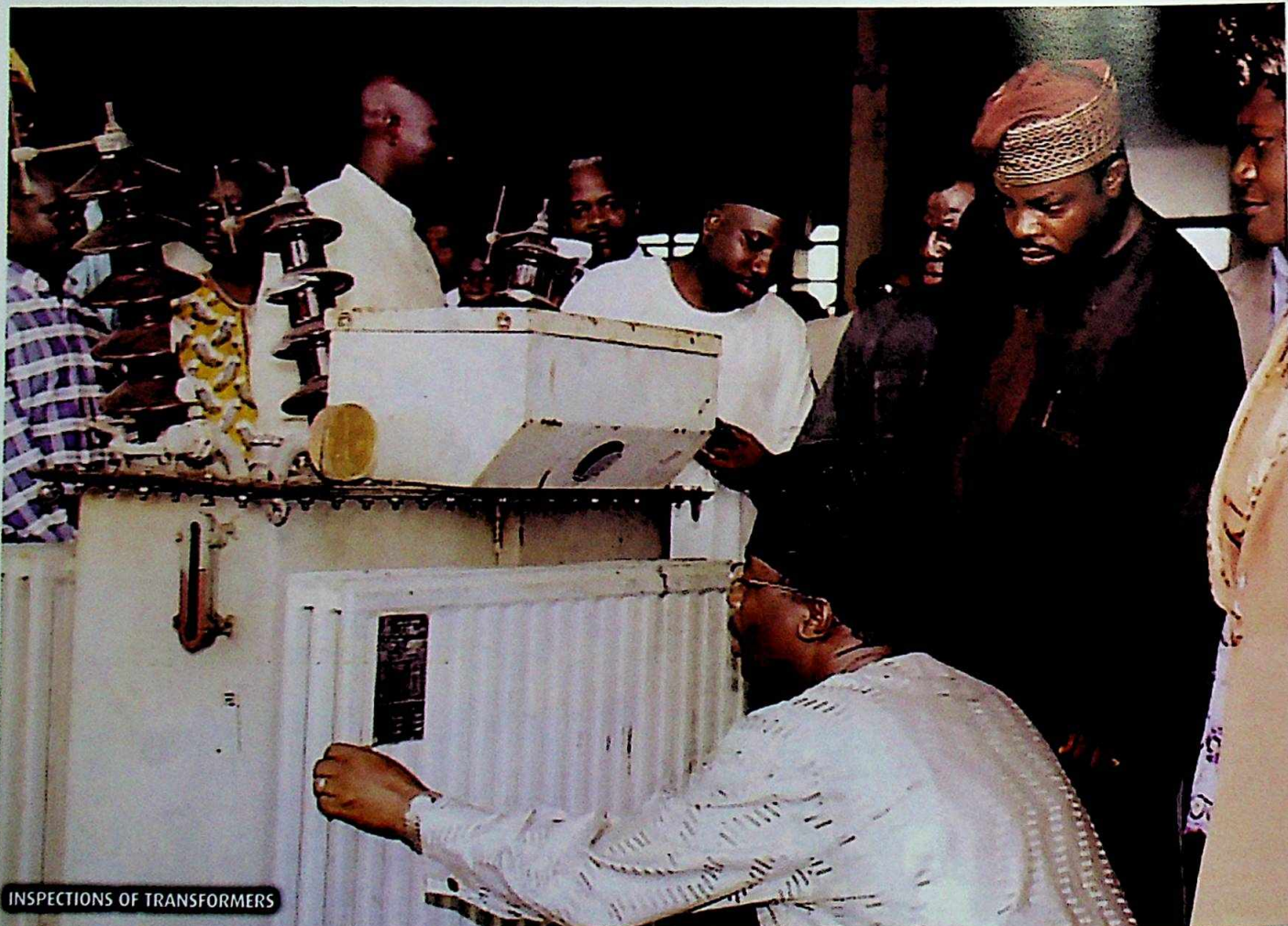
Inauguration of the local government Cocoa Development Committees at the June 12, Cultural Centre, Abeokuta.

October 25

Official commissioning of the rehabilitated Hospital buildings and newly sunk borehole at the Community Hospital, Isaga.



INFORMATION AND STRATEGY COMMISSIONER MR NIRAN MALAOLU EXPLAINING...AT A PHOTO EXHIBITION



INSPECTIONS OF TRANSFORMERS



**CORONATION OF OBA ADEDOTUN GBADEBO AS ALAAKE OF EGBALAND
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OGD at the Sagamu Day Celebration.

October 27

Quarterly meeting of Governors of the Odu'a States held at Gateway Hotel, Abeokuta.

October 28

Opening of a two-day seminar/conference for Traditional Rulers in Ogun State by Otunba Gbenga Daniel.

October 31

Dinner in honour of Otunba Gbenga Daniel by friends and associates at the Premier Hotel, Ibadan.

November 14

Swearing-in of Mr Oladipo Odulate as Head of Service in Ogun State held at the Exco Chamber, Governors Office.

Swearing-in of the Chairman and members of statutory commissions in the state held at the June 12, Cultural Centre, Abeokuta.

November 20

University Education Stakeholders' Forum holds at the permanent site of the OOU, Ago Iwoye.

November 21

Graduation for trainees under the OGESEP programme at Aiyetoro.

November 25



GOV AND OBA DAPO TEJUOSO FELICITATE WITH WINNERS OF GATEWAY FRONT FOUNDATION SECONDARY SCHOOL QUIZ COMPETITION

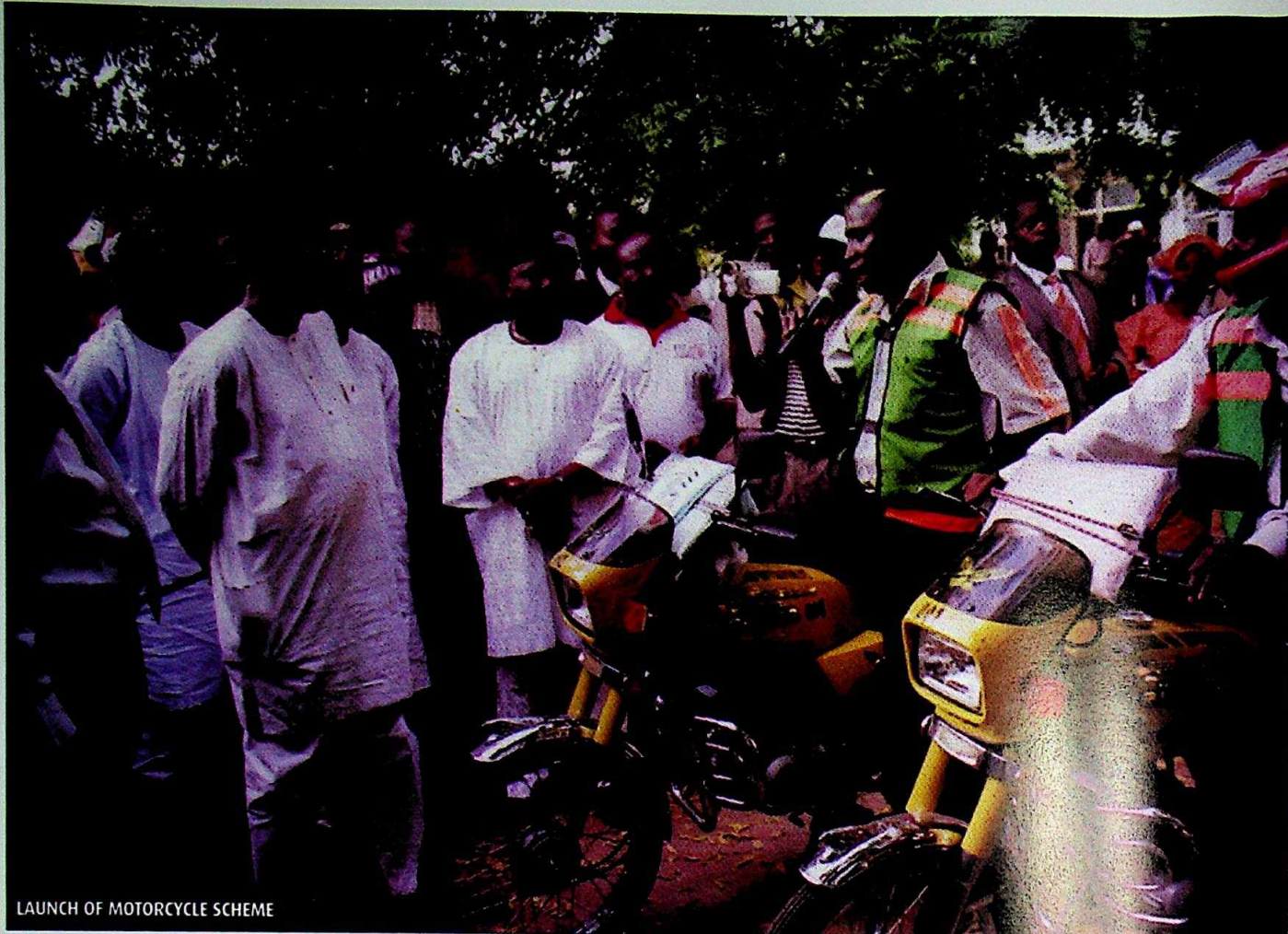
Ogun State Government hosts reception at the Obafemi Awolowo Square, for Chief (Mrs) H I D Awolowo on her 88th Birthday Anniversary and conferment on her of a National Honour.

November 27

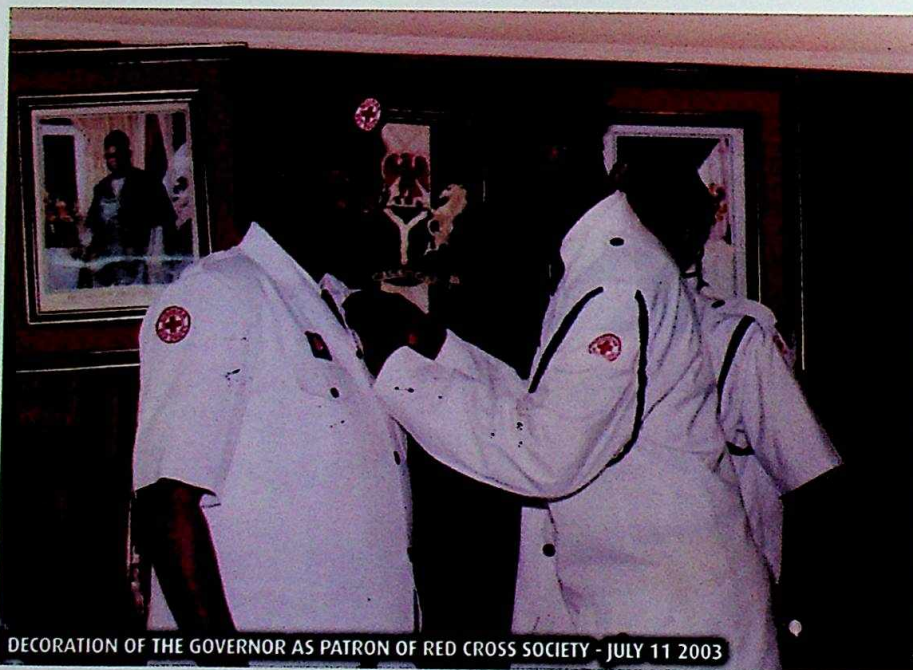
Formal Commissioning of the College of Engineering and Technology, Ibogun Campus of the Olabisi Onabanjo University.

December 2

Otunba Daniel attends the 3rd Anniversary of the Gateway keep-fit club held at the M



LAUNCH OF MOTORCYCLE SCHEME



DECORATION OF THE GOVERNOR AS PATRON OF RED CROSS SOCIETY - JULY 11 2003

K O Stadium, Abeokuta.

December 8

Otunba Daniel declares open the Conference of South-West Speakers held at Gateway Hotel, Abeokuta.

December 16

Formal commissioning of the Aiyetoro Campus, College of Agricultural Sciences of the Olabisi Onabanjo University.

2004

January 12

Opening of the National Executive Council meeting of NLC at Gateway Hotel, Abeokuta

January 13

Otunba Daniel inaugurates the State office of the Public Defence and Mediation Centre, Oke-Ilewo, Abeokuta.

January 14

Launching of the Emblem/Appeal Week

to mark the 2004 Armed Forces and Remembrance Day Celebration.

