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Congratulations

to

His Royal Majesty
OBA OLATUNDE FALABI JP, FPSN
LAMBELOYE III
AKIRE OF IKIRELAND



on your

30th Coronation Anniversary

The Governing Council, management and staff of Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (PCN) heartily rejoice with His Royal Majesty on this milestone celebration.

We wish His Royal Majesty long life, good health, wisdom, strength, and prosperity throughout his reign as Akire of Ikireland, and pray that Ikire Kingdom continues to prosper, experience peace, growth and development under your charismatic leadership.

Congratulations once again!



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FELICITATION

WE HEARTILY REJOICE WITH OUR FATHER, HIM OBA OLATUNDE FALABI, LAMBELOYE III, AKIRE OF AKIRE, IKIRE PROGRESSIVE UNION AND THE ENTIRE PEOPLE OF IKIRE KINGDOM ON THE OCCASION OF

AKIRE 30TH CORONATION ANNIVERSARY

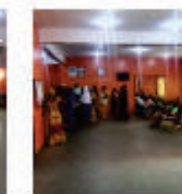
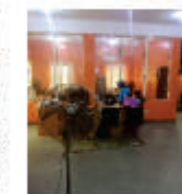
KABIESI, WE PRAY THAT THE ALMIGHTY GOD WHO HAD SUSTAINED YOU TILL NOW, WILL NEVER FORSAKE YOU. THE PREVAILING PEACE AND PROGRESS IN IKIRE KINGDOM WILL BE LONG EVERLASTING.

IRUKERE YIO DI OKINNI.

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HRM. (OBA) OLATUNDE FALABI: ROYALTY WITH GODLINESS.

According to proverbs 31: 1-9 NKJV. The words of king Lemuel, the utterance which his mother taught him " What my son? And what, son of my womb? And what son of my vows? Do not give your strength to women, Nor your ways to that which destroy kings. O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, for princes to intoxicating drinks; lest they drink and forget the law, And pervert the justice of all the afflicted. Give strong drink to him and forget his poverty, And remember his misery no more. Open your mouth, judge righteously, And plead the cause of the poor and needy."

With the above verse of the holy book, a discerning mind will understand where His Royal Majesty OBA OLATUNDE FALABI JP FPSN, LAMBELOYE III AKIRE OF IKIRE kingdom was coming from. No wonder since he assumed the throne of his forefathers, he has changed the office but the office has not changed him. Indeed in the belief of the denizens of the ancient city, he is a divine being who help his people to propitiate in the eternal dialogue with the Almighty God through his spiritual inclinations and absolute belief in the Almighty.

His human nature is worthy of emulation. Like every mortal, he enjoys a good humour and the good life.

But like all successful royals, he has a sense of duty that is overwhelming and profound and that takes precedence over everything else. Central to his oath of office as the AKIRE is the peace and prosperity of AKIRE indigenes wherever they maybe. OBA FALABI takes his charge very seriously.

For three decades since he got on the throne, OBA FALABI has pursued his ministry with evangelical zeal and profound passion despite turbulent events that characterised part of his reign in the last 30 years, he neverwavered in his total and absolute belief in the Almighty God. He is one monarch that does not joke with the efficacy of prayers. No wonder, since he became the AKIRE, the palace was immediately made the temple of the Almighty with a chapel for prayers. Also, he made it mandatory for every event to start and end with the name of our lord Jesus Christ. No doubt, OBA OLATUNDE FALABI is an outstanding harbinger of the gospel of our lord Jesus Christ in Ikire kingdom. Thereby spicing up Royalty with Godliness.



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COVER STORY

Oba Akinrere gave birth to Laberinjo and Laberinjo gave birth to Kuje. The three of them are the progenitors of the ruling houses – from whom 16 other Obas have ascended the throne (*including HRM Oba Olatunde Falabi who is the 19th Akire of Ikire*). There are five ruling houses in Ikire land – Disamu, Ladekan, Lambeloye, Olusokan and Akintula. Ladekan ruling house has produced eight Obas out of the 16, the Disamu produced three. Lambeloye produced three and Olusokan produced two while Akintula never produced any. Lambeloye family has five lineages. Orisatola was the first to ascend throne in Lambeloye ruling house. Orisatola gave birth to three children; Falabi, Fayinde and Fabiyi. Falabi is the one that was crowned out of the three and he is the grandfather of the present Oba Olatunde Falabi.

The beautiful town of Ikire is blessed with a God-fearing monarch, a renowned pharmacist who eschews evil but totally sold out as an apostle of the gospel of Jesus Christ. HRM (Oba) Olatunde Falabi, JP, FPSN, Lambeloye III, popularly referred to as Akire of Ikire Land is not just a king but an anointed king and man of God – a beacon of hope, taking many of his subjects and nobles out of darkness, showing them the greatness of the power of the Cross.

About 30 years ago, the deities and people of Ikire during their spiritual and physical deliberations decided to make Pharm. Olatunde Falabi the Ruler of Ikire and the Number One man in the kingdom – but as applicable in virtually all kingdoms and tribes of the world, it is very rare for a king to be crowned without oppositions from the people who will challenge the opinions of kingmakers, the endorsement of oracles and ancestors of the land and the will of the almighty Eledumare.

In the Bible days, the Israelites demanded for a king and Jehovah Yahweh gave them a king who would enslave and exploit them whilst he kept searching for a worthy king for his people. Saul was the first anointed king – and he used the entire people of the land to his own advantage, disobeying the command of God, breaking God's heart and disappointing his mentor, Prophet Samuel.

Meanwhile, a day came and God said, *“Enough is enough! Samuel, fill your vial and go the house of Jesse – and anoint his son as a Ruler over My heritage.”*

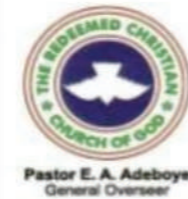
The boy David was anointed in the presence of his brothers but for more than 10 years after defeating Goliath and taking away the reproach of the Jews, the reigning king Saul was bent on killing David – but nobody can kill the plan of God.

David was eventually crowned a king – over Judah and entire Israel. His reign brought peace and prosperity to the land and in a bid to continue on that path, David chose his son, Prince Solomon of Bathsheba to be crowned after him – but antagonists arose, not from outside the palace but from within David's family ... Solomon's brothers – but despite all the strifes and battles, Solomon reigned peacefully for 40 years and his kingdom expanded without battles or raising swords and in his time, a Temple was also built in honour of the only true Living God.

HRM Oba Olatunde Falabi has been through many seasons of life, fought many secret and open battles and emerged victorious. When the enemies thought he had been crushed, God staged a strong comeback and defeated all those that thought he won't reign over them ... and whenever he shows up anywhere, the nobles, elites, adults, adolescents, indigenes, strangers will reverence the king – saying, *“May you reign forever, may your kingdom bring peace and prosperity to the land of Ikire.”*

Oba Falabi's testimonies are a proof that God reigns in the affairs of man and that one with God is a majority. The Lord is with Akire, his kingdom is flourishing; his way pleases the Lord and the Lord is causing his enemies to be at peace with him.

*Alayeluwa Oba Olatunde Falabi, Akire of Ikire Land,
The custodian of Ikire culture and tradition,
One of the few educated Yoruba Obas – intelligent, wise,
famous and influential.
The Monarch marked for honour ever before the crown
touched his head.
A friend of captains of industries and political leaders
from different parts of the world.
A man of God, a preacher and evangelist.
Let all prostrate before the king,
Whosoever dares the king will be damned,
Akire of Ikire Land, Oba Olatunde Falabi, Your Royal
Majesty.*



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HRM. OBA OLATUNDE FALABI JP, FPSN
LAMBELOYE III,
AKIRE OF IKIRELAND.

Dear Sir,

FELICITATION ON YOUR 30TH CORONATION ANNIVERSARY

Your Royal Majesty, we celebrate God's faithfulness, mercy and grace over your life as you mark the 30th Coronation Anniversary.

As you mark this occasion, we join all your loved ones and well-wishers to heartily felicitate with you and pray that the Lord renew you in wisdom and greatness, and grant you all-round comfort in Jesus' name.

We pray that the Lord will keep you ever strong and continually preserve you, loved ones and the entire Ikire Land to see many more fruitful years in prosperity, sound health, joy and peace in the Lord.

Congratulations and Happy 30th Coronation Anniversary Sir.

Pastor David and Pastor Mrs Rhoda Adewuyi.
RCCG Region 33. Port-Harcourt.

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever Heb 13:8



I wish to see Ikire at the top in Education, Technology, Industrialisation ...

HRM (OBA) OLATUNDE FALABI, JP, FPSN **Lambeloye III, Akire of Ikire Land**

Once upon a time, the peaceful town which is mostly known for its spicy plantain dodo Ikire, Ikire was founded by Prince Akinrere, a renowned elephant hunter and the first king of Ikireland.

The town which is located in Irewole Local Government Area of Osun State, South/West Nigeria is at a distance of about 33.42 km from Ibadan, 66 km from Osogbo and 46km from Ile-Ife. It enjoys a conducive climate that enhances the cultivation of arable and cash crops that contribute largely to the town's economic value and its vegetation is an evergreen rainforest that aids the rearing of cattle and other livestock. Ikire town is an economically viable farm settlement and a market hub for farm produce like cocoa, palm oil, kernels, yam, maize, cassava, cotton and kola nuts.

change the laid down principles and policies? God forbid I sign what I know I must not dare. If you want to become a king, the whole town must know about it not me alone." That was why and how he went to our opponents and promised to help them with any amount of money they needed to finance court case. He was instrument to the burning of this palace. Can you imagine the gravity of that callousness? All the property I had, everything I brought into the palace was carried away and burnt down, and some others carted away by looters but thanks be to God for His faithfulness and saving grace. He knew what was going to happen before that day. My son that brought you here was celebrating his 40th birthday in Lagos at the time and I went there for a weekend. The pastor that went with me returned on Sunday. When they heard the siren of the pilot car, he and his cohorts thought I was inside the palace – and on Monday, they attacked. I escaped the burning episode because I was in Lagos and newspapers carried fake news that I jumped over the fence, whilst some locals were of the opinion that I used some sort of disappearing and reappearing voodoo called 'egbe' in Yoruba language

For the sake of this project and reading public; can we meet you, can we have your concise history. Who is His Royal Majesty, Oba Olatunde Falabi, JP, FSPN, Lambenloye the Third, the Akire of Ikire Land ... your name, where you were born and the schools you attended and your professional history?

My name changed in the course of my life because I was five years old when my father died, my mother remarried and I answered the surname of my step-father. When I

was about 11 years old, he registered me in his name in a primary school and I answered the name until I was in Form Three at Oluwa College (now Adeola Odutola Comprehensive College) in Ijebu Ode when I changed my name to Falabi and after I left school in 1959, my first name was also changed. Although, I was not born again at the time but I knew I was going to be a Christian. My step-dad was a Moslem but I have an uncle who is a Christian. My step-father named me Lateef and his surname was Tijani. So I answered Lateef Tijani till I reached Form Three, and I changed to Lateef Falabi. After my school cert, when I was working in Agric School, I changed my name to Olatunde Falabi Lambeoye. In fact, when I was newly crowned, I was referred to as Falabi Orisatola the third but I got born again, I changed it to Lambeoye the third which is the root for the compound name. After my secondary school, I worked as Sanitary Inspector at Abeokuta for three months before joining Agric School for one year, that was in 1960. From there I decided that I cannot be an Agric Assistant when my colleagues were Agric Officers. I decided to further my education. I left that job, enrolled at the Federal School of Science for evening classes. With my certificate, I was given an appointment at Ikeja as a teacher in a modern school, from where I got an appointment with the General Hospital Laboratory. I got an accommodation at Salvation Army Hostel at Odunlami in Lagos Island. Every place of my engagement – work, school, home – was trekable. So it was so easy for me to navigate through Onikan and the Island. I sat for two A' Level papers and passed. I gained admission into the University of Ife

as the first set of graduate of the university in Ibadan. As undergraduates, we were going to hospital to work as pharmacists – and after our graduation, we did one-year internship before everyone started finding his footings. I joined some companies as Medical Representatives. I worked till 1980 because I had determined not to spend more than 10 years with any company before establishing my own business.

Based on the information I have about you, you also worked at RGB school.

Yes, Kingsway Chemist was a subsidiary of RGB; they introduced Dumez products, from there I went to Kingsway. As at the time of joining RGB School, the Ibo boys went for their civil war and when they came back they said they wanted to transfer me to Ibadan. I was in Lagos from 1967 thereabouts to 1968 or 69, and when the Ibo boys returned after the Biafra war, the management planned to transfer me to Ibadan but I refused to go. They were there before we joined RGB school, that is why I joined Kingsway Chemist the agency for Roche and from a report, the company was established and registered by Adebajo and two other powerful men in Nigeria who were directors for Roche Medical Information before they changed to Swisspharma, dealing with UK at the time.

By 1980, I started my own business in the pharmaceutical line. I have a supermarket and a pharmacy at Ojodu, Ikeja at that time, the popular Oba Falabi.

You lost your dad as a kid when you were five; what was your experience like?



In a comprehensive interview session held at his Palace with the Publisher of Synochure International Magazine, Lanre Olusunmade and Director of Photography, Femi Ikotun, the Akire of Ikire Land, HRM (Oba) Olatunde Falabi, JP, FPSN, Lambeloye III bared his mind on his life from the cradle, his professional calling and disposition and his reign on the throne of his ancestors. Excerpts below:

How do you feel celebrating 30 years on the throne of your forefathers?

I feel very happy to be celebrating 30 years on the throne of my forefathers. Why did I say this? Because when I newly mounted the throne, some people were of the opinion that I wouldn't last beyond seven years, seven months and seven days unless I joined the Ogboni Fraternity. I can only imagine how disappointed those insinuating that would be at the moment. I have reigned for 30 years – and their threats were made of no effect by the goodness of God which I have enjoyed in the past 30 years and still enjoying till the Master calls me home. Honestly, I feel very happy that their predictions did not come to pass. God is in control and His counsel is the only thing that was established.

Looking back at the last 30 years, how fulfilled are you as the Akire of Ikire Land?

All glory is due to God alone. The most important thing about kingship is for the town in which the king reigns to be peaceful and for its people to live in harmony and prosperity. The peace surrounding Ikire town shows that we are very much fulfilled in the assignment God has given to us.

While growing up as a young boy, did it ever cross your mind that you would, one day, become an Oba?

It was prophesied by somebody when I was in primary school. He said, "If this boy comes from a royal

family, he would one day become a king!" That was in 1948 but I didn't bother my head about it, I just carried on like any other person. I did not even refer to myself as prince but when the time came, everybody in Ikire town was declaring it, and that made me realise that whatever God destined for a man will, one day, be actualised – though forces of hell may fight it but nothing can abort His plan.

When you were eventually chosen as the next Akire of Ikire Land, how did you react to the news initially?

My reaction was indescribable ... at first, it was a shocker because I was so comfortable where I was in Lagos. I told the kingmakers to leave me alone and find somebody else in the family because it was our family's turn at the time – but as we were busy searching for a capable candidate in our family, other families who were also interested on the throne were scheming so hard to usurp the traditional arrangement. There were about five people vying for the post from other clans but that did not bother us a bit. They went to court with the allegations that it was their turn to mount the throne – but the court ruled in our favour based on the evidences presented at the court of law. One of the plans devised by these rivals was to falsely introduce another ruling house, a neutral one that has never participated in the original setting of our forefathers and instead of having four ruling houses, there would now

be five – thereby pushing our ruling house to number three, making the newly introduced house as number one, and after court declaration, to remove whosoever is declared Oba but the judgement was in our favour. The judgement was served in 1990 and after seeing we won, they incited another court case to restrain us from moving into the palace for three years. We went up to the Supreme Court and the court threw away their allegations, and ruled that we should enjoy the fruit of our labour. In 1993, I was given the Staff of Office and other allied instruments appertaining to the throne, and it has been 30 years since we got the government approval.

During this turbulent period of this legal tussle, can you recollect an experience you had that you cannot forget in a hurry, an experience that remains indelible in your heart?

