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## ALHAJI WASIU AKEWUSOLA: INTEGRITY IN SERVICE.

The civil service is the most vital machinery of Government, it is the responsibility of the civil service to drive the implementation of Government policies and programmes. A committed civil service is the best vehicle for carrying out and explain the policies and intentions of Government to the people. However, over the years, the steady decline of the civil service in Nigeria began with the destruction of values engineered by errant political leaders and their counterparts in military Uniforms.

Raging from channel flipping, ghost workers and turning office premises into huge bazaars. Files pile up untreated on the bosses desk as long as he deem fit to start working on them without anyone being struck by conscience to do the needful. The rot in the civil service was going from bad to worse!

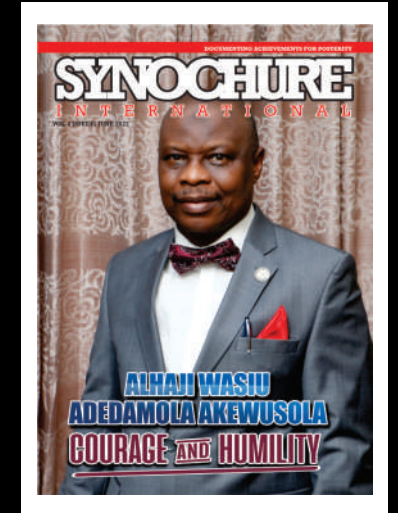
However, despite the sordid re-enactment of negative history of the Nigeria civil service, Lagos state civil service has become a signpost of efficiency and excellence in service through the performance of some of the outstanding civil servants in the state.

One of such personality is Alhaji Wasiu Adedamola Akewusola, FNIQS, RQS, M.ici Arb. Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Ministry of Housing.

An extremely humble personality who rarely talks about his achievements yet his accomplishments have crowned him an outstanding professional in Nigeria today.

Since he joined the service over 30 years ago, he has been guided by the Ethics and code of conduct of the service. Thus, he holds his integrity sacred and do not get influenced by money. He is one civil servant that is guided by the fear of Almighty Allah and he has never soiled his reputation for a pot of honey.

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# WASIU ADEDAMOLA OLASUNKANMI AKEWUSOLA

**H**onour is meant for those who deserve it. It is only a foolish man that looks down on a traditional ruler because a king is loaded with authority whether he exercises it or not, and whoever dares the king will pay dearly for it. Wasiu Adedamola Olasunkanmi Akewusola was born without a silver spoon but he built a factory where silver spoons are carved in thousands.

This principled and cultured gentleman shaped himself as an icon of reckoning and when most of his age mates were crying of lack of opportunity, he created one and used the moment. He discovered that he was not created to crawl, he dusted himself from the mud, spread his wings and flew, soaring beyond the reach of ordinary mist. His name is a key due to his pedigree and devotion to Islamic tenets and doctrines. He is an avowed Moslem but a liberal and godly man – and in his professional calling, Quantity Surveying, his mark is glaring like a passing of an elephant on the grass.

Have you seen a man of policy before? Meet Alhaji Akewusola and you will discover that elephant is beyond a load to be lifted by two hefty men. Talk to him and you will discover a man who single-handedly cultivated a plantation that will take 1,000 men to plough in 10 years.





## COVER STORY

*In this piece, Mr. Wasiu Akewusola spoke to our correspondents, Lanre Olusunmade and Yomi-Abayomi Olakanmi on his life from birth to the throne.*

**Excerpts below:**

**I want to congratulate you on your retirement after meritorious years of service to the government and people of Lagos State.**

**How do you feel retiring and celebrating your 60th birthday at the same time?**

I feel fulfilled. It is a day I have been looking forward to because there were issues that happened in the system that would make you pray, "God, help me through this journey. Help me retire successfully without any blemish." There are many people who were hired the same time I was employed. Some fizzled out, some got tired and left, some were forcefully retired, others were sacked and death took some. If I am one of the people that God gave the privilege to leave ceremoniously, I should be grateful to Almighty Allah for everything by saying, "Alhamdu-Lillahi robil 'alamin." I feel fulfilled.

**At 60, how do you feel – older or younger?**

Well, I have not seen the difference between age 6 and age 60. I just see myself doing the normal activities I am supposed to be doing – sleeping and waking up, eating and drinking, going out and coming in – except that I see myself more as a person with responsibilities to others, as a husband, father and a leader.

**Looking back to the time you joined the Civil Service in 1991, did it ever cross your mind that you would one day become a Permanent Secretary?**

I started my service at a

government parastatal, Lagos State Development and Property Corporation (LSDPC) and the highest level you can attain in that place is to become the Managing Director. I never envisaged it but as God would have it, I headed the parastatal and another parastatal and then became a Permanent Secretary. Honestly, it never crossed my mind that I would be a Permanent Secretary when I was joining the service. All I dreamt about was to do everything within my purview as excellently as I could.

**Tell us your concise history**

Before I was born, I was a very gentle and noiseless person in the womb of my mother. In those days, the elders would sit with children on a mat outside, narrating tales by moonlight – and on the very day I was born, a Friday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1962, my pregnant mother was narrating the story of Late Chief Obafemi Awolowo. She felt the pangs of birth – I think her water broke and she just excused herself. At Akerele Private Maternity Hospital, Odi-Olowo, Lagos State, she was ushered into a labour room and a boy was added into the family of Alhaji Hamzah Sadiq and Alhaja Rayhanat Abebi Akewusola, both of blessed memory. The only child that came through a private Hospital in the family. My coming to life was so easy because there was no stress for my mother. The growing up was not that rosy in a family of 12 children, two wives and a father with limited income. My father, before he died said to us, 'if not for Awolowo, none of you would have gone to school.' I am the fifth child of my mother and

seventh of my father. Each wife had six children; meaning after me, my mother had one more and her mate added four to the family. The most awesome thing is that each wife had four boys and two girls. My mother being the first wife had given birth to four before the new additions and all the income had been channelled towards the training of the older ones, thereby causing acrimony. To resolve the situation, my father later decided to sponsor the eldest child of each wife in the family, and those ones would later help their younger siblings. Therefore, my elder siblings were saddled with the responsibility of sponsoring my education. I started very well in primary school. I attended Saint Paul's Anglican Primary School, Idi-Oro in Alakara. I was born at Giwa Street, Odi Olowo in Mushin. Many people believe that people from that axis are thugs but I am a proud 'Mushine' and a Permanent Secretary of a Ministry in Lagos State. I spent seven years in primary school. In my time we were supposed to spend eight years in elementary school – two infant years and six standard years but in my Infant 2, the system was changed from Standard to Primary and those of us in Infant 2 were taken to Primary 1 and I finished my primary school and sat for my First School Leaving Certificate on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1974. After my primary school, I had to stop due to the "traffic jam" in my family. Those who were supposed to sponsor me were still in secondary school. I have a brother, Col. Rasheed Akewusola (rtd) who is nine months older than me. We both finished primary school the same time. He



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was also held up in the artificial traffic jam. My father expressed the opinion that we should complete our Arabic School before we could proceed to secondary school. Unknown to us, it was just a gimmick my father devised for us to stay calm till our elders would be buoyant enough to sponsor our education. We were so quick at scaling the hurdle of going to Arabic School and finishing within a year. Several entrance forms for Secondary schools were coming out and we were not given the opportunity to obtain any. One of our teachers invited our parents to educate them on the need to send us to the high school because of our academic prowess. Our dad went for the meeting but we did not know what was discussed or what transpired. We only knew we were not given a kobo to take any form.

There was this teacher in my primary school who gave us a counsel that sticks with me to date. He was the Chairman of the Send Forth Committee. He said, "Some of you will go to secondary school – even further to higher institutions and some of you would have to learn a craft or trade – but in all, don't choose a profession that will not give you fortune and fame." When he said that, I looked at myself from head to toe and asked myself, 'Where do I belong?'. Honestly, at that time, learning a trade or craft was never on my mind but I resigned to fate – went to the Madrasah and I completed my studies within a year. After completing that segment, I went to ask my father of his next plan for me and he told us to learn and absorb the translation and meaning of Quran – and that would take another one year or more to grab. My morale went down and I lost

interest in studying further Arabic. My mother then revealed to me the reality of my life. She said, "You won't go to secondary school. Rasheed will go and you will stay behind and learn a skill. Let me know a trade that fascinates you." I was so devastated. That news crushed my soul and I began to cry and couldn't sleep throughout the night. The only thing on my mind was to go to secondary school, and all my older maternal siblings were still in secondary school or trying to find their footings in life and there was no extra money to add me to the budget. The next morning, my elder sister, Alhaja Ni'mot Titilayo Okewande called me and said, "Wasiu, don't worry, you will go to secondary school. Myself and mama will join our resources to ensure you go to secondary school". As soon as she said that to me and



encouraged me to take any entrance form of an approved secondary school of my choice, I sprang into action. Whenever I saw anyone wearing white uniform, I would ask questions. That was the commonest uniform of secondary schools in those days, I would ask, "Is your entrance form out?" Each time I found a school, she would tell me it was unapproved until Lagos State Common Entrance forms came out. Rasheed and I took the form and chose Zumratul Islamiyyah Grammar School. Luckily, we were both admitted in 1976 after staying at home for about two years. When we got to the school, we were neither the youngest nor the oldest. There were other students who fell in our category and there were some privileged kids who looked like babies – but fortunately for me and my brother, we were the ones dictating the pace from Form one to five. We were both active members of Muslim Students' Society and we represented the school in various Quiz competitions and won many prizes. There was this Islamic Religious Knowledge teacher of ours, Alhaji Rasheed Akinsanmi Ibrahim who was so fond of us – but he was always being taunted by other teachers for taking us to Islamic gatherings, instead of allowing us to concentrate on our studies. We were school prefects and leaders of the Muslim Students' Society (MSS) in our final year. I was the Library Prefect and President of MSS while Rasheed was the Religious Prefect and the Imam of the Society. Fortunately, enough, when our WAEC result came out, our



teacher was the one that brought our results to our house – and both of us had the best results in the school. The last paper I wrote in WAEC was Statistics and it was on June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1981. Can you see the great connection I have with June and 22<sup>nd</sup> day of that month? After then, we had the next hurdle to scale and my sister promised me that she would support me to any level I so desired to reach academically but my half-brother, Rasheed would need to face that challenge squarely. I went to Federal School of Arts and Science, Victoria Island for my HSC. My brother and I took JAMB forms and sat for Nigerian Defence Academy exams. We were told that government would be responsible for our training fees at NDA but when I looked at myself, I knew I was carved to be a civilian professional not a man in uniform. All the juicy package offered by NDA was good for my brother but not for me. Our names were published in the newspaper and the requirements for new students were stated clearly. As my brother was running helter-skelter to meet

the needs, I was busy going to the library to refresh my brain for the Advanced Level activities. My brother left for Kaduna, I continued my studies at Federal School of Arts and Science, and when JAMB result came out, I was admitted at the great University of Ife while my brother gained admission to the Federal University of Technology, Minna. I quickly dashed to the Post Office to send a telegram to my brother that our admissions were through at our various universities of choice. I told him I would be heading to Ife for Quantity Surveying. He didn't reply but when he came back on holiday, I asked if he saw my telegram. He laughed and said yes and I asked why he didn't reply. He said his Commandant was the one that received the message and all messages were censored- to know maybe it was a news of a dead relation so that they might find an appropriate way of breaking the news to whoever owns the message. They gave him the information in the telegram and they asked him if he would love to go – and he replied, no. That was how he

continued with his military training while I kept pursuing my training in Quantity Surveying. I spent five years in Ife. I was supposed to graduate in June 1987 but I eventually left the school in August because of an incident that happened then that led to the shutting down of our school for a while. It was during Babangida era when some students went on rampage and some prisoners were freed by the students. After completing my degree, I went for my NYSC. I cannot say I was one hundred per cent academically inclined because I was involved in some extracurricular activities such as Man O' War and Muslim Students' Society.

#### Why did you choose Ife for your university education and why Quantity Surveying?

Ordinarily, I should have gone to Unilag being a Lagos boy, and knowing the nooks and crannies of Akoka as a secondary school student when I used to go there for most of the activities, I told you about. There was a time I visited Ife and I was wowed by the expanse of land I saw at Ife, the nature and structure of the school captivated me. University of Ife was beautiful. It was a pride of our nation and what can be termed a real university. I went there recently, and the school is now a shadow of itself due to poor maintenance. On my choice of course, one of our mentors at MSS, Alhaji Abdur-Razak Ayeni who had just completed his MSc in Mathematics at the time advised me against my original intention of choosing Chemical Engineering. He knew my background and advised me to go for a professional course. A course

that I can practise on my own instead of being at the mercy of an employer. He introduced me to Environmental Sciences courses. I prayed about it and God revealed to me that Quantity Surveying was good for me and I even got a revelation that I was in Ife – and that was why I chose Ife and Quantity Surveying. What was your experience at Ife like? I don't know the academic standard in recent times but in our time, Ife was a hell. If you have 3<sup>rd</sup> Class in Ife, you can have 1<sup>st</sup> Class in other universities. The benchmark was high. You hardly see someone scoring 70 or more and if you scored 40, you are in the range of having 60 plus in other places. Many things happened that you cannot even explain but in all, if you graduated when you

were supposed to, consider yourself wonderful and lucky. Having a re-sit or repeat in Ife is a normal thing. Spending six to seven years to complete a 4-year course is not abnormal in Ife. Nobody will look down on you. Ife is a tough school even for the toughest students. People would even boast during arguments that, "This is my sixth year in this school ... in 19 so and so when this and that were presidents of Students Union or Prof so and so was VC," to claim supremacy over other debaters.

Repetition is a thing of pride in that school, not because the students are poor academically or shallow minded but because the school system was built in a way to adapt you to very strict rigor and structure you to be academically strong. Who will dare mock the other person when you don't even know your fate because those with Grade One Distinction in secondary school are still battling with 3<sup>rd</sup> Class in Ife. The rigour is quite much. Sometimes during the harmattan season, some lecturers might just fix lectures for 7am – and the distance between the halls of residence and lecture rooms is long and the weather would be freezing cold. Harmattan in Ife is colder than Lagos harmattan. Looking back at everything, I am grateful to God.





### How did University of Ife shape your professional life?

You cannot be trained under such an environment and fail to excel. The school prepared me for eventualities. When I attended Unilag for my Masters, the 12-months programme in Building, the training I had was quite simple compared to what I went through at Ife. Despite the fact that I was working and I was serving as the Secretary of Technical Committee at LSDPC, I was able to successfully complete my programme at the stipulated time of 12 months. Although some of my classmates considered the period to be too short and they couldn't meet the requirement for passing the grade but because of the experience I had at Ife, I scaled through.

### After your compulsory NYSC service year at Akwa Ibom, you became a lecturer; what informed your decision?

I did my NYSC in three states – quite unprecedented. My call-up letter read Cross-River and I reported there. I was taken to Uyo for my service and during that time, Akwa Ibom was carved out of Cross River and because I was not satisfied with the rural area I was taken to, I went back to Calabar to complain and I was brought back to Cross-River State. When I was still not pleased with the situation there, I requested to be deployed to Lagos, and it was granted. I completed my service at the then Ministry of Works and Transport. So, I served in Cross-River, Akwa-Ibom and Lagos States. After I completed my service in July 1988, I lost my father in August 1988. As at that time, I was having my degree certificate, NYSC

certificate but no job certificate. I didn't want anyone to sympathise with me because among all my siblings, I was the only one having that problem. All others were engaged in one thing or the other. My half-brother, Rasheed had already been commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. My younger siblings were in school and elderly ones were working. I was the only one unengaged.

