

PRESS BRIEFING BY THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER FOR INFORMATION, ONDO STATE, MR RANTI AKERELE ON THE WEEKLY STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING IN AKURE ON THURSDAY 25th NOVEMBER, 2010.

Gentlemen of the Press,

The Ondo State Executive Council held its weekly meeting on Wednesday 24th November, 2010 and took far reaching decisions on a number of vital issues of importance in pursuit of its avowed commitment to the overall well-being of the entire citizenry of the Sunshine State .

I will now proceed to give you the breakdown of the EXCO decisions as they affect the different sectors of the polity

CHIEFTAINCY MATTERS

The Council, after taking a critical look at memoranda from the Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs on some vacant stools in the state and in furtherance of the policy of the government of Dr Olusegun Mimiko that no community should suffer unnecessary absence of traditional headship, considered and approved the filling of the following stools.

1. ALAYEDE OF AYEDE-OGBESE (AKURE NORTH LG)

In line with the Ondo State Chiefs' Law of 1984 and 1976 Chieftaincy Declaration, **Prince PETER ADENIYI OLUYEDE** from Oluyede Ruling House is now the Alayede of Ayede-Ogbese to succeed late Oba Gabriel Aderemi Oluyede who joined his ancestors on 17th April, 2005 .

2. OLOJA OF AAYE (IFEDORE LG)

In line with the 1984 Law and 1956 Chieftaincy Declaration, **Prince JAMES BABATOLA AGBONA** from Kibi Ruling House is now the Oloja of Aaye to succeed late Oba Francis Falope Fagite who joined his ancestors on 7th August, 2002.

3. OLIYERE OF IYERE (OWO LG)

In line with the 1984 Law and 2005 Chieftaincy Declaration, **Prince OMOTUNDE ALABA ADAKO** from Okedogbon Ruling House is now the Oliyere of Iyere to succeed late Oba Daniel Adepitan who joined his ancestors on 30th August, 2004.

4. APPOINTMENT OF WARRANT CHIEFS AT IGBOTU (ESE-ODO LG)

The Gbaluwe of Igbotu stool, which is one of the recognized chieftaincies under Part 1 of the Ondo State Chiefs' Law of 1984, became vacant on 1st September, 2001 following the demise of Oba Ezekiel Odofin. The 1960 Chieftaincy Declaration provided for 11 kingmakers, but two of the eleven that were alive could not form a quorum for the purpose of selecting a new Gbaluwe hence the Council approval of nine nominees as warrant chiefs in place of the deceased kingmakers to appoint a new Gbaluwe of Igbotu.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS FOR DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS

The Council also deliberated on the recommendations of the State Tenders Board on construction/rehabilitation projects to address some failed hydraulic structures in different areas of the state as well as another contract for the purchase of equipment for the use of the Government Printing Press.

After considering the technical expertise and past job experience of the various companies, the budgetary provisions and most importantly, the Project Pricing Monitoring Unit (PPMU) benchmark prices for each project, Council thereafter approved the following contracts.

Construction of a Twin Cell Box culvert and long reinforced concrete channel to control storm waters and stop flooding at Lipakala Area of Ondo Town .

Repair works on the existing failed box culvert and channelisation of Elegbin stream at Adelanke Sawmill Area, Oke Aro Road, Akure.

Construction of culvert at Moferere, Along Aigo Road, Ile Oluji.

Purchase of a Roland PAVA/4-colour Eagle Sheet-Fed Machine for digital printing works at Government Printing Press.

Construction of Office Annex at Government House Grounds.

Construction of a Caring Heart Neighbourhood Recreation Park at Ilula, Akure.

Construction of a Caring Heart Neighbourhood Car Park, Opposite O.K STORE, Akure.

Gentlemen of the Press, I want to reiterate for the umpteenth time that the present government is highly focused and untiringly committed to good governance and the fulfillment of its electoral promises as it approaches its second anniversary in office through the provision of infrastructural facilities and even distribution of basic amenities for the people's well-being.

On the part of the electorate, we believe that as the owner of our mandate, you shall as always, continue to be supportive of this government and be law abiding as well as perform your civic obligations for the betterment of our dear Sunshine State.

Thanks and God bless.