Do you know that there is only one person behind the whole problem ... just one person is the cause of our problem for three years after my installation in 1990. He came to me and said, "If you will allow the crown to go to our family, there would be no court cases," but the funniest thing is that their family is never part of any ruling house. They only belong to a part of the town, and they were clamouring tooth-and-nail to become a king. I told him, "Why should I sign an undertaking when I am not yet in the palace and how will God and our ancestors feel about me if I



wickedness is becoming rampant – worse than what was obtainable before. Trust yourself 100 percent, not another – not even your spouse can you give that percentage of trust. It isn't because people are bad, it is because we are created to be unpredictable. Judas was with Jesus for more than three years, yet he betrayed Him – and later regretted his action and killed himself ... but the worst has happened. Most people who betrayed David in the Bible were his closest allies and family members, even his own son. His number one confidant, Ahitopel joined forces with his opponent to overthrow him. Know yourself, love others because that is the greatest command. The Bible never said the people will love you but it admonishes us to love them. You cannot love the people and doubt them – and if they betray you, just admit, 'It is part of God's master plan for your life,' because God can never make a mistake.

(Interject) Your Majesty, it's rather unfortunate that some notable and revered Obas are members of political parties. They move around with vehicles branded with party logos and their palaces carry the signatures of parties – attacking and berating opposition openly – and you begin to wonder why a custodian of culture cannot stay neutral.

Ikire is a renowned town with well-meaning and high profile indigenes at home and abroad. We have been looking at the issue of security, many of our people are willing to return home from abroad and big cities to invest in Ikire town but the issue of security has been a great challenge to that move. We have more

developmental goals to think about than partisan politics. Political officers are- "soldiers go, soldiers come", barracks remains immovable; they will spend their three or four years in power and move on but Ikire remains our own till God's Kingdom. So, my paramount goal is for an average indigene of Ikire without an opportunity to move abroad or relocate to the city to find fulfilment living in Ikire and for those returning home to live peacefully, not sleeping with an eye open when they come to town. My legacy is to leave a footprint on the sand of time as a king who ensures the well-being of his people and channels a path for progress and development.

Ikire being an agrarian society has the potential for greatness in farming and agricultural related sector. How have you been attracting investment from wealthy indigenes and outsiders into agro-allied sectors so that this town can take its prideful place?
We have always invite them for Ikire

So, my paramount goal is for an average indigene of Ikire without an opportunity to move abroad or relocate to the city to find fulfilment living in Ikire and for those returning home to live peacefully, not sleeping with an eye open when they come to town.

Day Celebrations and a bulk of our guests have good interest to invest in the land and those who did are doing well but the activities of these new boys who call themselves Omo-onile (land speculators) are

chasing away potential investors. This 'omo onile syndrome,' was inherited from Lagos. These thuggery activities prevent people from using their minds. It kills human potentials and handicaps investors. For example, if any borehole vehicle comes to our town now, you will see these boys in droves, hundreds at times – touting and exploiting monies from people, claiming the land is their fathers' land and no visitor can come in or leave without paying tributes to them at different rates. The worst thing is that those monies collected are not judiciously spent; it is often lavished on alcohol, weeds and women – but we thank God because things are dying down since Task Force and Army came to our town. We held a prayer session recently asking God to do something about these boys. They have no mission, no ambition and no drive. They don't have anywhere to go; they are either okada (motorbike) riders or purely jobless or lazy.

Although, some of them claim to be members of OPC – without a clear agenda. When Amotekun was established by Osun State government, 10 people were employed from Ikire, (as 10 people were taken from each local government) – and the combination of Amotekun, OPC and vigilante is what we tagged taskforce that we are now owing five months' salaries which the local government is yet to pay. The local government currently has no Chairman

because of the pressing problems in the government and nothing can be done until a go-ahead to pay order is issued at Governor's Office in Osogbo.

In your 30 years on the throne, you



What does a child know? It was just a fun to me at that time. I was lucky my step father came almost immediately, used the proceeds from his cocoa produce to train me.

Why did you study Pharmacy at the university, was it prompted by your work at the general hospital laboratory department or was it an in-built thing to be a pharmacist?

My choice of Pharmacy as a course of study was as a result of not having someone to guarantee my scholarship to take up any Agric related course and when a colleague of mine told me there were several scholarships for students choosing that line, I jumped in. I didn't even bother myself because physics did not interest me a bit. So, I did Botany, Chemistry and Zoology at A level. I didn't do Physics and it wasn't a requirement for reading Pharmacy. Thank God, there were about 14 of us at Ife who didn't have physics or

mathematics. We were advised to do Auxiliary Physics and Mathematics if we were to specialise in either Botany or Zoology but at the end of Year One, 14 of us decamped to Pharmacy and were all given scholarships by the Federal Ministry of Health

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Tell us about your experience at University of Ife
It was so wonderful and enjoyable at

the time because the ministry of health was giving us a very good and robust allowance till we finished.

Looking back, can you now compare the experience you had as an undergraduate then to what is obtainable now for students?

Impossible! It is far, far different. On Sundays in those days, we would take half chicken with our meals as undergraduates, they would wash our clothes and do all sorts of things for us. We did not just have hostels at that time, the hostels were clean and not crowded.

In what way will you say going to University of Ife shaped your

The government knows that without the traditional rulers, this country cannot be effectively governed. They keep struggling on so many communal issues until they visit the palaces of traditional rulers – and for effective governance, the positions and roles of traditional rulers must be appropriately defined and be accorded due honour in the constitution, and they must be included in the national plans and budgets.

professional life?

It has actually helped my destiny. When they were looking for whom to appoint as Oba, I was the only graduate among all the candidates –

including other ruling houses.

Going back to your formative years; you have only mentioned your step-father, who and who can you say influenced you in those stages of life or what are those things that you can really say prepared you for the position that you are holding today?

It is purely God that directed my affairs at the time – even without my knowing. My leaving Akure for Federal Science School was greatly opposed by my uncle. He wanted me to keep my job in Akure than going to Lagos to search for jobs. He did not see any reasonable point in leaving what I had for what I desired. I said, “Well, I am going to Lagos, I

want to read more.” it was because I had Pass in English Language that turned me to an evening student; those who had credit in English Language were paid handsomely and some of them still failed A levels. You can imagine.

Since colonial era, the status of traditional societies was altered and till today, traditional rulers are yet to be accorded any tangible role in community and national developments despite our constitutional stipulations. Alayeluwa, what are the effects of this policy on community development ... what roles are left for our traditional rulers and what will you suggest to the government to enhance traditional institutions' influence?

We have written several memos to the government on the issue. It was General Abdulsalam Abubakar that removed traditional rulers from Nigerian constitution – and that has been one of the bad effects of our current constitution. The government knows that without the traditional rulers, this country cannot be effectively governed. They keep struggling on so many communal issues until they visit the palaces of traditional rulers – and for effective governance, the positions and roles of traditional rulers must be appropriately defined and be accorded due honour in the constitution, and they must be included in the national plans and budgets. To correct the anomaly of non-recognition in the constitution, we sent memos to Obasanjo and Jonathan when they were presidents but none of them said anything about our concern. It is unimaginable that the most condemned president of Nigeria, late General Sani Abacha was the only one who gave us relevance till

today. When he was striving to become a civilian president, he called all the Obas from South-West at the time, and the then Ooni of Ife, Oba Okunade Sijuade raised the issue of how the emirs were getting 10 percent of government allocations for community issue and development from their local government areas and he demanded we were treated the same way. We agreed five percent at the time but late Chief Bola Ige said five percent is a stolen money.

What do think is the way forward for the traditional institutions then?

Only God can correct that. There is nothing we can do about it because the politicians are not only too desperate, they want to pocket everything without doing anything.

It means this is having a lot of effects on community development?

Definitely! The burden of security in this town in particular is vested in us as the ones in charge of the community and its people. We have Joint Task Force doing surveillance in the night, we are now owing them four months' salaries and the local government has stopped paying their paltry sum of N15,000 each. The incumbent governor did not win the election, the one that won headed to court to claim his mandate – and we hardly know where to pitch our tents or what to plan because the system of national government is so unstable and too unrealistic. We don't know where we are, and it is difficult to predict



where we are heading.

Do you think it is because the politicians influence the selection process of who becomes an Oba – as they sometimes, pick misfits, handover the staff of Office to the one who will only do their biddings?

To an extent, that is right. The latest development in Osun State now is that anyone vying for the position of an Oba should come and obtain form from the government, and pay money into their party system. Now, tell me; how can such a system give the town an appropriate and qualified Oba that will ensure peace and harmony in the land? That is a complete strange order if compared to what was obtainable in our time. The issue of kingship is totally vested in the Afobajes (kingmakers) without any interference from the government – and kingship choices are made based on the traditional rites of their lands.

Kabiyesi, can't all the Royal fathers in Yorubaland come together and stamp their feet as custodians of culture and tradition, and mini gods of their people knowing fully well that the

politicians cannot do without the monarchs?

lyen se se, t'o ba je wipe enu wa ko (That is possible if we all speak with one voice).
Ni ibi ti awon kan ti n so pe bayi ni, ni awon kan ti n so pe beko – ti won si ma gba ehin lo se ofofo fun ijoba. (Where some kings will agree to 'this way,' some will decide to go 'that way,' and before you realise, our secrets will be leaked to government officials).
 That is always the beginning of vendetta, witch-hunting and castigation – and if care is not taken, you will be disgraced. To move forward in life, you need to move along with people of like minds. He who comes to equity must come with clean hands. You cannot get someone with skeleton in his cupboard to speak the truth. It is difficult! Being a fellow Oba doesn't mean you have the same pedigree. Ara la mo, a o mo'nu (You cannot judge by what you see on the surface, it might be deeper within than you envisage.)
 My son, learn to tread softly; hearts of men grow darker everyday and



thank God because He is gaining ground and the predominant problem of shallow thinking is waning. It was in my age group that we started having graduates in this town. The people of this town who were about the same time Baba Awolowo was born in 1908 did not consider it necessary to go to school – and as at the time we were going to the university, they were even discouraging us from getting educated. They thought money was more important than education. Now, they have been proved wrong over and over – and that has really affected our development rate in Ikire. Some people are still of that archaic belief that money is what they need instead of education.

What is your advice to the ones that will be opportune to read your story, what is your advice to them?

My advice for them is that they should hold on to God, He is the only one that can lead them right; not religion. If it were to be religion, I was an active member of the Muslim Students Society but I later got converted to Christianity, got born-again. Life happens to all of us, and I can tell you that being religious will not grant you an open visa to heaven.

How do you unwind sir?

When I was very strong, I used to play tennis and read books and newspapers. Social media are not giving us room to enjoy reading as before. We get a lot of stories from those channels these days – genuine and counterfeits – but it is left for you to know what to believe.

Every personality has a way of transitioning and we call it legacy;

how and what do you want to be remembered for by the community, by the state, your professional colleagues, the industry in which you find yourself and Ikire in particular?

I want to be remembered as a Monarch who served Jesus Christ in Ikire and hoisted His flag at the peak of the town's citadel. I want the light of Christ to shine very bright before I go such that every corridor of darkness will vanish in Ikire town and I am sure that will bring a lot of benefits to the land. In front of the palace is the shrine of Orisa Ikire, we also built a mosque in the front and that is the chapel. All you have to do is to choose whatever you want but according to the Bible, it says, "Choose life, so that you can live abundantly."

How frequently do you organize Christian programmes in the palace?

I minister to my chiefs every Monday. They now enjoy the regular fellowship and prayer session. Before, if you asked them to shout hallelujah, you won't hear anything but they have embraced it and they have started seeing the hands of God in all that has happened. They know that God is behind what we are doing.



must have conquered a lot of challenges. If you could turn back the hands of the clock, what are the things you would have done differently?

Apart from personal cases I faced, we have also had boundary problems and disputes. Our local government used to be Ayedade District Council comprising Ikire, Apomu, Ikoyi, Ago-Owu (named as Orile-Owu). Initially, Orile-owu had no boundary with Gbogan when they married all of us together, and we all come under Irewole Local Government Area before another separation and reorganisation. We have Isokan, Ikoyi and Apomu and Gbogan people were clever to pick Ayedade, leaving Egbedore, joining Owu without having the same boundary. They are now claiming our land to link-up with Owu, using the platform of one of their sons in the Ministry of Works to draw a new map to claim the area as theirs – and

we have been on that case since 1997. We thank God that every court case ruled in our favour. The land mass is one of the criteria for federal allocation. The Local Government Council ought to have gone to Abuja to inform them about the court ruling but nobody has done that to date.

Let's travel back to 30 years when you ascended the throne of your forefathers.

If I had not got court cases, rivalry challenges or land disputes, I would have done differently and performed better in the area of youth empowerment and human capacity development. I would have loved to do more for the youngsters, maybe all these boys would have been gainfully employed or engaged in some progressive activities. Court cases gulped monies that could have been judiciously spent on human capacity development.

Despite these challenges of the last 30 years, what have you really contributed to the development Ikire Land?

I ascribe all I have done to God. His favour has brought many things to our land. Any good and great developments that happened during my reign were only made possible because God ordained them. Now, we have a university campus here, high court is now here, the Police Area Commander is now situated here – we used to travel to Ife on any police matter that the DPO cannot handle. There are many other developments that God has permitted to happen in this town. I won't say I am the one who brought them. God will never want man to take credit for what He does through him.

Apart from your achievement as Oba, what have you contributed to the

development of your chosen profession, as a foremost pharmacist in Nigeria?

In fact, the whole thing I had in Lagos finished when I came here. I said, "Well, if this is an assignment from God, who am I to reject it?" it is a full time job which you may not even have time, except farming if you are doing your farming under your roof. This would be easy but if you want to do this and that, you will just be spending your money for other people to enjoy.

As a personality of many parts; an outstanding pharmacist, a traditional ruler, a farmer and an ordained pastor of Redeemed Christian Church of God, how are you able to juggle these roles effectively or the only role you now play is just the monarchy?

The only thing I do is the kingship; all the others have been assigned to other people to do.

In one of your interviews, you said you had a spiritual attack while asleep and it was what brought you closer to God. Can you tell us what and how it really happened?

Thank God I am still alive today.

The Bible says, it is foolishness to boast about your own achievement. It is more honourable when others talk about it. The boast about achievement is not only foolishness but pride – and pride comes before destruction. I cannot say how much I have achieved until you speak to my chiefs and subjects. You will discover what I have done during the course of your interviews with the people.

With the gravity of such an attack, one is not expected to wake-up the following morning. They gathered together and did the evil because they felt, 'It is almost 10 years this

man has been on the throne. Let's hit him and get him out of the way; he has done enough." I wasn't there but God revealed it to me. Olori was not in the palace at the time. She'd already moved to Lagos because of strange spiritual occurrences she was not quite happy about. She was worshipping at the Redeemed Church of God at the time whilst I was at Cherubim and Seraphim. Those wicked people did not want to have any king to last beyond seven years, seven months, and seven days unless he joins their fraternity. That is another story entirely. Almost every penny I had in the pharmacy was swindled by these conmen. They said they are the ones who install and dethrone Obas, they said I have to do some rituals, I have to bring money that would be refunded later just like a 419 scheme. After that, they took me somewhere in Ibadan behind Arisekola's mosque, a shrine that was full of statues, where they claim to be a place where they help the public apprehend thieves on the run. They knew I won't bow to their gods as a Christian – and that

was the beginning of another battle that took me to C & S. I was originally a Baptist. They started siphoning money from me with different grades of lies. They kept a

stool for me and that is where money would be coming to. Before I gained my consciousness, they counselled me to go and borrow money from the people I know. I approached late Ooni Sijuade to lend me money. He said, *"You are a pharmacist; why do you want to borrow money? You should have enough money for what you are doing."* I told him the entire story of those fake 'Afobajes', that they claimed to have installed him and financed his coronation, and ensured he enjoyed a peaceful reign too. Ooni Olubuse told me, "You have been defrauded!" I was shocked. The last time those fraudsters showed up, I told them, "I'm sorry, I cannot go further with their plans anymore." I said someone convinced me that if Jesus cannot help me, nobody can. They thought it was my wife that was against them but I insisted it was Jesus. I also said, 'If Jesus and the Devil go to battle, Jesus will win,' and on that note, we parted ways. There is so much to say; series of spiritual and physical attacks from indigenes, obas and many others because when we moved into this palace, one of the previous kings' family members said once we survive seven days in the palace, God is with us because nobody could survive it on his own volition. He confessed that my appointment was from heaven.