After the burial rites, the family members that supported us began to ask questions on what we were doing, I was the only one that said, "I'm still searching for job." I said to myself, looking for job is embarrassing for me. I told my elder sister, my sponsor, that whatever job that comes my way, I would do. I saw an advert in the newspaper, Sokoto State Polytechnic, Birnin-Kebbi (now Kebbi State) was looking for Quantity Surveying lecturers; I

looking for a Quantity Surveyor. I also applied for the position. The funny thing about that particular job was that I received my invitation letter on the day of interview. I wondered what would happen if a letter was to be sent to me that my mother died. Is this how it will take a long time to reach my end? Soon after that, there was another advert from Ondo State Polytechnic seeking for lecturers. I applied, put our Lagos home address on the envelope and left Sokoto immediately to await the response to my letter in Lagos. When I got to Lagos, I saw another advert of LSDPC requiring the services of Quantity Surveyor, Estate Surveyor, Architect, Electrical Engineers and PRO. I also applied. I went to Owo for an interview and I was given the opportunity to work. I shelved Sokoto job, started work in Owo and expecting something better to come from

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checked the qualifications needed and I saw that I was qualified, I applied and was taken. I was working as a lecturer when I saw another advert of Ondo State University, Directorate of Works

Lagos. While on that job, LSDPC also called me for an interview, I went and was taken. The funniest thing about all these movements was that Sokoto's salary outweighed Owo's

salary while that of Owo was better than that of LSDPC. I made up my mind to join LSDPC in 1991.

### How did you fit into the Civil Service because you were coming from academic environment?

I left academics because I feel that its activities are too routine and monotonous. I'm sorry if any academician is following my story. I never considered it challenging doing the same thing all year round, year in and year out. In Sokoto, I was given eight hours a week and after then, nothing more. The place was so boring because I had no friends except an Ife mate that also took an employment there as well. Owo too was not quite different except for the language and its closeness to Lagos. I would prepare my lesson note and repeat the same for another academic session. What is challenging in that? My heart longed for something that will stretch my mind to think deep. Academic environment denied me the opportunity to express myself and it denied me the ability to display my potential. Maybe if the opportunity to lecture had come in Lagos, I might not resign because Lagos lecturers also practise but how many jobs are there to do in those two other states where I had lectured. Looking at your career at LSDPC, you were promoted from Quantity Surveyor Grade 2 to Deputy General Manager (Project) within a very short time. Was this as a result of hard work or godfather? I don't consider that a short time; it was 1991 to 2014 – that is 23 years gap.

### Could you take us through some challenges and gang-up you faced at



### LSDPC and how did you overcome them?

Naturally at LSDPC, there are several people with various activities. If your activities complement mine, we'll be friends but if it contradicts my policy, I would greet you from afar. We cannot relate. When Mr. Ambode became the Governor, he made some changes at the executive and management levels. The mantle of leadership now fell on some 'anyhow category of people.' Within that category, one person was selected to head the agency. The person selected, according to Civil Service ranking was not supposed to be the head. I had no issue against him. I walked up to him and congratulated him. I said, "This is our time ... this opportunity will not slip off our hands and I want to promise you that you have my support 100 per cent." Heads of LSDPC have always been outsiders. It was the first time we were having our own people at the helm of affairs. We were contemporaries and we had senior directors who were more qualified at the time but he was the one favoured by God to lead. Activities commenced and I realised that most of his doings were against me. Rather than make noise, I went solo. I wouldn't respond to what

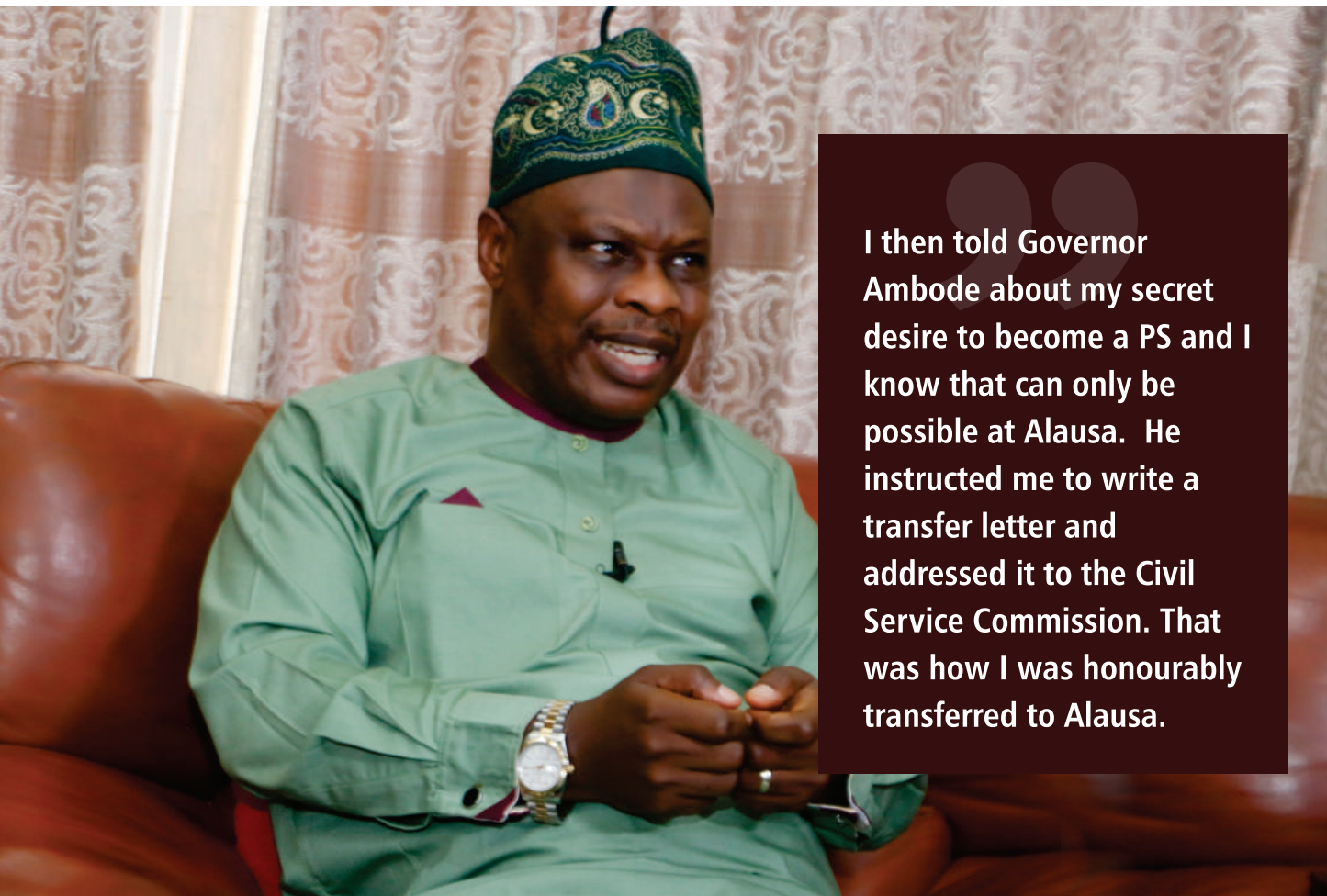
would affect me officially or taint my records. He now requested that I should be deployed to the State Secretariat.

When we were made Deputy GMs, I had to acknowledge one man, Mr. Bakare (aka Iron Man), he said to me, "Alhaji Akewusola, you need to move to Alausa. It is better for you to become a PS," and I told him that was my aspiration – to become and retire as Permanent Secretary. When you work with the CEOs, your thinking will change and you will understand the workings of the government. I once served as PA to LSDPC General Manager, Architect John-Bede Anthonio between 1999 and 2003. I was navigating between LSDPC and Alausa. I understood what it takes to be a PS and their weight at the time – and since that time I have been nursing that ambition.

When Iron Man made that suggestion, I didn't know how to go about it but when that man in his own wisdom sent me to Alausa, everything started becoming crystal clear. On another thought, I felt that it is the people who are destroying and disturbing the progress of LSDPC that are usually deployed to Alausa, so I resisted.

When I refused the move, I started facing a lot of persecutions. He even ordered me to quit my





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position as Head of Quantity Surveying but I kept fighting on until Governor Ambode heard about the issue and invited me to his office and questioned what the problem was about. I told him I had no problem with the man but if he has any with me, he should say it. I also said, "Should anyone be aggrieved and complaining, that should be me."

I then told Governor Ambode about my secret desire to become a PS and I know that can only be possible at Alausa. He instructed me to write a transfer letter and addressed it to the Civil Service Commission. That was how I was honourably transferred to Alausa. I haven't seen the letter of interview requesting me to be at Alausa till date. It was one of the

officers who informed me that I was supposed to be in Alausa for an interview. I just begged him to photocopy the letter for me and he did.

When the result of my interview came out, they called me from the Civil Service Commission asking if they should send the letter or I would pick it up. I quickly told them I would pick it up.

I picked up my letter and the day I was to resume was the same day the present SSG, Mrs. Sherifat Jaji was retiring as HOS. On getting to Public Service Office, I was told 'Oga' was exiting on the same day and there was no serious work on that day. On getting home, I received a call to be at the Governor's Office by 8am the next day.

I was in the Governor's Office before the set time. On getting there, the CEO of LSDPC and the Accountant were also there. I hadn't informed him I was leaving LSDPC before then. I only posted my appreciation message on the notice board, thanking all the staff and bidding them farewell. We entered into Governor's reception hall and sat down, I just waved my hands at them. I overheard the accountant telling him, "Mr. Akewusola has left us." He jerked into action and probed, "Mr. Akewusola, is it true that you have left us?" I replied yes. "Where are you now?" He asked. I replied, "I came here to get my posting letter." I didn't tell him the Governor invited me to his office. I

noticed he was shocked but I cared less.

I didn't know that he and the accountant were also invited by the Governor and when the Governor beckoned, the GM led the way and I followed.

On entering Governor's office, the Governor asked the CEO, "When did you join the Civil Service?"

He looked back and the Governor said, "Don't be ridiculous. Can't I ask you a question?"

Shivering, he answered I 9 so-so.

The Governor said, "Go and handover to Mr. Akewusola with immediate effect. I would have sacked you if not for the people pleading on your behalf."

The Governor then asked me to go to PSO and pick my transfer letter.

He also instructed the accountant to update me accordingly.

That was how I became the Acting CEO of LSDPC from November 2015 to June 2016. After that, I was transferred to head New Towns Development Authority (NTDA) as General Manager.

In June 2019, I was appointed as Permanent Secretary.

**Can you brief us about your Alausa experience, your time at the Ministry of Housing? Let's start by comparing and contrasting activities at LSDPC and NTDA.**

Let me first acknowledge the person who appointed me as a Permanent Secretary, the incumbent Governor of Lagos State, Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu. I was appointed in May, 2019, when the Governor was appointing his SSG, Chief of Staff and the first set of six Permanent Secretaries. Six (6) of us were sworn-in on June 6, and I was given the portfolio of Ministry of Housing. Before becoming a

Permanent Secretary, I was already integrated into full-fledged Civil Service protocol at New Towns Development Authority.

Whilst LSDPC is an independent parastatal, NTDA is a mixture of parastatal and ministry. At LSDPC, all the members of staff are recruited by the parastatal. At NTDA, the members of staff are either recruited by the Authority or posted from the State Public Service Office.

The Ministry of Housing superintends over some parastatals like LSDPC, Lagos Mortgage Board popularly called LagoshOMS as well as Lagos State Real Estate Regulatory Authority (LASRERA). LSDPC generates its own revenue and plans its own expenditure except the Governor decides otherwise – therefore, decision making in the parastatal is fastest.

NTDA on the other hand is a mixed breed. Some of their activities are scrutinized by the Ministry of Physical Planning and Urban Development and it also makes certain independent decisions.

The Ministry is a different ball game entirely; everything must be closely scrutinized by the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budgeting. Payments have to be vetted by other MDAs such as Central Internal Audit and State Treasury Office.

Activities at LSDPC are the fastest, followed by NTDA. Making decision is very slow at

the Ministry and this delays planning and implementation process.

At LSDPC, construction work of one year can be executed within the stipulated time. At NTDA, 12 months project can stretch to 18 months. But in the Ministry, that same project may not be completed in three years because of the bureaucracy in the system.

My work at the Ministry started with projects that had been abandoned during the administration of former Governor of Lagos State, now Minister of Works and Housing, Mr. Raji Fashola.

Meanwhile, revisiting abandoned projects is costlier than starting afresh – and getting approval to start is another impediment. But God helped us and we were able to record substantial success.

I thank God for his support, my teammates for their availability. I am





also indebted to the Honourable Commissioner, Hon. Moruf Akinderu-Fatai; a man of integrity, a very different and uncommon political appointee. He handles every task like his personal projects. To excel in the Ministry, you must see the job as your own but most Civil Servants believe it is government's project. My team worked round the clock to ensure that many of the abandoned projects were commissioned. For example, Sangotedo Scheme of LagosHOMS was conceived during the time of Governor Raji Fashola – and it comprised of 1,188 units. It was abandoned for years but due to hard work and involvement of the functionaries at the Ministry of Housing, we completed and commissioned the first phase of the project comprising 744 homes. Others include Lateef Jakande Gardens, Igando; Abiodun Ogunleye Estate Igbogbo and Joint Venture schemes like Raji Fashola Estate Iponri and Lekki Phase 2 Scheme at Lekki, to mention a few. At NTDA, I saw that the agency was handling most of Lagos Housing projects and I realized that the core ministerial responsibilities of NTDA was not to build houses, but it was just competing unnecessarily with LSDPC and Ministry of Housing. They are supposed to be doing layout of sites and services, creating new towns, ensuring that infrastructures of those new towns are put in place, and selecting lands for

developer. I wrote a submission to Governor Ambode that NTDA was acting ultra vires and advised that all their projects be transferred to the Ministry of Housing, and the request was granted. Some members of staff of NTDA were angry with my decision but I made them see the reason why

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they will never thrive doing what they are not supposed to do – and like magic, NTDA started excelling at their own core area. The shocking part was that the projects I transferred to the Ministry of Housing were left untouched until my appointment as Permanent Secretary – and it was part of the responsibilities that I faced at the Ministry. Fortunately, to the glory of almighty Allah, we were able to deliver more than 15 schemes during my time despite the people's belief that it could not be possible to achieve such feat. I give kudos to my Honourable Commissioner, the

Directors and the Heads of Departments and Units, as well as the team of the Ministry of Housing that did a wonderful job.

**Among all the schemes you were able to deliver as the PS; which one will you say is the best, or most outstanding?**

We put our best into all the schemes. Iponri is a good project. Lekki Phase 2 is also good. Ibeshe is also outstanding and LKJ Garden at Igando is now a New London.

**Which scheme is the most challenging?**

LAGOSHOMS Sangotedo and LAGOSHOMS Odo-Onosa/Ayandelu at Agbowa were the most challenging. They are the two schemes that I can say were more challenging than the others but fortunately we surmounted the obstacles that we met

on those schemes.

**What legacy can you say you left behind at the Ministry of Housing?**

Completing highest number of housing schemes is a legacy. Nobody has ever surpassed that one in the history of the Ministry of Housing.

**What is your advice to the ones that will be taking over the ministry after you?**

They shouldn't rest on their oars. We have set the base, and established the pace; they should surpass our record. They have to look forward to beating the odds.

