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IDU LEADERSHIP CHANGE OF GUARDS AT AMAEHULU...

Igbo-Ukwu Welcomes a Refreshing New Dawn as Eze-Akajiugo takes charge!



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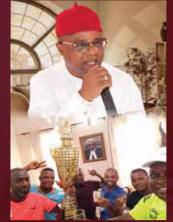
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GIANT STEPS TOWARDS REJUVENATING IGBO-UKWU COMMUNAL JOURNALISM MAKA ODINMA NDI BANYI!

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN, EDITORIAL BOARD.



Welcome on board!

Welcome to the new edition of 'The Igbo Trumpet Magazine' after more than 12 years of forced hibernation by IDU leadership impasse of December 2011. This New Edition is just another good beginning. We ar happy to join our folks to develop and deepen community journalism 'maka odinma Igbo-Ukwu'. We felicitate with the Publishers of 'Ihuowelle Quarterly' and 'The Degelite' for their good efforts. Sir Dr MCK Ubah,

Charman Editorial Board 'The Igbo Trumpet'

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IHUOFOR VILLAGE CELEBRATES HER MOST SENIOR CITIZENS ON 30TH DEC, 2023 Chief Eric Nwafor Nwobi, Okeide Igbo-Ukwu and his adorable wife, Chief Edna Nwobi, Ochiora Ugwu Ndi Ike were among those who got honored by their Kinsmen as the PG of IDU Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah and Chief Sir Onyekachi Nnabugwu, Ume-Okpataozuora and Alor 2 of Igbo-Ukwu grace the occasion in grand style. Other VIPs and community leaders are: Ume-Nnanyelugo RC Okonkwo, Eze-Ogboogu Hon Javis Adinmuo JP and Lay Leader Fred Okonkwo, a former 1st Vice-Chairman of Obiuno Community. Joy to the world!

> **Editorial Note** The new Edition of The Igbo Trumpet Magazine has bounced back on our community news stand. It was established by Okeide Igbo-Ukwu during his regime as PG of IDU.



The subsequent regime of Chief Rob Nwakire Ezeife, Ahaejiejemba IgboUkwu sustained the legacy until the political impasse that followed afterwards forced it into indeterminate hibernation for over 12 years. Eze-Akajiugo, being the Magazine's founding Editor-in-Chief has today become the PG of IDU. This explains the rebirth of the Igbo Trumpet Magazine. Expect interesting times ahead! Igbo-Ukwu must regain her lost glory and pride. The Igbo Trumpet Magazine remains indebted to Okeide Igbo-Ukwu.



Okeide Igbo-Ukwu and Eze-Akajiugo share great ideas that border on Igbo-Ukwu development and progress.



Eze-Akajiugo presenting his strategic blueprints of action to Okeide Igbo-ukwu who was a former PG of IDU.

HIGHLIGHTS

OF THE 1ST IDU GENERAL MEETING OF EZE-AKAJIUGO SIR DR MCK UBAH ADMINISTRATION: THE EPOCHAL DAWN OF A NEW ERA IN IGBO-UKWU.



The taste of the pudding, they say, is in the eating! This is because yesterday's meeting was better experienced than imagined:

IGBO-UKWU HAS NOT SEEN ANY-THING YET OF SUCH FROM ANY OF THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE NATURE AND MODE OF AN ONLINE-REAL- TIME MEETING!

Prior to the meeting, the IDU Executives met on Friday 23/2/24 and properly streamlined the agenda for the meeting which made the rhythmic cadence of the meeting proceedings very seamless and a diaphanous reflection of the revived kindred Spirit in Igbo-Ukwu. My God, you needed to be there, at least as an observer because observers were properly received, recognized and well treated to delicious meals and drinks like all the other delegates and stakeholders.

The ambiance of the meeting venue (Amaehulu Town Hall) was best captured by Chief Chris Okonkwo, Akudo Igboukwu as a parliamentary setting, typical of his days in the 'Senate!' Hahaha! You know his early days Guy name is Senator Topher...the late Okwadike Igbo-Ukwu used to greet him as "Distinguished", referring to his "Senator" Guy name! Hahaha

Ndi banyi, It's no longer news that the Amaehulu hall has been refurbished, the real news is that the meeting witnessed a new and better sitting arrangement with a state of the art superlative decorations, supervised by the 2nd Vice PG of IDU, Hon Ebere Bodos Obodoekwe, who is an Event Planner and Entrepreneur of good reputation!

The attendance to the meeting was quite exceptional as all the wards in Igboukwu were duly represented and almost all the branches of the IDU were present at the meeting. This is unprecedented in IDU's recent history epitomizing people's high hopes, expectations, warm enthusiasm and rejuvenated kindred spirit! Igbo-Ukwu is now on the march again!

You needed to witness the refreshing opening prayers by no less a quintessential Man of God, Arc Okey Ezeh who is the Chairman of the IDU Spiritual Life Development Committee as well as the distinguished President of the bespoke Concerned Igbo-Ukwu Citizens, CIC. Of spectacular mentioned was the grand entry of HRH Igwe Alex Ejikemeuwa Azike, Idu 3 of Igbo-Ukwu and his Cabinet Members. They were warmly received at the entrance Gate and welcomed by the Chief Host and presiding officer of the day's meeting, Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah, the PG of IDU.