What were your memorable moments in the last 30 years?

I came here not to enjoy but to endure because if I had been on my own, the story would be different but I thank God for His grace in my life. If He does not build the house, the labourers are trying in vain and if God refuses to watch over Ikire, what can I do as the king? I have



established Oba Falabi Foundation to cater for the need of the less privileged in Ikire and the Lord has been helping us. My grandfather was dethroned in 1919 because of jealousy. I believe God has sent me back to the palace to redeem the lost glory just as He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ to correct the blunder committed by Adam, and redeem the world for Him. If that is my only achievement, I thank God.

How has your reign impacted the people of Ikire land in the last 30 years?

The Bible says, it is foolishness to boast about your own achievement. It is more honourable when others talk about it. The boast about achievement is not only foolishness but pride – and pride comes before destruction. I cannot say how much I have achieved until you speak to my chiefs and subjects. You will discover what I have done during the course of your interviews with

the people. Draw your conclusion from what the majority of the people will say. At least, a fact will be established in the mouths of two or more people. I cannot assess myself. Everything that has happened is by God's grace.

Out of all the development projects, which one do you consider the most outstanding?

Projects? Do I have any project? We now have a town hall; there was none before.

Sir, the university was built in your time; did you push for the campus to be sited in Ikire?

That one? I don't even think the University people in this town have any input in that decision of siting a campus here ... it is purely God. When the motion for multi-campus system was raised, some people were against it but Governor Olagunsoye Oyinlola insisted that Ikire was the appropriate place to locate the campus. So, it's the Grace of God.

Where do you see Ikire land in the next 30 years?

My wish is to see Ikire at the top – in education, technology, industrialisation and road network with envious social amenities in the next 30 years. That is my wish and our collective prayers everyday. We also want Ikire to be on fire for Jesus. Wherever that name is mentioned, light blooms, development springs up swiftly. Look at Gbogan, I don't know how they came about it but Gbogan has really improved. According to history, they settled in Ikire when they migrated from Oyo.

What will you say that is unique about Ikire town?

It is a Moslem dominated region, and that is a predominant case with many areas in Osun State. Ikire is also a farm settlement. I want an Ikire where the people of the land think outside the box, a town of positive thinkers, a city where the people are not just religious but progressive. I

Olori Anthonia Aduke Falabi was born on 6th of June, 1944 in Ode-Adie's Compound in Ikire. Her grandfather was Sangotade Ajala from Ode -Adie's Compound, Ikire, while her grandmother was Iyasunna Omorinola. Her father, Ibrahim Ajala, was from Ode-Adie's Compound in Ikire, while her mother Seliatu Ibrahim, who later became Madam Adedoyin Alice Ibrahim was from Ologbin's Compound also in Ikire. It is clear from the above that Olori Aduke Falabi is an indigene of Ikire to the core. Her parents and grandparents were all sons and daughters of Ikire and she eventually married an Ikire man who today is the paramount ruler of Ikire land.

Olori Aduke Falabi (born in June 1944) was the fourth child of parents who believed that lack of education, illiteracy was a bad disease and did not want any of their children infected by it. She began her elementary education in 1955 at the Holy Cross Primary School, Ikire.

In 1961 to 1963, she was at Saint Augustine Secondary Modern School.

In 1964, she secured admission into Saint Agnes College, Maryland, Lagos, a female teacher training college.

A New Beginning

While studying at the teachers' college, Aduke met a Prince with the shining armour, Olatunde Falabi in March 1966 in an

encounter that set in motion a series of events that led to holy matrimony, a wedlock made in heaven and perfected on earth.

Prior to her encounter with Olatunde Falabi, Anthonia Aduke waited on God through fasting and prayer for three days asking the Holy Spirit for right direction in marriage – and interestingly, she received a marriage proposal letter from Olatunde Falabi through an intermediary – and in the letter was a lovely picture of Olatunde taken during his convocation ceremony at the University of Ife.

It is also interesting to know that Olatunde Falabi, now the Akire of Ikire land also fasted and prayed for seven days so that the Holy Spirit could direct him in his search for soul mate. It was more than a coincidence that Anthonia Aduke and Olatunde Falabi met each other, it was a divine arrangement. Their relationship blossomed and reproduced many adorable flowers and fruits for many years.

Olori Anthonia Aduke Falabi got married to His Royal Majesty Oba Olatunde Falabi in February 1967 at Saint Gabriel's Catholic Church, Mokola, Ibadan. They were joined together by Reverend Anthony Buckler and Rev. Father Clifford. The Best-man at the occasion was Mr. Fawole Paul now Captain, while the Best-lady was Mrs. Mathilda (Maria Koitan). It is to the glory of God that the marriage has been immensely successful and blessed with anointed children, all of them graduates, happily married, and all doing well in their chosen professions.

Career Pathway

Just before her marriage, Olori Aduke Falabi began working as a classroom teacher at Saint Gabriel Secondary Modern School, Mokola, Ibadan. She took the appointment on 1st of January 1967. She also taught at Saint Augustine Secondary Modern School between June 1967 and December 1967. At the school, she taught subjects like English Language, Literature and Catering. She also taught at Saint Paul's Anglican Primary School, Odo-Ona, from 1970 to 1972. This was after she left Hope Central School, Omi-Adio, Ibadan. The teaching profession also took her to Lagos where she taught at Saint Mary's Convent School on Broad Street, in Lagos. The last school where she taught was the State Primary School, Agidingbi, Ikeja, Lagos, opposite the Daily Times of Nigeria complex. It was at this school that she voluntarily retired from the teaching profession on 1st September, 1982, after 15 years of meritorious service and attainment of the post of an Assistant Head Mistress.

Following Christ's Call

Olori Anthonia Aduke Falabi has been a minister of the word of God for so many years now. For training, she attended the Redeemed Christian Church of God International Bible Institute and Leadership Training School in Ikoyi, Lagos. She also attended a discipleship course and graduated in August 2007. Earlier in August 2003, she had been ordained by the General Overseer of the R.C.C.G., Pastor Enoch A. Adeboye, with Mrs. Folu Adeboye



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AKIRE OF IKIRELAND
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 30TH CORONATION ANNIVERSARY

I write on behalf of the highly esteemed chiefs and the good people of Oke-Ona Egba, my family and I to congratulate you very heartily on the auspicious occasion of your 30th Coronation Anniversary Celebration which comes up in May, 2023.

Our good Lord is indeed very magnanimous, marvelous and very good to us. We have every reason to be very grateful to Him always. We are blessed to be among those who love God and are CALLED according to HIS PURPOSE. He had FOREKNOWN and PRE-DESTINED us to conform to the image of His son. We also know that those whom He had PRE-DESTINED, the same He had CALLED. Those whom He CALLED, He also JUSTIFIED AND GLORIFIED. Since God is known to be for us, who can then be against us.

We rejoice very heartily with you on this God ordained occasion of your 30th Coronation Anniversary Celebration. May you live to celebrate many more useful anniversaries, (Amen). We pray that the great things God has already done in your life, will become greater still, in the days and years ahead until they become permanent. God in His infinite mercies will continue to establish you in strength, grace, power and spirit forever, in Jesus Mighty Name (Amen).

It is our collective prayer that the Almighty God will grant you more and more years to continue reaping the well-deserved and ripe fruits of your labour in the kingdom of God while you are working out your salvation with fear and trembling.

Thank you and God bless.

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OBA OLATUNDE AND OLORI ANTHONIA ADUKE FALABI:

A wedlock made in heaven, perfected on earth.

There were five phenomenal women in the genealogy of Jesus Christ as highlighted in the Bible – four of them were his ancestress whilst the last woman was her mother. Life and time of those women were so fascinating, reflecting the awesome grace of God.

Many people are conversant with the graceful woman called Virgin Mary. The woman of faith that carried Jesus Christ in her womb for nine months without mating with a man. She was so honoured to the extent that a chapter of one sacred book was dedicated to her and there is also a religious sect that worships this phenomenal woman of faith.

The four remaining phenomenal women were not so pronounced and virtually unknown to most people including many acclaimed Christians – and they are:

Tamar who was consistently abused, broken and battered by life and situation but refused to give up until she birthed a set of twins whom one of them, Perez, was Jesus Christ's ancestor.

Rahab, a society lady and business tycoon that commanded great respect among men of timber and calibre in her days. Her wealth was a top notch as her house and hotel were built on a mountain top in Jericho. She sacrificed that wealth to follow destiny that resulted in having a son named Boaz.

Ruth, a Moab Priestess who abandoned her gods and people to accompany a hopeless woman called Naomi to a strange land, and rather than being a burden, she became a burden bearer, slaved in a field she later owned and gave birth to another great man called Obed.

The last but not the least of the phenomenal women was a Queen in David's palace called **Bathsheba**. What made this woman unique were her captivating beauty and elegance that got a mighty King's attention, her ability to step-in (through intercession) and secured the throne for her son, the wise King Solomon, amidst siblings' rivalry and several palace coups and supremacy competitions that got many killed without her boy raising a finger to fight.

Olori Anthonia Aduke Falabi of blessed memory was a combination of these phenomenal women mentioned in the Bible. She could pass for a model of Amazing Grace because of her belief in God that created Oba Olatunde Falabi such that when many were only seeing a lump of coal, she saw a diamond. She had the steadfastness and tenacity of Tamar, always pushing to actualise her dreams. She had the willingness and ability to support the less privileged, a rare trait found in Ruth who saw opportunity where there was no order and she held sway of beauty, praying prowess and persistence that births kings and queens – not only biologically but in all ramifications as testimonies of those that met her attested to that.

Had Olori Aduke Falabi been born in the era of Greek mythology, a statue must have been carved in her honour – and she would have been a goddess of favour had she been around in the pre-historic era of the Yorubas when the likes of Oya, Osun and Moremi lived.

The secret of a successful man is found in the backing of a great woman who walked with them in turbulent times, staying true to the call of a housewife in high and low moments.

As no man can stand straight without a strong backbone, Oba Falabi, though enjoys the goodness and mercy of God, he also enjoyed the divine provision of God in his beloved heartthrob, Late Olori Anthonia Aduke – a woman of elegance, courage, charisma and positivity.

From time immemorial, Nigerian women have been taking their rightful places in commerce and industry, education and politics, military and transportation – and space may not permit me to mention the names – but this column will be dedicated to an Amazon, a woman that singlehandedly cultivated a piece of land that will take 1,000 men, a minimum of 1,000 days to cultivate in less than 10 days.

Our sweet Olori Anthonia Aduke Falabi, Justice of Peace, and the only wife of His Royal Majesty Oba Olatunde Falabi, Lambeloye III, the man she married for over 43 years - becoming a mother, sister, best friend and confidant.

Baba loves the land of Ikire to the extent that he uses his own money to run things

Alhaji Taofeek Ajatu- The Otunba of Ikireland

The title of Otunba (translated as the right hand man of the king) is always reserved for an important personality in town. Apart from sitting in the Palace Council – he is always in most Yoruba traditional settings, the most important chief, an ambassador plenipotentiary saddled with the responsibility to execute orders in the absence of the king. Otunba (Alhaji) Taofeek Ajatu trained as a mechanical engineer before venturing into business, first as a transporter, then a forester, operating a sawmill.

Speaking to us about Oba Olatunde Falabi, Otunba said,

“Kabiyesi Olatunde Falabi Lambeloye is a good and successful king. When our family and the town decided to make me the Otunba, I was brought to Baba because he insisted I must be interviewed in his presence, and despite the chiefs’ objections that things were not done that way, Baba said, ‘You can take from him whatever you want but this is who I want.’ After the interview, Baba and the kingmakers prayed for me and I was immediately endorsed. I was trying to compensate Kabiyesi for his kindness but he refused, saying ‘Freely it was given and we must give it for free.’ He gave me the title

without taking a dime from me – and I have really been blessed since I was made a chief in his palace. Baba always prays for us. Even the people that did him evil, he prayed for them and forgave them.”

“Baba always preaches the words of God and seeks God's face on any issue. He loves the land of Ikire to the extent that he uses his own money to run things. May he live long”

Finally, Otunba praised God for the gift of Oba Olatunde Falabi to Ikire land.



Oba Falabi was so diligent as a professional pharmacist-

Pharm. Moses Oluwalade
MD/CEO Miraflash Pharmaceuticals Limited

In this piece, Pharm. Oluwalade spoke to our correspondents on the personality of Oba Falabi, “I want to congratulate Kabiyesi on the attainment of 30 years on the throne – a boy child who was born 30 years ago would be a man, a husband and father of about three kids by now. I mostly congratulate daddy for carrying along his people, the people of Ikire, leading them on the path of civilisation, development and the way of God.

“Oba Falabi was so diligent as a professional pharmacist. I’m a living witness of his dedication and discipline at work place. I’m not surprised at his exploits as a traditional ruler because the same principle applies. If he was lackadaisical in the corporate world, he cannot be distinct in the socio- cultural sector. I also know that he is a good Christian and the testimonies I heard of him in the church confirms that Kabiyesi has not lowered his frequency of relating with God a bit because for somebody on the throne to still have time to serve his creator, to follow the tenets of the Bible attest to the fact that Kabiyesi is a rare gem.” He added.

Pharm Moses Oluwalade concluded by praying that God will continue to sustain Oba Falabi in good health and sound mind.

Sometimes, it is good to fool the fool that thinks he is fooling you in order to expose his foolishness. That is the winning strategy of Pharm. Moses Oluwalade, the Proprietor of Miraflash Nigeria Limited, an indigenous pharmaceutical company that specialises in the production of antibiotics, by leveraging on environmental needs and hygiene of the people, reaching market with high quality products.

who has been her mentor and role model.

As a minister of the word of God, Olori Aduke counseled both youths and married couples on how to live a successful Christian life through Jesus Christ. As a lover of children, she was the Children Coordinator for King of Kings Zone, Ikire and one of the deliverance ministers at Palace of Praise Parish, Ode-Adie, Ikire. She was also a woman of prayers and a prayer intercessor for others. She was an evangelist who always found joy in the Lord's great commission of preaching the gospel. It was her fervent prayer that Ikire would be delivered from all powers of darkness.

Commitment to Husband & Homeland

As Olori to Oba Olatunde Falabi, Akire of Ikire land, she supervised all the cooking for the Akire, other Obas and chiefs and indeed all visitors to the palace. She enjoyed cooking and reading. She spent her other moments caring for the less-privileged, helping the widows and the orphans, whether indigenes or otherwise. She assisted many indigent students with scholarship awards. It was her fervent hope that Ikire would be remembered for peace, harmony and unspeakable joy. She also prayed that with peace and harmony reigning in the town, many Ikire indigenes would be elected and

appointed to exalted positions at the local, state and federal government levels.

Olori Anthonia Aduke Falabi stood by her husband spiritually, emotionally and physically throughout the trying period of court cases and political manouevering on the Akire throne. It was months after the victory had been finally won that she finished her race and completed her course and went to be with her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, on 21st August, 2021. Her exit was painful to many, especially the immediate family members but they had consolation in the fact that she has gone to be with her Lord and Saviour. May the good Lord accept her return.



My father is my Role Model

PHAM. GBENGA FALABI
The Crown Prince of Ikire Kingdom

towering career at Roche as a medical representative in 1991, rose through ranks and files to become the General Manager (Sales & Operations) at Greenlife Pharmaceuticals Ltd, and lately Managing Consultant/CEO at Tiptop Nigeria Ltd.

Speaking about Oba Olatunde Falabi, Prince Gbenga said, “I and my siblings were raised in a Christian home with Biblical morals and tenets. My father, the Akire of Ikireland, is my Role Model. His way models a perfect route for us his kids. Apart from ensuring we had good education, Kabiyesi was a disciplinarian to the core – he and Olori set boundaries, cut our excesses by ensuring that my siblings and I did not view ourselves as children born with silver spoons, free

to do whatever they like. Though we never lacked anything but we were not spoiled with what we did not need.”

Speaking further, he said, “Kabiyesi never over-pampered us or gave an impression that we were from a wealthy home, instead he thought us the principles of hard work and honesty. Mind you, I studied Pharmacy because I wanted to not because Kabiyesi influenced his choice on me. I could have gone for Medicine but I didn’t because I hate the sight of blood.”