**When you were in the Ministry, have you mentored anyone to take after you ... anyone you can say is your protégé?**

I have mentored all my directors and anyone of them can be the next PS. I want to tell you that they are well versed and they are good.

**In all the posts you held at the top level; how were you able to resist the corruption that blindfolds public officers?**

One of the things you have to resist in Civil Service is corruption. I spent 25 years at LSDPC; I have friends and enemies. To God be the glory, I did not have any collaboration with any staff of the parastatal to do any corrupt act. I have been resisting it since I was a junior officer. So, nobody could walk up to me when I became the CEO, (Oga e ranti b'a se n se ni) Don't you remember how we used to do it? The major weapon is contentment. What I was given as salary and the extra I made from consultancy are enough for me. I never at any time lived above my income. The salary wasn't too juicy but I was using consultancy to back it up and the contractors know that I will never ask them for a dime. There was a time an auditor went to crosscheck a valuation I did and discovered a mistake but instead of calling me to re-examine the job, he went straight to the Managing Director to report that he has caught 'a thief red-handed.' He believed I connived with the contractor to cheat the government. I was served a query to answer. I was so confused about the whole matter. I went back to review my valuation and I discovered that I had actually undervalued the project. It was like

the contractor should have been paid N20 million and I estimated his job to be N15 million. I picked up my pen and demanded that an external Valuer be hired to re-assess the job. It was done and the truth of undervaluation was discovered. My MD called me and the auditor and presented the report of the external Valuer to us. I walked up to the auditor and told him, "You should have at least called my attention before going to the MD." The MD implored me not to take it personal because the auditor was only doing his job. I could tell from the look of things that the auditor felt so embarrassed. He did what he did because some people had pushed him – and just as the MD suggested, I moved on with my life. So, at a time like this when someone is retiring and leaving the service without blemish, you won't be able to fully comprehend the reasons why he is dancing. Sometimes, it is because of indescribable events and terrible fire he had walked through. Nobody

will fully understand why I am so grateful to God. Indeed, it was Allah who kept me going throughout the troubles and challenges I faced.

**What blueprint did you leave behind as the MD of LSDPC and GM of NTDA?**

I spent 25 years at LSCPC; it was part and parcel of me. I know what was going wrong there and I know what to do to correct the anomalies. I restructured LSDPC administratively and the structure I put in place is what they are still using to date. I had to merge some departments together to form one when I discovered they were not doing well. When I took over, LSDPC was owing contractors about ₦500 million due to what my predecessor did but between December and June when I was leaving, I left over ₦1.5 billion excess because of the restructuring I did. My activities involved setting up a Task Force to recover debts and we recouped a lot of debts within that short period – and because it





worked for me, it was maintained till date.

In another segment, when you receive a promotion letter, it will state with immediate effect but my transfer letter to NTDA did not say with immediate effect. Instead, Gov. Ambode said your transfer becomes effective one month from today. You will not leave LSDPC immediately. You will have to put your successor through on how you were able to attain what you achieved because I love your work. It was this incumbent Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu that I handed over to. I told him why I did some of the things

I did and how to do them better. People did not like the changes I made but it paid the government greatly. After I left, they were telling my successor, "That was not the way we were doing it; it was Akewusola that changed it." Mr. Sanwo-Olu told them, "If it was Akewusola that did it, leave it like this. It is beautiful and profitable."

You are a detailed, cultured and disciplined person – but you were seen as a wicked boss by some mischievous persons. How do you view yourself?

The fact of the matter is that there is no way you will want to effect a change that people will not be affected. It will affect some people positively and others negatively – and if your intention is to make everybody happy, you will not be happy yourself. Look at Almighty Allah, some people will say, "God is

good," while others will tell you, "God is partial or wicked." You cannot please everybody. People draw their conclusions based on their perspectives. So, if people tell you I am wicked; the question should be, "What prompted that statement ... what transpired between us that made him or her say such about me.?" I cannot be wicked to everybody because of a single person. It is not possible. People are quick at talking about your reaction without talking about their own actions that prompted the reaction. In this life, if you are a principled person – your friends will

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acknowledge you but your antagonists will latch onto it from a wrong perspective. You can term me a wicked person because I don't want other people to suffer in order to make you happy. All in all, however the people view me, I say Alhamdulillah (Thanks to Allah).

**In what way can you say you have contributed to your profession as a Quantity Surveyor?**

I can say I have tried a lot. I was involved in the politics of the

profession and I served my way up to being a State Chairman and National Treasurer. I realised that any complaint at national level is the aggregate of complaint at individual level. When we are talking of corruption, bad leadership and other vices – ask yourself at your micro level, "What kind of person am I?" Whatever you see happening at the federal or national level is as a result of our activities at our micro level. Having contributed my quota, serving at different levels of my profession in both the state and national levels, I can tell you that the corruption everyone is talking about

is endemic. I resisted in collaborating with corrupt people – and I can tell you that at the little professional sector of ours, there are people that are more corrupt than public officers. They steal more money than public officers.

For example, as a National Treasurer, I was supposed to be the Head of Treasury for the Association but I have this President then, who was so corrupt to the extent that he would sign a cheque and asked me to countersign. I began to ask, "Is it not the Treasurer that

has to sign first for the President to countersign?" – and when he discovered that I was not dancing to his corrupt drumming, he went to publish a full-page newspaper advert that I had been removed from being the National Treasurer in two national dailies. I withstood him; I went to court and fought him tooth and nail. I was still at LSDPC at the time and I cannot bear the libel. Had it been it was some other posts like Secretary or PRO, we may be quiet about it but as a

Treasurer acting against the law ... it means he is embezzling the Association's money. I wouldn't let anyone drag my name in the mud. I would never allow palm-oil taint my white robe. Nobody can touch my reputation and I will just let it slide; that is impossible. I took them to court and won. I was vindicated. The court ruled that they should publish a rejoinder in three dailies and apologise to me officially. They went ahead and did the rejoinder in only one paper, Punch. They are still owing me two more publications of apology. What really happened at the time was that the Association wanted to conduct examination for potential professionals and they inflated the budget. I resisted that move. I wouldn't let them have their way. That was what made me their enemy. They now told the members that it was the Treasurer that was not releasing money for the exams to be conducted. They did not tell them what they did – and the funny part is that I started getting text messages from junior colleagues, asking me if it was my father's money and some were saying that after I have qualified and made it in life, I was preventing them from excelling ... and some past presidents were even luring me to bend my ways and allow them to take whatever they want, that our tenure won't last more than two years – and I began to wonder, what kind of society are we living in. People are so greedy and corrupt in their own micro level. Small systems corruption is telling on the national standard. For example, look at what is happening in the banking sector, how their officials have been stealing from the public directly and indirectly. I read recently how one



UBA staff stole N400 million. How can the country stand when a whole lot is corrupt? I believe the only reason some elements consider me wicked is because I resist corruption.

**Based on the enormity of persecution you faced in your profession; have you ever felt like leaving it for another profession or career?**

Why do I have to run? It is the same thing everywhere and in every profession. Our people are generally corrupt. If I leave Quantity Surveying for any other profession, there are unscrupulous elements there who are trying to woo you into their nefarious activities and if you resist, they will tag you wicked or a bad team player. Leaving a profession for another is not a solution, it is just a means of escaping some set of individuals. Remember, I said I used to do private practice to augment my

income but I can tell you that everywhere and everybody is corrupt. They will lure you into it and you would have fallen for their baits before you realise it. I'm grateful to God that nobody would say I have in one way or the other connived with him to manipulate figures – and I can tell you that I never thought of quitting my profession for another because of all the evils I have witnessed. Doing that will be like leaving Kirikiri prison for Ikoyi prison. Prison is prison anywhere.

**What is your definition of integrity?**

Integrity is your ability to stand on something that is true, something that is right, something that will affect people positively. Integrity is doing something selflessly; not cheating others and doing it for the benefits of all.

**Who was your role model while growing**





up?

I want to disappoint you; I don't have any.

**Is there any professional that you look up to at a time in your life?**

On a professional level, I want to give it to one of the past Presidents of the Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors, Mr. Francis Adetola who actually invited me to come and become the National Treasurer when he was the sitting President of the institute and I was the Chairman of the Lagos State. At first, I rejected because I did not want to be going through the rigour of frequenting Abuja for meetings and some activities. I told him I am a public officer and I want to rest. He then said to me, "This my deputy that is going to man the Institute is not a man to be left to

chance without anybody checkmating him."

The man stood by me from the beginning to the end of that court case. There was nobody in the whole of NIQS that supported me except him. After each court session, he always called and prayed for me. I also received a call from one-time President, Mr. Femi Onashile, begging me to drop the case, that we should settle the matter out of court. He wanted us to resolve the case in his own tenure. I gave up for the settlement of the case because of him. I had stopped going for NIQS meeting at the time because the entire system was infuriating. The people there believed I was wrong, that stealing fund was normal. Another person I respect for his

fatherly role is Chief Odumosu, Mr. Onashile's cousin, who also called to beg me to drop the case and settle out of court. What I did when the defaming publication came out was to officially write a letter to LSDPC, informing them of my intention to go to court, that I will give them feedback on the outcome. I had already left LSDPC before the case ended but I wrote to them on the outcome of the case so that they can close the file.

**Let's douse the tension a little and socialise. How did you meet your wife?**

I have already told God that I wanted to get married at age 30 and I had met some other ladies before I met my wife. Before I would woo any lady, there were certain qualities that I was keen

about. If I could not find it in them, I would gently withdraw without any rancour. When I met my wife, she was a staff of Lagos Building Investment Company, (LBIC). She came to their office at LSDPC compound. We interacted as she was talking about an uncle of mine, my father's friend, Alhaji Animashaun Awelenje who was Director of Finance at LSDPC at the time. It was Alhaji Awelenje's father that taught my father how to read Quran - and Alhaji Awelenje used to joke that, "Your father learnt how to read Quran from my father and he taught me how to read the Quran." The first thing that drew me closer was that I thought she was related to Alhaji Awelenje but no. After speaking with her, I had the urge to move closer to her. She was not a Moslem and she did not have anything against my religion - and the rest is now history.

**You are a devoted Moslem, father, husband and professional; how have you been able to function adequately in all these areas without one affecting the other?**

When nature calls me to play a father's role, I leave behind my professional activities. The paramount one that coordinates my other activities or roles is my position as a Moslem. From there, I receive the guidance on how to be a husband, father and keep my home intact and it guides my daily activities as a human being and a professional. Islamic religion teaches me the way of life. We are majorly religious in Nigeria and not godly. None of the religions we are practising in this country encourages us to do wrong thing ... Islam, Christianity or traditional

practices are all against evil. Islamic religion directs the affairs of my life and guides my decision making as a husband, father, professional and so on. What you see me doing now is what I have been doing from inception. I never drank, smoked or womanised all my life. Religion helped some people against certain immorality but religion fuels my moral on a daily basis. It keeps adding to me. I will never do as a professional what my religion does not condone. My religion is the driver of my life.

**How do you unwind?**

I unwind with my family. I do not join any social club intentionally - I do not see any benefit in it. If you continually sit with friends who drink alcohol, you will be overwhelmed by their mockery and if you mingle with womanisers, they will make you look like an idiot by their sugar-coated mouths. The

best thing is to stay away from any immorality or anything that can push you to miss your track in life.

**After Permanent Secretary, what next?**

Having served as Permanent Secretary, I'm already fulfilled in life. I will live on my pension and little activities that will not overwhelm my health. I don't want to overstretch myself. When you are at the peak of your career, do not overstay your welcome. Leave the stage when the ovation is loudest. I am quitting for good.

**How about your involvement with the professional bodies?**

What more do I want? I have served as State Chairman and National Treasurer, NIQS and I also served as State Chairman, Association of Professional Bodies. I want to give the youngsters room to do it - and assist them whenever I am called upon for professional counsel. I don't want to be like our politicians who became objects of mockery because they refuse to quit the stage when the ovation was loudest.

**What is your advice to the youths and coming generation?**

My advice for them is to be diligent in whatever they do and ensure that corruption that is endemic is killed and flushed out of the system. They should be focused; nobody amounts to anything without focus. If they don't lose focus, they will reach their destinations quickly and their dreams will be actualized.

**What do you want to be remembered for?**

I will love to be remembered for my integrity during Service.

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# VITAL STATISTICS

## Working Career and Positions of Responsibility:

1. He was with the Ministry of Works, Akwa-Ibom & Lagos States for his NYSC 1987/1988 service year.
2. The Polytechnic of Sokoto State, Birnin Kebbi “then” (Lecturer, 1988-90)
3. Ondo State Polytechnic, Owo “then” (Lecturer, 1990-1991)
4. Lagos State Development and Property Corporation, March 1991- October 2015 where he attained to the level of Management Staff as The Deputy General Manager (Projects). ie
  - a. From Quantity Surveyor Grade II to Deputy General Manager (Projects)
  - b. Handled many Projects at LSDPC either as Quantity Surveyor or Project Coordinator, few among the projects are:
    - i. Construction of Isolo Bungalows
    - ii. Construction of MKO Abiola, Gardens, Alausa
    - iii. Construction of Femi Okunnu, Lekki
    - iv. Construction of Riverview Estate, Isheri North
    - v. Construction of Low Cost Housing Estate, Odo Nla and others
5. Member, Technical Committee on Policy Reform On Planning Regulation and Building Control, 2008.
6. Member, Technical Committee on the Development of Lagos Homes Ownership Mortgage Scheme “LagosHOMS” 2011
7. He transferred his service to the main stream of the Civil Service as a full Director (Grade Level 17) and seconded back to Lagos State Development and Property Corporation in November 2015 as Acting Chief Executive Officer till May 31st 2016.
8. He was posted to Lagos State New Towns Development Authority as the General Manager/Chief Accounting Officer from June 1st 2016.

He was sworn as the Permanent Secretary in Public Service of Lagos State commencing from June, 2019 and posted to the Ministry of Housing.

Achievements / landmark projects in Housing sector with Mr. Wasiu Akewusola as Permanent Secretary

1. Completion of abandoned housing schemes set aside by previous administration along with some Joint Venture Schemes
1. Alhaji Lateef Kayode Jakande Gardens in Igando, Alimosho Local Government Area by Ministry of Housing (492 Units).