All our Traditional Quarter Chiefs also enjoyed a grand entry. They were all present...all! Chief Sir Onyekachi Nnabugwu, Ume-Okpataozuora and Alor 2 of Igbo-Ukwu, Chief Sir Engr Nnamdi Ifeakor, Ezechinyelugo and Odu 3 of Igbo-Ukwu and Chief Sir Mike Nduka, Oji 3 of Igbo-Ukwu. It was a meeting like no other before!

After the usual reading, corrections and adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting came the metronomic centerpiece of the of the meeting which is the Unveiling of the 1st ever IDU ADMINISTRATION AND LEAD- ERSHIP BROCHURE (2023-2027) TITLED "THE STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN FOR MOVING IGBO-UKWU FORWARD BEYOND THE NEXT FOUR (4) YEARS", a 100 page digitally printed document powered and presented by Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah led- Administration (Ohazulume) of Igbo-Ukwu Development Union. It was indeed a historic moment for Igbo-Ukwu!

Apart from clearly outlining development plans for Igbo-Ukwu over the next 4 year, it also contains beautiful memories in living colors of who is who in Igbo-Ukwu. It's of paramount importance that every indigene of Igbo-Ukwu must try to grab a personal copy of that colorful Brochure to be plausible in all the affair of Igbo-Ukwu over the next four years. Copies are available @ IDU branches nationwide, IDU wards (1-36) and IDU Secretariat.

The Unveiling of the Brochure equally served as a fundraiser for IDU as almost every one present launched it with various amounts of money.The finance team of IDU will present that report separately in due time.

After the launching, few available Committee's reports were presented to IDU and various new committees Inaugurated. Most notable among the committees Inaugurated is Conflict & Community Vexatious Issues Resolution Committee headed by Hon O.C Gaius Ezeh because immediately after their inauguration, the Alor 2 of Igbo-Ukwu and the President General Respectively lamented bitterly about the poor handling of the sharing of rice meant for the widows in our community and mandated the committee to immediately swing into action, starting from investigating, interrogating of the entire process of the rice sharing, report their findings and recommend appropriate action to any indicted person. However it was resolved that all the rice that went into the wrong hands must be recovered. Anybody that is not a widow that has opened her own must have to buy and replace it.

The details of other committees inaugurated will be presented separately to avoid making this too lengthy.

Enough refreshments were made available for the attendees; the food menu included Rice with ofe-akwu, aniga, ona, ede nghucha etc but that is not all. The meeting was held amidst joy, kindred spirit and happiness from beginning to the end. It was streamed online by a special team but the stream was put on hold when sensitive security matters were on the table of discourse.

THE CLIMATIC MOMENT OF THE WHOLE MEETING WAS THE HOST-ING OF ALL STAKEHOLDERS PRES-ENT IN HONOR OF THE PRESI-**DENT-GENERAL** OF IDU, EZE-AKA JIUGO SIR DR MCK UBAH BY HIS BROTHER AND BOSOM FRIEND, WHO IS THE PRESIDENT GROUP. OF AMIR **EZE-AGUNECHEMBA CLETUS** ONYEMENAM IN HIS PALATIAL **RESIDENCE!**

His palatial residence is within a walking distance away from the IDU Hall. According to him, he decided to host all the stakeholders in honor of the President-General as a way of contributing in the revival of the Kindred Spirit in Igbo-Ukwu and a pledge of unalloyed fraternal love, Solidarity and Support to the Eze-Akajiugo led "Ohazulume Administration". He encouraged all the stakeholders to bury their hatchets and embrace the progressive leadership of Eze-Akajiugo maka Odinma Igbo-Ukwu. The hosting was really memorphic and

The hosting was really memorable and worth writing home about.

Immediately after that, the President-General, in company of some stakeholders proceeded on a courtesy visit to Cheif Luke Ezekafor Ezike (EZE-AGUNAECHIBE) of Ihuakaba Igbo-Ukwu who lost his wife recently and could not be present at the meeting as a result of that. Eze-Agunecheibe was very happy that IDU remembered him in his moment of grief and prayed for the progress and unity of Igbo-Ukwu

Another significant Mileage coverage yesterday toward the restoration of Peace and Unity in Igbo-Ukwu was another courtesy visit to one of the leading centenarians, Ide Sir JNC Ezeife. Ide Ezife is the oldest Ide in Igbo-Ukwu and the leader of the G17 faction of the Idu Cabinet that is in Court. The President- General pleaded with him to assist in the resolution of the impasse in the Idu Cabinet of Igbo-Ukwu since we now have a new Idu 3 who is God-given and generally accepted to the 3 quarters of Igbo-Ukwu.

In response, he promised to meet with others and chat a way forward even as a final date was fixed by the court to deliver judgment on that pending matter. He said 3rd and 9th April remain the court dates.

It all ended in praises yesterday as Igbo-Ukwu is inevitably on the march to greatness again.

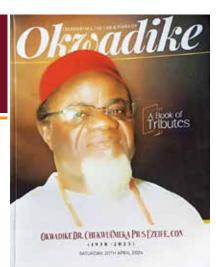
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Men with great ideas rule the world... Eze-Akajiugo and Okeide Igbo-Ukwu...