Prince Gbenga, who cherished the kind of love his parents had for each other, praised and appreciated them for showing them that love builds homes and overpowers all ills.

Oba Falabi has recorded tremendous achievements and landmark successes

Chief Falana Muritala- *The Aremo Oba of Ikire land*

Do not ever compare a lizard with a crocodile. They might both be reptiles. One is an aquatic creature while the other is created for the land. The croc is a carnivore while lizard is an insectivore – and that explains the reason for their sizes and power. Just like a mighty croc in the ocean, Chief Falana Muritala belongs to the royal family (Disamu Ruling House). A graduate of the University of Uyo and one-time councillor, Aremo Falana Muritala spoke to us on the personality of HRM Oba Olatunde Falabi and their

relationship saying, “Oba Olatunde Falabi is the father of us all; he is the first educated Oba of Ikireland. His time attracted a lot of developments to Ikire town; we have Osun State University campus and our indigenes made marks in politics as Deputy Governor of Osun State and Senator.” Kabiyesi is a man of God with sterling quality to solve problems. He endured 33 years of Obaship tussle and won, and despite it all, he recorded tremendous achievements and landmark

success that will not be easily forgotten. Falabi is the most preferred lineage from Lambeloye ruling house; the quality of that lineage reflects in our Kabiyesi, an open book to be read by all and sundry. He does not keep malice with anyone. If you offend him, he will forget everything, and assumes everyone is prone to mistake.” *In conclusion, Aremo congratulated Oba Falabi on his 30 years on the throne and wish him long life and prosperity in good health and sound mind.*



When the king goes on a journey, the Palace Guard will boast – even the Generalissimo might assume he is in-charge of the city – but whenever the trumpet sounds that the king is close by, every boaster will tuck his tongue in his mouth and the pompous nobles will behave themselves, and all subjects and slaves will prostrate before the monarch.

Akire is a good king, a great leader and loyal servant to the people to Irewole and Osun State

His Royal Majesty, Oba Iyiola Taofeek Akande Morenigbade 1, Olukoyi of Ikoyi

Here comes His Royal Majesty, Oba Iyiola Taofeek Akande Morenigbade 1, the 15th Olukoyi of Ikoyi Kingdom spoke to our correspondent on his first meeting and relationship with Kabiyesi Akire, “I first met Kabiyesi Akire after I was announced as the chosen one for the post of Olukoyi. I went to pay him a visit that I have been duly elected as the next olukoyi. He received me like his own son and gave me fatherly advice which I am still putting into practice till date. He is like a father to me, a father indeed – because history has revealed that Ikoyi and Ikire are interconnected by

marriages and culture. We tend to share boundaries, same families and friends. We are not just Oba to Oba, our relationship is like a family.” “Akire is a good king, a great leader and loyal servant to the people to Irewole and Osun State. He's a good person anybody can run to. Whenever you call him, he is willing to help, guide and advise on how to rule effectively. He has been spending his resources to integrate youths into communal development – thereby curbing clashes, hatred and bitterness.” Olukoyi congratulated and prayed for Akire as he rounded-up.



There are many stars but only one moon – and yet, the collective light of the stars cannot be as bright as that of the moon. Retired Colonel Olayiwola Falabi has been shining to the chagrin of his antagonists because God is his Source of strength. He is a graduate of Economics, Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Taxation and Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria,

Akire is honest and transparent

Col. Olayiwola Falabi (Rtd.) BSc., MSc. (Economics), FCITN, FCA

honest politician and shrewd businessman. Speaking to us on Oba Olatunde Falabi, Colonel said, “Ikire, during the time of Oba Olatunde has seen a significant improvement. Akire is honest and transparent; he doesn't hide his feelings. If you tell me he has done something, I don't need his confirmation to know the truth.” Kabiyesi has been spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ across the length and breadth of Ikire and God has proved his faithfulness in the land and his life. I thank God for the life of Oba Olatunde Falabi and I believe that his 30th coronation anniversary is just the beginning. Anybody

wanting him to die will die instead. Akire doesn't tell lies and he is not greedy for money because oftentimes when I ask Kabiyesi on some things some royal fathers do with chieftaincy titles, he would say, 'We are here to develop our community.' He is a selfless man who wants everybody to be alright.” *In conclusion, Colonel Falabi prayed for Oba Olatunde Falabi, “I wish Kabiyesi, Akire of Ikireland many successful years on the throne and pray for an enablement and wisdom to take Ikire to a higher level. May God grant him strong health and sound mind.”*



It is not a mistake that Lion was made king of the jungle ... the fact is that it will neither bow nor tuck tail and run from any other beast. Who will dare a king – even if he is a child? Whosoever does will have his head lifted off his shoulder. We give obeisance and prostrate in honour of The Royal Majesty, the 14th Alapomu, Oba Kayode Adenekan Afolabi, an intelligent, experienced

Akire is a father-figure to me

HRM (Oba) Kayode Adenekan Afolabi Atoyebi II, Alapomu of Apomuland

and exposed Kabiyesi. While speaking with Alapomu on his relationship with Akire, we discovered that great men are not born great, they grow great to achieve greatness. In his words, “Although he sent his chiefs to congratulate me when I was in separation but I did not meet Akire until I was crowned. Our relationship was like made-in-heaven. He is a father-figure to me and we have forged a mutual relationship that birthed peace and accord in our communities.” “Akire is a honest person; very straight forward, respectful, humble

and God-fearing. He is very committed to the growth and development of Ikire. Whenever I have either community or private issues; he is always the first person I talk to because of his wealth of experience on the throne and the godly counsel he gives. He always tells me, 'Kabiyesi, don't bother yourself ... just be cool.' He is one of the very few monarchs who has witnessed the good, the Bad and the ugliest of the throne.” In closing, Alapomu prayed for Akire and wished him more fruitful years on the throne.



Oba Falabi is a man of honour, distinguished professional, industrious pharmacist and an excellent traditional ruler

Mazi Sam Omuanbunwa

Very few are the great and rich men who remain humble after reaching the citadel of their success. Mazi Sam Omuanbunwa stayed clear of pride and pomposity. He is not just a God-fearing Christian but also a wonderful family man. He studied Pharmacy at the University of Ife and practised as industrial pharmacist for several years before retirement.

Mazi spoke to our correspondent

on his relationship with Oba Falabi saying, "I had known Oba Falabi since he was in the industry. He was my senior at Roche but we were not that close, despite several meetings at the pharmacy and industry events until I became PSN President and at Osogbo Conference where for the first time, we got really close, and had the opportunity of understanding the kind of person he is and I was also able to reflect on the roles he played to go through a professional career and get to the top in the cultural community as a traditional ruler. I also commend and I am humbled by his ability to reproduce himself in

Gbenga, a son who is also a successful pharmacist. I am pleased to associate with a man of honour, distinguished professional, industrious pharmacist and an excellent traditional ruler, a pride of pharmaceutical profession."

"It's humbling to see a traditional ruler of high level mingling with lesser mortals as us but HRM Oba Olatunde Falabi is humble and accommodating and he combines professional excellence with royalty so well." *He prayed for Oba Falabi and advised communities to desist from making ignorant and uneducated fellows their heads for progress sake.*

Oba Falabi is unassuming, extraordinarily cool-headed and respectable

Elder/Pharmacist Ebenezer Adeyeye Adeleke

The octogenarian, Elder Ebenezer Adeyeye is a native of Oke Ope in Ekiti Local Government Area of Kwara State. He read Pharmacy at University of Ife. He is a man with great intelligence, wisdom and exposure – sitting on a management board of a multinational and travelling wide.

Speaking to our correspondent on his first meeting with Oba Falabi and what the relationship has birthed, Elder Adeleke said, "Oba Falabi and I first met in the dining hall of the University Ife. He was in his final year and I was in Year One at the time. We chatted extensively with other students at the table but I was

particularly fascinated by his aura. I respect him a lot and we have stayed close since then. I had specially invited him to the annual meeting of the Board of Fellows when I was Chairman of the board twice and he came."

"Oba Falabi is unassuming, extraordinarily cool-headed and respectable. Outside school, I value his friendship very much because it came at no cost and it adds to my prestige. For him to be made an Oba, the kingmakers and people of Ikire must have seen some great qualities in him, and leading his subjects peacefully for 30 years speak a lot about his leadership prowess and charisma –



and from my own perspective, his being made an Oba is a big plus to pharmaceutical profession in Nigeria – and that's a degree of contributions to the society.

"I will implore today's youngsters to emulate his courage, determination, straightforwardness, dedication, commitment, perseverance and sincerity to reach the top." Elder Adeleke concluded as he wished Kabiyesi more peaceful years on the throne.



Kabiyesi is God fearing and a complete gentleman

Wale Aregbesola

Snake crawls silently like it cannot bite and river flows like it cannot sink a ship. Wale Aregbesola, a native of Ilesa in Osun State may look like a simpleton but he is sure a mighty man of valour, a scholar and entrepreneur par excellence.

In an interview session, Wale spoke to us on Oba Falabi and his relationship with him. "Kabiyesi and Olori are my adopted parents;

their first son, Gbenga and I lived together in the U.S. I have known them for more than 20 years. When my wife and I had a delay with child bearing for 18 years, Kabiyesi and Olori conducted deliverance, prayed and anointed us on US soil – and thank God we now have two sets of twins. Baba and Olori are prayer warriors."

"Kabiyesi is God-fearing and a complete gentleman. He and Olori maintained a tradition of waking up by 5am for morning devotion in the palace. When the palace got burnt, some people thought of seeing an effigy in a corner but no

such thing was found. He has escaped many devilish attacks through the help of God and in the name of Jesus.

"After the fire incident, I was wowed when I saw Kabiyesi rolling on the floor as an act of worship during the thanksgiving service. I said to myself, 'If Kabiyesi could roll on the floor, who am I – an ordinary mortal with no title that I won't worship God?' That singular act humbled most of us in that church and you can clearly see some women crying and sobbing in awe of God." He added.

Oba Falabi has always been a gentleman with sweet spirit

Alfred Oladeji Oshinnoiki

Foolishness will make someone put a cat in the category of a tiger, though both belong to the felis family but one is domesticated while the other is wild. Do not search any further if you are looking for an intelligent mankind and stumble upon Alfred Oladeji Osinoiki. A native of Ogere Remo in Ogun State. He studied Pharmacy at the University of Ife and dedicated his life to developing the pharmaceutical industry.

How and when did he meet Oba Falabi and what is the outcome of their meeting?

Oba Falabi is a pharmacist like me. We met at the society. We became

familiar when he was the Marketing Manager of Roche, and we maintained our communication level till he left for Ikire to become Oba."

"Oba Falabi has always been a gentleman with sweet spirit. From the onset of his life, he has indepth knowledge about life and he is always willing to listen and offer tangible and proper counsel for every situation of life – and after his crowning, he attended most of our conferences where we meet and chat."

He is fortunate to have a son who is also a pharmacist and who is presently the National Secretary for



the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria. Meeting his son will tell you the kind of father Oba Falabi is – and a good example to all parents."

In conclusion, Alfred Oshinnoiki said, "I'm very happy for Oba Olatunde Falabi and wish him a successful stay in the Obaship. Long life and prosperity and I sympathize with him for the loss of Olori."



The iron butterfly, Patricia Olubunmi Etteh, is a woman of many facets. She is the Iyalaje of Ikireland and the only woman to have sat as the Speaker of the Nigeria House of Representatives. As a business mogul, lawyer and politicians, women like her, the real mother eagles, are really scarce in the political and business arena of the country – and that singular act has singled-out this Ikire indigene as she flies higher and towers

Kabiyesi Is My Father

RT. HON. OLUBUNMI ETTEH
Iyalaje of Ikire Kingdom

above principalities and powers in all ramifications.

In her own words concerning her meeting and knowing Oba Olatunde Falabi, the Rt. Hon. Olubunmi Etteh said, "I first met Kabiyesi about 28 years ago, not quite long after he ascended the throne. He sent emissaries to inform me of his intention to make me the Iyalaje of Ikireland – and since our first meeting, he has proved his worth not only as my Kabiyesi but my father, counsellor and confidant. I have no reason to second guess his advices, whatever he says comes from a well of spiritual knowledge, relevant information and godly wisdom."

Speaking further on Oba Falabi's

unique traits and distinguishing features, Iyalaje said, "Baba is a very good Christian, a god-fearing monarch. His age, education, experience in the business and corporate world are the things that edged him above other Obas. Though, some of them might feel he reigns in his kingdom whilst they man theirs but age and maturity are not commodities that can be bought in a market square. His reign has brought peace and prosperity to Ikireland."

Praying longevity for Oba Olatunde Falabi, Rt. Hon. Etteh also opined that Ikireland in the next 30 years will be a haven of glory where greatness resides and a place where the indigenes and residents are doing

Baba is a huge asset to mankind

ASIWAJU BOLA OYEBANJI *The Asiwaju of Ikireland*

A director is the one who leads an organisation whilst a governor directs the affairs of a state. The title of Asiwaju is always reserved for an intelligent personality who can process issues and produce positive results for a community.

The WVIP of Ikireland, Asiwaju Bola Oyebanji is a man of excellence and dignity.

He spoke to our correspondent on his stance on His Royal Majesty, Oba Olatunde Falabi.

He said, "Baba has always been a rallying point for all of us and a pathfinder.

He has, over the years, offered valuable advices and supports. I

remember as a young man struggling to find his

footing in Lagos, Baba avail himself to me and many others, provided us with shelter and food.

"Kabiyesi is a father with a large heart; a core Omoluabi and a living encyclopaedia of Yoruba culture and tradition. What many also appreciate about Baba is his vast knowledge of contemporary issues. Whenever you sit with him, you are sure to learn new things about everything all the time. Baba is a huge asset to mankind.

Speaking further on Alayeluwa's kindness, Asiwaju spoke of an indelible mark Baba has imprinted in



his heart.

"Baba taught me that humility is a required ingredient for greatness. His influence has turned Ikire to a modern city, a peaceful habitable region under his watch. He has succeeded in galvanising all interests for the good of Ikire – regardless of religion, ethnicity, and others, both the indigenous and settlers are at peace with one another in Ikire Town."

Felicitation

**FROM PRAISE OF HIS GLORY
MINISTRY (INT'L) FAMILY (PHGM/PHGMI)**

Ki Oba Ki O Pe O! On behalf of the trustees, directors, and the entire membership of the ministry, we celebrate with Akire of Ikire Kingdom, HRM Oba Olatunde Falabi, JP, FPSN, Lambeloye III on his glorious 30th Coronation Anniversary.

We cannot forget how on 7th November, 2009 under the inspiration of Holy Spirit, you made the declaration that Praise of His Glory Ministry would go international. The Lord honored that word. That word came to pass in 2011 and the rest is now history. We are grateful sir.

May the Lord continue to bless and keep you, be gracious to you, be favorably disposed to you and grant your heart peace.

Ki Oba Ki O pe OOO!!!!

HRM Oba Olatunde Falabi, JP, FPSN
Akire of Ikire Kingdom



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The Board of Directors, Management, Staff and Students of Ebunoluwa International School (EIS), felicitates with His Imperial Majesty, Oba Olatunde Falabi fgsn, jp, (Lambeloye III) the Akire of Ikire Kingdom, on the occasion of his 30th coronation anniversary.

This is a momentous milestone that is worthy of celebration, and we join all sons and daughters of Ikire home and abroad, Osun State and indeed Nigeria in commemorating this special occasion.

We commend His Royal Majesty for his selfless service to his people and for being a shining example of what true leadership should be. His reign has been marked by peace, prosperity, and progress, and we are confident that under his guidance, Ikire will continue to flourish.

Once again, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Akire of Ikire on this significant milestone. May his reign be long and prosperous, and may he continue to lead his people with wisdom, courage, and grace.

Congratulations!

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E-signed

Col. Olayiwola Falabi (rtd)

Baba is friendly, fatherly and a prayer warrior-

Pastor Samson Gbamigbayan

Some people are specially crafted by God to be His voice to the world. One of such persons is Pastor Samson Ayangbemiga Gbamigbayan, an oracle of God and Senior Pastor of New Testament Assembly.