2. Courtland Villas at Igbokushu, Eti-Osa by LSDPC (120 home units).
  3. Lekki Apartments, Lekki Phase I by LSDPC (124 Home units).
  4. Lagos State Affordable Public Housing Scheme Idale, Badagry LGA through Joint Venture (252 Home units).
  5. Bayview Estate Ikate-Elegushi constructed by LSDPC (100 Home units).
  6. Completion of Sunnyville Apartments located in Nob Oluwa, Ogba (32 Home units) by LSDPC.
  7. Phoenix Apartments by LSDPC (6 Home units).
  8. LagosHOMS Lekki Phase II through Joint Venture by Ministry of Housing (84 Home Units).
  9. Babatunde Raji Fashola Estate, Iponri in Surulere LGA through Joint Venture by Ministry of Housing (132 Home Units).
  10. Prince Abiodun Ogunleye Estate in Igbogbo/Baiyeku LCDA by Ministry of Housing (360 Home Units).
  11. Babatunde Olushola Benson Estate, Ibeshe in Igbogbo-Baiyeku LCDA - 480 Home units
  12. LagosHOMSSangotedo Phase 1 in Eti - Osa East LCDA - 744units
  13. LagosHOMS Magodo Estate in Kosofe - 144 Home units
  14. LagosHOMS Omole 1 in Ojodu LCDA - 24 Home units
  15. LagosHOMS Omole II in Kosofe LGA - 60 Home units.
- Yet to be commissioned: -**
16. LagosHOMSOdo - Onosa/ Ayandelu 660 Home units
  17. Lagos State Resettlement Scheme, Agbowa 144 units
  18. Ndubuisi Kanu Estate, Gbagada - 72 Home units

### Meaningful progress on schemes located at:



19. LagosHOMS Egan- Igando 270 Home units (cluster 1),
20. LagosHOMSSangotedo Phase 2 - 444 Home units
21. LagosHOMSAjara - 420 Home units.
22. Epe Housing Estate, Ita - marun, Epe - 168 Home units

### \*Ongoing partnership efforts at:

- 1- Lagos State Housing Scheme, Akanimodo,
- 2- Ilubirin Foreshore Housing Scheme -124 Home units
- 3- Lagos State Affordable Public Housing Scheme Ijora
- 4- Badia - 279 Home units.
- 4- Lagos State Affordable Public Housing Scheme, Ajegunle-Tolu - 432 Home units
- 6- Abraham Adesanya Housing Estate , Eti - Osa LGA, Parcel A & B - 233 Home units
7. Abraham Adesanya Housing Estate , Eti - Osa LGA, Parcel C - 176 Home units.
8. Abraham Adesanya Housing Estate , Eti - Osa LGA, Parcel D - 129 Home units.
9. Abraham Adesanya Housing Estate , Eti - Osa LGA, Parcel E - 88 Home units.
12. Lagos State Affordable Public Housing Scheme, Ibeshe in 325 Home units
13. Lagos State Affordable Public Housing Scheme, Ilamoye in Oshodi - Isolo LGA - 144 Home units
14. Butterfly Island, Owutu - Ikorodu - 2,675 Home units.

### Ground Breaking efforts at:

1. Imota Workers City 3,456 Home units
2. LagosHOMS Ibeshe Phase 2 - 192 Home units
- \*II\* . Creation of Employment opportunities for over 17,000 people including local artisans as well as upgrading of skills of artisans at the rate of 200 per batch.
- III. Digitization of processes of two strategic departments of the Ministry (Estates and Physical Planning and Survey Department) to enhance service delivery and promote ease of engagement with the prospective investors and allottees.
- IV. Lagos State Affordable Home Trust Fund ongoing efforts still at draft stage.







## My Husband is my Mentor, Motivator, Friend and Everything

**Alhaja Modupe Oluwafunmilayo  
AKEWUSOLA**  
(Nee Odunuga)

**In the Islamic world, Prophet Mohammed (SAW) was the prominent figure that every thread that weaves together the fabric of Islam holds together. His life was also woven around five prominent women; Aminat – his mother, Halima of Sha'ad – his nurse, KhadijatRosulu – his first wife, Ai'sha – his priced wife and Fatimoh – his daughter.**

Ask Moslems about these wonderful women and their roles in the life of their prophet, then you can fully understand the enormity of the contributions and benefits of Alhaja Modupe Akewusola, the wife of Alhaji WasiuAdedamola Akewusola in that dynasty that produced Azeem and Ameer.

**B**eing a wife is not as complete as being a mother, friend, lover and supporter. The combination of all these qualities are what made Modupe tick and those combinations are rare in a single person – but like a mother Eagle, a not so common feature on our sky space, Modupe perched as a pillar in the homestead of Akewusola, a dynasty that will last because of this great woman's effort.

Beautiful AlhajaModupe-Ola got married to her heartthrob, Alhaji WasiuAdedamola Olanunmi Akewusola on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1992 – and the marriage is blessed with two kids; Azeem Adeseye and Ameer Adedeji.

Alhaja Modupe started her working career at the Lagos State Building Investment Corporation and invested many years of her life in the company until her voluntary retirement five years ago.

Born into the family of Pa John and Madam ChristianaOdunuga on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 1969; Modupe is a graduate of Lagos State Polytechnic.

How did she meet her husband, Al-haji Akewusola and what convictions did she have before saying yes, she answered, "We met at LSDPC, Ilupeju. My office used to be there. I was so scared because of his religion but he is a kind of person I had always wanted, and after considering many factors, I accepted his proposal.

He is a sincere man; he'll tell you where he's going and not going. He is a straight forward person. Whenever we have little issues, I know how to beg him if I break his set rules of dos and don'ts. He had already told me if I

do this, this is what will happen and if I go ahead to do what he didn't say, I will have to face the consequences. Articulate Al-haja Modupe Akewusola, a woman with great mind for processing information before responding said further: "I am seven years younger than my husband. He is my mentor, motivator, friend and everything. I love being around him. We don't normally leave ourselves. We travel and do everything together. If he is travelling all by himself that means he is going for an official training. He's a good man and very religious."

It's difficult to believe that this great woman with a deep understanding of Islamic Fiqh, Hadith and Holy Quran was born and raised a Christian but in her own volition without being coerced became a Moslem, got converted and began to seek knowledge of the religion, practicing it and living it because of how she perceived Al-haji WasiuAkewusola.

"He's someone I want to emulate; that was why I had to accept his religion, he didn't force me into it. The children also learnt from him. Sometimes, I want to always influence them to do things my way but they always want to go their Dad's way. His advice and decisions have been so helpful in moving this family forward and moulding the children."

While speaking about Akewusola as a Moslem husband and father, she added, "He has been a good father to the children and a good husband to me. I have never regretted marrying him in any way – with his ardent belief in Islamic religion, we're fulfilled. He's trying his best for us to be comfortable."

Her wish and prayer:

"I pray that we will keep growing up together to know more about Allah and love each other better. I cannot wait to have him by my side, holidaying together and enjoying all the things we have always planned to do together and above all - I want to wish him all the good things he's wishing himself – and may all the blessings of Almighty Allah be his."









**A dishonest person cannot thrive where my father is**



- Azeem Adeseye Akewusola

The Yoruba people of Western Nigeria believe that one's first son is one's younger brother – and more often than not, first sons are majorly referred to as Dawodu, which may mean delight or Arole, which is interpreted Ambassador. Azeem is the Dawodu of WasiuAkewusola, an ambassador plenipotentiary, expected to bear rule and decide on any matter in the absence of his dad.

Azeem Akewusolahad his B.Arch and M.Arch in Architecture at the Girne American University, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. He started working at the Lagos State Development and Property Corporation in 2019. He behaves like his dad and acts like a true cub of the lion called WasiuAkewusola.

While fielding questions from our correspondents on his dad's personality and distinguishing features, Azeem Akewusola said, "My dad is a very intelligent man and very smart, and that is beneficial when you actually understand him. A dishonest person cannot thrive where my father is. He is a very simple person but detailed and disciplined. What he always wants is the truth.

If you seek his advice, he will counsel you. He's always willing to assist in whatever capacity for as long as it is within his ability to offer it; irrespective of who you are, family, friend or not."

Speaking further, Architect Azeem also spoke on his relationship with dad. "He is a God-fearing person; God is first in everything he does. As his first child, there are things he said to me that stick with me. There was this day he told me, 'I'm still as happy whenever I see you as I was the first time I set my eyes on you – and I will forever love and cherish you.' He may not remember that but it stays with me. In our school days, he always made time to visit us – even when we were in Europe – and I appreciate him for those acts. "

**My dad is God's blessing to us**



-Ameer Adedeji Akewusola

A lion's cub will never bleat like a goat; it will always roar because of its nature. So also, Ameer Adedeji, the second son and child of Alhaji WasiuAkewusola is a giant killer like his dad. He studied International Relations at Girne American University and had his Post Graduate degree in Political Science at Near East University both in Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and currently works as a Graphic Designer and Digital Artist. Also just recruited as Sports Officer by the Lagos State Civil Service Commission. Speaking to our correspondents about his beloved dad, he said:

"My father is very intelligent and disciplined. He knew what is best for us as his children. Initially, I had the desire to study Economics but knowing my nature, he advised me to study Law but I told him I don't feel it, then he suggested International Relations, which resonated with my spirit and he supported me. I actually learnt a lot in that course. He does not want his children to struggle through life or make mistakes like he did. My dad is God's blessing to us.

We do have father-son disagreements but more often than not, he is always right – and he has never imposed his opinion on us. As a kid, I could jump everywhere but now, I am calm – because he never allowed us to go astray.

My dad ensured we had the best education from primary to the university despite his meagre income. He was always finding a way to pay our school fees through his side businesses.

I am always close to my mom but my dad is my role-model. He once had a shop where he sold and published books, and he keeps encouraging me to venture deeper into business than working only as a graphic artist."

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**MR. AKEWUSOLA WASIU ADEDAMOLA  
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**A TRIBUTE BY THE HEAD OF SERVICE  
MR. HAKEEM MURI-OKUNOLA**

In reflecting on my relationship with QS Akewusola Wasiu Adedamola over the years, it gives me great pleasure to put this few words on paper on a friend and brother and a perfect gentleman who epitomizes the true essence of dignity, humility, integrity, piety, kindness and professionalism.

2. As the State Head of Service, I was uniquely positioned in the last few years to appreciate your sense of loyalty and absolute respect for constituted authority. At the same time, your high regard for teamwork was variously attested to by members of the Body of Permanent Secretaries. I must also add that the excellent relationship you had enjoyed among colleagues and subordinates alike, is without doubt, a reflection of your deep sense of fairness, dedication to your duties and transparent commitment to the well-being of others.

3. As a Member of the Body of Permanent Secretaries, his significant contributions to the Body's deliberations on issues have affected positively on major policy decisions of Government. It is therefore no surprise that your record of service as a thorough bred professional and distinguished Public Administrator has remained without blemish throughout your sojourn in the State Public Service.

4. A quintessential Administrator whose wealth of experience remained critical in the delivery of quality service across all Agencies where he was deployed to serve, QS Akewusola Wasiu Adedamola had always proved to be a leader who upheld professional work ethics, the highest standards of probity, firmness of principles and an impeccable character

5. While wishing him more successes in retirement in the years ahead, with long life in good health, I am convinced that his wealth of experience would be brought to fore in all his future endeavours.

**Hakeem Muri-Okunola**  
Head of Service

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## He is a Mentor, Father-figure, Religious Leader among other things to me

- **ESV Usman Akinpelu**

Estate Surveyor Usman Akinpelu is a professional with a humble spirit, a gentleman with a lion heart. He is a Lands Officer at Lagos State Civil Service and Personal Assistant to Alhaji Wasiu Adedamola Akewusola since the latter's appointment as General Manager, Lagos State New Towns Development Authority (NTDA) in June 2016.

**Usman Mayowa Akinpelu spoke to our correspondent on his work and personal relationship with Alhaji Wasiu Akewusola and the personality of his boss and mentor:**

"I have been privileged to grow into a responsible man and seasoned professional under his guidance. We lived together in the same neighbourhood for almost 25 years. He was a mentor, father-figure, religious leader among other things to me.

Some may perceive him as quite stern but in real sense, he is a gentleman with great standards for moral and discipline, a seasoned professional and

successful administrator.

He is a dynamic, hardworking and God-fearing man, very cultured in his daily affairs. He is a respected leader and excellent teacher; he taught me equity and fairness, emotional intelligence and critical evaluation, leadership skill and fear of God."

What are the indelible experiences Usman has about Alhaji Akewusola, he replied, "I can never forget his proverbs and how he relates almost every situation to a particular one. He is very jovial and always ready to crack you up with his jokes."

## I truly recognise, respect and appreciate Akewusola's valuable contributions during meetings

- **Samson Ajibade**

**Mr. Samson Olusegun Ajibade is a retired Permanent Secretary at Lagos State Public Service. He is like a resting lion that no animal could arouse. He is both enigmatic and charismatic.**

In his letter to our office entitled, **"A TRIBUTE TO MR. WASIU AKEWUSOLA BY PERMANENT SECRETARY PUBLIC SERVICE OFFICE"** He writes:

"I am extremely glad to say one or two things about a jolly good fellow who I call "Baba Onile". I have known him since his days at New Towns Development Authority-NTDA as General Manager. I perceive him as an unstoppable force who is focused, resilient, hard-working, dedicated and strives at all times in achieving his objectives.

MR. WASIU AKEWUSOLA's lifelong dedication to Public Service exemplifies what I believe is the credo of every public servant, which is, service to others first. He has demonstrated this principle throughout his career in the Public Service with vigour, passion and compassion. The skills, knowledge and exceptional qualities which he exhibits have inspired so many people along the way.



I truly recognize, respect and appreciate his valuable contributions during the meetings of the highly esteemed Body of Permanent Secretaries. I am proud to note that our working relationship has been cordial, warm, cheerful and very respectful.

I wish to remember him not just for the things he has accomplished during his career in the Service but also, for his tact, care and transparency. He has worked so hard and accomplished so much and now it's time for him to look back and enjoy it.

He is an amazing, passionate, thoughtful, amiable and easy-going mankind who has impacted lives in one way or the other in the course of his chosen career in the Public Service and outside. In conclusion, he added, "As you exit from the Public Service, we will sorely miss you. I pray that the Almighty God bless you and your family. I wish you well in retirement."





## Wasey is very Jovial, Trustworthy, Selfless, Religious and Intelligent

**Akindele Oludotun Oyefeso**

Akindele Oyefeso is like a small rudder that controls a mighty ship in the ocean. He is ever confident and focused. Akindele Oludotun Oyefeso, an indigene of Ode-Remo, Ogun State is a graduate of University of Ife where he studied Building.

### He spoke about his relationship with Mr. Wasiu Akewusola.

"I first met Wasey in 1982 during our registration for first semester courses as freshers in the Faculty of Environmental Design & Management (EDM), University of Ife – and coincidentally, both of us lived in Awo Hall. We flow together in so many aspects of life such that, out of the five years we spent at the University of Ife, we were in the same room for three years and in

the same Club (Man O' War) for four years.

Wasey is very jovial, trustworthy, selfless, religious and intelligent. He always radiates happiness and makes everyone around him happy because happiness is woven into his nature but he is not given to vanity. His lifestyle is very simple.

"Another remarkable thing about him is that he faithfully observes his fasting during the holy month of Ramadan – and I can never forget that for three years we stayed together in the same room in the University, Wasey would

prepare meals for the two of us in the mornings and in the evenings throughout the months of Ramadan. This, he did consistently for three years and I remain eternally grateful for the humility and selflessness. He is very religious but not a bigot. He is proud to be a Muslim, I am a Christian but I am proud to call him my friend. He mixes freely with people and treats them equally, irrespective of their ethnic or religious background. He speaks and practises peace and love among all mankind in general."

## Alhaji Akewusola is a team player, a great leader who wants everybody to succeed

**- Alhaji Sheriff Babatunde**

**Does the name Alhaji Sheriff Babatunde ring a bell? It is only a blind man that considers an elephant a little animal. Sheriff is a man of class and repute.**

### His note on Akewusola hinted:

"I met Alhaji Akewusola when he was appointed Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Housing. He is a disciplined civil servant and result-oriented technocrat; dedicated and focused. He loves to do things the right way; not cutting corners or bend rules. He prefers to follow due processes to achieve results. Akewusola is supportive; always ensuring that success is achieved. He often chases us passionately because our success also

translates to his success.

My indelible experience of him is his policies and principles. He always insists that things be done the right way. He discharges his duties without asking for favour. He is a team player, a great leader who wants everybody to succeed and achieve specific goals within the stipulated time frame, making sure that whatever challenges you are having should be solved. He also implored every right-thinking youth and potential



leader to emulate Alhaji Wasiu Akewusola's patience, perseverance, dedication to duty and most importantly commitment. In conclusion, he added, "My felicitation and that of Brains and Hammers is to thank and appreciate him for his supports, cooperation and understanding in the course of duty. We wish him success in his future endeavours."