OKWADIKE GOES HOME

CELEBRATING THE ICONIC RISE FROM A MOTOR SPARE PARTS APPRENTICE TO Ph.D HOLDER IN ECONOMIC FROM HAVARD UNIVERSITY AND EXIT OF ONE THE GREATEST IGBO-UKWU ICON. CHIEF PIUS CHUKWUEMEKA EZEIFE (OKWADIKE NDI IGBO)





Reminiscing about the demise of His Excellency Okwadike Dr. Chukwuemeka Ezeife, one might easily think of the great philosopher Epicurus. The great thinker made this statement on the marble: "Against all else, it is possible to provide security, but as against death, all of us mortals alike dwell in an unfortified city."

Death is indeed an inevitable end that must come when it must come.

In his magnum opus, The City of God, one of the Doctors of the Church (Catholicism), St. Augustine, pointed out how death is inevitable. He said, "For no sooner than we begin to live in this dying body than we begin to move ceaselessly towards death. For in the whole course of this life (if life is what we must call it), its mutability tends towards death. Our whole life is nothing but a race towards death.

- Born on the 20th of November 1938 to late Mr Joshua and Virginia Ezeife in the ancient Archeological town in Igbo-Ukwu. Young Chukwuemeka began his primary education at the Salvation Army Primary School but completed it at the Holy trinity CMS Primary School. - On completion of his Primary Education in 1952, he went for apprenticeship under a motor spare parts trader in Aba but could not stay bc of his love and zeal for Education.

- He came back to Igbo-Ukwu and picked up a teaching career at Salvation Army Primary School Igbo-Ukwu.

- Shortly after, he proceeded to Teachers Training College Akai in Eket.

- After that he continued with his teaching career and at the age of 22, he became a Primary School headmaster in Osumenyi town.



- While he was teaching he used his free time to take correspondence courses from Rapid Result London and 2 respective years after he took and passed the Cambridge General Certificate of Education (GCE) both Ordinary and Advanced level.

- He was admitted into the university of Ibadan in 1961 and graduated in with a second class honors in Economics in 1964.

- He worked briefly with the Nigeria Breweries PLC before entering the Nigerian Federal Civil service which took him to many local and international trainings.

- In 1967 while on a Leadership training program at Arthur D. Little Company, United States of America, the Nigeria-Biafra war broke out a he became a refugee. - After the training, he could not come back to Nigeria because of the ongoing war, he proceeded Uganda, where he took up an Economic lecturing Appointment with Makerere University.

- Subsequently, With the help of a Rockefeller Foundation Scholarship, he obtained a Doctorate degree in Economics from Harvard University

- The war ended in 1970 but he could not come back immediately because of the programs he had running and by 1972 he had obtain both his Masters and Ph.D in Economics. - He came to Nigeria and returned to the Nigerian Federal Civil Service, where he rose to the rank of a Director in the Federal Ministry of Planning and Economic Development and subsequently became the permanent Secretary of the Ministry.

- He held many high and influential positions in the Federal Civil as a mater of Fact, at a certain point, he was the secretary of a committee granting specifically licenses to producers for the importation of raw materials and equipment into Nigeria. Oh what a stupendous height to behold.

- In 1986, He retired from civil service having reached the pinnacle of success in the Civil service and ventured into commerce and politics.

- He opened an import-export business, exporting Agricultural product like cashews.

- In January 1992, he was elected and sworn in as the first executive Governor of Anambra State.

- He left office in June 1993 as a result of the annulment of Chief MKO Abiolas election and the crises that followed which went out of control, the military intervened.

- He went back to lagos and continued with his import-export business

- He served as special adviser to President Olusegun Obasanjo.

- In 2002/2003 he had a brief run for the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria under the Social Democratic Party (SDP).

- Dr. Chukwuemeka Pius Ezeife, Okwadike Igbo Ukwu, passed away at the Federal Medical Centre Abuja on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at the ripe age of 86.

- On December 15, 2023, Ezeife's family announced his passing.

- On February 8 2024, in Abuja, the national burial committee was officially inaugurated by Rt. Honourable Benjamin Kalu, the deputy speaker of the House of Representatives. Okwesilieze Nwodo, a former governor of Enugu State, was chosen to lead Chukwuemeka Ezeife's national burial committee.

- The star-studded national burial committee of the late sage consists of former governors, legislators, captains of industries, and elder statesmen of various social-cultural groups, faith-based organisations, political parties, and civil society groups across the country.

- The deputy speaker, who presided over the committee's official inauguration, tasked the Nwodo-led group with ensuring that the late Ezeife received a fitting send-off. He also promised the assistance of the national assembly members. Deputy Speaker Kalu remarked at the time, "Ezeife



was a great man who sacrificed for the Igbo tribe. He believed in a south-east of peace and unity. He did not stand for the killing and destruction some people are carrying out in the region now. He also believed in dialogue and the spirit of oneness. So, we will use his burial to tell Nigerians that Igbo people are united. Indeed, Ezeife lived a long and healthy life until his final hour.

- It was a week-long celebration of the life and time of Okwadike Chukwuemeka Ezeife, and he toke the final bow, leaving the stage.

- There was a Service of Songs and a carnival to honour cum kick off his final

earthly journey back to his creator on April 12 in Eagle Square, Abuja.

On April 19, the Anambra state government conducted his state burial in Awka.
On April 20 2024, he was interred and given an Igbo burial in his hometown of Igbo Ukwu.

- On April 21 2024, there was a Thanksgiving service in Igbo Ukwu at the Salvation Army Church.