January 22

Otunba Daniel attends the crusade by the German Evangelist Reinhard Bonnke at the M K O Abiola Stadium, Abeokuta.

January 23

The Oil and Gas interactive session held during the visit of NNPC Group Managing Director, Engr. Funso Kupolokun to Ogun State.

January 26

Laying of foundation of the Sagamu Ultra Modern Market.

February 2

OGD presents a brand new Peugeot 406 saloon car to the wife of late Chief Olabisi Onabanjo

February 3

Otunba Daniel attends the Ojude Oba grand reception at Afin Awujale, Ijebu Ode

February 4

Inauguration of the State Judicial Service Commission at Exco Chamber Abeokuta

February 5

Investiture of OGD as the Patron of the Ogun State Boys Scout Association of Nigeria

February 6

Graduation of the Abeokuta batch of participants in the Ogun State Employment Generation Programme (OGEGEP)

February 7

Courtesy Call on Alliance for Democracy Chieftain, Chief Adamu Yesufu at Ilisan Remo

February 9

First batch of trainees under the OGESEP programme graduates at the Egba-Owode Centre

February 10

Commissioning of the South West Resource Centre donated by the United States Government under the EDDI Programme
The governor attends the orientation for the first set of students of the National Open University of Nigeria held at the June 12 Cultural Centre, Abeokuta.
OGD inaugurates "Women in Politics" in Abeokuta.

February 11

Inauguration of the State Market Development Board

February 12

Commissioning of the Police Post and Secretariat of Isale-Oja Kuto Community Development Association, Abeokuta.

March 1

South West Zonal Consultative/Sensitisation Workshop on the State Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy (SEEDS) held at the Gateway Hotel Abeokuta.

March 8

Commissioning of Otunba Tunwase Pediatric Centre, Ijebu Ode

March 13

Launching and Command Performance of the State performing troupe held at June 12 Cultural Centre

March 15

Opening of the 2004 Synod Methodist Diocese of Remo held at Methodist Church, Isara Remo.

Launching of Iyalode Tejuoso Malaria Foundation.

March 16

Foundation-Laying of the State Low Cost Housing Scheme, Asero, Abeokuta.
Commercial Launch of Products and Services of Odu'at in Ogun State held at Gateway Hotel, Abeokuta.

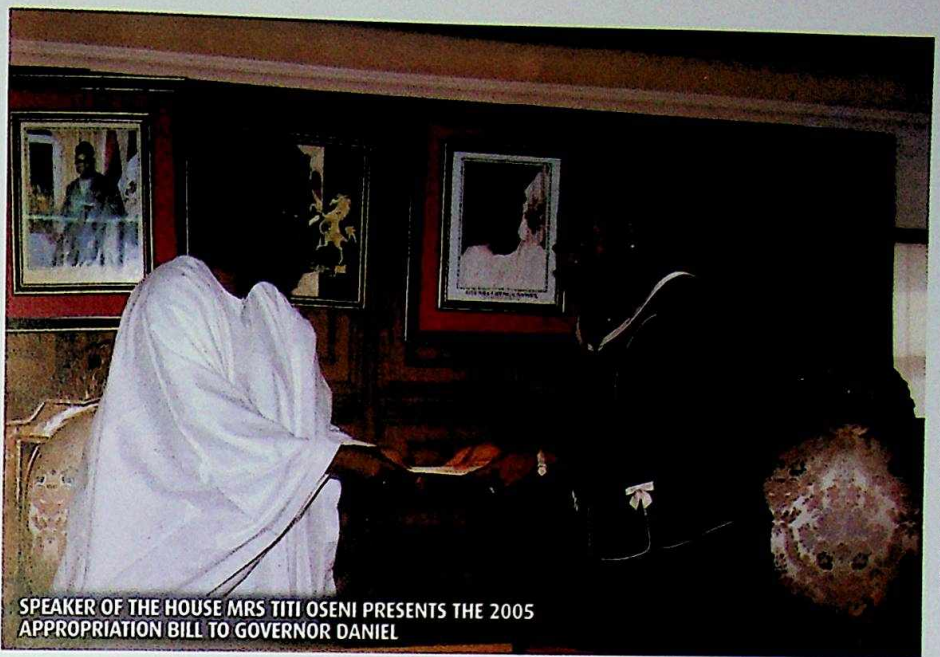
March 17

Inauguration of the Ogun State Board of Trustees for Human Development Fund Programme (UNDP) at the Exco Chamber.

March 19

Flag-Off of Veetee Rice Limited's Low land rice seed multiplication programme held at Ogun-Oshun River Basin Development, Mokoloki.

Flag-Off of Ogun State Agriculture and Multipurpose Credit Agency and presentation of equipment and cash support to farmers held at Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Abeokuta.



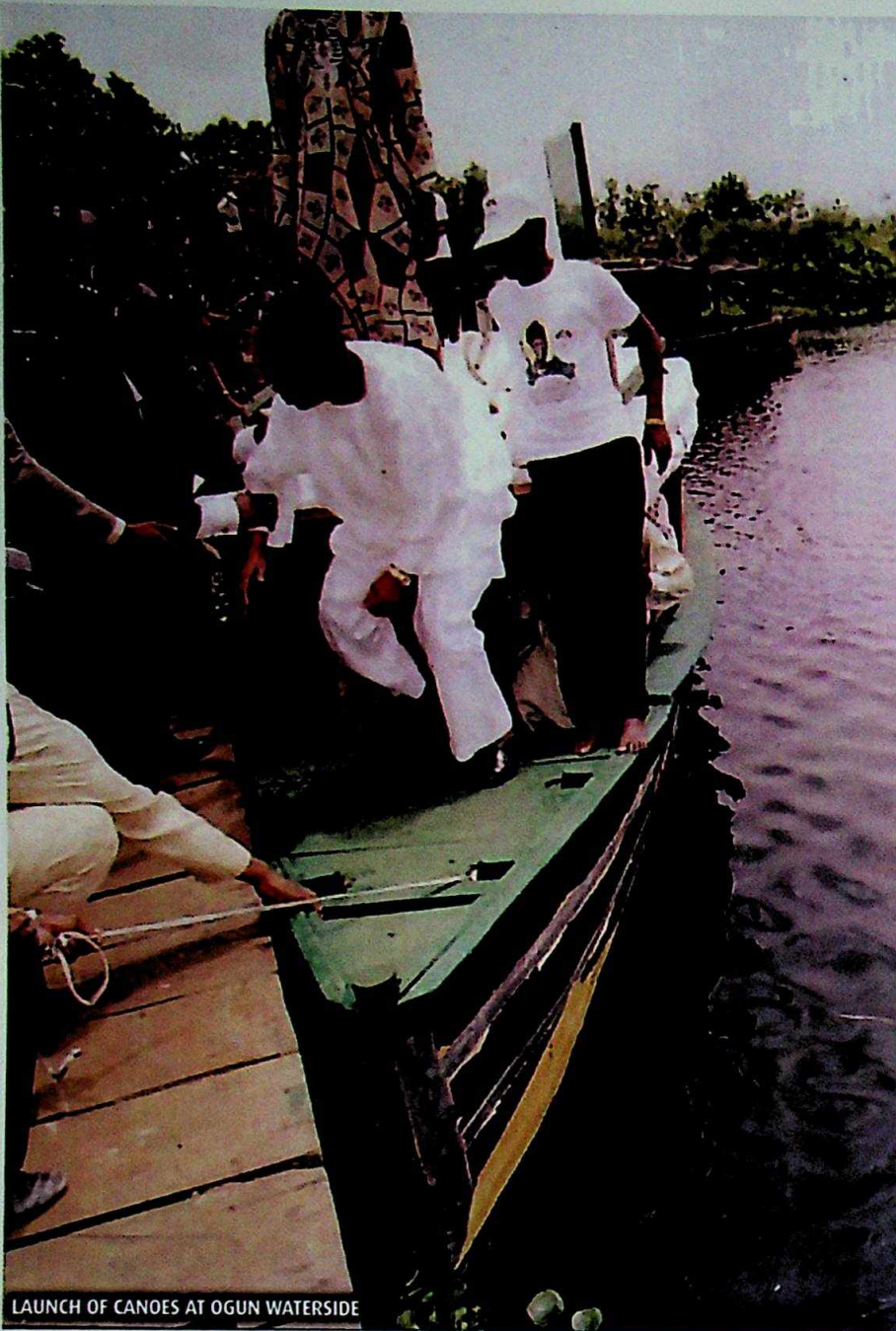
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE MRS TITI OSENI PRESENTS THE 2005 APPROPRIATION BILL TO GOVERNOR DANIEL



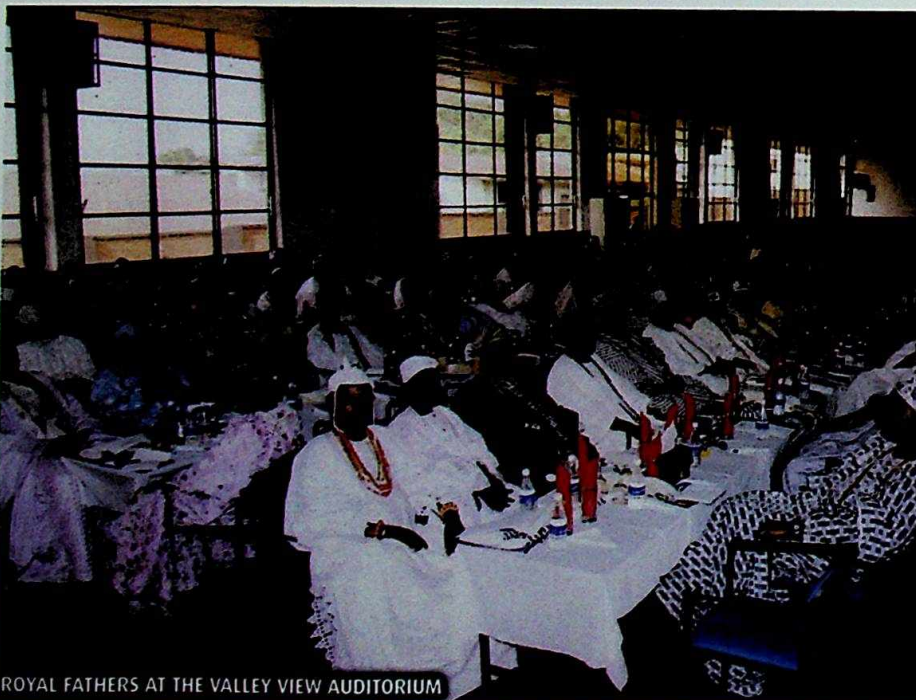
DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA, MR TUNDE LEMO, AN OGUN STATE CITIZEN HONOURED BY THE STATE



OGEP WASTE DISPOSAL VEHICLES



LAUNCH OF CANOES AT OGUN WATERSIDE



ROYAL FATHERS AT THE VALLEY VIEW AUDITORIUM

March 23

OGD attends the 20th Convocation of FCE, Osiele Abeokuta

April 2

Swearing-in of 20 newly elected local government Chairmen in Ogun State.

April 3

Fund-raising for the re-construction of Akarigbo Palace, Sagamu.

April 6

48th Birthday Anniversary of OGD at Valley View Auditorium, Abeokuta.

April 8

Official Handing-Over of Relief Materials to the Ogun State Government by NEMA at the premises of the Ministry of Environment, Abeokuta.

April 15

Opening of "Manufacturers Summit" organised by MAN at Gateway Hotel, Ota.

April 19

Opening of "Gateway Fair" Abeokuta at the Trade Fair Complex, Abeokuta

April 22

Opening of a two-day seminar on good governance, financial prudence and accountability for the Chairmen and key officers of local governments at the Valley-view Auditorium, Government House, Abeokuta

April 24

14th Convocation of the Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye.

April 25

Governor attends the first session of 10th Synod of Ijebu Diocese, Anglican Communion held at Cathedral Church of Our Saviour, Italowujoda, Ijebu-Ode

April 26

Courtesy call by Evangelist Ebenezer Obey Fabiyi.

April 29

Award of 9001:2000 (ISO) to De-United Food Industries Limited by the Standard Organisation of Nigeria, at Ota.

OGD attends the Workshop for political executives on "Executive Threats/risk awareness and preventive measures" held at the Valley View Hall, Government House, Abeokuta.

