

Ifira-Akoko Gets New Traditional Ruler, Tasks Ondo Govt On Development

THIS administration, being product of collective will of the people, will not at any point in time and in any way compromise its belief in the system that has engendered it.

“I therefore, reiterate that this administration will adhere strictly to the principle of fairness, equity and transparency in all its dealings. Kabiyesi’s enthronement is no doubt a product of the collective will and aspiration of the people of Ifira town.

The above statements formed the declaration made by the Permanent Secretary for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs in Ondo State, who represented the governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko, at the installation/coronation ceremony of Oba Anthony Oluremi Olugboja, the Olufira of Ifira-Akoko community last Saturday.

According to the governor, Ifira, a community in Akokoland, is noted for peace as demonstrated in the settlement of many aliens in the community for many years without any report of crisis.

The governor said, “Peace, as we all know, has no substitute because growth and development will be a tale of distance in an environment devoid of peace. One cannot but commend the people of Ifira community for embracing peace in all their endeavours.”

The governor, therefore, advised the new traditional ruler to sustain the existing love and peace in the community, adding that the oba’s candidature was widely acceptable to the people, just as he commended all the stakeholders in the selection process.

The governor said: “the confidence reposed in you by your people must not be trivialised. You must treasure the welfare of your people, and justify the confidence reposed in you by rallying all supports for the growth and development of your domain.

Also speaking at the coronation ceremony, the chairman, Planning Committee for the coronation ceremony, Chief (Dr) Kasali Busari, urged the people of Ifira-Akoko town to support the new traditional ruler.

He also tasked the people of the town to sustain the already existing peace and love in the town which he said has always guided their activities and interactions with other neighbouring communities.

Speaking on the occasion, the secretary, Coronation Planning Committee, Mr Ted Aboluje, advised the people of the community to extend hands of fellowship to the new traditional ruler.

While responding to the challenges, Oba Olugboja thanked the state government for the development projects executed so far in his community.

He said that the Ifira community unanimously supported the creation of Ilelabo Local Government Council, with the headquarters in Ifira-Akoko, out of the present Akoko South East Local Government by the former governor of the state, late Chief Adebayo Adefarati.