In all these Celebrations of life that marked his Iconic exist, The 'OHAZULUME' leadership of Igbo-Ukwu Development Union led by Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah duely participated in the whole event.

Journey on Okwadike ndi Igbo maka odinma Igbo-Ukwu.

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HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, IGWE ALEXANDER E JIKEMEU-WA AZIKE ONEDIBE, Idu 3 OF IGBO-UKWU: CELEBRATING HIS FIRST 365 DAYS (ONE YEAR) ON THE ROYAL THRONE OF OUR FOREFATHERS!





Just yesterday the 15th day of April, 2024 marked the first one year anniversary of the coronation of HRH Igwe Alex Ejikemeuwa Azike, Idu 3 of Igbo-Ukwu. How time flies, some would say! But it's natural and for good reasons too! It's time that measures, moderates and qualifies our life in this world!

On our apart as the Central Leadership of Igbo-Ukwu Development Union, IDU, we will not let that memorable momentous time in our life and history pass us by without pausing for a few minutes of our present time to glorify God for His immense love and blessings upon our life as a community!

Who did not know or remember that electing and coronating this Igwe/Idu 3 of Igbo-Ukwu was not actually a tea party! It didn't come on a platter of gold by human efforts alone! It came after years of intense struggles, unhealthy rivalry and wranglings amongst the various kinsmen and other parts of Igbo-Ukwu to arrive at this divine choice. It's certain that today many folks have come to the inescapable conclusion that '...na obu Chukwu na eme Eze; adi azo Eze azo!' Indeed it seems so that it's the exclusive preserve of God Almighty to choose and crown a king, no matter other secret plans or machinations of men to the contrary! In the case of HRH Igwe Alex Azike, Idu 3 of Igbo-Ukwu, it's a clear case of a divine provision given the miraculous ways and means it happened: Chukwu na eme Eze! Not man!

Ndi banyi, this one year has proven that HRH Igwe Alex Azike, Idu 3 of Igbo-Ukwu is indeed a great blessing to Ndi Igbo-Ukwu! He has rekindled our faith and belief that the Idu-ship throne or crown remains the constitutional symbol of Igbo-Ukwu's unity and sovereignty. He is the custodian and symbol of our cherished customs and traditional values and practices. In him, Igbo-Ukwu is well pleased! Igweee, Iduuuu....we love you!

Indeed a lot is looking up in Igbo-Ukwu since the coronation of HRH Igwe Alex Azike, Idu 3 of Igbo-Ukwu in many aspects of our life as a community. First is that kindred love and peace have returned to Igbo-Ukwu once



again! Our town is a peaceful and peace-loving community! Everywhere is cool and calm with every folk freely socializing across all quarters of Igbo-Ukwu and focusing on attending to his or her daily needs without fear of any distractions or molestations.

Good life and all levels of social bondings have returned back to town and our Igwe is joyfully accepted and loved everywhere he goes in Igbo-Ukwu and beyond! This is because he is seen as 'Igwe Ohazulume...Igwe Chineke jiri gozi Igbo-Ukwu...' at a time when most neighbouring towns are still engulfed in one form of intercine cum bloody leadership or kingship tussles.

Our Igwe is simply a good man with a good heart! His own adorable wife and Queen, Ocheze, is also a great companion to his life and wellbeing which combine together to make hime radiate so much love in simplicity and calm demeanor.

On behalf of the good people of Igbo-Ukwu (Home and Abroad) it's with profound joy and gratitude to God Almighty that we at the Amaehulu Town Hall Igbo-Ukwu, Central Leadership of Igbo-Ukwu Development Union, IDU, bring you fraternal greetings and salutations on your enviable One Year Anniversary on the Ancient Throne of our forefathers! May God continue to grant you good and healthy life, wisdom that surpasses that of King Solomon and the mercy of God to live and serve your people joyfully. Congratulations!

Long live Your Highness!

Long live your Queen Ocheze and entire Royal Family!!

Long live the Entire Idu Cabinet of Igbo-Ukwu!!

Long live IDU!!!!

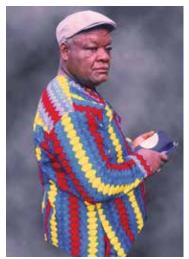
Long live Igbo-Ukwu Community!!!!!

To God be all the glory!!!!!

SPOTLIGHT ON IDU QUATER CHAIRMEN



EZE-AKA JIUGO SIR (DR) MCK UBAH, ESQ PRESIDENT-GEN-ERAL OF IDU.



MR JACOB IZUEGBUNEM CHAIRMAN OBIUNO QUATER



NZE G.C UMEANUKA (Ezeohamadike) CHAIRMAN, NGO QUATER



MR IFEANYI ONYEKA CHAIRMAN, IHITE QUATER

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- 27. Mr Edozie Ezeanya (07082578198)
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- 29. Mr Izundu Onuzulike (08033812557)
- 30. Mr chibuike Muoneke (08026187449)
- 31. Mr Ifeanyi Umeokoye (07019203583)
- 32. Mr Udeagu Ikechukwu (07017454002)
- 33. Mr Anthony Okoye (08025638630)
- 34. Mr Maxwell Nathaniel (08067502667)
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- 36. Mr Samuel Ubah (08029694992).



SPOTLIGHT ON IDU BRANCHES CHAIRMEN





EZE-AKA JIUGO SIR (DR) MCK UBAH, ESQ PRESIDENT-GENERAL OF IDU.