## Alhaji Akewusola takes everybody's problem as his problem

**- Arc. Dhikru Llah Adedoyin Har-Yusuf**

**Adedoyin Kayode Har-Yusuf joined the employment of Lagos State Development and Property Corporation (LSDPC) on January 21st, 1991 and rose to become the head of the organization before he retired on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021. Architect Adedoyin is a perfect description of the maxim that, "Dress code is no true reflection of affluence and personality." He looks simple but he is a man of timber and calibre.**

While speaking to us on his observation and inference on

Akewusola, he said, "Meeting Alhaji Akewusola was predestined. We first met in the 1980s when we both emerged winners at the National Union of Lagos Students election; I was the President while he was the Financial Secretary. We were both employed at LSDPC in 1991 and we worked together till his appointment as the Acting Managing Director of the Corporation in 2015.

We lived together at the staff quarters at Ogba as bachelors. He played a lot of roles in my

marital life by ensuring I have a wife at home. He is a very strong pillar of support spiritually and professionally. He's highly impactful and God-fearing. He takes everybody's problem as his problem. He is selfless, considerate, wise and analytical." He's also very dedicated to his job, diligent to details and loyal to professionalism – and I can never forget his unflinching support for me and my family. God will continue to promote him for us.



## Wasiu is an Amiable person; very Dedicated, Committed, Reliable and Dependable

**- QS Mafimidiwo Bamidele**

**Mafimidiwo Bamidele is like an oak tree that holds its fort as an acorn. Which tree will compete with oak in size and girth?**

**QS Mafimidiwo Bamidele FNIQS, RQS is the current Vice President, Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors. Former Chairman, NIQS Lagos Chapter, former Physical Planning Director, Yaba College of Technology, former Director Epe campus; Yaba College of Technology and Principal Partner- BAM Associates.**

### How and when did he meet Alhaji Wasiu Akewusola and what can he say about their relationship from inception till this moment? He answered,

"We first met as undergraduates at Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife in the mid 80s and later as Exco members of NIQS, Lagos State Chapter (Senate members for about 10 years). We are both Quantity Surveyors.

Wasiu is an amiable person; very dedicated, committed, reliable, dependable, very frank, hardworking, humble, generous and very friendly. He is a man of high integrity,

a responsible father and devoted Muslim. When Wasiu was the Chairman of NIQS, Lagos State Chapter, he facilitated the visit of the Association's Senate members to the then Governor of Lagos State – Mr. Babatunde Raji Fashola, SAN and we were promised a piece of land by Lagos State Government and he brought the Speaker of the Lagos State House of Assembly to his investiture ceremony. Alhaji Wasiu Akewusola is an action man, goal-getter and highly responsible with proven integrity and astute professionalism to the core."



## Akewusola is a great Professional and Mentor

- Mrs. Abisola Dina

Mrs. Abisola Ameenat Dina is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria and a Deputy Director at the Lagos State Public Service. Abisola is a mother hen with large wings to shield her chicks. Her beautiful smiles are a reflection of her kind heart and generosity.

### Speaking about her relationship with Wasiu Akewusola, she said,

"I met Mr. Wasiu Akewusola in June 2016 when he was appointed the General Manager of Lagos State New Towns Development Authority. He is an easy-going, knowledgeable, wise, God fearing and highly considerate because his decisions and actions are always in the best

interest of the majority. Akewusola is a great professional and mentor; always willing to lend a hand and support on the job and off the job. He adheres strictly to professional ethics and principles, ensuring that things are done in accordance with laid down procedures. He is passionate about making a difference. Projects under his



supervision always pick up considerably and quite a number of estates have been commissioned due to his versatility. Mr. Akewusola's gentleness and uprightness are scarce traits that this new generation should emulate, and his ability to function effectively in a team is what every professional should inculcate."



## Alhaji Akewusola is a seasoned civil servant with good leadership ability

- Jelili Akinpelu

Jelili Akinpelu, a retiree of Lagos State Development and Property Corporation and a Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Building (NIOB) is a man of dignity and power. His name is heavier than bride price when seeking a damsel's hands in marriage.

While intimating us about his relationship with Wasiu Akewusola, he spoke thus, "I met Alh. Wasiu Akewusola at LSDPC in 1992 as a staff of Premises and Equipment Department and

he was in Quantity Surveying Department. He is a devoted Muslim, a technocrat, disciplinarian and an easy-going Chartered Quantity Surveyor. We were both neighbours at the Staff Quarters for almost 25 years and we got closer when he became LSDPC Acting MD/CEO and I was reporting directly to him as HOD, Premises and Equipment Department. He is a seasoned civil servant with good leadership ability and his excellent performance at LSDPC earned him the GM, NTDA and Permanent Secretary.

His love for the propagation of Islamic projects and Islam is always glaring. He is the current Chairman, Board of Trustees of MKO Abiola Muslim Community, Alausa, Ikeja."

## His good name and moral uprightness have opened doors for him and connected him to the top

- Eyitayo Akanbi-Adeyemi

From the fountain of knowledge, Ekiti State in Western Nigeria, Mrs. Tayo Akanbi-Adeyemi is like a torrential rain without cloud. She is a delight of the city and the country.

In her speech about Alhaji Akewusola; she said,

"Alhaji Wasiu Adedamola Akewusola and I are colleagues. I have known him since year 2000, and we are very close family friends. He is easygoing and hardworking. He is a Muslim to the core; he fears Allah and

trained his children in the tenets of Islam.

He is quiet, accommodating and diligent with his work. He has sharp eyes for quality and possesses the ability to work without supervision. He is very honest and truthful and hates double-mindedness."

"Alhaji Akewusola takes every problem lightly – even in the middle of crisis and oppression, he kept his cool until God vindicated him. His good name and moral uprightness have opened doors for him and

connected him to many people at the top."

Mrs. Akanbi-Adeyemi admonished the younger ones to learn the traits of patience and hard work from Akewusola. "Alhaji is a devoted Muslim. He has only one wife and no girlfriends. He doesn't like taking things too hard and he's very jovial. He forgives and doesn't harbour evil."

She relishes in Alhaji Akewusola's stories, counsels, advice, lessons and wisdom. "If you have a very big problem, go and meet him, he will solve the riddle, calm you and you will smile." **She added.**

## Working with Akewusola is Impactful, knowing him is great

- Lynda Onefeli

Mrs Lynda Onefeli is a man in woman skin before a judge. Women like her smile where most men cower. She is a lawyer and a Chartered Secretary and Administrator, currently pursuing her PhD at the Babcock University. She is the first female Chairman of the Institute of Chartered Secretary and Administrator of Nigeria, Lagos State chapter, and Association of Professional Bodies of Nigeria, Lagos State chapter.

How and when did she meet Akewusola and what can she say about their relationship and personality of our man? She said,

"I met Alhaji Akewusola in 2007/2008 when the APBN Lagos chapter commenced. We were both pioneer executives of the body – and we have since served together at various levels at the APBN, Lagos chapter (Association of Professional Body of Nigeria) Lagos State chapter. When he became the Chairman of

the Association, I was his Vice Chairman; working with him is impactful and knowing him is great.

"He is unassuming. When you see him, you may not know what he is capable of achieving. He may look too simple but in his quiet way he achieves results and gets things done. He is a leader who will not lord it over you but will get the job done. He will give directives and use his influence to get things done when necessary. He

will guide and he listens. He is also open to people's opinions, contributions and guidance."

Attorney Onafeli hinted that Alhaji Akewusola is a grateful person who will always appreciate minutest gestures. When we served together, he appreciated the service.

"When I was Vice Chairman, I travelled out to have a baby. Upon my return, he was the first person to visit my house, not to give me any assignment but to rejoice with me."



# Alhaji Akewusola is a good listener and go-getter

- Chief Biodun Wahab

Enigmatic Chief Abiodun Wahab is a well-educated Nigerian with deep training in Nigeria and the USA. He is one of the very few Nigerians on the train of reverse the Brain Drain, with the sole intention of putting Nigeria in the very heart of the world.

On his return to Nigeria, he joined an organisation which was involved in Odo-Onasa/Ayandelu, Agbowa Residential Project – and through that project, his path and that of Alhaji Wasiu Akewusola crossed. Speaking to our correspondent on his relationship and personality of Alhaji Akewusola, he said, “Our firm was supposed to be under the Ministry of Housing but was put

under the Ministry of Physical Planning Urban Development to supervise the job. The Governor then refused to approve our payment. We filed several litigations against the Government of Lagos State for abandoning the project. The project was later transferred to the Ministry of Housing and Alhaji Akewusola, being the Permanent Secretary called all of us together, the Commissioner was not there

but he was the one handling all the challenges and the way he handled it endeared him to me.” “Alhaji Akewusola is a good listener and goal-getter. He is a staunch Muslim who fears Allah and a distinguished professional; so committed to his job. Whatever you entrust in his care is safe. He is not after money but excellence. He will recommend you for any opportunity that shows up.” He concluded.

## Alhaji Akewusola should be likened to a biological first son

—Pastor John Sunday Odunuga JP

One set of people to be respected by every man is his parents-in-law. Why? They are the ones who do not want his lineage to perish. Pa John Sunday Odunuga JP is a man that sired and structured the woman that delights Alhaji Akewusola. He is a renowned teacher and trader.



Pa Odunuga said about his son-in-law, “Alhaji Akewusola should be likened to a biological first son; he is very caring, helpful and considerate – anytime I call him on phone, he answers.

At the time he was about to marry my daughter, I didn't even know he was a Muslim. I never bothered asking because my wife was pleased with him and my daughter was in love with him. I never regretted

consenting to their marriage. Alhaji Akewusola is a very good person. His training and values are glaring in the children and his wife. He and his family call virtually every day to ask after my health. He is always willing to do something good for you if it is within his ability, and if he cannot, he will find someone to do it to satisfaction.”

What unforgettable moment

does he have of his son by choice? Pa Odunuga replied. “There was a time the storm destroyed my building, he brought good carpenters to help me out.” “I pray that God will help him in all his future endeavours. He will guide and be with him in every step he takes.” Pa Odunuga prayed.



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## Akewusola is honest and sincere—even when other parents didn't pay tuition fees, he would pay

— **Ustaz Dawu'ud Al-aruudi** Chief Imam Alausa Police Barracks



Teachers of scriptures are revered people in the society because they direct people on the right path and connect them to their Maker. Ustaz Dawu'ud is one of those few people pointing people to the will of Allah. What can he say about Alhaji Wasiu Akewusola? He revealed, "I have known Alhaji Akewusola for about 20 years through Islamic activities. His two sons attended my Dara'ah. He is an honest person; more of him is needed in our society. He doesn't lie. He always run away from atrocities. He is time

conscious; if he tells you to meet at a place by 4:30pm, he would be there at 4:00pm. The way Akewusola honours Allah in the lives of his children made me respect him. He doesn't owe – even when other parents didn't pay tuition fees, he would pay. His fervent belief in Qur'an made me love him so much. During his birthday, he distributed his books freely. He and his family believe strongly in Allah. Ustaz Dawu'ud wants the youths to learn many things from Akewusola such as good and godly character –

avoiding lies and fulfilling their promises. "Akewusola always fulfills his promises when it is time to do so and he always warns the youth not to commit atrocities. His good habits were not swallowed up by his position. As PS, he leaves his house early in the morning and he wouldn't leave his duty post until everything is properly done."



## I always tell Daddy that Alhaji is his best in-law."

- **Olubunmi Ajileye**

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. Olubunmi has been shining to the chagrin of her antagonists because her source is God. This sister-in-law took us down the memory lane on the man Akewusola.

"I met Alhaji when he wanted to marry my immediate junior sister. He was introduced to us as Damola and we all thought he was a Christian. Alhaji Wasiu Akewusola is a pleasant person and very jovial. All our family members love him. He was the first person that gave me a bag to put my handouts – and in my

working days at Daily Times, I always visited their house at Ogba when I closed from the office, and I always told Daddy then that he is his best in-law." She spoke to us on the kindness, generosity and accommodating spirit of Alhaji Akewusola, "In October, I was admitted at the General Hospital, he visited despite his tight schedule. He is a great man

even to his immediate family. He trained his children to be able to face the future. He allows his wife to attend and contribute to family affairs, and on several occasions, he stretches himself to reach out." Olubunmi thanked God for the life of her brother-in-law and prayed that God will guard, guide, strengthen and empower him for more exploits after his retirement.

## Akewusola is very supportive, humble, loyal and prudent

- **Kunle Adefisayo**



It is unimaginable and incredible for a mouse to challenge a cat to a brawl. Only an uncultured surveyor or builder, a quack and novice will question the ability of Estate Surveyor Kunle Adefisayo. Kunle is a man of experience, both on the field and boardroom. He was employed the same year with Akewusola at the LSDPC – and they have been close friends since then.

**What makes their friendship tick? Kunle Adefisayo hinted,** "We used to live as neighbours at Ogba. We were both promoted, married and bought cars about the same time. We did many things together until I left the job in 2001. Akewusola is very supportive, humble, loyal and prudent. Akewusola will never accept bribe from anyone. He believes you will

only become what God destined you to be. His family and mine are very close. When I had my first and second children, we both slept in the hospital overnight. Whenever any slightest opportunity appears, he connects me. You don't know how difficult the outside is until you leave the service – but Akewusola has been so helpful and very fantastic. When

my wife died, he and his wife played prominent roles that I can never forget." Kunle showered encomia on Akewusola for being a friend indeed and he congratulated him for reaching the pinnacle of his career in service. "I wish him good luck and all the best, sound health, more influence and affluence as he faces the next phase of his life."

## Wasey is very hard working, Reliable and Trustworthy

- **Olusanya Ajewole**

Do not compare a lizard with a crocodile. They might both be reptiles. One is an aquatic creature while the other is created for the land but the crocodile is a carnivore that eats flesh while lizard is an insectivore – and that explains the reason for their size and power. Just like a mighty croc in the ocean, QS Olusanya Ajewole, a graduate of Great Ife is a professional of repute. He and Alhaji Akewusola have been friends for 40 years.

**In his take on Wasiu Akewusola, he revealed,** "Wasey (as I fondly call him) is very hard working, reliable and trustworthy. If he gives you his word, you can go to sleep. I remember when we needed to type our project in Ife and I had no money to pay. He brought it to his relation in Lagos and asked me to settle the woman whenever I have the money. I

eventually settled the woman from the first money I got from my youth service in Lagos. He has been of immense assistance to me on anything I need in Lagos State, and that made some people feel I am so powerful." He also commended Alhaji Akewusola for being a good professional and godly parent, instilling moral in his kids. "One of



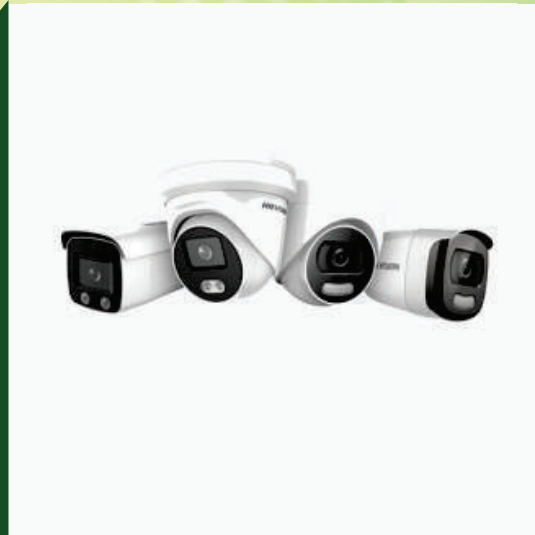
his children came to me and prostrated. I wondered how many children do that these days? As a professional, his contribution to housing in Lagos State and improvement of LSDPC management and control is quite impressive. He has delivered many papers on housing and environmental factors – helping to bring development to our nation."





