

OSUSTECH: Beyond PDP's lies.

The outright lies presented as truth by some PDP apologists hiding under the sobriquet, Ondo South Youth Forum, on the Ondo State University of Science and Technology and other issues need to be condemned by all sane minds and the young people used as megaphones pitied, the Special Assistant to the Ondo State Governor on Youth and Students Affairs, Mr. Olamide George, has said.

In a statement in Akure yesterday, George said because government is sure of the people behind the press conference held at the instance of Eddy Olafeso, Femi Agagu and others within the Ondo State PDP in Okitipupa yesterday, it has considered it necessary to debunk the lies and set the record straight.

The State Government, George said, "against the design of the PDP and the few young men they have recruited into their propaganda team, has decided to take OSUSTECH from the realm of politics to actualization by its plan to start academic activities early next year from the temporary site.

"Though the PDP in Ondo State and its hirelings claimed they spent N2.5Billion out of a planned N5Billion on the university, what is there for all to see is not anywhere near the amount. The fathom amount has found its ways to the pockets of the PDP players hence they cannot point to any completed project on the campus.

"If indeed the OSUSTECH was ready to commence in March 2009 before the Mimiko government came in February of the same year as speciously being bandied by these men, then they should be able to identify one completed structure in the permanent site."

Commenting on what the government has done thus far George said: "The Mimiko government, to show its readiness to start the university in earnest, has put the administrative structure in place and empowered them to see to the smooth take off of the university early next year with the hope of moving to the permanent site later next year.

"It is laughable that while some sore losers were mobilising some youths towards making reckless statements, national newspapers were awash with stories and advertorials to fill vacant academic and non-academic positions. More than these, the university has gone further to place adverts for prospective students to seek admission in readiness for the next academic year.

"It is a pity, that while the university has asked interested students through advertorials in The Nation and The Punch of (December 2) to apply online, some misguided youths are, for pecuniary gains, aping the words of known PDP apparatchik."

Asking all well meaning Ondo State indigenes, particularly those from the Southern Senatorial District, to join hands with the government to actualise the dream of a world class Ondo State University of Science and Technology, OSUSTECH, George said: "Now that, contractors are on site working hard to make the permanent site habitable and conducive for learning; that the management is working on the admission process and the government had reiterated its commitment to fund the building of a world class university, the expectation of sane minds is that the PDP and their lackeys will sheath their swords and join in the serious business of building a university worthy to be called one.

"We can only pity the PDP and their fast depleting supporters in Ondo State for recruiting youths who they never empowered while they held sway for all of six years to do their biddings.

The sad part of it all is that these unfortunate young people are not informed enough to ask that the faces behind the mask take the bold step of arguing through their illogical positions."

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