Eze-Omeiheukwu Dr Azubuike Levi Ezeife IDU Chairman USA Branch



Nze Amaechi Nwankwo (Ezeokpata Ozuora) IDU Chairman South Africa Branch



Mr Chukwudi Anigbogu IDU Chairman Lagos Branch



Mr Andy-O Okoli IDU Chairman Nnewi Branch



Mr Ezinna Nichoas Okoye IDU Chairman Aba Branch



Mr Chukwudi Paul Okafor IDU Chairman Zaria Branch



Sir Mark-Anthony Ifeakor IDU Chairman Kaduna Branch



Nze Iruka P. Umeodunukwe (Ezeugoakon'obi) IDU Chairman Warri Branch & Treasurer Central Leadership of IDU



Mayor Chukwu Jekwu Ofordum IDU Chairman Onitsha Branch



Bar. Tochukwu Pius Ejeziem (Ochinanwata) IDU Chairman Enugu Branch



Nze Andy Nwosu (Ezeonyebuchi) IDU Chairman PH Branch



Hon. Godwin Anayo Okeke IDU Chairman Benin Branch



Dr Eric David IDU Chairman Abuja Branch



Mr Oluchukwu Umenwune IDU Chairman Kano Branch

SPOTLIGHT ON IDU LAGOS BRANCH

EZE-AKA JIUGO SALUTES LAGOS BRANCH OF IDU AS HE MAKES HIS FIRST OFFICIAL APPEARANCE AS PG OF IDU AT THE ORILE-IGAMU IGBO-UKWU HALL

EZE-AKAJIUGO SALUTES LAGOS BRANCH OF IDU AS HE MAKES HIS FIRST OFFICIAL APPEARANCE AS PG OF IDU AT THE ORILE-IGAMU IGBO-UKWU HALL LAGOS BRANCH!

It was an electrifying moment of joy and happiness that triggered a spontaneous high sounding ovations by the members of the IDU Lagos Branch as they gave a standing ovation in honor of the PG of IDU, Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah, who was making his first official appearance as the PG of IDU since after his election victory that saw his emergence as the PG of IDU at the Amaehulu Town Hall Igbo-Ukwu on the 30th of December, 2023.

He was ushered into the Hall by a combined team of top IDU members, executive officers of IDU and a sprinkle of red cap Chiefs who were present in the meeting.

In his 'Thank You Speech', he paid glowing tribute and profound gratitude to IDU Lagos Branch for standing solidly behind his candidacy particularly when the news of his nomination by his Ihumabiam Ward 8 Kinsmen first broke out on November 11, 2023.

He also specially thanked his Obiuno Quarter Kinsmen for being astutely behind all the way from the ward to the Quarter level and to the end, a quality that distinguished them as the only Quarter to beat in matters of undiluted brotherhood, firm resolve, united spirit, focused determination and unanimity of purpose for which they are widely respected, if not feared by others.

He expressed confidence and enthusiasm for the Mr Chuks Anigbogu led-Administration of IDU Lagos Branch over the years without any bad story. He urged the members to remain united, as has been their culture and strength from inception, irrespective of the fact of coming from different wards and Quarters of Igbo-Ukwu. He reminded them that IDU Lagos must always bear in mind that they are the number one or flagship branch of IDU for which so much is expected from them by the mainstream IDU. Date was January 28, 2024 which was the last Sunday in January in line with their meeting timetable. To God be all the glory!





IGBO TRUMPET.

THE IGBO-UKWU HALL OF FAME

- IGBO UKWU -HALL OF FAME



THIS IS AN INITIATIVE OF EZE-AKAJIUGO SIR DR MCK UBAH'S LED ADMINISTRATION OF IDU (THE OHAZULUME STYLE OF LEADERSHIP).

WRITTEN BY:

IFEANYI OHAZULUME IJEZIE (MEDIA AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT- GENERAL OF IDU ON MASS MOBILIZATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT)

Prologue:

The concept of a "Hall of Fame" originated from the idea of honoring individuals who have achieved excellence in a particular field or endeavor. The term "Hall of Fame" itself is believed to have originated from the name of a building in London, England, called the "Hall of Fame" which was used to exhibit the portraits and statues of famous and notable individuals.

The concept of a Hall of Fame has since been widely adopted in various fields such as sports, music, entertainment, and more. These halls of fame typically serve as institutions that recognize and celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of individuals who have made a significant impact in their respective fields.

The first recognized Hall of Fame is often considered to be the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, established in 1936 in Cooperstown, New York, to honor outstanding baseball players. Since then, many other halls of fame have been established around the world to recognize excellence and achievement in different areas of human endeavor.

WELCOME TO THE IGBO-UKWU HALL OF FAME:

Now that Team Eze-Akajiugo 'Ohazulume' led-administration of IDU is about to introduce the "IGBO-UKWU HALL OF FAME", it's not out of place and order to inquire about the huge tangential benefits of The Igbo-Ukwu Hall of hall to Igbo-Ukwu's unity, progress and development.

Here we go! To my own mind, these huge benefits cannot be over emphasized but for want of space, permit me to highlight only a few of these remarkable benefits.