Pastor Gbamigbayan was asked on when and how he first met Oba Olatunde Falabi and what has transpired as they journeyed together in life. He replied, "Prince Gbenga Falabi, Kabiyesi's first son is an active member and a committed pastor in our church. Through him, I met the late Olori Falabi and Kabiyesi in a social function and our relationship blossomed over the

years.

"Oba Olatunde Falabi's love for his children is awesome. When Prince clocked 40, he came all the way to celebrate his son. I was so close to Kabiyesi to the extent that at a time, on every Tuesday, I go to Ikire for prayers and fellowship and that made me one of the family – and stakeholder in Ikireland."

He said further, "Baba is friendly, fatherly and a prayer warrior totally committed to Jesus Christ and His kingdom expansion. He is resilient, never gives-up and he has a fighting spirit. I'm used to calling him a spiritual combatant with strong faith and convictions in the name of Jesus.



He is evergreen. His marriage with Olori is a perfect model of an ideal marriage – rooted deeply in love and prayer, and it reflects in their children's oneness and warmth. *Oba Falabi is a king among kings, an old man with integrity. He should be remembered as a king who believed in the almighty God, religious tolerant and ready to help.*

Oba Falabi is quite distinct in his own unique way

Pharmacist Ifeanyi Atueyi



Education comes at a high price, and experience is gained through many years of sacrifice, but wisdom is neither bought nor acquired, it is given by God. Pharmacist Ifeanyi Atueyi, the publisher of Pharma News (health journal) is wise, educated and experienced. He is an authority in the field of pharmacy and media.

Whilst speaking to us on his friend of long standing, Oba Falabi, Pharm.

Atueyi shared some pertinent secrets about their relationship and unforgettable moments. "First, I am not very familiar or deal with Obas but I can say something about my friend and classmate. We have known each other since 1966/67 when we were both undergraduates at Ife. Falabi is not a socialite per se but a reserved, cool and calm. He is not a talkative but he commands respect. He is the only classmate, a pharmacist that has occupied the position of an Oba."

He said further, "Oba Falabi is quite distinct in his own unique way. We did not really have much of relational links after school, he worked at Roche and I was buried

deep in factory works and publications but I can tell you that a percentage of people with good characters have greatly reduced, unlike our days of professional and personal discipline – but at any moment of life, *Oba Olatunde Falabi stands out – in our school days, active professional practice days and even after retirement, he has remained true to himself and the people around him. He doesn't need to impress anyone to register his presence. He has a sweet soul and beautiful personality.*" He said as he prayed that God grants him more fulfilling days as a monarch.



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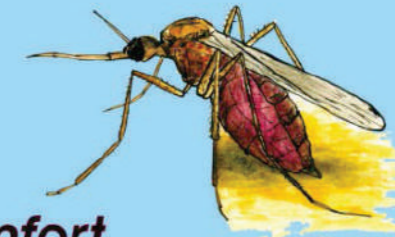
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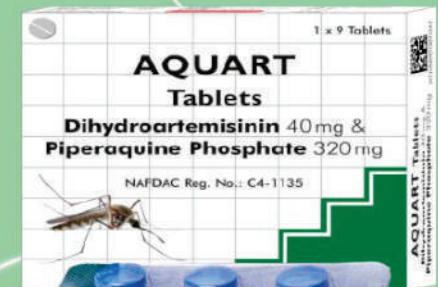
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On behalf of myself and family, we heartily rejoice with our amiable monarch HRM.

(OBA) OLATUNDE FALABI JP FPSN.
LAMBELOYE III, AKIRE OF IKIRE LAND

on his 30th coronation Anniversary on the throne of his forefathers. Kabiyesi, it is often said that when the crown sits on a graceful head, the people find great delight in that king. Since your coronation 30 years ago, you have been a great ambassador of IKIRE LAND and her culture globally. As you clock 30 years on the throne, we wish you more wonderful years in the service of IKIRE LAND spiced with good health and sound mind.

Congratulations Kabiyesi!



Signed
Dr. & Mrs. Olusola Adewole.

I, Prince Wasiu Abiodun Olaitan from Ladekan Rulling House, the Acting Chairman Osun Internal Revenue Service Osogbo felicitates with our Royal Majesty,

OBA OLATUNDE FALABI.
Lambeloye 111



May the Almighty Allah continue to strengthen our father, the Royal Majesty may your reign continue to be peaceful.

Signed

Prince Wasiu Abiodun Olaitan,
The Acting Chairman Osun Internal Revenue Service Osogbo



We give God all the glory and rejoice with you...

HRM OBA OLATUNDE FALABI JP FPSN,
LAMBELOYE III, THE AKIRE OF IKIRELAND

On the occasion of your 30th Coronation Anniversary celebrations.

May the anointing oil over your head never run dry. Amen
May your reign peaceful & prosperous. Amen

Signed

Chief & Chief Mrs Kunle Pius Ojewale,
Asojuoba of Ikireland. (CEO Adaye Crown Crest Nig. Ltd).





Felicitation

HRM OBA OLATUNDE FALABI JP FPSN
LAMBELOYE III, AKIRE OF IKIRELAND

On The Occasion Of His 30th Coronation Anniversary Celebrations Kabiyesi May Your Reign Continue To Bring Peace And Unity To The Entire Ikire Kingdom.



ALHAJI MUSAFU OLADEPO OGUNGBADE
(Borokinni Adinni of Ikireland)



Our family REJOICE

with our father,

KABIYESI OBA OLATUNDE FALABI
Lambeloye III

on the 30th year anniversary of his coronation. We wish Kabiyesi many more years on the throne of his fathers.



Signed
PROF. & PROF (MRS) PETER. B. OLAITAN

Congratulations



HRM OBA OLATUNDE FALABI
Lambeloye III, Akire of Ikireland,

Our Royal father,
Chairman Irewole Traditional Council of Chiefs,

On His **30TH**
ANNIVERSARY

on 8th May 2023 which is exactly 30yrs ago that His Excellency, Governor of Osun State, Late Sen. Isiaka Adeleke (Serubawon) gave the staff of office through His Excellency, the then Deputy Governor, Prince Clement A. Haarstrup



Signed

PRINCE GBENGA & OLORI MERCY FALABI

Goodwill Message to OBA OLATUNDE FALABI, Lambeloye III



It gives me great pleasure to have the opportunity to write this Goodwill message for my Uncle, my King, His Imperial Majesty, Oba Olatunde Falabi, Lambeloye III, the Akire of Ikire kingdom, on the occasion of the 30th coronation anniversary of his accension to the throne of his forefathers.

Let me start with a quote by Thomas Watson (1620-1686) in his book, The Godly Man's Picture, which goes thus:

"Memorable is the story of King Edward the Sixth. On the day of his coronation, when they presented three swords before him, signifying to him that he was monarch of three kingdoms, the King said, "there's still one missing." On being asked what that was, he answered, "The Holy Bible, which is the 'sword of the Spirit' and is to be preferred before these ensigns of royalty."

During his coronation 30 years ago, Oba Olatunde Falabi was not presented with three swords, because he wasn't a monarch of three kingdoms, he was presented with one for Ikire kingdom. But being a man of God, he also realized that he needed another sword, *the Holy Bible*, to govern his kingdom. So he went on the throne with the Holy Bible. The *'sword of the Spirit'* has imbued His Imperial Majesty with divine grace in his 30 years of successful reign over his subjects in Ikire kingdom.

Being the custodian of culture and tradition of a kingdom, and at the same time being a Man of God, go with enormous challenges. In the words of Queen Elizabeth I, *"To be a king and wear a crown is a thing more glorious to them that see it than it is pleasant to them that bear it."* Oba Olatunde Falabi has ruled in full recognition that the crown that sits upon his head sits there not as a symbol of royalty that denotes one who is to be served, but it sits there as a symbol of one who voluntarily gives of himself to serve his kingdom. His Imperial Majesty's 30 years' reign has, therefore, been marked with events, which have not only shaped lives, but have also brought peace and prosperity to Ikire kingdom.

It is to the credit of Kabiyesi, Oba Olatunde Falabi that, with progressive ideals, wisdom, humility and significant leadership capabilities, he has played spectacular roles in promoting peace, growth and development of Ikire kingdom. This was achieved with a combination of temporal and divine wisdom which has contributed immensely to the success of his reign over the years.

On this joyous occasion of the 30th coronation anniversary of Your Imperial Majesty, Oba Olatunde Falabi, Lambeloye III, we the family of Aderemi Oyefiade, and the entire Farinde Family, join other eminent sons and daughters of Ikireland to offer our humble prayers and best wishes for your long life, happiness, peace, prosperity and many more years of successful reign on the throne of your fore fathers.

Kabiyesi, k'Ade o pe lori, ki bata o pe lese, k'eshin Oba a je'ko pe, k'irukere o pe lowo, k'Ase o pe lenu lori ite Baba yin. Amin, lase Edumare. Aseyi s'amodun o.

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TRIBUTE TO HRM OBA OLATUNDE FALABI, THE AKIRE OF IKIRE

I have known HRM Oba Olatunde Falabi, The Akire of Ikire, for well over a decade. He is a most devoted member of the Association of Born Again Christian Obas of Osun State, in which he serves as both treasurer and evangelism secretary for a long time.

I am fascinated by his humility which is very uncommon for a "Consenting Authority Oba" I wish him many more years of peaceful reign over the Kingdom of Ikire.

HRM Oba Professor Akinola A.
Owosekun, The Asotun of Isotun

HRM, OBA OGIDIOLU AMOS ADEWUMI, ONIWOYE OF IWOYE-IJESA KINGDOM.

His majesty, **OBA Olatunde Falabi, Lambeloye III, The Akire of Ikire Kingdom** is a man of faith and integrity worthy of Emulate. He has passed through many tribulations on the throne, but God sees him through. A peace-loving king. As you celebrate your 30th coronation on the throne Kabiyesi, may God grant you more grace to do more outstanding works in good health and prosperity in Jesus Christ's Name Amen.



**HRM, ỌBA
ADÉTÓYÈSÈ OYÈNÍYÌ,**
Odùgbèní 1, The Olúfì of Gbòngàn.

The Akirè of Ìkirè kingdom,
HRM, Ọba Ọlátúndé Fàlàbí
is a man of integrity who always
desire the prosperity of his domain.
May the good Lord you serve
wholeheartedly give you long life to
see your heart's desire in good
health.



**KABIYESI, ỌBA SAMUEL
ADEDAYO FALAYE,**
The Agila of Igila-Ijesa

HRM, ỌBA ỌLÁTÚNDÉ FÀLÀBÍ,
a genuinely Born-Again and devoted Christian Ọba; dedicated to God
and to the service of his people. I know him to be an intercessor who's
prayer has brought great reward to humanity in general



**HRM, ỌBA SAMUEL
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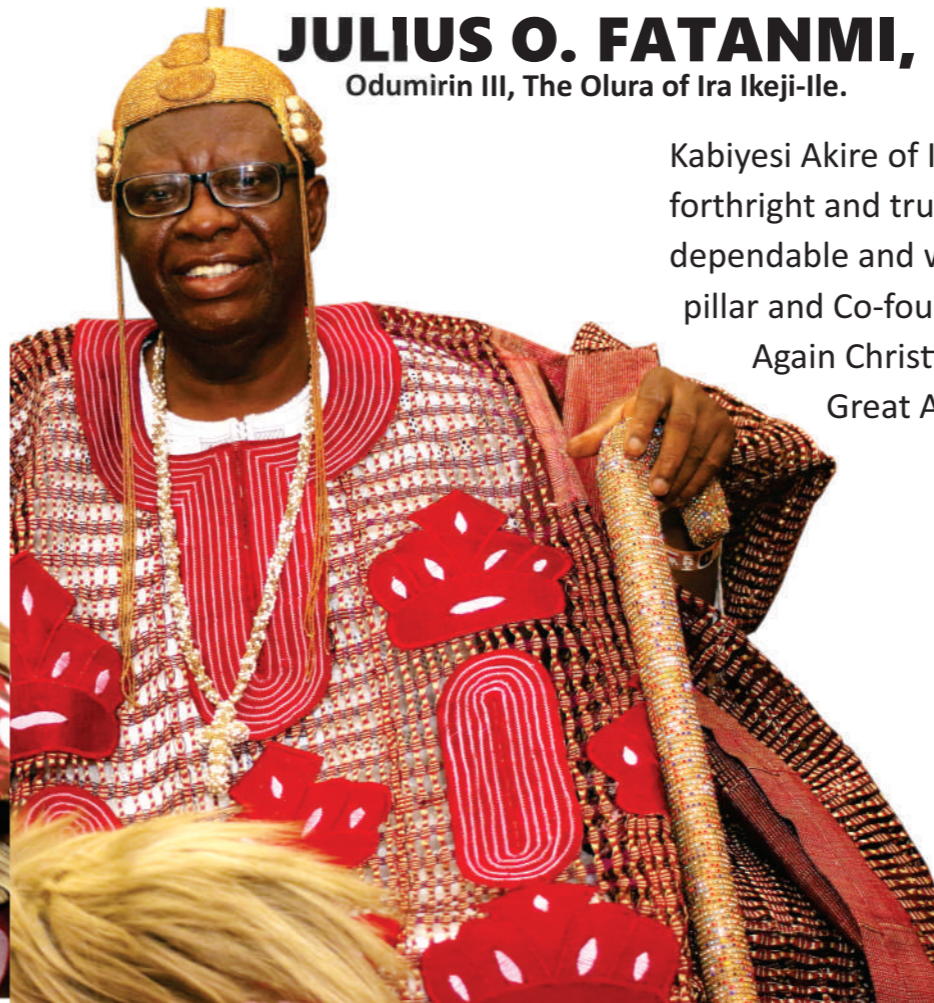
**Kábíyèsí, Ọba
Emmanuel Ọlówè,**
The Asáobí of Isáobí land.

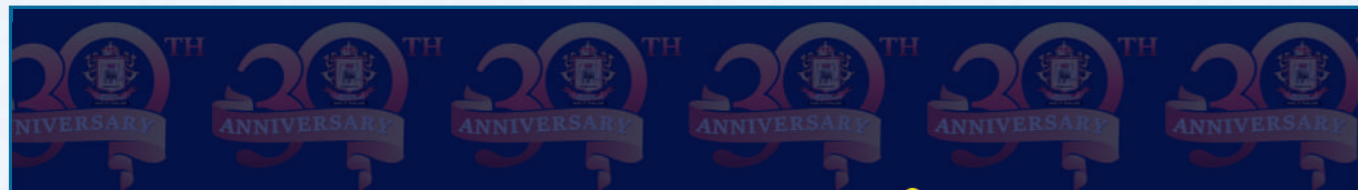
Hrm, Ọba Ọlátúndé Fàlàbí, the
Akirè of Ìkirè kingdom is an
evangelist to the core. A forthright
person, a fearless leader. Blessed
are your people.



**KABIYESI, ỌBA
JULIUS O. FATANMI,**
Odumirin III, The Olura of Ira Ikeji-Ile.

Kabiyesi Akire of Ikire is a man of his word. He is very
forthright and trustworthy. He is diligent and
dependable and worthy of emulation. He is a great
pillar and Co-founded of our Association of Born
Again Christian Obas. Happy Anniversary to a
Great Ambassador of Christ.





CELEBRATING A DISTINGUISHED ROYAL FATHER

On behalf of my family, we heartily rejoice with **HRM OBA OLATUNDE FALABI** JP FPSN LAMBELOYE III AKIRE OF IKIRE LAND

as he celebrates his 30 years on the throne of his forefathers. Kabiyesi, we celebrate your Vitality, resourcefulness, professional integrity and total commitment to the development of IKIRE land. We wish you more wonderful years in the service of your people spiced with good health and sound mind.

Congratulations sir!



Signed:

MAZI SAM OHUABUNWA,
OFR, MON, NPOM, FPSN.



CELEBRATING AN OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL.



It is with heartfelt joy that I send my warmest congratulations to an outstanding professional and a wonderful Royal Father

HRM OBA OLATUNDE FALABI JP FPSN LAMBELOYE III AKIRE OF IKIRE LAND

as he celebrates his 30 years on the throne of his forefathers. Kabiyesi, when the list of outstanding pharmacist is to be compiled, your name will take a prominent space because of your contributions towards the development of the profession. You are a shining star to the younger generation and we pray Almighty God will grant you more years in good health and sound mind.