Inauguration of the Committee on Training in the Civil Service

April 30

Official launching of Ogun State Rural Medical Scheme (OGRUMED) at Ibiade Gateway Fair at Trade Fair Complex, Oke-Mosan closes.

First session of the 10th Synod, Egba Diocese (Anglican Communion) held at the St. John's Church, Igbein, Abeokuta.

May 1

Otunba Daniel attends the 2004 May Day Rally at MKO Stadium, Abeokuta
Special Dinner organised by Ogun State



PRESIDENT OBASANJO BEARS THE TORCH OF THE GATEWAY GAMES 2006 AFTER HIS DECORATION AS GRAND PATRON

Government in honour of Deputy Governor, CBN, Mr. Tunde Lemo at Gateway Hotel, Abeokuta.

May 3

Otunba Daniel attends the formal launch of "A Jewel of Inestimable Value", written by Yeye Oba (Dr.) Mrs. H.I.D. Awolowo at Muson Centre, Lagos.

May 6

22nd Annual Conference of Rotary International District 9110 held at the Gateway Hotel, Abeokuta.

May 8

Coronation and installation of Oba Rasaq Adesina Adenugba as the new Ebumawe of Ago-Iwoye

May 12

Otunba Gbenga Daniel inaugurates the Board of Ogun State Development Trust Fund at Exco Chamber, Abeokuta.

May 21

Commissioning of Imeko-Ilara road
Commissioning of the State Public Service Network (PS Net) and other ICT projects in Abeokuta

May 24

Commissioning of Ilisan General Hospital, Ilisan
Commissioning of the Sagamu Ultra Modern International Market.

May 25

Turning of sod of the Ultra Modern Owode



DECORATION OF PRESIDENT OLUSEGUN OBASANJO AS GRAND PATRON OF GATEWAY GAMES 2006 OCTOBER 19 2005

International Market, Owode Yewa.
Commissioning of Ibara Orile Farm Estate.
Commissioning of Owowo Farm Estate Site.

May 26

Foundation-Laying of the Re-development of Olumo Rock Tourist Centre, Abeokuta.
Commissioning of OGD Housing Scheme, Asero Abeokuta.

May 27

Turning of the sod of Gateway Trailer Park, Ogere Remo.

May 28

Turning of the sod of Games Village, Ijebu Ode

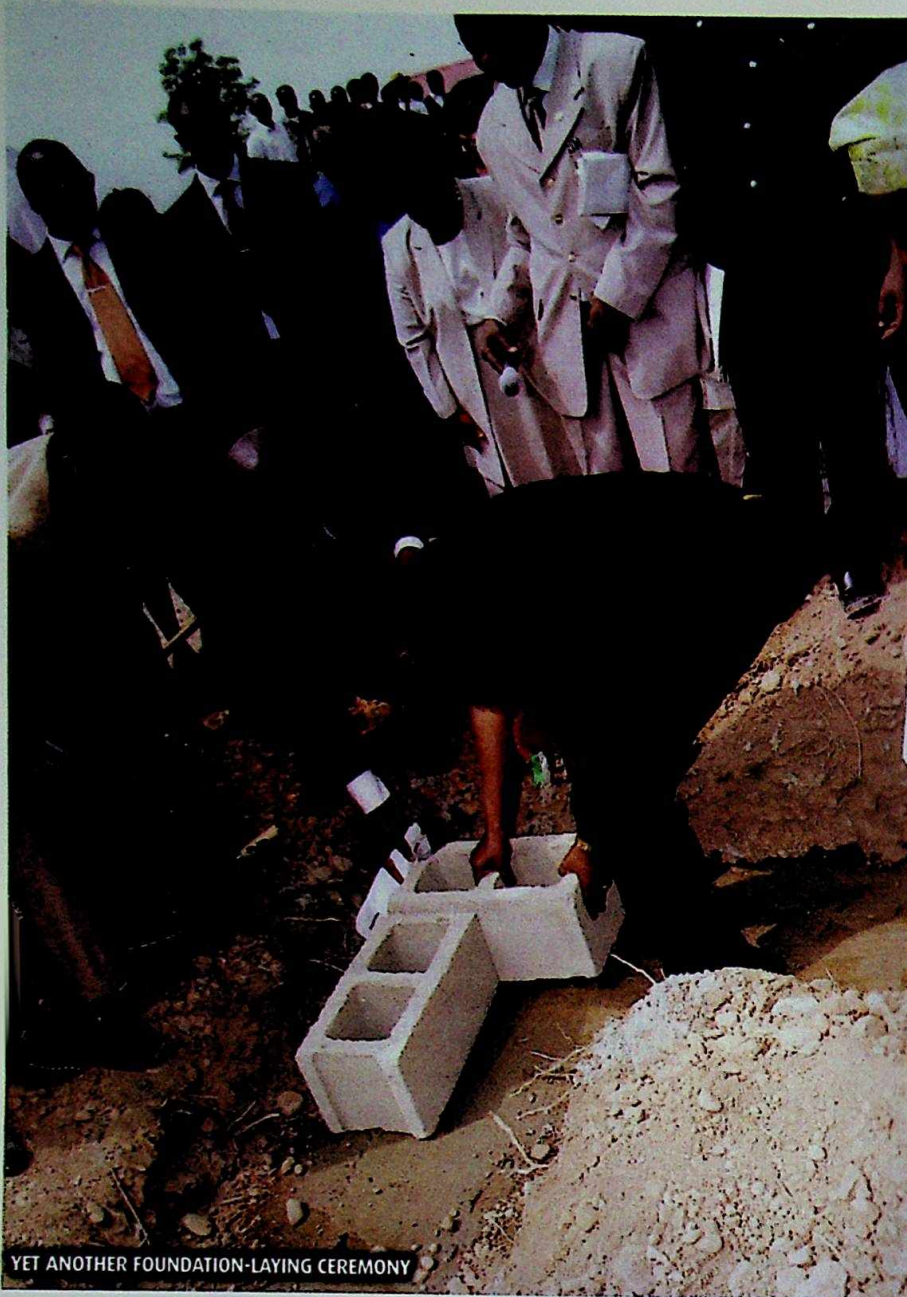
Commissioning of Ogbogbo Farm Estate in Ijebu-North East LG area

May 27

Turning of the sod of Cocoa Processing Plant of Multi-Trex Ltd. at Ibafo

May 29

Commissioning of the resettlement houses for communities affected by the



YET ANOTHER FOUNDATION-LAYING CEREMONY

dualisation of the Abeokuta-Sagamu highway

June 3

Opening of the 47th meeting of the National Council of Health in Abeokuta.

June 4

Otunba Daniel at the Special Commemorative sitting to mark the first anniversary of the 5th Ogun State Legislature held at the House of Assembly Abeokuta.

June 7

Conferment of Honorary Doctorate on OGD by Babcock University, Ilisan.

June 16

Otunba Daniel inaugurates the Board of Gateway City Development Company in Abeokuta.

June 20

2004 World Refugee Day Celebration, held at the Oru Refugee Camp Oru

June 22

Otunba Daniel attends a business seminar at MUSON Centre, Lagos.

June 28

Flag-off of survey census of SMEs in all local governments of the federation, held at the Valley View Auditorium, Government House, Abeokuta

July 1

Flag-off of the Ogun State IT Expansion Train-the-Trainers Programme at the South West Resource Centre, Abeokuta.

July 3

"Honours" Day of the Yoruba Council of Elders held at Premier Hotel, Ibadan.

July 4

Otunba Daniel at the Closing of the 1st Gateway Tourism Golf Tournament held at the Abeokuta Golf Resort.

July 5

National Retreat on Environment, held at Gateway Hotel, Ota.

July 7

Swearing-in of three newly appointed State High Court Judges held at Exco Chamber, Abeokuta.

Inauguration of the State Census Publicity Committee held at the Exco Chamber, Abeokuta.

July 8

Launching of Pharmacy Main Building, Olabisi Onabanjo University, Sagamu Campus.

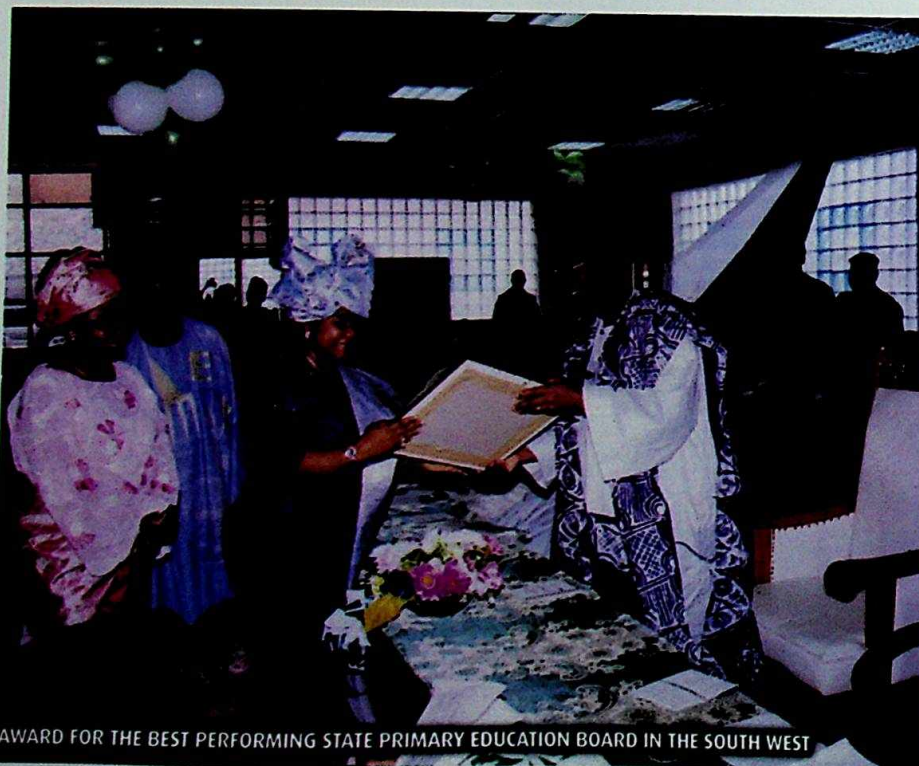
Handing-over of 400 hand pumps by the Minister of State for Water Resources, Engr. Ishola Awotorebo held at Governor's Office, Abeokuta.

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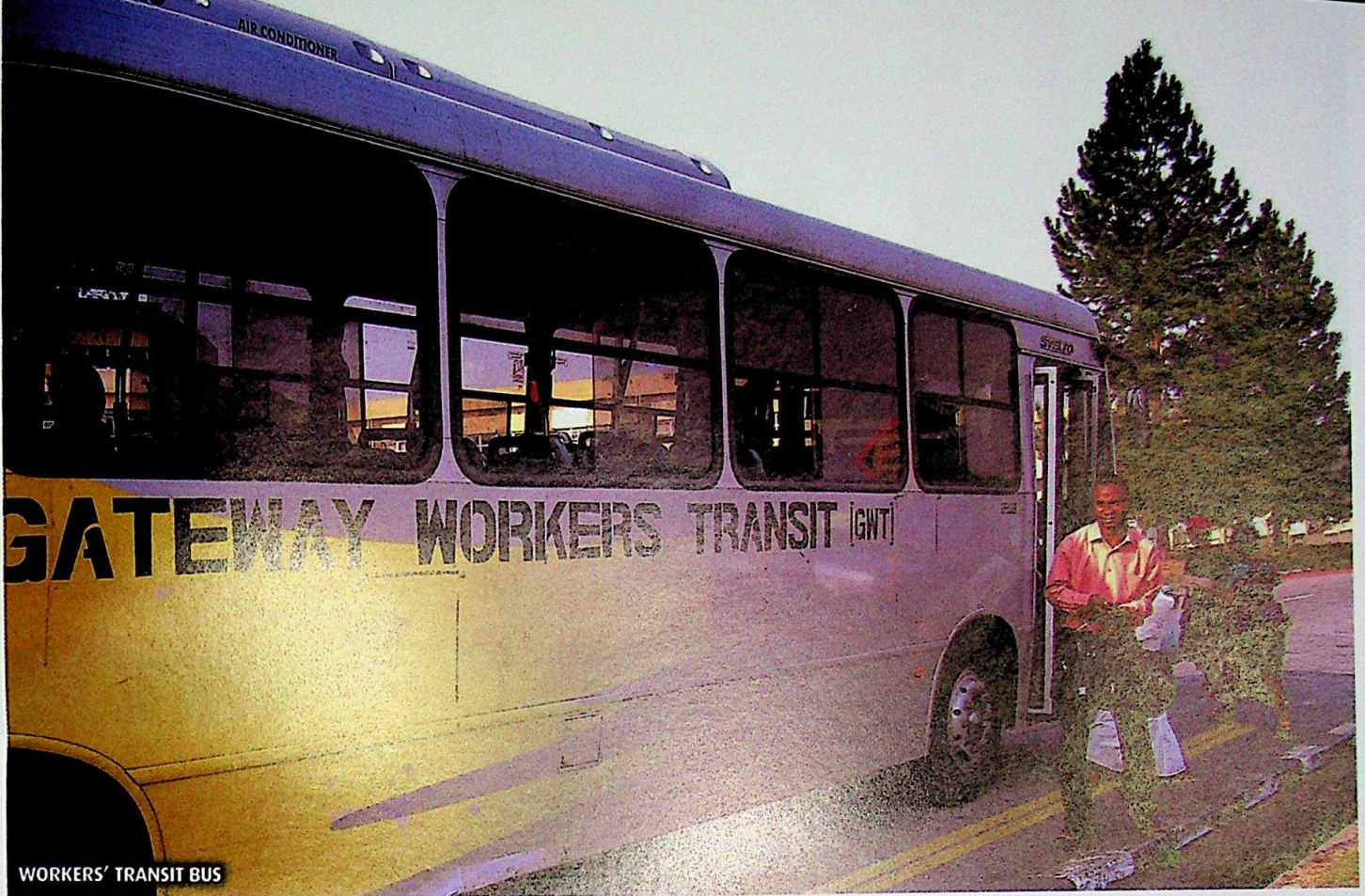
Commissioning of the Assembly Hall of Abeokuta Grammar School, Abeokuta