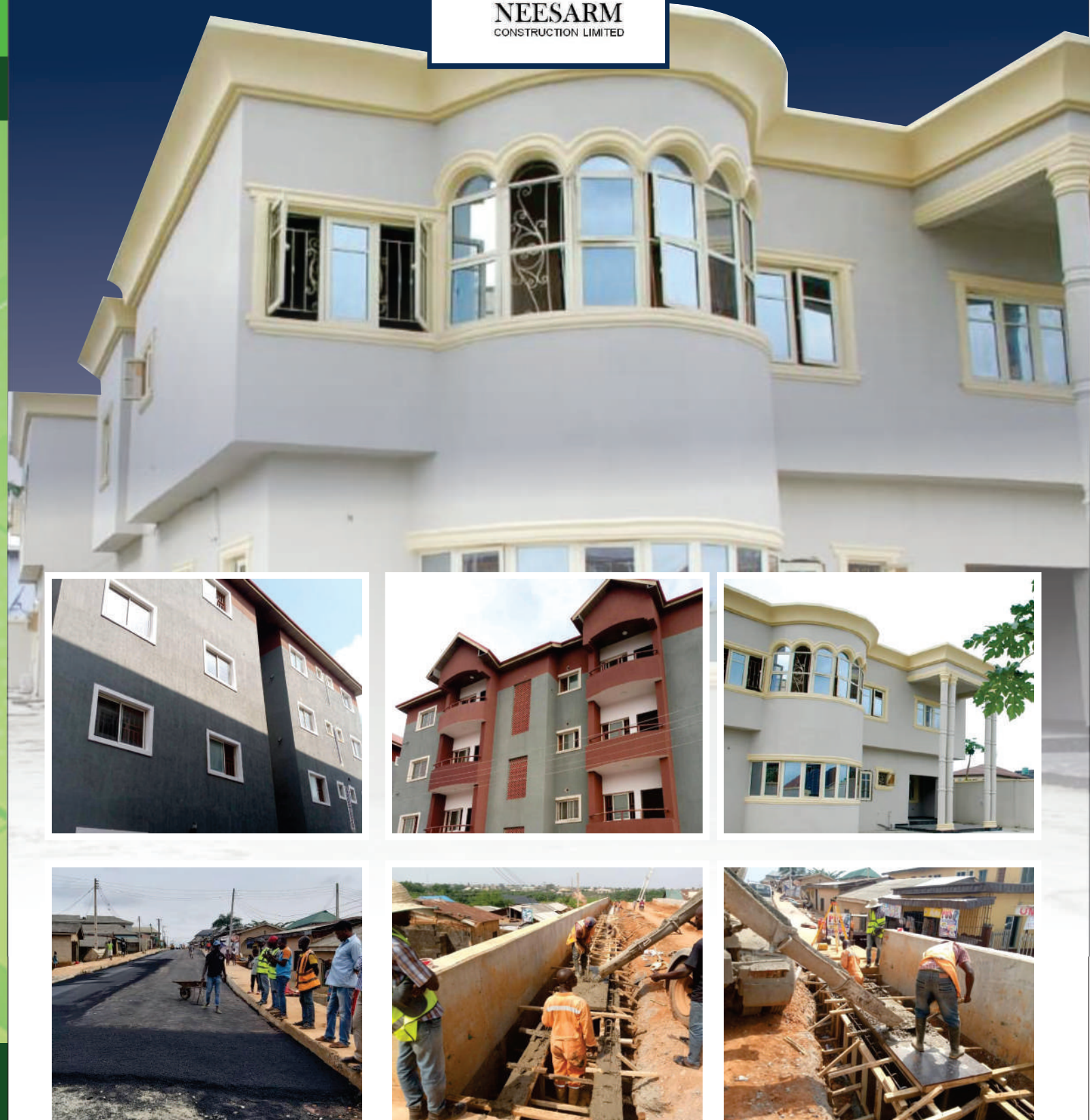
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## He has inculcated into his wife and children good moral and godly habits

- Kehinde Oyadiran

Some people are so incredible like a lump of coal that turned diamond. Their emergence is magical and their exploits are miraculous. Kehinde Oyadiran is both magical and miraculous and his results are phenomenal. He is a childhood friend of Akewusola, having known him since secondary school days. In this Chartered Accountant and Executive Director's

statement on the person of Akewusola, He said:

"Alhaji Akewusola has always been gentle, humble, respectable and serious-minded right from school. In academics, he was among the best. In the area of religion, he is a devoted Muslim but not a controversial or critical type. He never discriminated on the basis of religion. He observes his prayers without making any noise about it. He has inculcated into his wife and children good moral and godly habits.

He assists those in need according to his ability – especially his friends unless he's not aware. He is so kindhearted that he will not make a show of it unless the person he assisted mentions it. His humility is well pronounced – even in his relationship with his subordinates; unless somebody tells you he is the boss; you won't know he is the MD." Whilst wishing Alhaji Wasiu Akewusola well, he wants the young ones to emulate his dedication to work.

## Alhaji is a God-fearing Mankind

- Emmanuel Obire

Gone are the days when an elephant and her calves could not tusk at the same time – but things have changed, elephant and her calves can tusk simultaneously. Emmanuel Obire is a fine gentleman, a professional whose light cannot be hidden by detractors. Speaking on Wasiu Akewusola, their first meeting and relationship, he said further: "Akewusola is a thoroughbred professional, process and detail oriented. He wants to do things properly and accordingly without patching-up. He once called me and said, 'I am trying to make things work for you,' – and he's true to his

words. Another thing I know about him is that he cherishes his name and keeps it as important. He will say to you 'E je ka se dada (Let's do it better). If I am not there anymore, the person coming after me will know that I have done my job thoroughly and he will really salute me and call me a rare public officer.' Coming close to Alhaji has made me understand that public officers must be very diligent with what they do. He will always insist that things be done properly not just to please him, but for us who are also involved in the project. He believes that when another administration comes and is doing its project, it will



look out for loopholes in whatever we have put together. Alhaji is a God-fearing mankind, and a well-structured family man whose godly character shows in his children. I met one of his sons, an architect, he is a thorough reflection of a decent human being." Speaking further, he said, "Alhaji doesn't tolerate nonsense, he is very disciplined and uncultured people cannot survive around him."



## Wasiu is very Religious and Devoted to Islamic injunctions

- Oba Kabiru Adewale Shotobi, Ayangburen of Ikorodu

It is not a mistake that the lion was made the king of the jungle ... the fact is that it will neither bow nor tuck tail and run from any other beast.

It isn't a mistake that peacock is respected among birds ... its robe of honour comes from the Almighty God. Who will dare a king – even if he is a child? Whosoever does will have his head lifted off his shoulder. Here we give obeisance and prostrate in honour of The Royal Majesty, Oba Kabiru Adewale Shotobi, the Ayangburen of Ikorodu.

Oba Shotobi is the paramount ruler of Ikorodu Kingdom; the Chairman of the Council of Obas and Chiefs in Ikorodu Division and Vice-Chairman of the Obas and Chiefs in Lagos.

While speaking with Kabiyesi, we discovered that great men are not born great, they grow great to achieve greatness. In

Oba's words; "Akewusola and I attended Zumratul Islamiyyah Grammar School. He is one of the special breeds that took Islamic religion vigorously. He is a committed and devoted Muslim. I am not surprised he attained the level he is, he has always been a serious and focused person.

He is retiring but I still believe he has more to offer Lagos State – and I won't be surprised if he is recalled or given a special assignment due to his legacy and pedigree."

Kabiyesi also spoke to us about Akewusola's involvement in the Old Students' Association and his relationship with people. "I cherish him for his tenacity at looking for those he hasn't seen in a while. He's a prime mover

among his peers in secondary school, bringing them together to function at the Old Students' Association – and that has greatly impacted the development of the school. He was my junior but I have known him to be very religious and devoted to Islamic injunctions. He was one of the active members of the Muslim Students' Society in his school days and was always going for and winning prizes in Islamic quiz and debates. He has a social media platform where he sends Qur'an verses every day and I am following it up regularly."

The Ayangburen of Ikorodu Kingdom, Oba Shotobi also spoke to us on the distinguishing characters and distinct features that made Akewusola a force to be reckoned with in the Civil Service, "He is a gentleman to the core, he will hardly hurt a fly.

He's up and doing, diligent in his work, loyal to his employers, dedicated to his office and he also cooperates with his colleagues – and those traits earned him a high score in the ministry and took him to the level he is today."

On a personal note, Kabiyesi expressed his appreciation for Akewusola's involvement in his bid to take over the stool of his forefathers, "When I became the Oba, he contributed earnestly to see that most of the old students attended my coronation ceremony. He also organised a seminar at Yabatech that brought many senior and junior students together."

"I want to wish him a happy ending as he retires from service. I wish him a very successful retirement and whatever he lays his hands on shall prosper."

Kabiyesi prayed.





## He is very diligent with his works and fervent in prayer

**HRM Najeem Fashola**  
Ologudu of Ogudu Kingdom

**Kabiyesi Alayelu To be a king; you must be a man of intelligence, and influential and affluent personality. He must have the backing of God, deities and the people he sets to rule. Oba Fashola is the custodian of Ogudu Heritage, the mouthpiece of the land. He is a rock from which Ogudu gains strength for development - and his reign has brought peace and serenity to the community, to the extent that the community now rubs shoulder among the best in Lagos State.**

Ologudu is a monarch with influence that equals the strength of 10 other Kings. Walk on, your royal majesty. Speak out with the voice of heaven; in it is the authority conferred on you by your people.

Our correspondent recently interviewed Kabiyesi Ologudu of Ogudu on the personality of Alhaji Wasiu Akewusola and his dexterity. "Wasiu Akewusola is my in-law. I have known him since his primary school days I presume. He is very humble to the core. He is very close to my wife. He is a good man with fair policies and a hardworking professional who is very detailed with his works. He doesn't joke with his works. Our relationship is very cordial and I like him. I'm very proud of him and the entire Akewusola family, including their daddy and mummy. They are all wonderful people. Wasiu Akewusola is very religious; he has respect for Qur'an and its tenets – and he follows Islamic injunctions."

He spoke further, "Wasiu is an easy going person. He visits his sister regularly and whenever we have misunderstanding, he comes in and settles it. He

doesn't mince his words: he says it as it is.

He is very diligent with his works and fervent in prayer. He works and prays to maintain a balanced life. His hard work and honesty paved way for him to reach the citadel of his career. I was so happy when the government appointed him as Permanent Secretary. "Wasiu's diligence is notable from the time he was at LSDPC. He took part in building many affordable homes – and one of the best contributions that will help mankind live a normal life is shelter.

Kabiyesi postulated that Wasiu Akewusola is a case study for all aspiring professionals especially the youths. "His likes are very scarce in the Civil Service today."

"My prayer is that after his retirement, God will give him sound health and prosperity to enjoy his off duty with his wife and children." He added.

## Akewusola is a thoroughbred Professional who Abhors Dishonesty

**- Alhaji (Chief) Adeniyi Sarumi**  
(MD/CEO of Neesarm Construction Limited)

**No sane person will compare a dog with a tiger. The dog may charge stronger and bark louder but if it dares the tiger, it will be baptised with its own blood. Chief Adeniyi Sarumi is a man among many boys and a captain where there are many players in construction industry, a tiger in Nigerian business environment. Alhaji Adeniyi was born in Lagos into the prominent Sarumi family. He started off as an Accountant before venturing into haulage business, oil and gas, and later construction business.**

In his speech about Alhaji Wasiu Akewusola's personality and dispositions, Alhaji Sarumi said, "I met Alhaji Akewusola some years ago before he was made the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Housing and I have known him to be a thoroughbred professional who abhors dishonesty, but very straightforward. I remember a time the Ministry was

owing us money, to an extent that I couldn't bear it any longer. I went down to his office to cause a scene. I shouted at him that our money should be paid. Instead of walking me out of his office, he sat down, looking composed; very quiet and calm. After my ranting, he promised that the money will be paid – and I felt so bad for my attitude. I apologised to him for my

unruly behaviour." Speaking further, he admonished the youths to learn from Akewusola's principles of dignity, diligence and discipline which he believes helped Akewusola to the top of his career. "Now that he is retiring, I wish him all the best in his future endeavours because he is sure a role model to many." He concluded.

## He is a Muslim But Everybody counts before him

**Engineer Isaac Babatunde Ayoola**

**Which other animal is as acrobatic as the monkey– even in the family of apes, it stands out? Engineer Isaac Ayoola is a different breed of a professional – enigmatic, focused and practical.**

**An original Islander, Babatunde was born at the Okepopo area of Lagos. He attended University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University) and there, he met Alhaji Akewusola.**

**Taking our correspondent down the memory lane, Engineer Ayoola spoke about the uniqueness of his long-standing friend; "Akewusola and I were admitted at Ife the same year and we were allocated the same room. Our friendship has been**

so cordial since that time. We were roommates throughout our university days – and during our holidays, we visited each other as there were no GSM at the time.

Alhaji Akewusola is a peaceful mankind; settling several disputes. He is gentle, polite and accommodating. He is a Muslim but everybody counts before him – irrespective of gender, age, religion, race, or tribe. We both joined Man O' War.



On his unforgettable moments with Alhaji Akewusola, Engineer Ayoola said, "On my wedding day in Oyo, Akewusola was so committed that he drove all the way from Lagos and got to Oyo before service started." In conclusion, Engineer Ayoola advised the youths to learn the principle of patience and tenacity from Alhaji Akewusola.





**Since I knew him, I have discovered a complete gentleman, respectful, focussed, friendly and humble person**

**Hon. Adebayo Odulana**

Born in the Brazilian Quarter of Lagos Island, Adebayo Odulana is like an elephant. He can root out blockage, pull strings anywhere and he has been an affluent and positive influence since childhood. This estate developer, a media mogul and an honourable member of State and Federal constituency said about Alhaji Wasiu Akewusola thus;

humble person. He participated actively in estate affairs and contributed skills and materials to any of our projects. One of the things I will never forget about him is standing against the crowd at a time someone was appointed to retrieve owed dues and generate money for the betterment of our estate. It was only Akewusola that made those revolting against the man realised

that the man was appointed by the entirety of the estate residents. Akewusola is humble, generous and loves working according to policies and standards. I have no question mark on his character. He does the things he has capacity for. I am not a Moslem but I can tell you that Akewusola is not a fanatic; he relates well with everybody. He is a jolly good fellow and I wish him well in the next dispensation of his life."

"I met Alhaji Akewusola when I moved into Marwa Gardens but we were not close until we started interacting as neighbours – and since the day I knew him, I have discovered a complete gentleman, respectful, focused, friendly and

**"He is effective without making noise about it.**

**ESV Joshua Bolarinde Patunola-Ajayi**

ESV Patunola-Ajayi is an authority in the field of estate and facility management in Nigeria. He has been at the helm of affairs for many professional bodies – including his area of specialisation and others.

As lions are friends to other lions. No wonder, Akewusola and Patunola-Ajayi have so much in common. He told our reporter on his first meeting with Akewusola and how far they have come.