Congratulations sir!



Signed
Pharm. (Chief) Deji Osinoiki, FPSN.

CELEBRATING A GREAT ROYAL FATHER.

On behalf of my family, we felicitate with

**HRM OBA OLATUNDE FALABI
LAMBELOYE III AKIRE OF IKIRE LAND**

as he celebrates his 30 years on the throne of his forefathers. Sir, we celebrate 30 years of your robust exploits, we salute the great strides you have made to greatness which was ordered by Almighty God. We wish you more prosperous years in good health and sound mind.

**Congratulations
sir!**

Signed

Pharm. Ebenezer Adeleke, FPSN



CELEBRATING A DESTINED ERA

Kabiyesi, success is not measured by the amount of wealth but the amount of challenges a man is able to overcome. You have come, seen and conquered. It is indeed a time to celebrate for God has been so merciful and gracious unto you. Wishing you more wonderful years on the throne of your forefathers in good health and sound mind.

Igba odun, odun kan.

Congratulations sir!

Signed: ELDER MARTNS FALABI



Celebrating A Peaceful ROYAL FATHER

On behalf of my family we heartily rejoice with our amiable monarch

**HRM OBA
OLATUNDE FALABI JP FPSN
LAMBELOYE III AKIRE OF IKIRE LAND**

as he celebrates his 30 years on the throne of his forefathers. Kabiyesi, your exemplary humility and peaceful disposition has blazed the trail for others to see and follow. You are a source of inspiration to all who come in contact with you.
Igba odun, odun kan ni.

Congratulations sir!

Signed: Alhaja Ibiwunmi Adelekan.



LABIMSON NUR. & PRY. SCHOOL, IKIRE

Heartily rejoice with

**HRM OBA OLATUNDE FALABI JP FPSN
LAMBELOYE III AKIRE OF IKIRE LAND**

as he celebrates his 30 years on the throne of his forefathers. Kabiyesi, we salute the great strides you have made towards the development of IKIRE LAND and we pray that Almighty God will continue to give you the wisdom to steer the ship of IKIRE LAND.

Congratulations sir.



Rev. Michael Segun Ojewale (Olori Ebi)
and the Entire Members of OJEWALE ELERE ADAYE

rejoice with our Royal Father:

HRM OBA OLATUNDE FALABI JP FPSN,
LAMBELOYE III, THE AKIRE OF IKIRELAND

On the occasion of your



**KI ADE PE LORI,
KI IRUKERE PE LOWO.**

May the good Lord satisfy you with length of days, as the number of your days, so shall be your strength. May the Lord bless you with the Wisdom and Prosperity of Solomon, and may the Peace of the Lord reign perpetually in Ikire Land. May your anointing never run dry. May your reign be peaceful and prosperous, in the name of Jesus.



Celebrating
A LOVER OF GOD



The Loving People of First Baptist Church Ojodu Lagos heartily rejoice with our Royal Father

**HRM (OBA)
OLATUNDE FALABI** JP FPSN
LAMBELOYE III, AKIRE OF IKIRE LAND

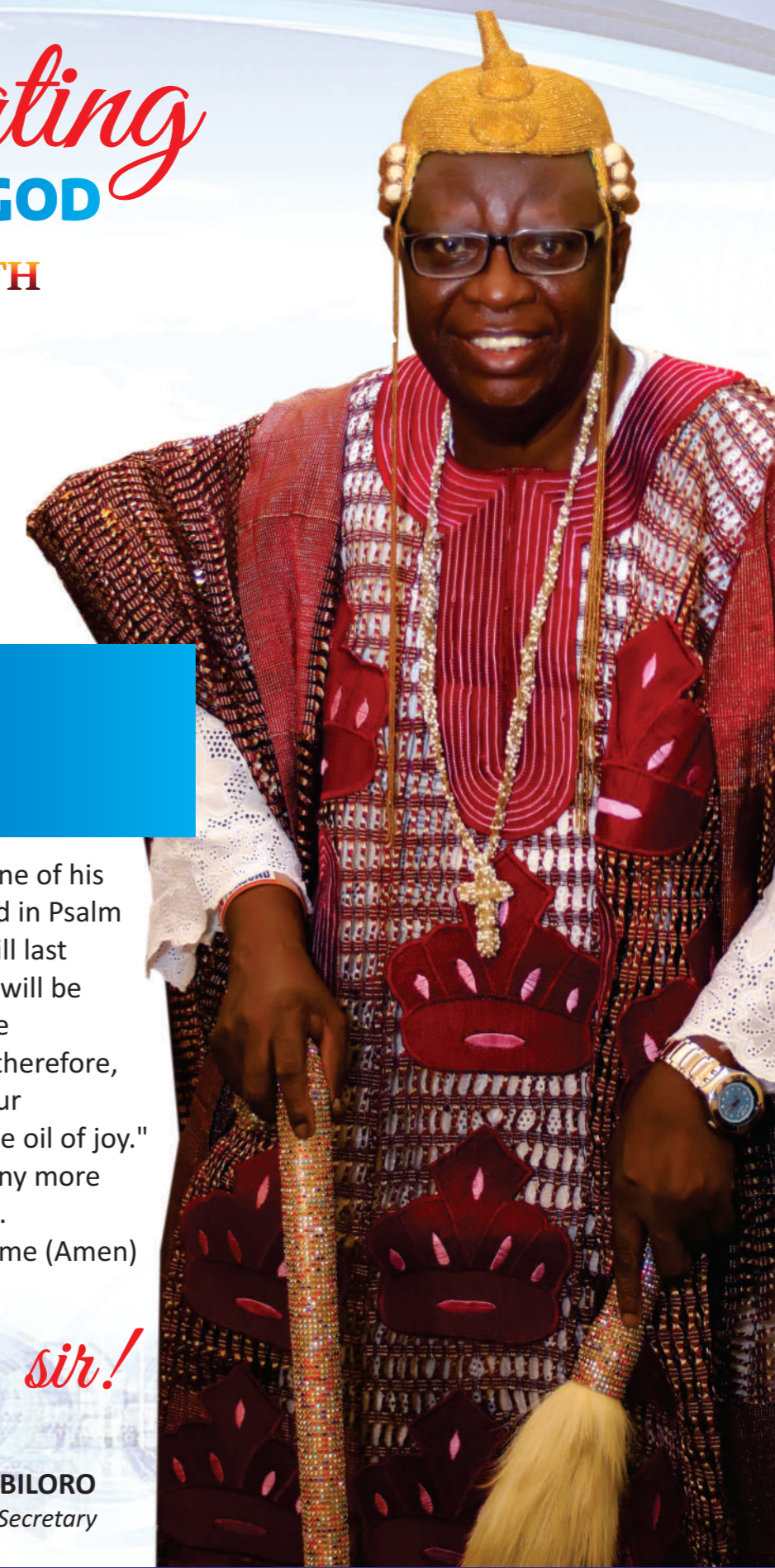
as he celebrates 30 years on the throne of his forefathers. Kabiyesi, the word of God in Psalm 45: 6-7 says, " Your throne, O God, will last forever and ever; a sceptre of justice will be the sceptre of your kingdom. You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore, God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy." It is our prayer that you shall live many more years in good health and sound mind. Long, may the king reign, in Jesus' name (Amen)

Congratulations, sir!

Signed:

DEACON S.A.O IDOWU
Church Leader

MIKE IBILORO
Church Secretary



**Congratulatory Message to Your
Royal Majesty**

OBA OLATUNDE FALABI,
Lambeloye 111.

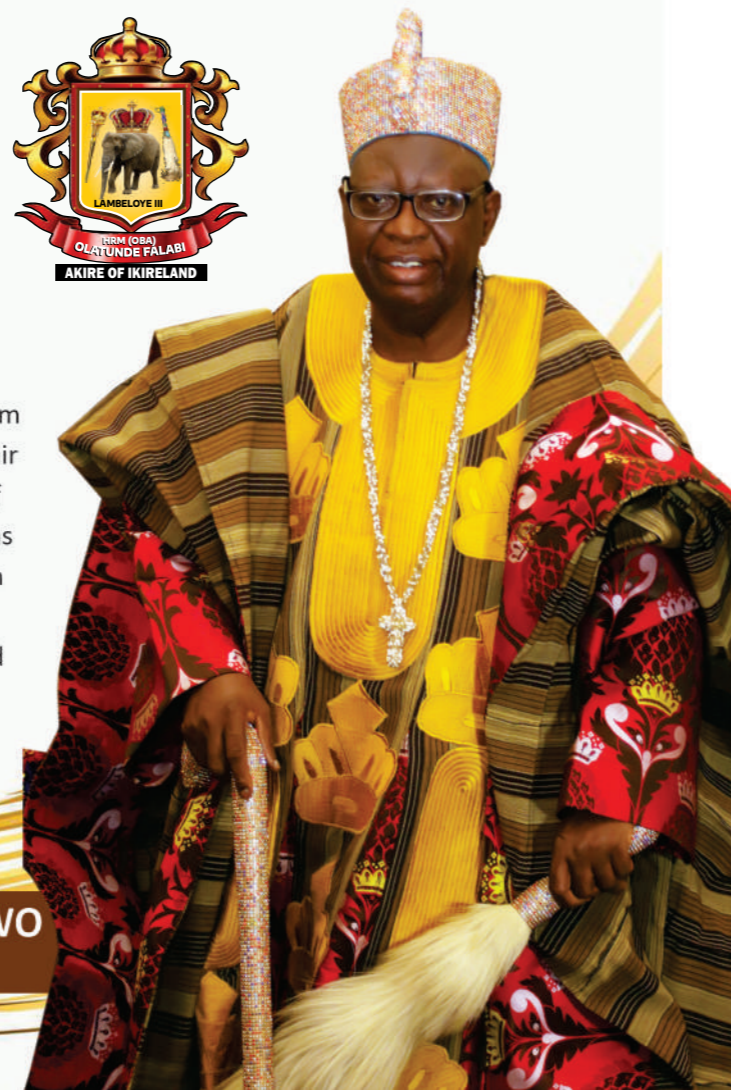


Your Majesty, I recall that about fifty years ago, we met as students of Pharmacy in the University of Ife in Ibadan. Then, you were just Tunde Falabi and looked no different from the rest of us. You were very jovial and humble and had no air of royalty but thirty years ago, you ascended the throne of your ancestors and indeed been an asset to the institution as attested to by the peace and development very apparent in Ikire during this period. Kabiyesi, may you live many more years in good health and may your reign continue to be remarkable, peaceful and progressive.

Congratulations.



PHARM. BRUNO NWANKWO
FPSN, FNAPHARM



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(OSUN STATE CHAPTER)

FELICITATE

With one of our founding fathers,

HIS ROYAL MAJESTY,
Oba Olatunde Falabi, JP, FPSN,
LAMBELOYE III, THE AKIRE OF IKIRE KINGDOM

ON THIS OCCASION OF THE



We also rejoice with entire people of ikire kingdom for the
good fortune your reign has brought to them all.
Long live your majesty, long live ikire kingdom!



Celebrating An Upright MONARCH

On behalf of my family, we heartily rejoice with our
amiable Royal Father

HRM OBA OLATUNDE FALABI JP FPSN
LAMBELOYE III AKIRE OF IKIRE LAND

as he celebrates his 30 years on the throne of his
forefathers. Kabiyesi, your sojourn on this planet has
been tremendous blessing to both the current and
future generations. You have made indelible mark in
their lives and may the good lord grant you more
wonderful years ahead.
Igba odun odun kan.

Congratulations sir!

Signed

Mr. Kayode Taofeek FALABI.



**PHARMACEUTICAL
SOCIETY OF NIGERIA**

AS MEN OF HONOUR WE JOIN HANDS

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE –
Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria, Osun State Branch

On behalf of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria, Osun State branch, I wish to felicitate with our dear Royal father, **His Royal Majesty, Oba Olatunde Falabi JP, FPSN, Lambeloye III. Akire of Ikire Kingdom** on the occasion of the 30th Coronation Anniversary. Our dear Oba has been a source of pride to all Pharmacists in the state and in Nigeria as a whole. He has contributed so immensely to the growth of the profession and the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria, Osun state branch since 1992 when the state PSN was carved out of old Oyo State PSN. He has been actively involved in all the activities of the state PSN—such as Biennial Pharmacy week, Biennial Luncheon and all other activities that have led to improvement of the Health care of the citizenry in the state. Personally, I had encountered with our dear Oba since 1992 as a member, executive Council member and observed that he has keen interest in the growth of pharmacy profession in the state as demonstrated during the foundation laying ceremony of the Pharmacy House (now known as Anthony Adedayo Pharmacy House), at its current location at Osogbo. He contributed positively to the success recorded during the 30th Anniversary/Pharmacy week programs recently held from September 25th 2022 to 2nd October 2022. Our Royal Kabiyesi is an amiable, loving and kind-hearted person. He is always ready to contribute his quota to the development of pharmacy profession and programs since he ascended the throne. He is a pillar of support for PHARMACY profession in Nigeria in general and Osun State in particular. He attends regularly programs and activities of both Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria and induction ceremonies of Faculty of Pharmacy, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife. He also donates generously towards the progress and development of PHARMACY PROFESSION in Nigeria. In recognition of his exemplary leadership and contributions to the growth of the profession, he was awarded the highest honour of the Society –Fellow of Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (FPSN) in the year 2000 by the National body of the profession. He was also awarded the Distinguished Royal Majesty award during the 30th Anniversary of PSN Osun State Branch on the 28th September 2022. Our Royal Father is always freely accessible to us at the Palace and readily available to give fatherly advice. We thank God for the grace to see you through thus far and pray for more grace of God upon your life. KABIYESI, it is our passionate prayer that you celebrate many more decades in sound health and overflowing blessings of God.

May IKIRE KINGDOM continue to prosper under your reign.

Congratulations once more our dear KABIYESI.

Ki ade pe lori, ki bata pe leshe. Kabiyesi.

PROF. M. A. AKANMU, FNAPharm, FWASP,
Chairman, PSN Osun State Branch



Celebrating an **Outstanding** HUMANIST



On behalf of my family, we heartily rejoice with
HRM OBA OLATUNDE FALABI JP FPSN
LAMBELOYE III AKIRE OF IKIRE
kingdom on his 30th coronation Anniversary.

Kabiyesi, your tenure on the throne of your forefathers has been full of blessings and rapid developmental growth in Ikire LAND. No doubt, history will be kind to you as a humanist who never think about himself but the general good of his people. We wish you more wonderful years on the throne in good health and sound mind.

Congratulations sir!

Signed

Hon. Musibau Adekunle Adeleke
(Baralofa of Ikire kingdom)

MD/CEO Onward Global LLC, Dallas Texas.



I heartily rejoice with

HRM OBA OLATUNDE FALABI,
AKIRE OF IKIREKINGDOM,

as he celebrates his 30th year on the throne today, Kabiyesi, you will live long to celebrate more glorious years on the throne.

Oba Olatunde Falabi, is an epitome of dedication and selflessness in public and community service. He used his elevated position as a professional Pharmacist to uplift the standards of life of the people he served. Since you ascended the throne of your forefathers as Akire over 30 years ago, Kabiyesi, you have displayed exemplary leadership in Ikire kingdom and among the Obas, I salute your passion and commitment to the growth and development of Ikire kingdom, Indeed, the people of Ikire are lucky to have a you as their paramount ruler.

Igba Odun, odun Kan.

Congratulations Kabiyesi!