July 17

State Banquet to mark the 70th Birthday of Professor Wole Soyinka, held at the Valley



AWARD FOR THE BEST PERFORMING STATE PRIMARY EDUCATION BOARD IN THE SOUTH WEST



WORKERS' TRANSIT BUS

View Auditorium, Government House, Abeokuta

July 20

The governor attends the expanded management meeting of the National Broadcasting Commission held at Banquet Hall, Gateway Hotel, Abeokuta as well as the N20 million donor's conference of TASCE Trust Fund at Ijagun Campus, Ijebu-Ode.

July 22

Opening of Abeokuta Branch of Gulf Bank Plc.

July 28

Inauguration of the Governing Councils of Olabisi Onabanjo University, TASCE, and OOUTH at the Cultural Centre, Abeokuta.

July 29

The governor attends the handing-over of a block of 16 classrooms donated to the Holy Trinity Primary School, Aiyepe, Ijebu by Mr. J. O. Pase, an Old boy of the School.

August 2

Swearing-in of new Special Advisers and Permanent Secretaries held at the Exco Chamber, Abeokuta.

August 4

Inauguration of the Board of Gateway Tourism Development Corporation at Exco Chamber, Abeokuta.

August 10

Turning of the Sod of Havillah Villas at

Isheri as well as turning of the sod and presentation of documents of Crescent University Abeokuta.

August 19

Inauguration of the re-constituted Ogun State Council of Obas at Valley View Auditorium, Government House, Abeokuta.

September 3

Retreat for State and Local Government Information Officers at Gateway Hotel, Ijebu Ode.

Graduation of the Train-the-Trainers Programme for IT expansion held at Abeokuta Grammar School.

September 8

OGD attends the 34th Annual Conference of the Nigerian Institute of Building at the Valley View Auditorium, Government House.

September 17

Flag-off of OGRUMED at Odeda

September 21

Official Launch of Phase I of the "Gateway Metro Bus" Service held at the Arcade Ground, Governor's Office, Abeokuta.

September 27

Ground-breaking of the 335 MW Papalanto gas turbine power station, Papalanto.

October 1

44th National Independence Day Celebrations held at M.K.O Stadium, Abeokuta.

October 4

Reception to mark the commencement of the new legal year held at the Valley View Auditorium, Government House.

October 5

OGD addresses the 2004 World Teachers Day held at M.K.O Stadium, Abeokuta
OGD receives the books donated by Royal Exchange Assurance Nigeria plc to Ogun State Library Services, held at Government House, Abeokuta.

OGD opens Gateway Games Summit held at Gateway Hotel, Abeokuta

October 27

Inauguration of the Committee on the Pilot Scheme on Exportable Products/Markets Development Programme (EPMADEP) held at the Exco Chamber, Governor's Office.

October 28

Inauguration of the State Logistics Committee on National Census, in Abeokuta

October 30

2004 Sagamu Day Celebration

November 4

Turning of the sod of the first phase of the Hostel Accommodation development programme at OOU, Ago-Iwoye.

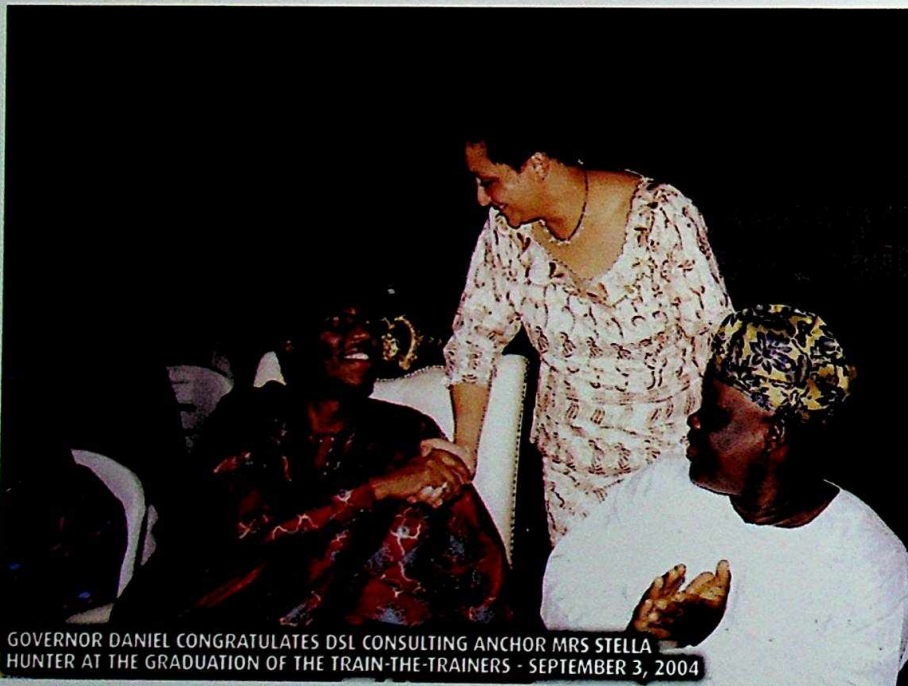
November 17

Presentation of year 2005 Budget of Expansion to the State House of Assembly.

November 24



COMMISSIONING OF REAL SWEETS - A PRIVATE FIRM SITED IN OGUN STATE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT'S IMPROVED INVESTMENT CLIMATE: FIRM'S MD ADE POPOOLA (WITH MIC), NAFDAC DG PROF DORA AKINYULI AND GOV GBENGA DANIEL



GOVERNOR DANIEL CONGRATULATES DSL CONSULTING ANCHOR MRS STELLA HUNTER AT THE GRADUATION OF THE TRAIN-THE-TRAINERS - SEPTEMBER 3, 2004

Inauguration of the Joint Public Service Negotiating Council held at the Exco Chamber, Abeokuta.

November 26

OGD commissions the Fish Farm Project of First August (Nigeria) Limited at Ajegunle Farm Settlement, Ajebo Road

November 30

Commissioning of the main studio of NTA Abeokuta by OGD at NTA Complex Ogbe

December 2

OGD commissions the Sagamu branch of First City Monument Bank

December 4

Reunion Thanksgiving reception of the 1949-54 set of BBHS Old Boys Association held at Valley View Auditorium, Abeokuta.

December 14

Awareness Seminar on Census 2005 held at the June 12 Cultural Centre, Abeokuta.

December 15

Constitutional Advocacy Conference for State Legislators in the six States of South West Nigeria held at Gateway Hotel, Abeokuta.

December 17

Official commissioning of Abiola Way-Sam Ewang Estate-Idi Aba Road project in Abeokuta.

Disbursement of loans to non-agric/non-OGEGEP beneficiaries at Cultural Centre, Abeokuta

December 24

End-of-the-Year interactive session with the State Council of Obas held at Valley View hall, Abeokuta.

December 30

Official presentation of cash donations to the victims of the Kuto market fire disaster, held at the market premises

OGD addressed the State's pilgrims to Hajj 2005 at Ake Palace Square, Abeokuta

2005

January 2

Egba Day of Prayer held at Ake palace, Abeokuta.

January 6

Launching of Emblem for the 2005 Armed Forces and Remembrance Day Celebration at Gateway Hotel, Abeokuta.

Commissioning of the 1,000-seater lecture hall and foundation-laying of a 1,800-seater block of classrooms at

MAPOLY, Abeokuta.

January 7
Flag-off of OGRUMED at Iperu General Hospital, Iperu.

January 22
2005 Ojude-Oba festival held at Awujale's Palace.

February 8
Launching of the first phase of UNDP-Assisted Human Development fund held at the Valley View Auditorium, Abeokuta.

February 14
Opening of a five-day Technology Transfer Training workshop on cassava processing, fruit juice and edible mushroom production held at Muda Lawal Stadium, Abeokuta.

February 18
Inauguration of the state cassava project committee held at the June 12, Cultural Centre, Abeokuta.

March 4
Turning of the sod of the Computer Centre, Tai Solarin University of Education.

OGD receives the Minister of Solid Minerals, Elder Odion Ugbesia in his office.

Attends the FCMB shares offer at Gateway Hotel, Abeokuta.

March 6
18th Posthumous Birthday lecture for late

Chief Obafemi Awolowo at Ikenne.

March 7
Receives the representatives of the Upper House on a condolence visit on Alake's death led by Senator Abubakar Zudangi.

Flag-off the Graduate Entrepreneurship Scheme and Senior Citizens Training Programme at the Valley View Auditorium, Abeokuta.

Opening of the OGESEP head office and launch of the first phase of the motorcycle ownership support scheme in Abeokuta.

OGD brokers peace between the OPC factional leaders, Dr Fredrick Fasheun and Chief Gani Adams.

March 8
Foundation-laying of Gateway Estate Park, Ota.

March 9
Inauguration of the Gateway Games 2006 commission at the Exco Chamber.

March 16
Formal commissioning of Odutola Central Mosque and Jimoh Odutola International School to mark the Centenary Birthday Anniversary of Alhaji Jimoh Odutola in Ijebu Ode.

March 18
Receives trade delegation from China led by Mr. Liu Chung.

An American Company, OBED, signs MOU with OGSG to construct a refinery at Olokola.

April 6
Public lecture to mark the 49th Birthday of OGD at Valley View Auditorium.

Flag Hoisting for the 15th National Sports Festival, holds at M.K.O Stadium.

April 16
Launch of N5 billion Appeal fund for Crescent University.

April 26
Inauguration of a Commission of Enquiry into the Aiyetoro-Itele-Ota crisis and other related matters.

April 27
Swearing -in of new State commissioners and Special Advisers at the Valley View Auditorium, Abeokuta.

May 1
2005 May Day Celebration at M K O Stadium, Abeokuta.

May 3
Award for the Best Performing State Primary Education Board in the Southwest by the National Primary Education Productivity Merit Award held at the Valley View Auditorium, Abeokuta.

May 9
Acceptance of the Award of Best Performing Governor in Primary Education Development in the South



GOVERNOR DANIEL POSES WITH GROUP MD NNPC ENGINEER FUNSHO KUPOLOKUN (4TH FROM RIGHT), AND OFFICIALS AFTER OIL AND GAS INTERACTIVE SESSION, JANUARY 23, 2004



HANDING-OVER OF 400 HAND PUMPS BY THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, ENGR. ISHOLA AWOTOREBO - JULY 9 2003

West by the National Primary Education Merit Award held at Nicon Hilton Hotel, Abuja.