1. Recognition and honor:

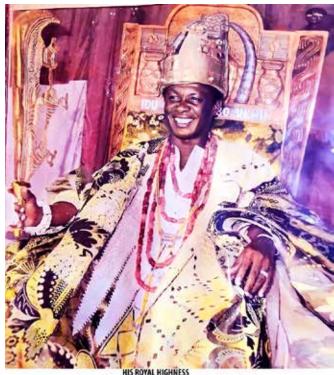
Hall of Fame inductions in Igbo-Ukwu will serve as a crucial way to acknowledge and celebrate the exceptional accomplishments and contributions of Igbo-Ukwu Sons and daughters who have excelled in their respective fields. By enshrining these individuals in the Igbo-Ukwu Hall of Fame, their achievements are immortalized and honored for generations to come.

2. Inspiration and motivation:

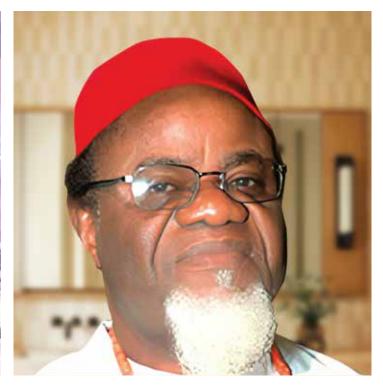
Members of Igbo-Ukwu Hall of Fame will serve as role models and sources of inspiration for generations born and unborn within the same field. Their stories of hard work, dedication, and perseverance can motivate others especially the youths of Igbo-Ukwu to strive for excellence and reach their full potential. This inspiration can have a ripple effect, encouraging others to pursue their goals with determination and passion.

3. Preservation of history and legacy:

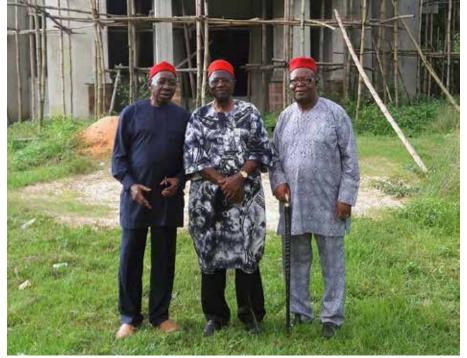
Igbo-Ukwu Hall of Fame institution will play a crucial role in preserving the history and legacy of a particular field or industry. By honoring key figures who have made



IGWE Z.E UMEOKOLI THE IDU I OF IGBO-UKWU (CORONATED ON THE 27TH OF DECEMBER 1977) HIS LAST OFALA WAS HELD ON THE 23RD OF DECEMBER 1996



His Excellency Late Chief (Dr) Chukwuemeka Pius Ezeife CON Ph.D Havard Okwadike ex-PG of IDU Igbo-Ukwu & the First Executive Civilian Governor of Anambra State. Igbo-Ukwu's greatest son of the 21st Century!



SALUTE TO THE FRONTLINE MEMBERS OF THE IGBO-UKWU OCTOGE-NARIAN CLUB & PART OF THE GREATEST LIVING LEGENDS OF IGBO-UK-WU... From left to right: Chief Dr Chris Ikechi Ezeh, MFR, Ugwumba Igbo-Ukwu (1st Igbo-Ukwu son to build a university: Christopher University Mowe near Lagos); Chief (Professor- Emeritus) Uchenna Nwosu, Odenigbo Igbo-Ukwu;(1st Igbo Ukwu University Professor: University of Ife, now Obafemi Awolowo University Ile- Ife) & Chief Eric Nwafor Nwobi, Okeide Igbo-Ukwu(The Donor of the Igbo- Ukwu Post Office Edifice at Nkwor Igbo Market. Team Eze-Akajiugo congratulates you all!



Eze-Omeiheukwu Dr Azubuike Levi Ezeife MD. President, IDU(USA) Branch. The SICA House Legacy @ the Igbo-Ukwu Museum came into being on account of his sterling leadership.

significant contributions, these institutions ensure that their impact is remembered and appreciated long after they are gone. This preservation of history will help the future generations to understand the evolution and milestones of a specific field.

4. Networking and community building:

Igbo-Ukwu Hall of Fame events and ceremonies will bring together individuals within a specific industry or field, providing opportunities for networking, collaboration, and community building. These gatherings will create a platform for inductees, professionals, enthusiasts, and fans to connect, share knowledge, and foster relationships that can lead to further growth and innovation within the field.

5. Promotion of excellence:

By highlighting the accomplishments of individuals who have reached the pinnacle of success in their field, a Igbo-Ukwu Hall of Fame will set a standard of excellence for others to aspire to. This recognition will not only celebrates the achievements of the inductees but also encourages others to push their boundaries, strive for greatness, and contribute positively to the advancement of the field and Igbo-Ukwu.

6. Tourism and economic impact:

Igbo-Ukwu Hall of Fame as an institution will attract visitors and tourists interested in learning more about the accomplishments of inducted individuals. The proposed Igbo-Ukwu website, when operational, will accommodate a special portable to showcase this Hall of Fame where tourists can also learn more about Igbo-Ukwu's exceptional or extraordinary Achievers of all times. The increased foot traffic and interest generated by the institution can have a positive impact on local economies by boosting tourism, supporting local businesses, and creating opportunities for cultural and educational exchange.

7. The Business and Income Side of the Igbo-Ukwu Hall of Fame to IDU Administration:

The Igbo-Ukwu Hall of Fame will serve as a social and economic vehicle for IDU whenever inductions into the Hall of Fame is held. Through a special induction ceremony, friends, family and business associates of each inductee will gather to celebrate their own and with that follows spontaneous donations by these august visitors to our IDU Hall in honor of their own inductee and further development of the course of Igbo-Ukwu as a community that gave birth to the inductee. The name of Igbo-Ukwu Town will continue to be alive in the map of the world.