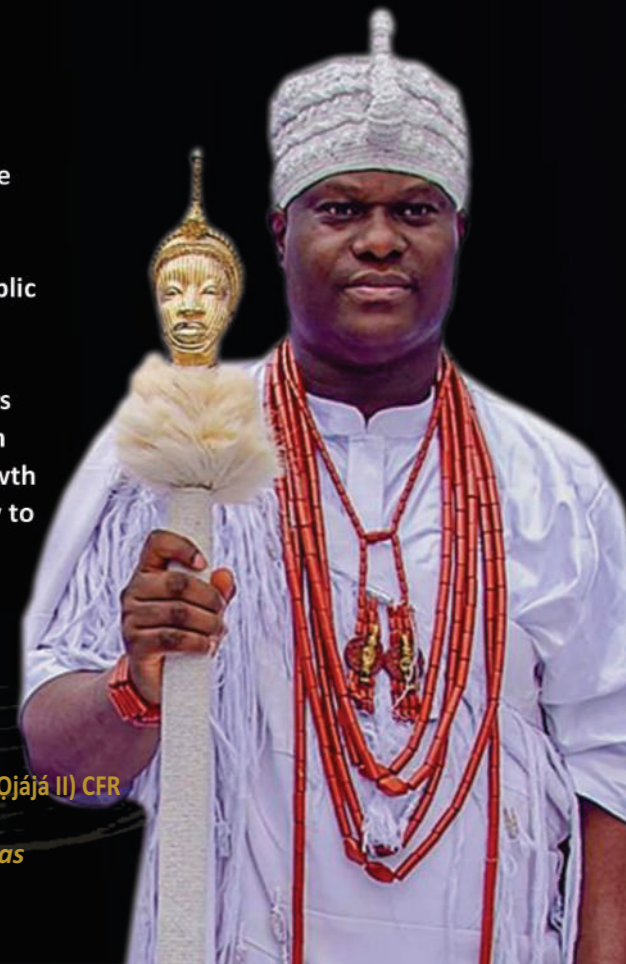
Signed:

His Imperial Majesty

OBA ADEYEYE ENITAN OGUNWUSI, (Ojájá II) CFR

Ooni of Ife

Chairman, Osun State Council of Obas



" Hearty Congratulations to

**HRM
OLATUNDE
FALABI,**

Lambeloye III, JP, FPSN

On His



As your close friend & admirer I pray for many more Celebrations in Robust Health Continued Peace Progress Success in His Outstanding Rich Kingdom, IJN, Amen,

From

Pharm Chief Ben Enemmo

(Ex May&Baker Nig Plc)

"Ezenwa" n'AwKa



**CELEBRATING A
ROYAL ICON**

**HRM OBA OLATUNDE FALABI,
AKIRE OF IKIRE KINGDOM,**

Kabiyesi, when posterity renders its final verdict on IKIRE LAND, your name and record of service will indeed be a reference point in our contemporary history. Your noble efforts in the service of humanity and uncommon ability to foster peace and unity across many diverse interests have always distinguished you as an exceptional bridge builder and a man of peace. On behalf of my family, we wish more fruitful years on the throne of your forefathers in good health and sound mind.

Congratulations Sir!



Signed

ASIWAJU BOLA OYEBANJI.

ASIWAJU OF IKIRE LAND





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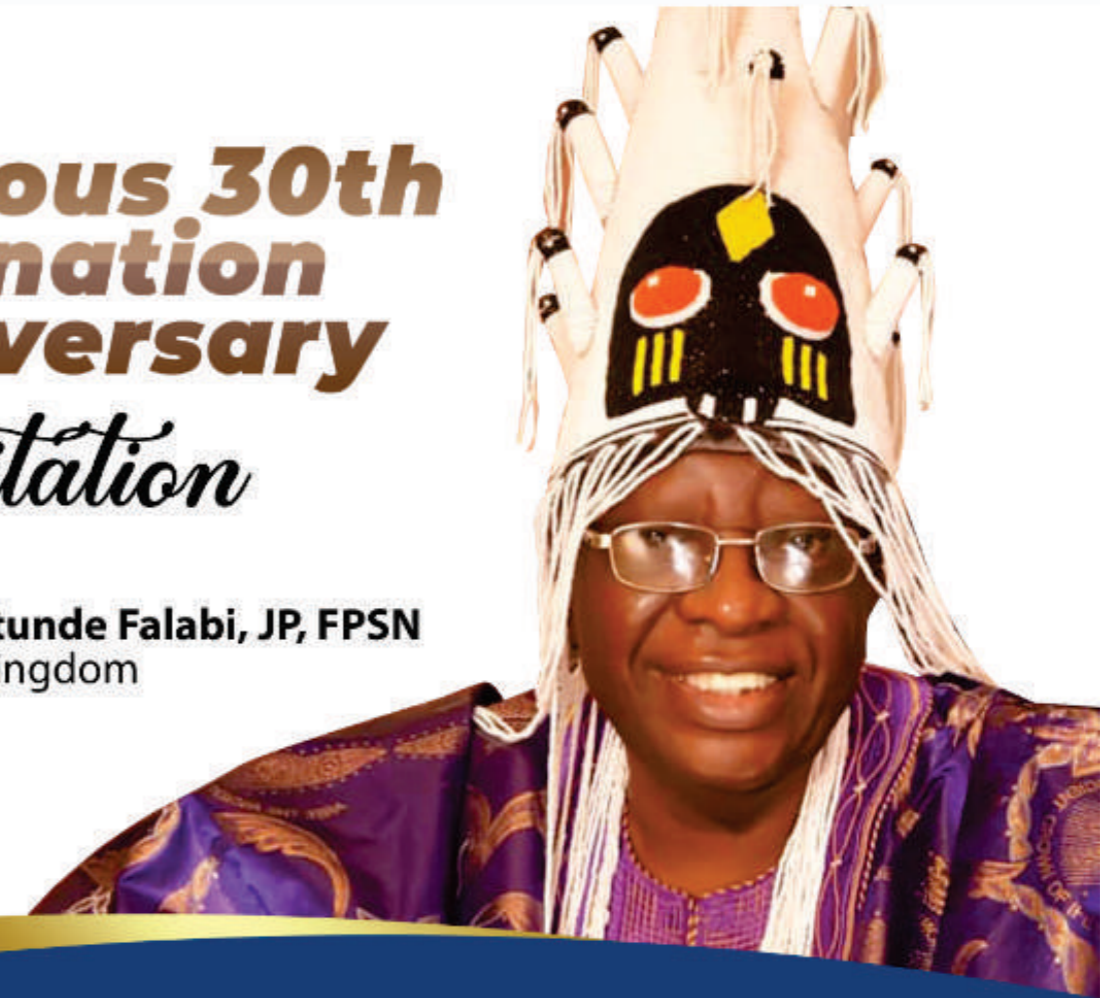
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Glorious 30th Coronation Anniversary *Felicitation*

HRM Oba Olatunde Falabi, JP, FPSN
Akire of Ikire Kingdom



Ki Oba Ki O Pe O! On behalf of our family, friends and well wishers from Ogbomoso land, we congratulate you sir on the joyous occasion of celebrating three decades of your coronation as Akire of Ikire Kingdom. We pray that the good Lord that brought you thus far will continue to uphold you and the entire people of Ikire Kingdom.

Sir, as you call upon the Lord, He will answer you. He will continue to be with you through life's thick and thin, deliver you and honor you. He will satisfy you with longer life and show you His salvation.

Ki Oba Ki O Pe O!



COURTESY:

Chief Sunday Dare & Chief (Mrs) Kemi Dare
Agba Akin & Yeye Agba Akin of Ogbomoso
(Honourable Minister of Youth & Sport
Development)



LIST OF AWARDEES

HANDLIFTERS ROYAL AWARDEES

1. **PASTOR E. A. ADEBOYE**
THE GENERAL OVERSEER
THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN
CHURCH OF GOD, MOWE, OGUN
STATE
2. **PASTOR DR. SAMSON A.
BAMIGBAYAN**
THE GENERAL OVERSEER
NEW TESTAMENT ASSEMBLY
LAGOS
3. **PASTOR PROPHECT TUNDE
TOLANI**
THE GENERAL OVERSEER
PRAYING LIFE MINISTRY
IKIRE
4. **HIS EXCELLENCY,
CHIEF ADEBISI BAMIDELE
AKANDE**
FORMER GOVERNOR
OSUN STATE
5. **HIS EXCELLENCY,
PRINCE OLAGUNSOYE**
OYINLOLA
FORMER GOVERNOR
OSUN STATE
6. **HIS EXCELLENCY,
OGBENI RAUF ADESOJI
AREGBESOLA**
HON. MINISTER OF INTERIOR
ABUJA

POSTHUMOUS HANDLIFTER ROYAL AWARD:

7. **LATE SENATOR ISIAKA
ADETUNJI ADELEKE**

LONGEST SERVING STAFFS

8. **MRS. OLUWAKEMI OYEDEJI**
9. **CHIEF OYEGBEMI KOLAWOLE**
(OMOLOWA OF IKIRE KINGDOM)

LONGEST SERVING CHIEFS

10. **CHIEF VINCENT ADEREMI
AFIKODE** (BARALOLA OF IKIRELAND)
11. **CHIEF ADENIJI SUNDAY
ADEYEYE** (AJIROBA OF IKIRELAND)

AKIRE PALACE RECONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION COMMITTEE

12. **ALHAJI ADEMOLA LASISI**
(CHAIRMAN)
13. **ELDER BAYO ONIFADE**
14. **CHIEF BANJI OJELEYE**
(SECRETARY)
15. **CHIEF M. O. ALABI**
16. **CHIEF OLAITAN FATAI**

ELECTED IREWOLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHAIRMEN

17. **DCN. I. O. OMOTOSHO**
(1990-1993)
18. **HON. GBADEBO OYEJIDE**
(1997-1999)
19. **HON. AKINOLA OLASUNKANMI**
(1999-2002)
20. **CHIEF LERE OYEWUMI**
(2007-2017)

ROYAL FELICITATION



On behalf of my self and family, we heartily rejoice with our amiable and outstanding monarch **HRM OBA OLATUNDE FALABI** FPSN, JP **LAMBELOYE III. THE AKIRE OF IKIRE LAND**

as he celebrates his 30th coronation Anniversary on the throne of his forefathers. Kabiyesi, your reign has brought tremendous development to IKIRE LAND. You are a man of peace and a lover of God. You have planted a peaceful seed in the land. We pray to reap more peaceful coexistence in the land.

Congratulations sir!
Long may you reign.



SENATOR LERE OYEWUMI.
Signed **OMO APESIN OF IKIRE LAND.**



OBA FALABI FOUNDATION (OFF) ACTIVITIES

OBA FALABI FOUNDATION is a registered non-Governmental Organisation that is motivated by the following **vision**:

- To raise pillars for Nations from among Ikire Indigenes
- To reduce unemployment and rascals, miscreant among our youths
- To care for widows| Widowers and senior citizen (i.e. aged People) in the community

OUR CORE VALUES

Oba Falabi Foundation core values is **TAPE** which is express as:

- **TRUST:** We have track record of being reliable, trustworthy in our deliverables as well as build confidence in God for the realization of our visions
- **APPRECIATION:** Gratitude is the springboard to higher altitude, we express appreciation to God, companies, Individuals, staff, Partners and all stakeholders who deem it fit to share in our vision
- **PERFORMANCE:** We are result oriented with high consideration for quality deliverables
- **EMPATHY:** We listen intently, understand the feelings of others and absorb their emotions with the intention to providing workable plan or solutions

Our operations cut across every phase of human developmental growth as follows:

- **TEENS WITH DIGNITY:** We create awareness against social vices among teenagers through our campaign programme tagged “Teens with Dignity” in all secondary schools within Osun State and it environ, as well as provision of scholarship for less privileged outstanding student from Ikire indigenes' up to Tertiary Institution.
- **INITIATIVE FOR SKILL AND EMPOWERMENT:** we organize training, skill acquisition and empowerment programmes among youth of Ikire to reduce unemployment and activities of Touts/Rascals in the community.
- **CARE FOR WIDOWS AND SENIOR CITIZEN:** distribution of food stuff, Provisions, multivitamins, household equipment on monthly basis to widows as well as organize free medical programmes for aged people in the community.

Below is the summary of some of our activities in 2022 to March 2023: WE CAN DO MORE!

SN	EVENTS	BENEFICIARIES	CO-SPONSORS
1	Free medical programme and Optical treatment	Over 500 beneficiaries	Osun state Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria
2	Widows monthly care and provision	120 beneficiaries	Samtad Pharmacy, PHGM, RCCG Kings Chappel, Chief Mrs Foluke Etteh, Olorunnisola Farms etc
3	Teens with Dignity Campaign in Secondary Schools within Ikire	1,825 Pupils from 8 different secondary schools within Ikire	Akire Chief in Council Education Committee Representatives, YALE Foods, Delissima Ent., Fibmas Onward Ventures, Pst Adeleye's family, Courage Law Firm, J. Ralpher Hospital

These are some of the ways **Oba Falabi Foundation** is contributing her quota to the improvement, development and capacity building of Ikire Indigenes.

Our Up-Coming Events:

1. **Teens with Dignity:** This is our ongoing sensitisation/awareness campaign programme in all Private and Public Secondary Schools in the State of Osun. (We shall be glad to be in your school next)
2. **The Gathering of Eagles (GoE):** This is our annual biggest event in the year, the debut is to be held in Osogbo in August 2023. It's a bootcamp event that will converge a minimum of 1500 Senior Secondary School Graduates (SSCE) from all the 30 Local Government Councils in Osun State. **Online Registration will be opened in July 2023.**
3. **Scholarship to Outstanding Students:** During the gathering of the eagles' event, outstanding SSCE/UTME students will be awarded Scholarship/grant to further their education in their respective course of studies.

YOU CAN BE PART OF THIS GREAT MOVE BY CO-SPONSORING SOME OF THE PROPOSED PROJECTS

PICTURES SPEAKS! SOME SCHOOLS VISITED WITHIN IKIRE



Eni ti o fe Ikire yio se rere.

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Mrs. Oyelola Olayinka
 National Co-ordinator

MR ADEBAYO ONIFADE

Mr. Adebayo Onifade, an octogenarian, has alluring youthful looks that put a lie to his actual age that stands at 81. He was born into the family of Mr. Loius Mosaku Ojo Onifade and Mrs.

Anthonia Wuraola Onifade both of blessed memory of Alaagbaa Compound, Ikire in 1942 precisely. The family lived at Oniledu Village albeit momentarily before relocating to Efunle Oba at the invitation of a maternal uncle where their farming enterprise was a success story.

Mr. Adebayo Onifade once described as *“One of the finest gentlemen of his generation”* has the royal blood flowing in his veins therefore the coincidence of his birth with the ascension to the throne of a New King-His Royal Majesty, Oba Oseni Boladele Oyegunle the then Akire of Ikire-kingdom, was perceived as divinely ordained. This scenario perhaps explained why he was named Adebamilayo the shortened form of which is Adebayo as the circumstances of his birth ushered great joy into the family.

ACADEMIC LIFE

Young Adebayo had his Elementary Education at Holy Cross Catholic School, Ikire 1952. The lack of adequate care at Ikire, at this threshold of his education career became his albatross as he had to withdraw from School. Recall that the parents were based in the village.

However, respite came with the introduction of free and compulsory Primary education in the then Western Region headed by Chief Obafemi Awolowo in 1955. His parent promptly seized the tide by the line and accessed the window of opportunity offered by the policy to get him re-enrolled at A.D.C School Buoye, Ikire in 1955. He was however back at Ikire much later due to health challenges.

After obtaining his First School Leaving Certificate he worked briefly with his maternal uncle and later with a Catholic Rev'd Father Anthony Clifford as a steward from where he gained admission into St. Augustine Modern School, Ikire and finished successfully in 1965. This Certificate opened another gate of opportunity for him to foray into para-medical line as a Medical Lab Technician and subsequently trained at Wesley Guild Hospital, Ilesa in 1970. He thereafter took the Final Examination at Yaba Institute of Medical Laboratory Technology and passed in flying colours.

Mr. Adebayo Onifade's burning desire to excel received a boost when in 1972 and courtesy of the Vice Chancellor of Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, he was assigned to assist in research on Sickle Cell Anemia which project took him to almost all the States in the North. Mr. Onifade after completing his assignment relocated to the South and took a job at MMM Catholic Hospital Ondo Town from where he secured another appointment as a sales representative of ABIDMO Medical Service, a job that took him also to the nooks and crannies of Nigeria between 1977-1980.