May 14

Launching of the Olusegun Obasanjo Presidential Library fund (OOPL) in Abeokuta.

May 30

Commencement of activities marking OGD's 2nd year Anniversary with Special Jumat Service at Central Mosque, Ipokia.

May 21

Private thanksgiving service and golf tournament in honour of OGD.

May 22

Otunba Daniel presents his mid-term report to the people of Ogun State in a special broadcast. Solidarity Rally by interest groups at M K O Stadium.

May 26

The governor features on Ogun State House of Assembly programme, "Governor Explain this" Luncheon with Senior Editors of print and electronic media.

May 27

Annual Children's Day Celebration at M K O Abiola Stadium and presentation of National Winners of JETS Competition.

May 28

Command performance by the Ogun State Council for Arts and Culture at the June 12, Cultural Centre.

May 29

Commissioning of various projects: 1,500-seater lecture theatre, laying of foundation of Sports Complex and commissioning of Students Hostel at Olabisi Onabanjo University. Ogun State Award Night at the Valley View Auditorium.

May 30

Commissioning of GTV'S AM transmission

May 31

Flag-off of the Agricultural Cargo Airport Project, held at Km 12 Sagamu-Benin Expressway.

June 2

Opening of the First Gateway Tourism fair at M K O Abiola Stadium, Abeokuta.

June 3

Commissioning of Nestle water plant at Agbara Industrial Estate. Variety Night: Premiere of "Agbomola" a film on OGD held at the June 12, Cultural Centre, Abeokuta.

June 11

Conferment of Chieftaincy title of Obalofin of Ijebuland.

June 12

June 12 celebration on OGD and Yeye Obalofin on wife by Oba Sikiru Adetona at June 12, Cultural Centre, Abeokuta.

June 29

Swearing-in of new Permanent Secretaries and inauguration of the

reconstituted Ogun State Muslim Pilgrims Welfare Board held at Exco Chamber, Governor's Office, Abeokuta.

June 18

OGD assesses the extent of damage of the Ago Iwoye Students/Community clash.

June 30

Commissioning of a factory of Reckitt Benchiser Nigeria at Agbara Industrial Estate.

July 13

Flag-off of the year 2005 State Tree Planting Campaign held Governor's Office, Abeokuta.

August 18

Flag-off of the 85,000 jobs programme of the NDE held at the June 12, Cultural Centre, Abeokuta.

August 23

Home-coming Reception for the state delegates to the Constitutional Conference held at Governor's Office, Abeokuta.

August 29

State Banquet in Honour of General Yakubu Gowon on his visit to Ogun State held at Gateway Hotel, Abeokuta.

August 31

Inauguration of the visitation panel to Olabisi Onabanjo University.

September 8

Opening of a two-day workshop organised by the OGSIEC for stakeholders in the

conduct of local government elections.

September 13

Stakeholders' sensitisation seminar on the five pillars of the People's Democratic Party, Valley View Auditorium, Abeokuta.

September 14

Handing over of relief materials by NEMA to Ogun State.

Signing of the Year 2005 programme Implementation Agreement (PIA) between Ogun State and UNICEF.

September 28

Lecture in honour of Late D S Adegbenro and naming of Lafenwa market after him by OGD.

September 29

Canvassing support for the Gateway Games (South -South/South -East) Asaba.

October 1

Independence Anniversary Celebration.

October 3

Installation of Olowu of Owu, Oba Olusanya Adegboyega Dosunmu.

October 5

Turning of the Sod of Dangote Cement Works Limited, Ibesse.

October 6

Opening of Abeokuta Branch of Access Bank Plc.

OGD and wife re-register for PDP in Sagamu.

October 7

Graduation of the first set of students from the ICT Academy and New State Polytechnic in Abeokuta.

October 9

"Mr Governor Explains This" at the House of Assembly

October 11

Commissioning of the Magnum Trust Bank Branch, Ota.

October 15

Special Presidential Retreat on Industry and SMES held at the Valley View.

October 19

Decoration of President Olusegun Obasanjo as the Grand Patron and father of Gateway Games 2006 in Abuja.

October 23

Bellview Plane Crash at Lisa village in Ogun State.

October 25

OGD inspected the site of plane crash at Lisa village.

October 28

Interdenominational service for the victims of Bellview plane crash Lisa village.

Lying in state and Christian wake for the Late Chief Mrs. Stella Obasanjo in Abeokuta.

October 29

Burial service for Late Chief (Mrs.) Stella Obasanjo at MKO Stadium Abeokuta.

November 4

Foundation laying of the Ogun State Housing Corporation's Mixed Development Estate at Idiroko Road, Ota.

November 5

14th Edition of Diamond Awards for Media Excellence in Abeokuta – the first time the ceremony will be held outside of Lagos.

November 6

PDP congress in Ogun held at the Cultural Centre

November 8

Commissioning of a new plant built by Glaxo SmithKline plc, Agbara

November 16

Stakeholders Engagement Workshop on the Olokola Deep Sea Port and Free Trade Zone Project at Gateway Hotel, Ijebu Ode.

November 19

Installation of the New Alake, Oba Adedotun Aremu Gbadebo at Ake palace ground

November 21

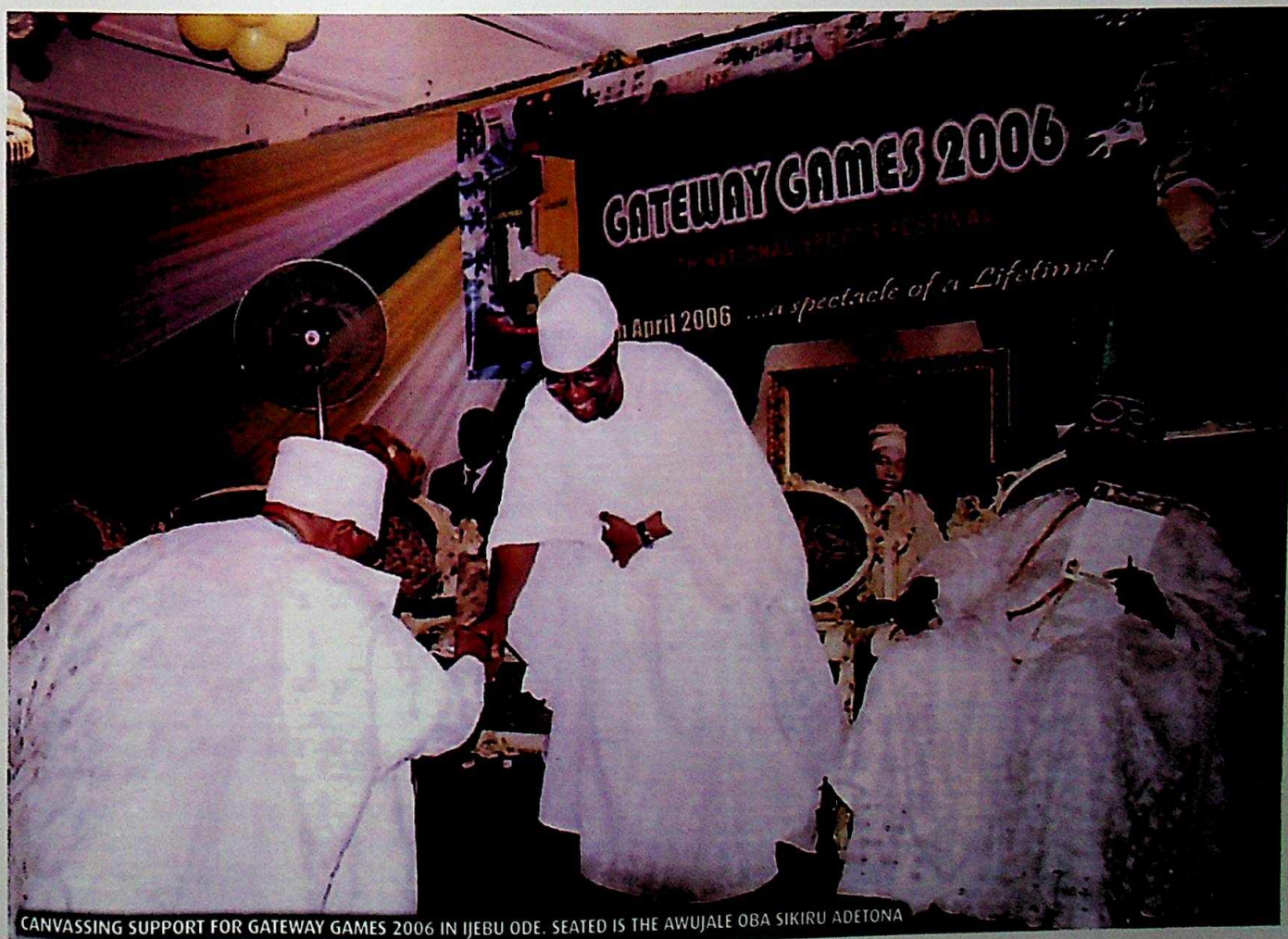
Launch of UBE in Ogun State

November 22

2006 Treasury Board Meeting/ Budget Retreat commenced at Valley View Auditorium, Government House, Abeokuta.

November 28

Formal presentation of the certification licence to the Tai Solarin University of Education by National University



CANVASSING SUPPORT FOR GATEWAY GAMES 2006 IN IJEBU ODE. SEATED IS THE AWUJALE OBA SIKIRU ADETONA



DONATION OF CARS TO ROYAL FATHERS



GOVERNOR DANIEL PRESENTS A BRAND NEW PEUGEOT 406 CAR TO MRS LYDIA ONABANJO, WIDOW OF CHIEF OLABISI ONABANJO, FIRST CIVILIAN GOVERNOR OF OGUN STATE

Commission in Abuja.

November 30

Launch and Distribution of 29,000 Free Access Globacom Lines to Public Servants in Ogun State.

November 27

Special thanksgiving to mark the 42nd Birthday Anniversary of Yeye Olufunke Daniel at Government House Chapel, Abeokuta.

Otunba Daniel bags an Award of Excellence as the most Resourceful Governor in Nigeria from National Encomium while

Yeye Olufunke Daniel bags the Award of the Best First Lady in Nigeria.

December 1

41st General Assembly of Broadcasting Organisations of Nigeria in Abeokuta. Opening of the Public Hearing on the Proposed Amendments to the 2005 Electoral Bill organised by the House of Reps Committee.

December 8

1st Gateway National Open Taekwondo Championship at the June 12, Cultural Centre.

Installation of Alake and four others as patrons of the Gateway Games.

Budget of consolidation presented by Governor Daniel to the House of Assembly.

December 12

Inauguration of Ogun State Advisory Committee on the 2006 National Population and Housing Census at Exco Chambers, Governor's Office.

December 13

Opening of the 19th NAFEST programme in Abeokuta.

December 17

OGD becomes the Adimula of Ketuland in Republic of Benin.

December 20

Stakeholders' forum of Agro-Cargo Airport held at Gateway Hotel, Ijebu Ode.

Decoration of Awujale as Royal Father of Gateway Games.

December 21

Farewell Ceremony for Year 2006 Hajj.

December 22

Decoration of members of the State Exco, Speaker and Local Government Chairmen as patrons of Gateway Games.

December 25

President Olusegun Obasanjo celebrates Xmas with Otunba Gbenga Daniel at Cathedral Church of St Paul's Sagamu, and visit patients at OOUTH.