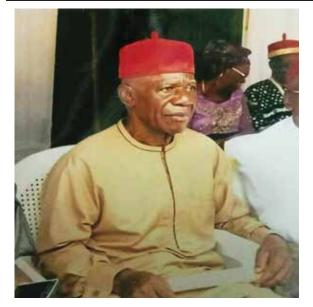
8. The thin line/wall between The Igbo-Ukwu Hall of Fame and The Igbo-Ukwu Merit Chiefs Council, IMCC.

The common purpose of the two institutions is to honor or recognize the remarkable contributions of the inductee of the Hall or the merit Chief but the thin line is that for the inductee in the Hall, it transcends all religious beliefs and centers in honoring the exceptional achievement of the inductee who may be a young man, woman, girl or boy as well as those whose religious faith disallows or forbids adorning of traditional or Chieftaincy titles. The inductee can be a deceased person who lived before the inception or conception of The Igbo-Ukwu Hall of but whose exceptional achievement lives on forever unlike a merit Chief who must be alive to receive his or her title. Again what qualifies one to be a merit Chief may not necessarily be the only consideration for making the list of the Hall of Fame. For example, being the only first medical doctor or priest or inventor of a global product may be part of the distinctive considerations for induction into the Hall of Fame but not for the Merit Chiefs Council. Both Institutitions serve special purposes and none is inferior or superior to the other.

In conclusion, a Igbo-Ukwu Hall of Fame will serve as a valuable institution that recognizes, celebrates, and preserves the exceptional achievements and contributions of individuals who have made a lasting impact in their respective fields and in Igbo-Ukwu. Through recognition, inspiration, preservation of history, networking, promotion of excellence, and economic benefits.

Igbo-Ukwu Hall of Fame institution will play a vital role in honoring the past, inspiring the present, and shaping the future of various industries and disciplines.

IFEANYI OHAZULUME IJEZIE (MEDIA AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT GENERAL ON MASS MOBILIZATION AND ENLIGHT-ENMENT)



Chief Sir Anthony O. Umeh Ochikota Igbu-Ukwu, foremost banker & 1st Igbo Ukwu's son to be a managing director of a commercial bank: Co-operative & Commerce Bank Plc with Headquaters in Enugu.



Chief Sir Tanu Umeweni Ikenga Igbo-Ukwu, the super Philathropist & Donor of the Igbo-Ukwu Museum House, now the site for the Anambra State Museum Igbo-Ukwu also accommodating the SICA House

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THE NEW FACE

OF OUR IDU MEETINGS AT AMAEHULU TOWN HALL IGBO-UKWU!



Ndi banyi ndewo nu!

It's often said that times are changing fast ... Oh yeah, of necessity, times must change! Our prayers must be that the changing times must be for good...maka odinma Igbo-Ukwu! Indeed Team Eze-Akajiugo symbolizes that good feeling of positive changes in Igbo-Ukwu! The signs are evident everywhere you go!

What are those positive changes at our Amaehulu Town Hall since the inception of Team Eze-Akajiugo on the 30th of December, 2023?

Here are the 10 Novelties of Team Eze-Akajiugo in less than 4 months of coming to Amaehulu Town Hall:

1. The New Sitting Arrangement in Hall: Team Eze-Akajiugo has now restructured and reorganized the entire sitting arrangement for all delegates or other participants to sit in clusters or rolls according to their group formations. For example, the Idu 3 of Igbo-Ukwu, Igwe Alex Ejikemeuwa Azike now sits with his cabinet members in one respected corner of the Hall. The Igwe who is flanked in a royal fashion by his three traditional Quarter Chiefs but encircled by other cabinet members. The Igwe and the his 3 Quarters' Chiefs are no longer cramped together or squeezed in one small corner of the rostrum with the PG of IDU and other Elected Officers of IDU struggling for spaces. The other good news is that our Royal Fathers today no longer sit on common plastic chairs during IDU Meetings but they now have a royally-built or customized-chairs made only for kings and reverred Chiefs! Indeed

Igbo-Ukwu deserves the best as a community renown for its centuries of bespoke archeological artifacts evidencing a rich ancient tradition of great civilization. Directly sitting adjacent the Idu Cabinet is the prestigious members of the Nze N'Ozo Igbo-Ukwu who for the first time in history have now been accredited to sit as a group of distingiished folks at Amaehulu Town Hall. Directly sitting opposite the Idu Cabinet of Igbo-Ukwu is yet another reverred group: Igbo-Ukwu Merit Chiefs Council. Other structured groups are the Quarter Chairmen who now sit together with their 36 Wards Chairmen in one respected roll. Beside them are the Branches Chairmen and or representatives. We also have a special roll of honor for the bespoke Igbo-Ukwu Stakeholders and other strategic IDU development partners. Finally we have a reserved corner for IDU Observers and accredited visitors. These sitting arrangements are properly marked and labeled with the names of each group or participants. Bye bye to ghost meeting attendants. Your presence must count as you're being accredited.