"I met Alhaji Akewusola in 2007 when I was Chairman of NIESV, Lagos Chapter and he was Chairman of the Institute of Quantity Surveyors, Lagos chapter

at a time we are trying to midwife Association of Professional Bodies in Nigeria, Lagos State Chapter. I was the Secretary while he was the Treasurer of that body. He is a consistent person. Whatever job you assigned him to do, consider it done. He will go extra miles to assist others so as to ensure things are done accordingly. When I became Chairman, he was a wonderful Vice."

"He is effective without making



noise about it. He is reliable. There was a time we were trying to build a landmark project, he ensured there was no loophole and at another time, we planned to visit a LGC but our Chairman who was based in Abeokuta did not show up, Akewusola covered the gap to save all of us." He chipped in.

**Right from childhood, Wasiu is a very quiet, easy-going person**

**- Alhaji Saliu Somope Giwa Ademuyiwa**

A bell is a shaped cone with a swinging ball that rings whenever it is jingled. As small as it might look, it makes the loudest sound that gets everybody's attention. The value of this equipment is so pronounced in schools, worship centres and community halls. Alhaji S.G. Ademuyiwa is a bell that gets people's attention wherever he goes. He is Alhaji Wasiu Akewusola's uncle. This Sagamu born elite and British trained Pa S.G. Ademuyiwa worked at the Federal Airport Authority and retired as Assistant General Manager after many years of meritorious service.

He spoke to us on his relationship with Wasiu Akewusola: "Wasiu is my son. He is my elder brother's son. After his father's death, I became his father automatically and to the best of my ability, I believe I have been playing that role effectively. Right from childhood, Wasiu is a

very quiet and easy-going person. You will never see him complain about anything even when he was not satisfied with what you gave him, he will just overlook it and move on." He said on Alhaji Wasiu's personality. He said further, "His belief in Almighty Allah is absolute. Apart

from respecting me as their father; he and his siblings always bring a lot of gifts to me at festive period and they check on me regularly." "I am using this medium to congratulate and implore him to continue the good work he has been doing, and should not deviate from it." He concluded.



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**Who is she and what's her relationship with Mr. Akewusola? She answered,** "Wasiu is my younger brother. He has always been a quiet type, mummy's pet and a homely person. He was easy going and very fragile as a child." "He wouldn't joke with his stomach; he liked food, he liked eating to the

## Wasiu in a way, scores high when we talk about integrity.

— **Alhaja Nimotallahi Abike Okewande**  
(Nee Akewusola)

Extremely few are the women who boldly pound their chests where most men cower. Alhaja Okewande is one of those few amazons who has also taken her exploits to an extra mile; she can venture into and single-handedly conquer any field that 20 men cannot together plough within the same stipulated time.

fullest. In those days, we used to call him 'Da-po (combine together)' because he always begged that we should contribute monies together to buy bread and beans or combine our ration together." "He has always been a peaceable chap; never quarrelled with anybody. He can be jovial and warm. He doesn't lie or play tricks. He calls white, white. He is a great company any time, any day." She also spoke on what the new

generation can learn from her kid brother; "Wasiu is a dedicated person – his full focus is always on whatever he is doing. When he was in high school, his academics was his primary assignment and since he started working, you will never see him joke with his major concern. He is also hard working and disciplined. Although, nobody is 100 per cent perfect, Wasiu in a way, scores high when we talk about integrity.

## "One Minute of Patience, Ten years of Peace."

**Oluwole Sotire** Director (Engr. Services) Ministry of Housing

To be a leader, one must be a person of Intelligence, Influence and Wisdom. I do not mean to sound cliché but Mr. Wasiu Adedamola Olasunkanmi Akewusola is an all-round leader. My posting to the Ministry of Housing around October 2020 made me carry out a little research on him to know the kind of person I would be working with. Part of my findings revealed he is a highly intellectual professional who has distinguished himself in his field over the years and would not take kindly to his image being tarnished. In addition, I would also like to

highlight his high level of emotional intelligence. As someone who has to interface with many people every day, Mr. Akewusola is very patient. In fact, if there was an award for "Most Patient Personality", he would win indisputably. I might not be able to fully describe the virtue of patience I see in him, but if wealth could be measured by patience, Mr. Akewusola would be the Elon Musk Of our time, If long life is measured with patience, he would be the Methuselah of our time. While working with him, he was always willing and ready to listen and provide guidance whenever I seem to face a challenge.

the crown of leadership effortlessly. He leads with influence but never lords his position over you. His wealth of wisdom is unmatched and he has a never-ending supply of proverbs and sayings for every situation. He also has a very interesting and jovial personality, never failing to tease you with jokes ever so often. Not forgetting, he is also the most revered professor of cake analysis ever to evolve. I am most honored to have served under his leadership. Happy 60th Birthday and Retirement Ceremony Sir.

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### TRIBUTE TO MR. KEWUSOLA, WASIU ADEDAMOLA THE RETIRING PERMANENT SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING

**A.K.J Shadare**

Director Admin and Human Resources Ministry of Housing



**Mr. Akewusola Wasiu Adedamola our indefatigable Permanent Secretary. Congratulations on your birthday anniversary celebration and statutory retirement from the Lagos State Civil Service.**

Sir, you have come, seen and conquered in the service of the Lagos State.

Mr. Akewusola, you are a Permanent

Secretary with exceptional qualities. Apart from being a Technocrat, you are a Professional par excellence, a goal getter, an articulate person with high intellectual and ethical standard. You are also an astute Administrator and a disciplinarian.

2. You brought glamour to the members of staff birthday celebration and introduced gift to every Celebrant which is a new innovation in the Housing Ministry. You also brought in an uncommon last day in office event that was unique and gave happiness and encouragement to the entire staff of the Ministry.

You brought fairness and equality to

the service in terms of welfare package to the ministry and introduced the Best Officer of the month award for improved performance and productivity.

As you exit from the service meritoriously and on behalf of the department, I wish you all the best in retirement. We pray for you to enjoy long life, good and sound health by the grace and glory of Almighty Allah.

3. Though we are sad to see you leaving this Ministry at this crucial moment however the time we shared together and the memories we made will always be remembered and cherished.

### Akewusola is my confidant, always there for me

**-Rasak Adeleke Jaiyeola,**

Past President, Institute of Chartered Accountants Of Nigeria (ICAN)



**A patient dog, they say, eats the fattest bone. While some people fish for tilapia in the ocean, the smart ones look for whales and sharks – big and rare creatures, larger than what a net can catch. Alhaji Rasaq Adeleke Jaiyeola is a diligent, versatile and patient mankind with tangible results to show for his years of hard work.**

Rasak, a reputable Chartered Accountant spoke to our

correspondent on Alhaji Akewusola;

“Akewusola is very religious. He is one of the pioneer leaders and mobilisers that built the mosque in our estate. He is full of respect for both young and the elderly. He has a lot of intellect and broad mind. He speaks the truth without mincing his words – and his convictions about Islamic tenets brought us closer. We are like family. He is my confidant, always there for me and very reliable. If I need information on anything very important, he provides it. He guides and advises me on technical issues. He is very reliable and quiet.

He doesn't take things for granted, very straight forward and dependable.

If I call him and he is very busy, he will call back; he doesn't allow his position to overwhelm him. He ensures his children are well trained. He goes about his business quietly, and through his humility, he has won a lot of people to himself. He is diligent, emotionally developed and stable. He is a distinguished professional who has served to the pinnacle of his career. He is a top government official who does his work as it should be done without minding whose ox is gored.”



# Alhaji Akewusola is an activist

- Hon. Moruf Akinderu-Fatai

Among musical instruments, trumpet has a different feature. It is loud, clear and rhythmical. Hon. Moruf Akinderu-Fatai is a different breed of a politician. A two-term Federal Legislator and a cherished brand of a commissioner.

He is the Lagos Commissioner for Housing who oversees the initiation and implementation of the State Government housing policies. He is a complete gentleman, dedicated and committed to the uplifting of the people of Lagos.



In his speech on the character and personality of Alhaji Wasiu Akewusola, the Honourable Commissioner said,

"I first met Alhaji Akewusola in his office after my swearing-in. I discovered he is somebody who doesn't cheat – and for three years of working with him, I found in him a detailed and disciplined professional who will never patch things to make it look like it is accurate. He works according to the rules and regulations of his profession and civil service."

"I see Alhaji Akewusola as an activist. The first time I spoke with him, he said in a clear language, 'I don't involve myself in shady and dirty deals,' and I replied, 'I am also a straightforward person; I don't get involved in criminal acts,' and like a

magnet and metal, we glued, and our relationship has been an awesome experience. He has taught me a lot about Civil Service procedures. I am a Public Officer with a private sector background – but I now operate at the top of my game because he brought me up to date on qualitative rudiments of the ministry and exposed me to the acts of Civil Servants and building techniques and procedures."

What is the connecting point of a political appointee and a career officer that made their union tick? Hon. Akinderu-Fatai answered, "It is true we are from different backgrounds, but our equilibrium point is tangential to pleasing the Governor who appointed both of us. It is a known fact that Mr Akewusola can be as rigid as ever in his policies. We were once having a meeting with

somebody – and the person was suggesting something contrary to his policy. While I kept quiet, he just opened up immediately and said, 'That's criminal!' I told him, after the person left, 'Since we hold the aces and have the opportunity and time to analyse later, he should have just allowed the person to talk his mind – and we'll get back to him later. I then said to him, 'You will only be winning more enemies for yourself if you keep acting this way.' But I understand that he doesn't want to be polluted or be misunderstood in his stand for the truth.

"Akewusola is a nice person and a principled officer. I believe his discipline and policies are the reasons why some people believe he is a wicked man. No! It is simply because that is who he is, that is his nature – and I respect him for his openness." He said.

# I enjoy going to his office because of his rib cracking jokes

- Olakunle John Aboyeji

The man Olakunle Aboyeji is like water. He is useful for drinking, cooking, bathing and other valuable use. His type is so scarce due to his importance and quality. He is a blessing to every venture and association he belongs.



Olakunle is the General Manager of New Towns Development Authority (NTDA)

During a session with our correspondent, he was asked to say something about Alhaji Wasiu Akewusola and he opened up.

"Akewusola is a man of God, very sincere, thorough, and intelligent. He hates cheating and he relates well with people. He is also funny and accommodating. He forgives easily. Rather than proving to know too much, he takes to advice, and I never saw him oppress anyone with his position.

He believes that Akewusola's contribution to LSCPC, Housing in Lagos and professional association is great.

"In Lagos State NTDA, there is an ongoing project at Sangotedo. He contributed earnestly to get the contractors back on site and the work went steadily according to schedule – and

he performed the same feat on all the projects he supervised. He has a magical way of generating money for the Authority." He said.

"Akewusola doesn't compromise; he doesn't take bribe. He is a good Muslim. He told me that he has published two books and he doesn't joke with his prayers but he doesn't discriminate based on religion. His devotion encouraged me to build a mosque at the back of our office."

He said further that Alhaji Akewusola is a contented man who values his marriage and family.

"I so love and respect him. He has one wife and he doesn't mess around with other women. I enjoy going to his office because of his rib cracking jokes. Your secret is properly kept with him, he won't blab about your fault and he is always in office at the right time and will not leave until closing time or when the job is completed."

Mr. Olakunle Aboyeji also spoke on the distinguishing traits of Alhaji Akewusola and what youths can learn from him.

"Alhaji doesn't lobby anybody for favour; his absolute trust is in Allah. He won't favour you because he wants money from you. He detests bribe and quick money. He is a sticker for rules and due process, he will never do anything without getting the Governor's approval – and if this new generation should emulate that habit, cutting corners will reduce and this country will become a better place to live."

In conclusion, Olakunle Aboyeji said he enjoys relating with thorough, sincere, faithful, committed and dedicated people. "I believe he saw those things in me and that is why we are so close."

"Akewusola will be remembered for his words of knowledge and Yoruba proverbs." He concluded.



# When you talk of Public Service in Lagos State, Alhaji Wasiu Akewusola is a factor

- Bayowa Foresythe



**It is an unacceptable proposal for a lion to be made a storekeeper for every game that tigers kill and deciding when and how they feast. The bill will not fly in the Supreme Jungle Assembly. Bayowa Foresythe cannot be bent to obey foolish ideas. He is wise, intelligent and well read. Bayowa is currently the General Manager/CEO of the Lagos Mortgage Board.**

**In his speech about Alhaji Akewusola, he hit the nail on the head, saying;**

"When you talk of Public Service in Lagos State, Alhaji Wasiu Akewusola was a factor, I knew him even before I came into Public Service. At the Lagos State Development Property Corporation, his name was always coming up. He was part of the team that actually provided 36 units at our first Scheme in Shitta, Surulere and at Sogunro, Ogba. Basically, those jobs brought us together because why we are putting up the policy, they were rolling out the scheme and building the units." I know him as a very religious, quiet but active and detailed. When Bayowa thought his path will never cross that of Alhaji Akewusola after his transfer from LSDPC, but fate united them

again and again. They worked together on Sangotedo Scheme that Governor Sanwo-Olu just commissioned and other schemes. "We were on Sangotedo project before duty called him, and whenever we had issues, we contacted him and he did the needful promptly. When he was eventually appointed the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Housing, a strong position, a supervising ministry, he administered all the issues that have to do with housing. His wealth of experience in the housing sector is a blessing to the State. Speaking further, Bayowa hinted, "Alhaji Akewusola has been able to advise, counsel and provide good leadership needed in this season and time. There is not a time we call him, that he doesn't answer – and if he misses your call, he will call back. He likes cracking jokes and dancing a lot, but he has carved a niche for himself as a

professional. His many years in Public Service have added so much value to the Public Service in Lagos and boosted governance. He is a great person, a bridge-builder, trustworthy and reliable. He has so much in him that can be learnt. He is slow to speak, and a good listener. He doesn't get angry, or keep malice and he shares whatever knowledge he has with others. If he's not happy with something, he comes out quickly about it. He is also a religious person, a family man and a team player." While showering accolades on Alhaji Wasiu Akewusola, Bayowa Foresythe who admitted to have attended three birthday celebrations of Mr. Akewusola said, "He was highly celebrated within the Civil Service, and we are very excited to celebrate him anytime. So, the best we can wish him is the richest of the Almighty's favour." He concluded.



## God Fearing, people fearing Mentor

**Adeola Salako**  
Director, Public Affairs

principled way of life carefully blended with simplicity and intertwined with love and respect for others. He is a unique personality in every way and he exhibits a rare depth of wisdom based on both natural and native intelligence. He has a word of wisdom usually laced with apt humour for every situation. He is very accessible except to the mischievous and uncouth. He is always interested in the progress and welfare of everyone around him. As a Permanent Secretary, he treats all his Management Staff with respect and never gets angry or upset with our excesses and shortcomings. He made sure he selflessly mentored and prepared all management staff for leadership positions by allowing us to take responsibilities. One of the most interesting part of my own tutelage is cake analysis which usually form the high point of all our office celebrations.

Under his leadership, innovative and people-centered welfare packages were introduced to boost the morale of every member of staff. Birthdays and Last Days in office were usually well acknowledged and colorfully celebrated with the PS in attendance.

More importantly, I will always remember Mr. Akewusola for being a very content and satisfied person, never greedy or covetous over anything.

Above all, the PS is my teacher, my mentor, my role model and tutor... I was his trainee and protégée in the school of life. I pray that I will also make his kind of good impression and finish strong like he is doing today.