December 26

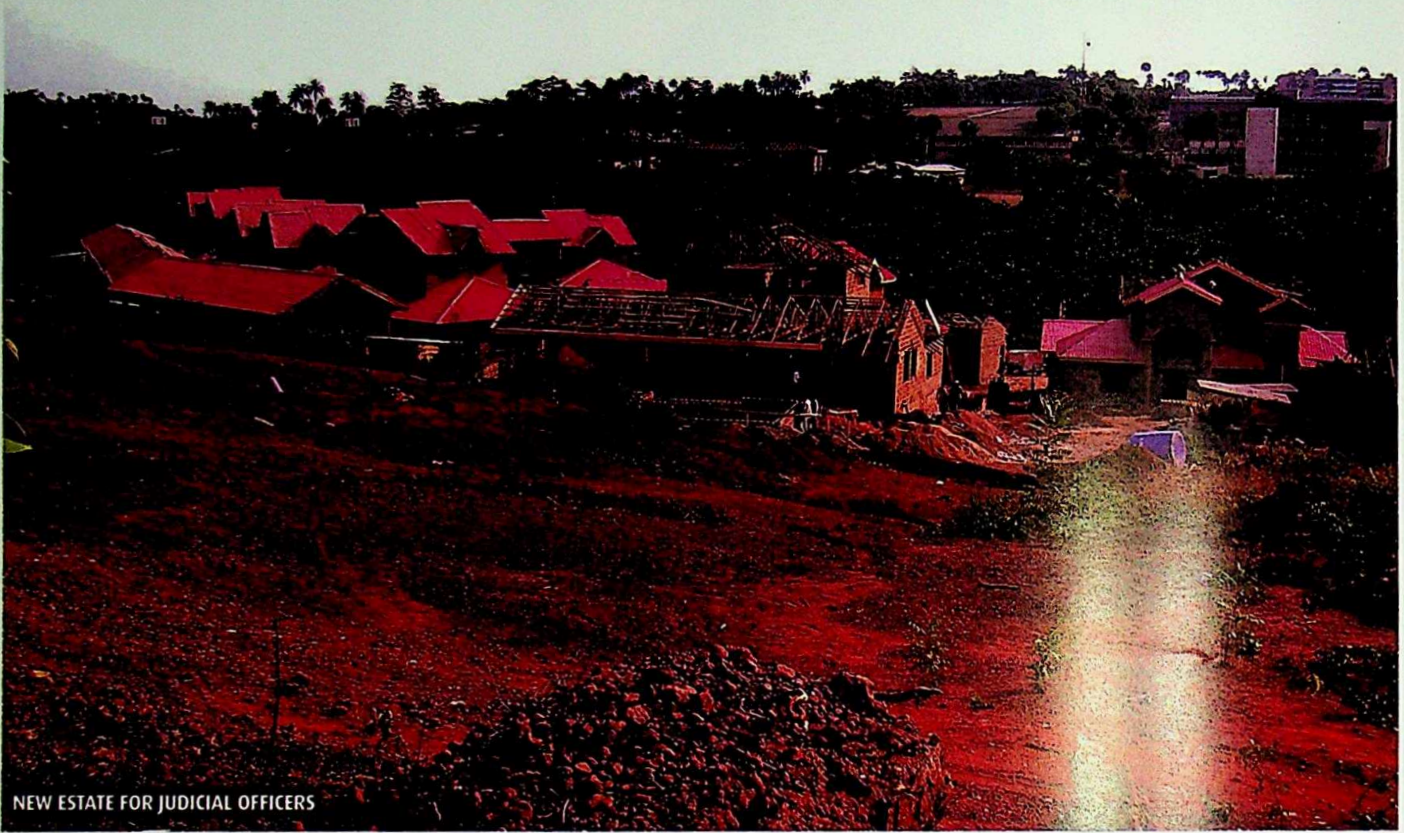
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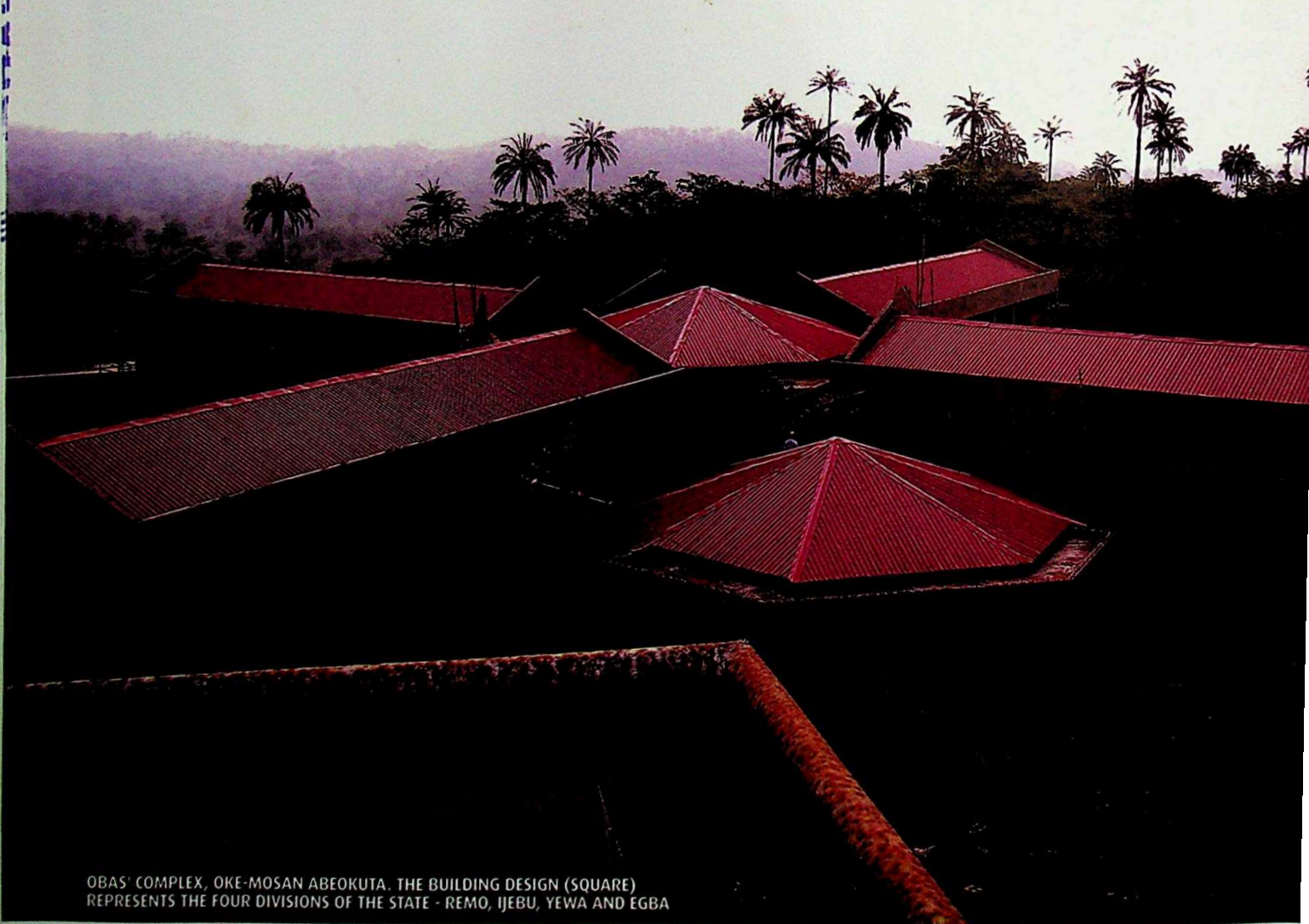
Our commitment is to change the face and fortunes of Ogun State, transforming it into an industrial and commercial hub, a land of happy people and thriving businesses that truly lives up to its name as the Gateway State. Our passion for progress shall be pursued with uncommon vigour. We shall remain focused.



...the transformational signature of a phenomenal leader



NEW ESTATE FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS



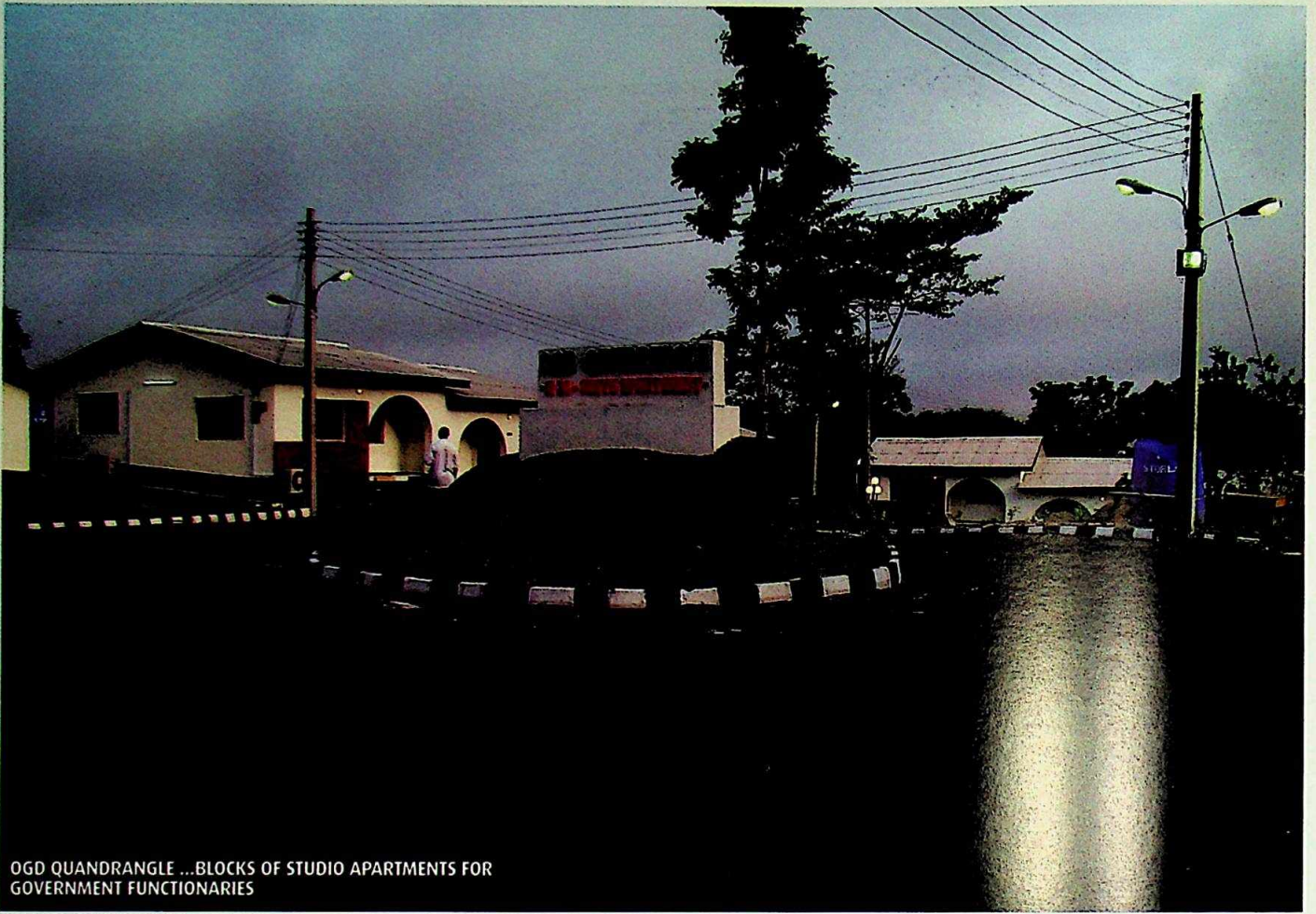
OBAS' COMPLEX, OKE-MOSAN ABEOKUTA. THE BUILDING DESIGN (SQUARE) REPRESENTS THE FOUR DIVISIONS OF THE STATE - REMO, IJEBU, YEWA AND EGBA