To cap it all, Mr. Adebayo Onifade by the grace of God Secured an appointment at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife in 1981. He attended and severally presented paper at various workshops, talk-shops and seminars as it's the wont of reputable institutions and similar establishments to keep their Workers abreast of the times. Having served diligently for twenty-six years and two months spanning 1981 – 2007 and whereas he had clocked the mandatory Sixty years in service, he had to sing his 'Nunc dimitis'

HONOURS/AWARDS



LIST OF AWARDEES

OTHERS: ADVISERS

MRS. ADEWOLE KEHINDE OMOBOLAGUN

(CANADA)

RT. HON. FOLUKE ETTEH

(FORMER SPEAKER NAT. ASSEMBLY)

ASIWAJU BOLA OYEBANJI

(FORMER COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE)

COL. LAYI FALABI (RTD.)

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CHAIR OLAJIDE N. ADEBOWALE

(BARA ELEKURU)

ALHAJI MONSURU BADMUS

(IPU PAST PRESIDENT)

PRINCE AUGUSTUS OGUNJIMI

SIR SIEMON SHOLA OSUNREMI

PROF. PETER BAPTUNDE OLAITAN

PROFILE OF SOME AWARDEES

ALHAJI CHIEF BANJI AJAO OJELEYE (BARANIWE OF IKIRELAND)

Alhaji Chief Banji Ajao Ojeleye was born into the family of Mr and Mrs Ojeleye of Oosa Oluugbo's Compound, Ikire in the month of April, 1951

INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED!

1. African Church Primary Secondary, Arikinkin Arosun, Ikire
2. St. Augustine's Modern School, Ikire
3. Gorge Burton Memorial College, Ilesha
4. Divistional Teachers' College, Ipetumodu
5. Oyo state College of Education, Ila-Orangun (now Osun state)
6. University of Ilorin

WORKING EXPERIENCE

1. Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria, Onigambari, Ibadan
2. Oyo State Local Government Service Comission, Ibadan
3. St. Augustine Commercial Grammar School, Ikire
4. Community High School Oke – Ada, Ikire
5. Local Inspector of Education Office, Ikire
6. Osun west Education District Office, Ikire

CHIEF TAINCY TITLE

1. Oosa Arinkinkin of Ikireland
2. Barraniwe of Ikireland

Both installed by His Royal Majesty, Oba Olatunde Falabi, JP, FPSN; Lanbeloye III, Akire of Ikireland. May His reigin continue to witness peace and development in Ikireland



CHIEF FATAI OLAITAN (Chief Omoloyo of Ikire Land)

D.O.B: (22 Aug 1952)

Qualification: Modern 3

Occupation: Medicine Dealer and Chairman CDC

Ministry of Water Resources and Community Affairs

Compound: Lemomu Compound Oke Aje, Panada

Area, Ikire, Osun State.

Marital Status: Married.



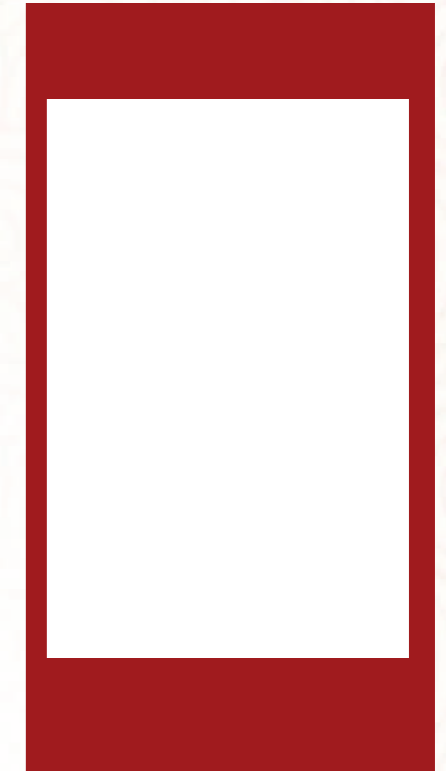
PROFILE OF SOME AWARDEES

ALHAJI CHIEF ALABI MUNIRU OLABAMIJI

ALHAJI CHIEF ALABI MUNIRU OLABAMIJI was born to the family of Late Alhaji Karimu Alabi Oyerinde popularly known as Alaguntan on the 8th of June, 1964. He attended A.D.C Primary School, Oke Ada Ikire and proceeded to African Church Grammar School Apomu for Senior Secondary School Certificate, at the same time he attended Islamiyyah Arabic School Imoyemi Ikire for Islamic and Arabic Education. He proceeded to St. Andrew's College of Education Oyo for his NCE course after which he attended University of Ilorin, Ilorin Nigeria for his first degree to have his B.sc (Ed) Certificate. He went on pilgrimage to MECCA Saudi Arabia in 2007.

He joined the Teaching Service of then Oyo State in 1990 and now a School Principal at Community High School, Oke Ada Ikire.

He was selected for title of Moye of Ikire by the Ladekan ruling house and was installed on the 29th May 2012 by His Royal Majesty Oba Olatunde Falabi Lanbeloye III. May He reign long in good health.



LASISI ADEMOLA RASHEED

Born nearly seven decades ago to the family of Lasisi

Adebosoye in Kuseru Compound, Oke-Ada, Ikire, Osun State.

I had my childhood life in Ikire before relocating to Ibadan where I had my primary school. I attended Christ Church School I, Odinjo, Ibadan, Oyo State.

After completing my studies, I served as a trading apprentice at the prominent Oja-Oba market Ibadan before moving to Bodija Market to continue serving. I can say that we were part of the first set of traders that served in that market before it became well established and famous. I served within the span of 1971-1977. Since 1977 till date, I have been in trading and now specialize in Oil and Gas.



way to excel and maximize is character.

When your phone hangs

If you must excel, hurts will come, betrayers will come. What you need to do is to delete the negative content from your phone. When you carry what people do to you, your memory becomes full so that your problem will not hang. To do well, always let go, the one who want to hurt you will not call you. Always let go.

Lessons from the Snail

When people match you, don't withdraw, you can retreat but to re-arm.
- *Keep moving* . The person who matched you has gone on, you must move on.
-The Competition.
In the journey to be the best Administrator/Leader, there are those on the way who are not going anywhere but will want to stop you. *Keep moving* . Your key concern in this Job is to get the job done. Your eyes must be on the crown when doing this job.

When the crowd claps

What you taught was an applause what about you missing you been killed.

Don't look for those who will applaud you .

The man who applaud you today will kill you in doing this Job.

A man who bring change must be hated , if you are no hated for your stand, then you have not started.

Be careful how you bend the rule, because those who want you to bend the rule might want to stain your record. Be careful of applause.

Don't make a ship reck of your calling because you want to satisfy man.

In this work, all little madness at times is allowed. *If men can predict you, they will destroy you.*

When you crave the applause of men, you will die of their rejection.

Getting Ready

In every car, you must have oil, water and fuel. *In this work, everybody is useful, you don't have it all.*

Balance your character, competence. Don't be a one sided Administrator/Leader, you won't excel.

What you are looking for, another person is holding it.

Learn to relate with people and learn from people if not you will have availability without accessibility.

If you don't relate with people, you may not have them help you.

The password is relationship, you just build relationship.

You don't have everything. Don't think that when people help you, they want to take your position.

A mistake is a dustbin , you don't remain at the dustbin, when you get to the dustbin, turn right. If you have issues with people and you are stagnated, you need to turn right.

Don't dwell on the past. The bus stop is a point of transition, all you need to do is to turn right. All you need to do, is to know what you need to do and do it right. Remember the pattern of God. Value this position and you will excel.

Excerpts from:
Prof. Kasarashi Innocent

PROFILE OF SOME AWARDEES

Mr. Adebayo Onifade is an honouree not new to honour having deservedly been a recipient of honours and Awards some of which are:

Merit Award by National Association of Ikire Students (NAIS) Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife 1994.

Merit Award by National Association of Ikire Students (NAIS) Obafemi Awolowo university, Ile-Ife 1992.

Meritorious Services Award by Management of Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife 2007.

Humanitarian Services Award by Christian Association of Nigeria, CAN, Irewole 2014.

Award of Excellence by Akire in Council 2022.

Award of Excellence (Outstanding Community Leader) by Ikire Progressive Union (IPU) 2022.

Merit Award (For Extraordinary Dedication & Services to School) by Osun State Unity School, Ikire 2023.

Award of Honour (As Ex-Parishioner of great forte) by St. Augustine Catholic Parish, Ipetumodu, 2016.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

- He is a DEVOUT Christian of Catholic extraction.
- He is presently the president of the Parish Pastoral Council of Holy Cross Catholic Church, Ikire and of exemplary characteristics.
- He is a Philanthropist of a kind who is always prepared to use his "time, talent and treasure" to assist the feeble hands.
- He held forth as the president of Catholic Christian Brothers, a frontline Church society in the Parish for an unprecedented record time of 18 years with considerable growth to show for it.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

Member, Institute of Medical Laboratory Technology of Nigeria

HOBBIES

Football and Badminton

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Former Ikire Progressive Union Vice President.

Member of Akire Palace Rehabilitation & Reconstruction Committee

Chairman, Ikire City Gate Committee

Mr. Adebayo Onifade is happily married to Mrs. Victoria Ayobade Onifade and blessed with God fearing children.

Mr. Adebayo Onifade

PROFILE OF SOME AWARDEES

KEHINDE OMOBOLAGUN ADEWOLE

Kehinde Omobolagun Adewole (Nee Anjorin) was born in Lagos State, Nigeria, to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Adepoju Anjorin, on August 14, 1984.

Kehinde had her primary and post-primary school education in Lagos. After her secondary education, she was admitted to Ekiti State University (Formerly University of Ado-Ekiti), for a Bachelor of Science degree programme in Banking and Finance where she graduated in 2008.

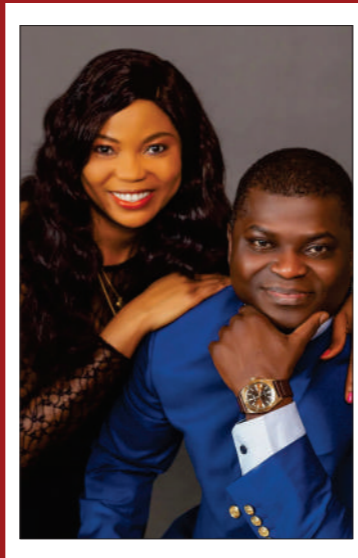
Kehinde cuts her teeth in the noble accounting profession in 2011 when she was employed as an Accountant in a reputable company in Lagos. She served the company diligently for more than four years before she relocated to Canada in 2015.

Kehinde currently works as a Project Practitioner at the Immigrants and Multicultural Services Society of Prince George, British Columbia, Canada where she is responsible for setting and managing client expectations, developing a detailed project plan, defining the scope of the project, and assigning team members to specific tasks among others.

Kehinde Adewole is diligent, performance-driven, detail-oriented, skilled, dedicated, and thoroughbred professional.

Kehinde Adewole takes pleasure in cooking, volunteering, and listening to music. Kehinde Omobolagun Adewole is the darling and caring wife of Olusola Aliu Adewole and the responsible mother of Ayomide and Oluwademilade.

It is with great pleasure to present to you, the dynamic and accomplished Kehinde Omobolagun Adewole.



Deploying your Potential for MAXIMUM PRODUCTIVITY.

Deploying; calling up, using Potential; what is around you or you inside of you.

If you must succeed as Administrator or Leader, you must understand that your position must not be toiled with. You must understand that your coming is by grace and not by qualification.

You are in the office to do God's will and not any other person's will

In God's own plan, there is a pattern. You do the work in God's pattern and not your own pattern. There is a blue print for the work you are called to do, and you must follow the blueprint that you are called to do and your work must follow the design.

Pattern is a model to copy from. You must remember there is a model you are following in doing your work.

You must understand;
- The call you have or office you occupy is not a small business.

- The work you are doing there is a plan or pattern to follow

It is not who is senior, it is about the one who knows how to do it. It is what you can do.

It is not been the best in the field, it means that grace found you.

For every man in a position, God has an alternative in waiting.

In the kingdom business, it is not about how you look like, *it is about been the best.*

What is Christian leadership?

- Leading with integrity.
- Leading with humility
- Leading with a servant heart
- Leading with a sense of loyalty.

The office you find yourself as Administrator/Leader;

- Don't copy from another person, if you do, you will fail because the person booklet is not your booklet and the person pattern is not your pattern. Mind who you copy from.

- Know your strength, environment, abilities and weaknesses and not another person's own. Find yourself. Know who you are, when you know who you are, your work will be easier

Steps to finding yourself

- Know where you are going.
- What is your vision over this work.
- See more than others.
- see and you must see before them
- Have a capacity to get to your vision; This is called competence. -Build your competence. What do you know and how technology savey are you?
- Do you have competence and the ability to do the work? Competence can be built. The different between one Administrator/Leader and the other is what the Administrator/Leader knows and others do not know.
- If you built competence as Administrator/Leader, people will find it hard to displace you. If you build yourself, nobody will displace you.
- You must have courage and confidence that you can do more.
- You must have character. Integrity is key. You grow on integrity and character. One



I got to know Ikire town through my former GM, Gbenga Falabi

DR. OBIORA ANTHONY CHUKWUKA

Even a child could carry and play with an Albino Python but no one will dare hide a black mamba under his trouser – so also, it is only a person that will dare look down on Dr. Obiora Anthony Chukwuka, a mighty man of valour that scares the hell out of rascals who challenged his authority.

Dr. Obiora Anthony Chukwuka had his First Degree in Business Administration from the University of Lagos and MSc. in Corporate Governance from Leeds Metropolitan University England, United Kingdom. He was also conferred with an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Commonwealth University Belize in collaboration with London Graduate School. He was made an Honorary Member of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN) by the President-in-Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria. He is a highly resourceful and an astute businessman. Dr. Chukwuka has been an active player in Nigeria Pharmaceutical Industry since 1985. His quest for excellence led him to transform his company from the status of mere Pharmaceutical products merchandiser, into a highly structured Pharmaceutical organization delivering effective and efficient services which Greenlife Pharmaceuticals represents today. Dr Chukwuka's vast experience in the industry has always come handy in a bid to position Greenlife as a major player in the Pharmaceutical Industry. Dr. Chukwuka, a member of several professional bodies and international organisations, is married to Mrs. Obiageli Chukwuka and they are blessed with six wonderful children.

He spoke to our correspondent on his relationship with HRM, Oba Olatunde Falabi and his business

breakthrough. Excerpts below:

“I got to know Ikire town through my former GM, Gbenga Falabi. The nomination came to me as a surprise, Oba Olatunde Falabi himself called me on the phone that he was sending emissaries to me. Naturally, I am a detribalized person. Though an Ibo, but for as long as you are a Nigerian, you are my brother – be you an Hausa, Ibo, Yoruba or whatever tongue. In our company, we have various people from different regions working with us. I am not of the policy that if you are not an Ibo, you cannot work with me; once you can give me what I want, you are accepted.

Aare Baasegun of Ikire land also spoke in terms of health delivery for the town of Ikire, “The only visible contribution I had done for Ikire was employed Gbenga – and with him, the health challenges and needs of the native will be met by and large.”

Dr. Chukwuka who started his business in Idumota in 1985 before moving to Ilupeju in 2003 also talked at length on the challenges of being a drug manufacturer in Nigeria business environment, “Most of the challenges we are facing is the issue of fake drugs. People don't want to deal in real drugs but fake – but we are working hard with several agencies to ensure that the issue of fake drugs are curbed.”

In conclusion, Dr. Chukwuka who ventured into manufacturing of Ionart because of Hepatitis attack he had as a child congratulated Ona Olatunde Falabi on the celebration of 30 years on the throne and used the medium to appreciate the people of Ikire for the honour bestowed on him as Aare Baasegun of Ikireland.



Celebration Galore in Ikire Kingdom

Ki Oba Ki O Pe O!

On behalf of our family and the people of our constituency in Fiditi, Oyo State, we congratulate you sir, HRM Oba Olatunde Falabi, JP, FPSN, Lambeloye III, Akire of Ikire Kingdom, on this amazing commemoration of your 30th Coronation Anniversary. It is a great and rare opportunity to rejoice with you sir, and a testimony of God's goodness to you and the entire people of Ikire Kingdom.

We pray for more of God's guidance and presence in your life and reign, both now and in the years and decades to come. May He continue to strength and revitalize your entire being – body, soul, and spirit. May His peace continue to reign in every part of Ikire Kingdom.

Congratulation sir!



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Revenue Mobilisation Allocation and Fiscal
Commission, Abuja