I pray for you, my dear Oga... it shall always be well with you and your family. This new phase of life shall indeed be the best. Every blessing that you desire will come easily by the special grace of God. Amen

Mr. Wasiu Akewusola means many things to many people. Some see him as a thorough professional, some acknowledge his sound administrative skills and yet others salute his adherence to religious tenets.

For me, apart from the above sterling qualities, Mr. Akewusola is an uncommon leader who changed the office environment by his unusual

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## ALHAJI AKEWUSOLA IS A RESPONSIBLE FAMILY MAN

-HON. JIDE JIMOH.

A man's height does not determine how far he sees, there are dwarfs with the strength and vision of 10 giants. Their full potentials are best exhibited during challenges and like race-cars, they outrun most executives and royals in the race of destiny.

Hon. Jimoh Olajide Abdulraheem is like a race car on the track of life. He used every opportunity on his track turning lemon into lemonade in order to voice his presence in the hall of destiny. A former Chairman of Yaba local council, member Lagos state House of assembly and currently a member of the

Federal House of Representative representing Lagos mainland federal constituency. A reputable professional and an politician, Hon. Jide Jimoh has a deeper knowledge about the yearnings of his people and thus can run like a cheetah, soar like an eagle and burrow like an earthworm to bring the dividends of democracy close to his constituency.

When asked about the relationship with Alhaji Wasiu Akewusola he said " I live in the same Estate with Alhaji Akewusola but I don't see him as a neighbour rather I see him as a brother and family. He is an active member on various developmental projects in the Estate and if he believe in a course, he will go all out to achieve it. He is a goal getter. He is humble to a fault and very unassuming. Since our path crossed, I never seen him gets annoyed or behave in a negative way. He is a gentle Man to the core. I remember when we were trying to build a mosque in the Estate, I can say with all sense of responsibility that his commitment towards the actualization of the mosque project cannot be underestimated. He is a very religious man, thorough professional, responsible family man and above all, a man who fear GOD"

## I DON'T SEE ALHAJI AKEWUSOLA AS MY IN-LAW BUT OUR FIRST BORN.

-MRS. FOLAKEMI OGUNDANA



**The Yoruba people of Western Nigeria are of the opinion that a good wife is not as worthy as a goon in-law and their goodness is neither measured by certificate nor bank account but simply by moral and etiquettes. One of such in-laws with this virtues is Mrs. Folakemi Ogundana.**

**A caterer by profession,** Mrs. Ogundana is an exceptional in-law to Alhaji Wasiu Akewusola. In

fact, the closeness between the two family has transcended from being an in-law to blood brother.

According to her"

Alhaji Wasiu Adedamola Akewusola is not my in-law but big brother.

As a matter of fact we see him as our first born because of the love and affection he shows our family since he got married to my sister. Before I lost my husband, he has been very supportive and ever since my husband died, he has been playing the role of a brother, husband and father to me and my

children effectively. He has never shied away from listening and taking care of our needs no matter how big it is. He has been a strong pillar for us. He usually calls me his junior wife and I call him my first born. While I am congratulating him on his retirement from the service, my prayer is that he will live long to reap the fruits of his labour.

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# Our Relationship is very deep



**Colonel Rasheed Akewusola**

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**Soldiers are disciplined men of unbent rules and unparalleled loyalty. Their training and principles turn them into hard nuts.**

**Rtd. Col. Rasheed Akewusola in his letter to our office on the personality of his brother stated,** "Our relationship is very deep; we attended the same primary and

secondary schools, and did virtually everything together. Alh WAO Akewusola impacted my academics greatly. The healthy competition our father subjected us to inspired me to excel in academics." "My brother is a devout Muslim and has contributed his own quota in the emancipation of the Muslim Ummah through philanthropic gestures and books. He is a reliable fellow with high integrity, a brilliant and an erudite scholar. He is a

sagacious and prolific writer with deep insight and indeed an avid reader. He detests indolent and unambitious persons. He is an assiduously hardworking individual, who attaches great desire to strive for excellence. He is an introvert, soft spoken by nature and on the quiet side. He is urbane and well mannered, unassuming and highly meticulous, a go-getter par excellence and very serious minded and robust personality." He added.

## He is a committed, hard working, accountable, religious and simple person

**QS Adenike Ayanda** FNIQS, MRICS, RQS, CCArb, BSc. QS, MBA, MSc. Constn Mgt.

**Adenike Ayanda is both enigmatic and pragmatic. Her professional insight gives her an edge in the field of Quantity Surveying. She was the first female Chairman of NIQS Lagos Chapter, and the current National General Secretary of the Guild.**

She spoke to us on how and when she met Alhaji wasiu Akewusola, and what their relationship has birthed, "I met him as an Exco member at NIQS Lagos Chapter Senate in 1998. Thereafter, we served for a period of ten years together in the Senate. He is a committed, hard working,

accountable, religious and simple person with a good sense of humour. He has also shown himself to be a responsible father and husband of one wife as a devoted Muslim."

She recollected indelible experiences she has had of Alhaji Akewusola, "I will not forget some specific advices he gave me on personal domestic issues."

"The younger ones can learn from him discipline, dedication to duty, integrity, humility, faithful service to God in their chosen religions and sense of family responsibility." She



added.

"He is an achiever, working quietly with focus and determination to succeed, and as he is retiring from service after a meritorious service, I wish him success in all his future undertakings and ask God to give him long life in good health, prosperity and continuous joy." She prayed.





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## Ministry of Housing Congratulations on your retirement sir, the only SAN that is not a lawyer.

**Mrs. Bukade Idowu-Koya**  
DD Legal Services Ministry of Housing

It has been an honour and privilege to work with you in my journey in the Civil Service, I am indeed grateful to God for the opportunity to know you.

I want to specially appreciate you because you're not just a boss

but a leader and a father. While trying to find my feet when I was posted to the Ministry of Housing, you patiently guided me into settling down in my unit. I like the fact that in the midst of the volume of work, there is always an opportunity to laugh to your humour and learn from your endless Yoruba proverbs. You have been a great and amazing leader and role model and I will never forget all I have learnt from you.

Thank you for being who you are; firm, thorough, precise, humane, hardworking... I wish you all the best in the next chapter of your life and I pray that the Lord will continue to guide your path, grant you long life and sound health and give you the grace to reap and enjoy the fruits of your labour in Jesus name. I'm missing you already sir... Happy Retirement!

## To a wonderful Boss and a Father

**Adejoke Ojo (MRS)** DD Procurement Unit.

Ecc.3v1 "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens". To a wonderful Boss and a Father, your time has come to rest and eat the fruit of your Labour. Congratulations on your retirement Sir, may you not retire unto sickness or death in Jesus mighty name, Amen. I wish surely miss your sense of humor and quality directives. I wish you a happy life filled with exciting fun and joy.

## Congratulations Boss!!!

## Happy Birthday and Successful Retirement my own PS and Egbon.

**Mrs Olayinka Patunola-Ajayi**  
Director Estate, Ministry of Housing



I am happy for today as you gloriously retire without blemish from the highly esteemed Civil Service of the Centre of Excellence.

You are an astute administrator per excellence. Your hardwork and dedication to work is unparalleled and that has endeared me to your style

of Leadership. You have been an inspiration and a good example of a straight forward and diligent personality. I pray that God will continue to pilot your affairs as you move on to your future endeavours. Congratulations to you my PS Sir.

## To our Amiable, Efficient, Energetic and Loving PS.

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You are a father to us all,. You made Housing family a peculiarly loving and warming one to all and sundry.

We will miss you dearly and all your legacies will ever be upheld and respected You are one PS that call your subordinates 'bosses' because you are an epitome of Humility.

You are a great leader that will be greatly missed.

We pray that your years ahead will be better than previous years of service with the State Government in Jesus name. Amen.

Congratulations sir. !!!

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## Wasiu is a very quiet person, and knowledgeable

- Oluwole Adetola

enshrined in his inner man and ability to proffer solutions to difficult problems. In this piece, he narrated his experience with Wasiu Akewusola:

"I met Akewusola in a meeting; I noticed his tenacity and dedication to the profession. We got closer when we started the Lagos chapter. We were in the first set of executives of the chapter. He rose to become the chairman of Lagos chapter and he did extremely well to the point that when he now decided to come to the national chapter because of his ethnic and

dedication and integrity that we entrusted him which is not common within the civil service, he was one of the rear one, he is a very thorough person."

On Akewusola's character and dispositions, Oluwole Adetola said, "Wasiu is a very quiet person, and knowledgeable. Intellectually, he's sound and he is always dedicated to whatsoever he wants to do. He is like a brother to me. He is very hardworking, a homely man with one wife, so trustworthy to his family and calling. Once he gives you his word, you can go to sleep."

## Akewusola is not an armchair Quantity Surveyor

- Adil Abul Husn

Business speaks the same language in every part of the world and its communication is clear and unambiguous – because it all points to profits. Adil Abul Husn, a reputable Lebanese businessman, is the Managing Director/CEO of AYW Development Company. He speaks on his relationship with Akewusola, "I met Alhaji Wasiu Akewusola when he was at LSDPC. Fortunately, it was the time

the corporation was starting Marwa Gardens. Although, we have met prior to that time. The first thing that endeared him to me was his professionalism on the job. He is a thorough professional who is practical about the profession. He is an hands on professional and not an armchair Quantity surveyor. He is always on the field to supervise what is being done and he never compromised Quality job. Ever



since I knew him, he has never cut corners by asking for bribe from us or any other contractor. His interest is always on the prompt delivery of Quality jobs. On getting closer to him, I realised he is a devout Muslim. He is a quite easy-going professional who never look down on any contractor. Humility is his second name."



Ever articulate and precise Prince Abayomi Ogunjimi, is a man of figure. As an ardent manager and consultant, he has helped channel profitable paths for many budding businesses and helped stabilise countless organisations from economic rot. Abayomi's reputation as a seasoned chartered accountant is as sure as the rising of the sun in

## If Alhaji tells you yes, you can take it to the bank

- Prince Abayomi Ogunjimi MBA, FCTI, FCA

the early hours of autumn. In his timeout with our correspondent on the personality and professionalism of Wasiu Akewusola, he said:

"I met Alhaji Wasiu Akewusola during the formation of the Association of Professional Bodies of Nigeria (APBN). The first thing that endeared him to me was his passion and commitment towards the development of the Association. We both rose through the ranks and when he was the Chairman of the Lagos State

Branch, I was the Treasurer. He is a God-fearing professional, always cautious of his integrity. If Alhaji tells you yes, you can take it to the bank. He never promised what he can not do.

"The younger ones have a lot to emulate in him – his Religious activities and professional conducts. I strongly believe that he has run a good race and deserve to be thankful to God." Ogunjimi concluded by wishing his partner in progress post retirement best.

## From Secretary to the PS

Mrs Janet Odunayo Ojo  
Secretary to the PS

All glory to God Almighty for giving me the opportunity to work with a Godly and caring boss like Mr. Wasiu Akewusola. The day I was told that I am going to work as the Secretary to the PS, I said "Haaa!" This is because the stress attached to working with a top official can be overwhelming. But he took me like his daughter and made the job to be very easy. He is a very supportive boss and will go to great length to defend those of us working with him. I used to call him \*Oga mi\* and in reciprocating

his simple and gentle manner, I did my best to go to extra length to do my work well. He is a very special boss though highly principled; he makes the office environment to be very cordial so that none of us feel too pressured. Sometimes if the work is much and i say Oga mi, Eku ise Sir, he will answer, yes Ma. I love him for one thing, my Boss is not a womanizer. I have never found him in any uncompromising situation and he knows how to pray very well. He never misses any of his five times prayers. No matter how



busy he is, he will set apart time to pray. I pray for you, Sir that as you are retiring from the Service, you will not retire to penury, Almighty Allah will bless you with good health. If I still have opportunity to work with you again, I will do it more than what I have done, I salute you, my Oga mi



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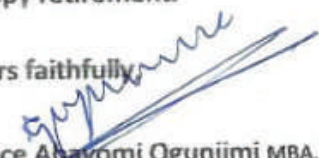
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The Excos and the entire members of APBN Lagos Chapter wish to congratulate you, our indefatigable Past Chairman Alhaji Wasiu Akewusola on your 60th birthday and retirement from the services of Lagos State Civil Service.

We cannot forget in a hurry the laudable achievements recorded during your tenure as secretary, treasurer and chairman of the chapter. You are a true hero of the Association and your impacts will remain indelible in the history and development of the Association.

Once again congratulations and happy retirement.

Yours faithfully,

  
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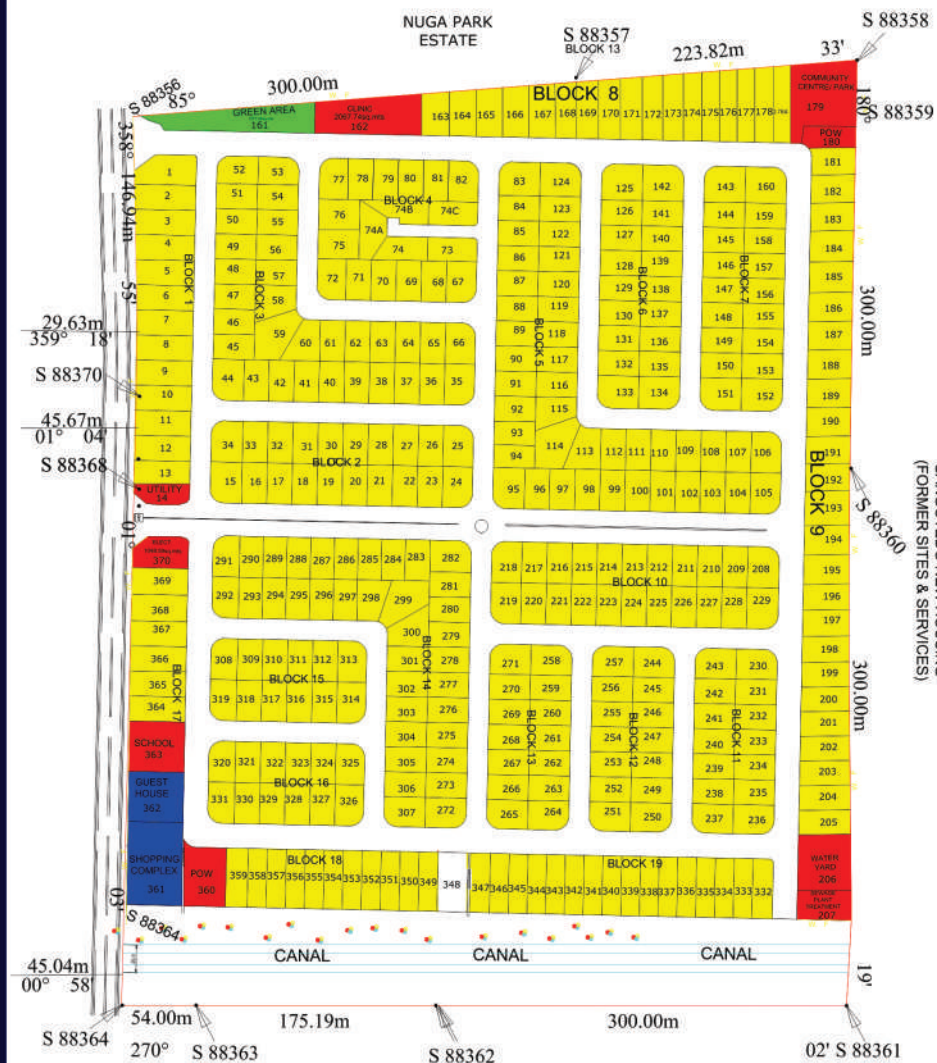
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