NEWLY IMPROVED GATEWAY BROADCASTING HOUSE



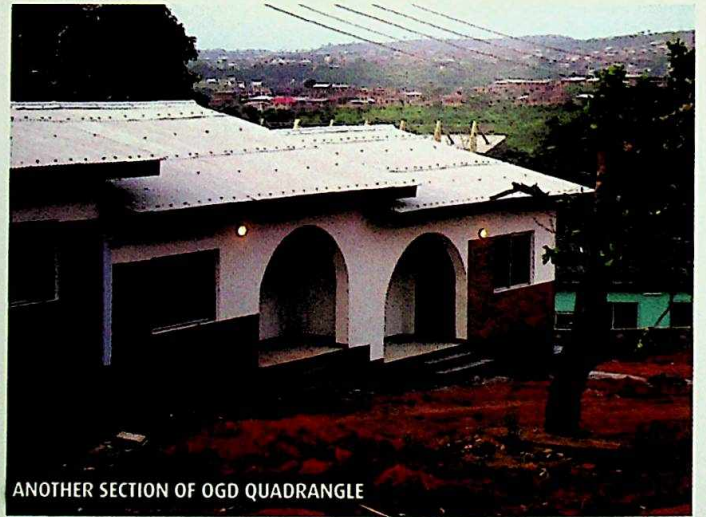
NEW GATEWAY SAVINGS AND LOANS...IN AID OF SHELTER FOR ALL



OGD QUADRANGLE ...BLOCKS OF STUDIO APARTMENTS FOR GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONARIES



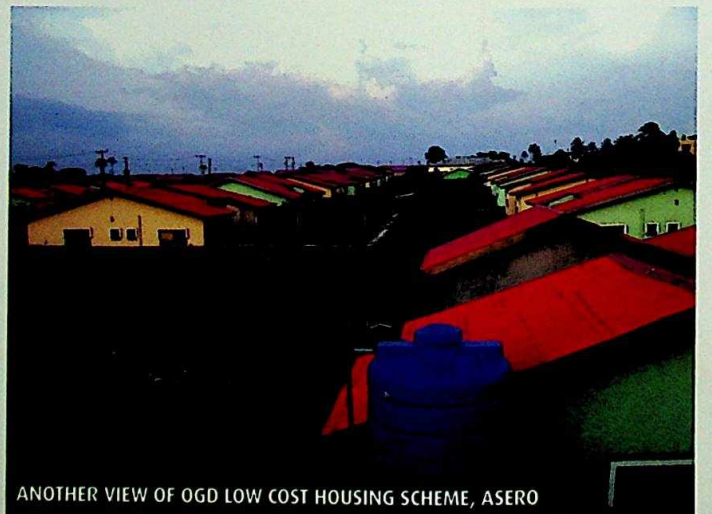
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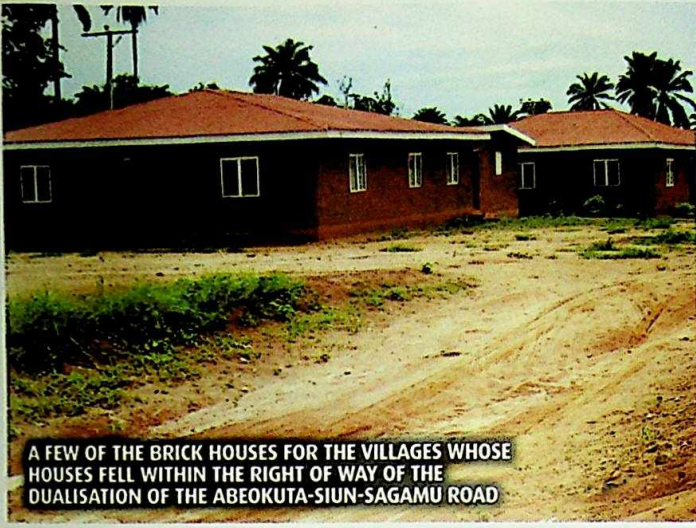
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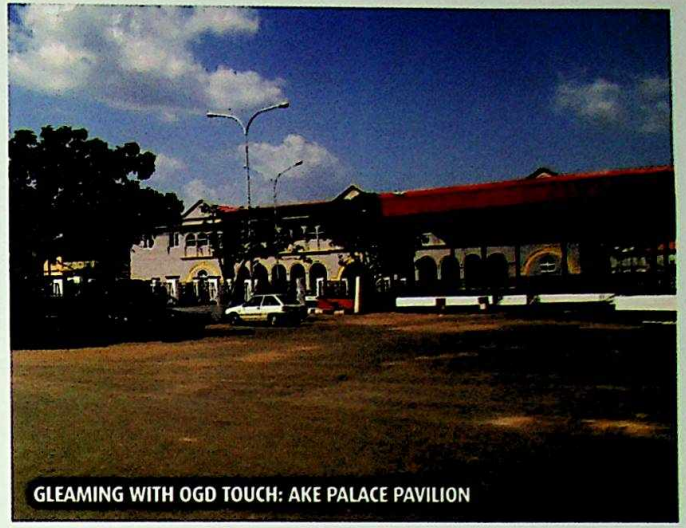
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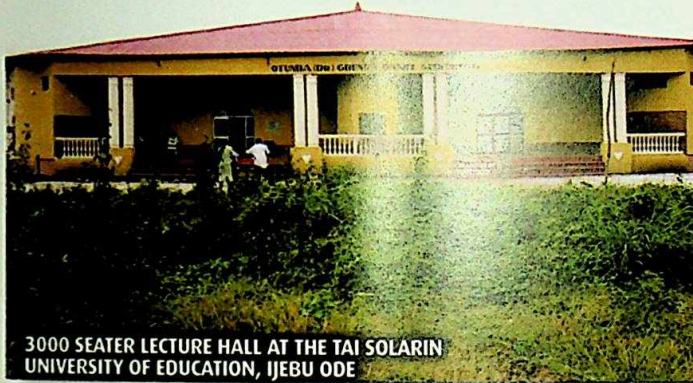
ANOTHER VIEW OF OGD LOW COST HOUSING SCHEME, ASERO



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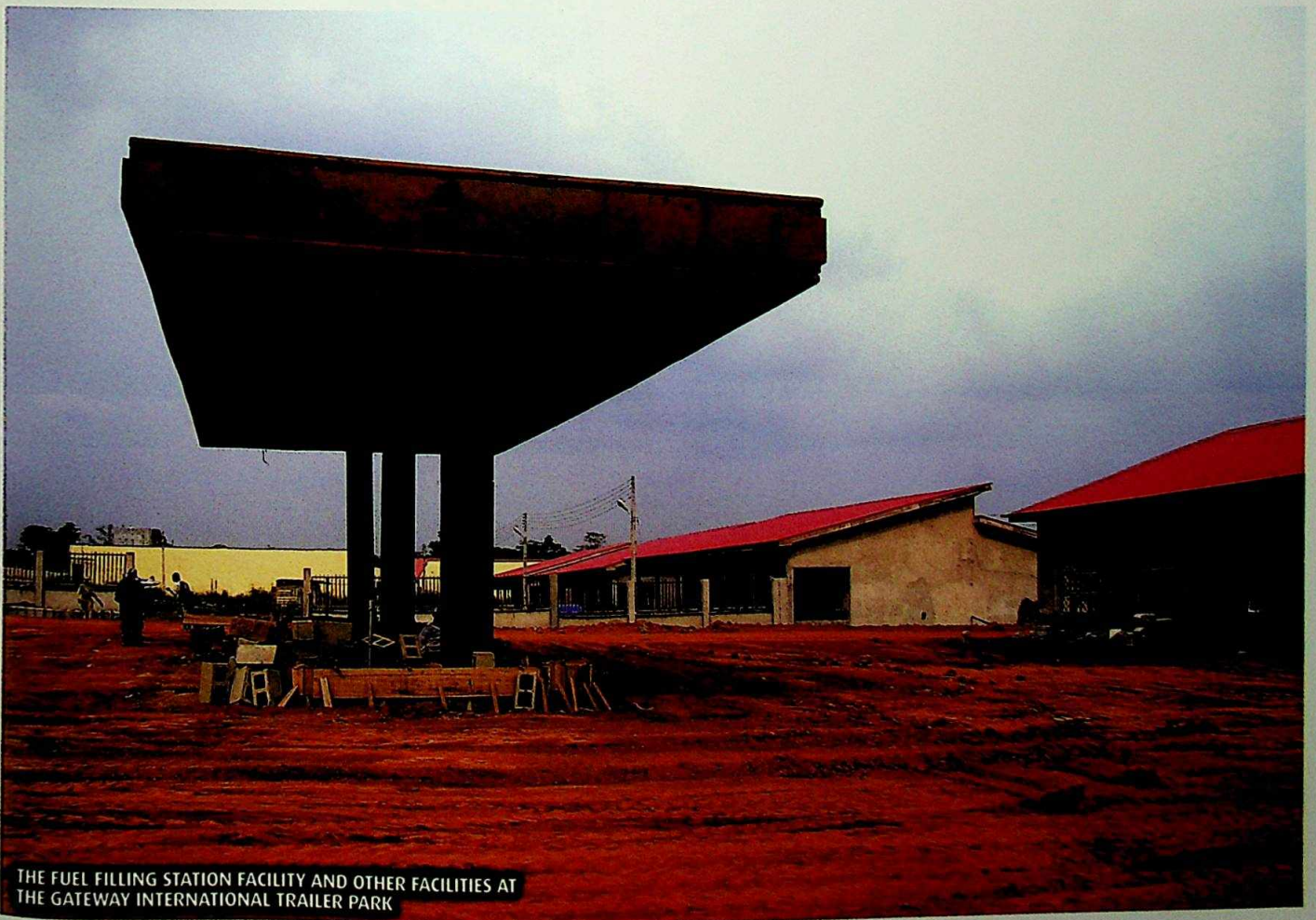
GLEAMING WITH OGD TOUCH: AKE PALACE PAVILION



3000 SEATER LECTURE HALL AT THE TAI SOLARIN UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATION, IJEBU ODE



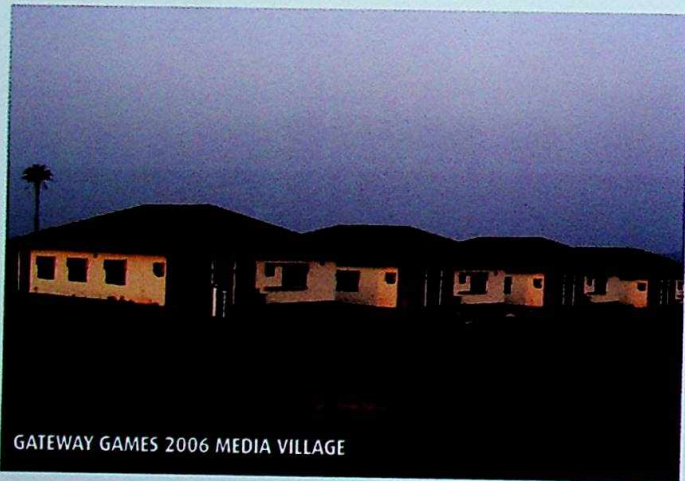
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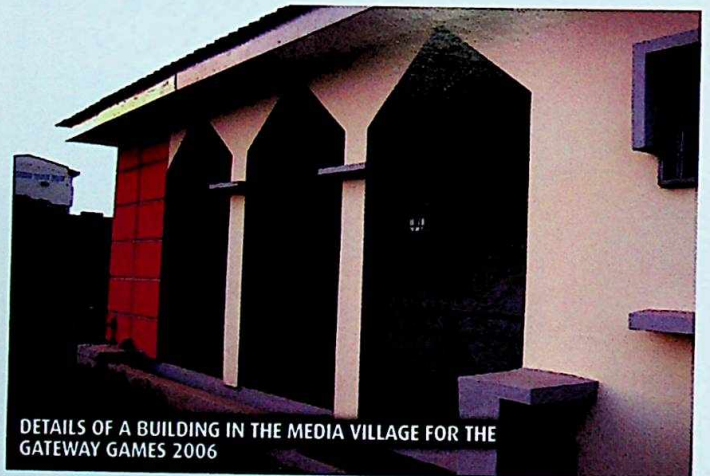
THE FUEL FILLING STATION FACILITY AND OTHER FACILITIES AT THE GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL TRAILER PARK



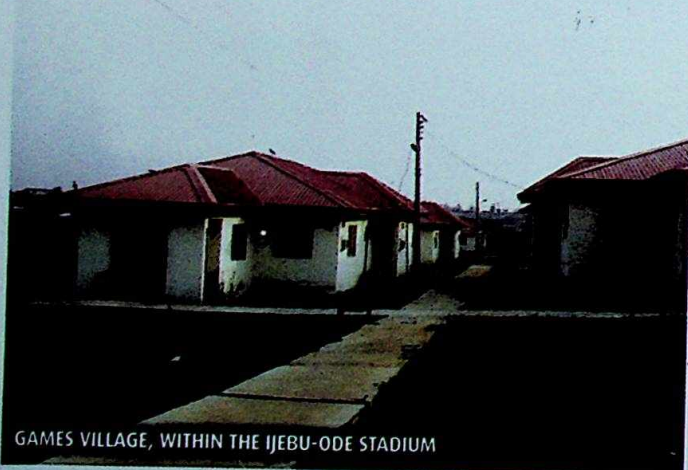
THE GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL STADIUM (NEARING COMPLETION)
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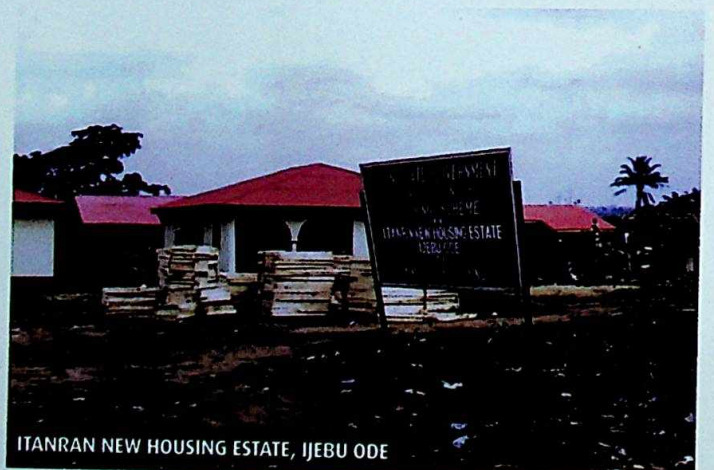
GATEWAY GAMES 2006 MEDIA VILLAGE



DETAILS OF A BUILDING IN THE MEDIA VILLAGE FOR THE
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GAMES VILLAGE, WITHIN THE IJEBU-ODE STADIUM



ITANRAN NEW HOUSING ESTATE, IJEBU ODE

Work-in-Progress

The Cargo Airport Project

(Private-Sector Driven)

Scope: A hub to develop a new industrial town providing the following services and business opportunities :

- Air Cargo Terminal
- Aircraft maintenance facilities
- Warehousing services and cargo depot
- Agricultural cargo depot
- All other facilities in the fast-track approach

Fast-track approach

The present concept is to fast-track the project by starting off as an Industrial Air Park that over time will evolve into the Cargo Airport. The industrial airport will have the following facilities :

- Airstrip for light to medium cargo and commercial air traffic and helicopter shuttle/taxi services
- Aircraft maintenance hanger
- Pilot training school
- Airline services training school
- Flying club
- Theme park
- Federal Government designation of facility as a Customs bonded Warehousing & Clearance centre for the oil sector
- Residential and industrial development(s)
- Flower, vegetable, fruit farming activities with supportive cottage industries
- Housing estate
- Travellers' inn/bus terminals
- Parcel and light mail delivery services and cargo depot
- Warehousing services/cold storage services and cargo depot
- Petroleum products/fuel farm

- NNPC mega petrol station
- Agricultural cargo depot
- A terminal for the Lagos, Ogun and Oyo Light Rail Project
- Truck transport depot/link trailer park
- Hospitality and resort complex with training facilities
- Banking and financial services

Project Strength

- Proximity to commercial cities of Abeokuta, Lagos, Ibadan and Ijebu (within 30 minutes drive)
- Good road network, accessible nationwide
- Good access to commercial centres
- Located away from densely populated/highly built-up areas
- Close to haulage area of goods and produce

Project Opportunities

- Establish Ogun State as an important cargo destination
- Ease traffic and port congestion in Lagos
- Potential market opportunity for cargo transportation
- Improving communication network in Nigeria
- Increased inward investment and international interest in Ogun State/Nigeria
- Constraint on space at Murtala Muhammed International Airport
- Strong agitation for cold storage facilities by importers and exporters

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Words of Commendation and Encouragement



**PRESIDENT OBASANJO
AND GOVERNOR
DANIEL DRESSED
IN MATCHING
TRADITIONAL
REGALIA**

"...of all what I have seen on agricultural development in Ogun State, Governor Daniel is a thoroughbred, a true son of our forebears, deserving of the popular song:

*(Sings) omo o lejo baba ka ma binu omo
Daniel yii jo baba e
Omo o lejo baba
Ka ma binu omo*

- **Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, GCFR**

President, Federal Republic of Nigeria & Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria

Governor Daniel has demonstrated outstanding resourcefulness, foresight and dogged determination in his efforts to turn this State around despite enormous odds. He has shown what is possible in a society when leaders are focused and do not look for excuses for doing nothing....

- **Vice President Atiku Abubakar, GCON**

I am conscious that some people do not like me when I speak about Otunba Gbenga Daniel but I am Ayo Adebajo and I have the reputation of saying it exactly the way it is. If we have a governor who is performing, who is delivering the dividends of democracy to the people, we must acknowledge it.

- **Chief Ayo Adebajo, a chieftain of Afenifere and the Alliance of Democracy**

For the first time in Ogun State, we have a Governor that is genuinely promoting all religions...He is a great leader. I also commend his job creation efforts and other programmes.

- **Alhaji (Dr) Lateef Adegbite, Secretary-General, Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs**



GOVERNOR DANIEL WITH VICE-PRESIDENT ATIKU ABUBAKAR



GOVERNOR DANIEL WITH MRS HID AWOLOWO



GOVERNOR DANIEL WITH PRINCE BOLA AJIBOLA

(The) structures (the Daniel) government is putting in place are fast making Ogun State the hub for investors....

- **Otunba (Eng) M O Adesina**
President, Ogun State Council of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines & Agriculture

...Your gentle and steady disposition in steering the ship of this State coupled with your intellectual prowess is indeed remarkable. Your pragmatic, ebullient, dynamic and giant strides in virtually all fields of human endeavour are equally praise-worthy. You are God's gift to the people of Ogun State at this point of its

evolutionary development.

- **Oba Dr S A Adekanmbi JP, DCL.**
The Olu of Ilaro and Paramount Ruler of Yewaland

You are doing very well. You are really doing very well. You are doing wonderfully well as our Governor.

- **Oba (Dr) Sikiru Kayode Adetona,**
The Awujale of Ijebuland

...what an Excellent Governor you are.

- **Prince Bola A Ajibola, former Attorney-General and Minister of Justice**

This is the first administration to give prominence to pensioners

- **Association of Pensioners, Ogun State Chapter**

...I am proud to be associated with you because you are a man of your words, whenever you promise to execute anything, it is as sure as been done already.

- **Chief Dr H I D Awolowo, Yeye Oba of Ife and widow of the late sage Chief Obafemi Awolowo**

During a meeting of the Committee of 10 of Ijebu Igbo with Otunba Gbenga Daniel... he promised to establish a polytechnic at Ijebu-Igbo. Some people thought that he was deceiving us but, today, Ijebu Igbo Polytechnic has become a reality. Otunba Daniel is a man of his words. He is a child to be proud of and we are very happy indeed.

- **Senator Biyi Durojaiye, a chieftain of the Alliance for Democracy**

Otunba Gbenga Daniel has started a great revolution of development in Ogun State; all of us must join hands together with him to achieve success."

- **Oba Michael Gbadebo, the Alake of Egbaland (Note: Put the Obas together with Alake as first)**

We commend the State Governor, Otunba Gbenga Daniel, for increasing and extending bursary and scholarship awards for the indigenes of the State.

- **Ogun State Medical Students' Association (OGUMSA)**

...It is gratifying that Governor Gbenga Daniel is doing well. He is one of the young men that we are looking forward to, to pilot the affairs of this Nation in future.

- **General Yakubu Gowon (rtd), former Head of State**

You had always expressed your good intentions for the Judiciary. You had constantly demonstrated it since your assumption of office. One can only pray that the Good Lord Almighty continue to guide and guard your steps as you stride along from glory into glory in the management of the affairs of this State which you are awakening into its glorious state.

- **Hon Justice C O Jacobs**
Chief Judge of Ogun State

Your Excellency's magnanimous acts (to the Moshood Abiola Polytechnic) not only

confirm the hopes and aspiration in the State Government but also serve to attest to your sincere posture and concern for the academic progress and promotion of industrial peace in our tertiary institutions.

- **Waheed A Kadiri**
Rector, Moshood Abiola Polytechnic

...the whole State and probably the whole country marvel at the businesslike, professional and upright manner in which you have administered the State, a situation which most people agree is unparalleled in the history of the State and which only perhaps compares with the administration of your mentor and hero the late Chief Obafemi Awolowo.

We will continue to pray for and support you because you make us all so proud.

- **Olorogun S F Kuku I,**
Co-founder, The Eko Hospital

You are really doing very well. We pray that other State Governors would emulate you. We are highly impressed.

- **Cardinal Anthony Olubunmi Okogie, Catholic Archbishop of Lagos**

Despite that we do not belong to the same political party, I must commend him (Gov Daniel); he has a good programme and a he is implementing it in a way that shows he means business.

- **Dr Femi Okurounmu, a chieftain of Afenifere and Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria**

...You have done well and have given us hope that yours will be a remarkably successful people-oriented Government.

- **Rt Revd (Prof) Akin Omoyajowo, Bishop of Ijebu Diocese (Anglican Communion)**

Governor Gbenga Daniel is the Awo of our current political dispensation; pragmatic, selfless, working himself to the bones to transform the fortunes of his people for the better...A great lover of his people, the quintessential governor on the verge of replicating on our shores, the Singapore, South Korea industrial miracle...I envy Ogun State. I wish Gbenga Daniel was the one ruling my state right now....

- **Naiwu Osahon, author and Pan-**

Africanist.

I am pleased that unlike many other states in the country. I have not been told about unpaid salaries, retrenchment and negative policies. This is a reflection of the excellent relationship with labour in Ogun State.

- **Comrade Adams Oshiomole, President, Nigeria Labour Congress**

Daniel has brought succour to our people. He has brought joy to me personally. I pray that God Almighty will

continue to guide and direct him.

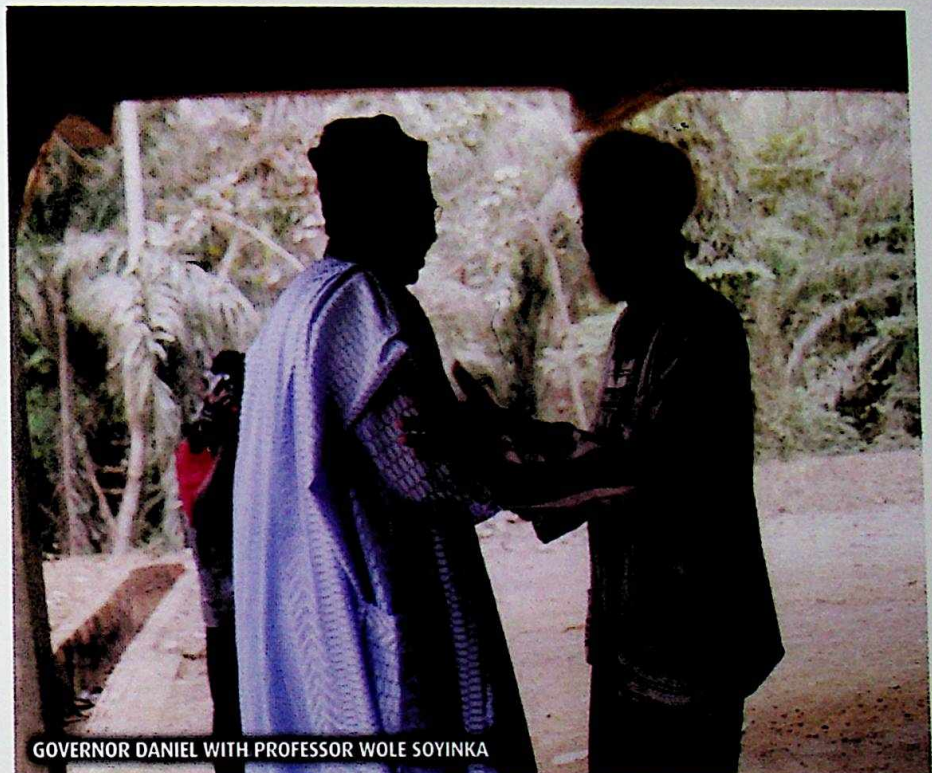
- **Oba (Dr) Micheale Adeniyi Sonariwo**
The Akarigbo of Remoland

...the various projects embarked upon by Governor Daniel (are) laudable and practical.

- **Nobel Laureate Wole Soyinka**

...the best Governor in Nigeria. More grease to your elbows.

- **Oba Dr Adedapo Adedapo Tejuoso, Karunwi III Osile Oke-Ona Egba**



GOVERNOR DANIEL WITH PROFESSOR WOLE SOYINKA



GOVERNOR DANIEL WITH COMRADE ADAMS OHIOMOLE

Declaration

Except in a few instances or where specifically attributed, the content of this document are direct statements from Otunba Gbenga Daniel, either before he became Governor of Ogun State or during his distinguished service, since May 29, 2003, to the people of Ogun State.

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