2. For the first time years, IDU Meetings are now held in a properly lit up meeting Hall where fans are green energy-powered bulbs make for enlightened illumination and brightness! The days of touch lights from cell phones to read Minutes of Meetings or other documents are over. We now have standby generators and efforts have been concluded to connect PHCN-powered lights from the Obiuno rural electrification power grids. Plans are also in the pipeline to rewire the IDU Hall with additional service lines that can carry packaged or split-unit Air-conditioners. Who said that we cannot enjoy refreshing air-conditioners while meeting is in progress. Besides now that the IDU Hall has been transformed to also serve as an Event Hall, things are indeed looking up for good at Amaehulu Town Hall.

3. The IDU Meetings now hold under very safe, clean and hygienic environments with all environment and safety standards. Toilets are perfumed and clean with serviced water to flush closets and wash hands after use. Inside and outside environments are fumigated and grasses cut to make for safe parking spaces and walkways.

4. Entertainment with water, drinks, foods and kolanuts/trebors stimulants are sure to make meetings delightful. No more dry-throat meetings.

5. IDU Bi-monthly General Delegates Meetings are now planned out from February to December with each meeting date fixed ahead of time to make for prior planning. Emergency Meetings are to be treated according to the provisions of the IDU Constitution.

6. Meetings now start between 9.30am and 10am but ends at 2pm plus or minus. Good lunch of assorted meals must be observed by all participants.

7. IDU Meetings are now streamed online real time to the effect that viewers at home can join and watch the meeting proceedings. Plans are under way to allow for phone-in by accredited IDU members who are outsiders the Amaehulu Town Hall.

8. EXCO Meetings now hold by 3pm at the Amaehulu Town Hall the day before the General Delegates Meeting.

9. IDU Minutes of the previous Meetings can now become handy and a takeaway by participants.

10. Things are interestingly looking up at Amaehulu Town Hall with ever-highly populated IDU internet platforms such as the IDU General Notice Board, IDU Interactive Arena Platform, IDU Executive Committee Platform to make people interaction and ideas exchanges possible and seamless. Now here is the additional quarterly news sweetner: The rebirth and launch of "The Igbo Trumpet Magazine by Team Eze-Akajiugo!".

Expect Greatness and more transformations maka odinma Igbo-Ukwu! Peace!

Attached herewith is the long published and circulated Time Table of IDU Meetings and other pan-IgboUkwu Events from February 2024 to January 2025 as approved. See page 46 of "The IDU Strategy and Action Plan for Moving Igbo-Ukwu Forward Beyond the Next Four Years "

NEED TO UPGRADE OUR HEALTH CENTER FACILTIES



FOCUS ON UPGRADING OBIUNO HEALTH CENTER TO AN EXTENTION OF NNAMDI AZIKIWE UNIVERSI-TY TEACHING HOSPITAL. 10 LIKELY BENEFIT TO BE ATTRACTED.

WRITTEN BY IFEANYI OHAZULUME IJEZIE

Igbo-Ukwu has since grown into a Semi urban community and is gradually growing into a full urban community. Based on this, there is need to upgrade one of the quarter healthcare facility to an extention on Nnamdi Azikiwe University Teaching Hospital.

Team Eze-Akajiugo is already working on it. Upgrading a community healthcare facility to a teaching hospital can bring numerous benefits, including:

. Improved patient care: Teaching hospitals have access to the latest research, technology, and medical expertise, leading to better patient outcomes and higher quality care.

. Increased healthcare workforce: Teaching hospitals attract and train healthcare professionals, addressing workforce shortages and ensuring a sustainable healthcare workforce.

. Enhanced medical education and research: Teaching hospitals provide hands-on training for medical students, residents, and fellows, fostering innovation and advancing medical knowledge.

. Economic growth: Teaching hospitals can stimulate local economic growth by creating jobs, attracting businesses, and generating revenue.

. Community engagement and outreach: Teaching hospitals often engage in community outreach, health promotion, and disease prevention initiatives, improving public health.

. Access to specialized services: Teaching hospitals typically offer specialized services and subspecialties, expanding access to comprehensive care for patients.

. Improved healthcare infrastructure: Upgrading to a teaching hospital often involves infrastructure upgrades, enhancing the facility's capacity and capabilities.

. Enhanced reputation and credibility: Teaching hospitals are often recognized for excellence, enhancing the facility's reputation and credibility.

. Increased funding opportunities: Teaching hospitals may be eligible for research grants, government funding, and other financial opportunities.

. Community pride and ownership: A teaching hospital can become a source of community pride, fostering a sense of ownership and investment in healthcare.

DEEP CONDOLENCES

"IDU EXPRESSES DEEP CONDOLENCES TO THE UMEIGWILO FAMILY OF NGO IGBO-UK-WU, THE Idu-IN-COUNCIL AS WELL AS THE IGBO-UKWU MERIT CHIEFS' COUNCIL ON THE DEATH OF EBUBE-AGU IGBO-UKWU, CHIEF SIR JAMES OKE-ONYIMA UMEIGWILO: THE SHOCKING EXIT OF ONE OF IGBO-UKWU'S COLORFUL MERIT CHIEFS!"





LATE CHIEF SIR JAMES OKE-ONYIMA UMEIGWILO, Ebube-Agu Igbo-Ukwu and his Family



LATE CHIEF SIR JAMES OKE-ONY-IMA UMEIGWILO, EBUBE-AGU IGBO-UKWU poses with Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah at the 70th Birthday Party of Chief John Kojo Oguegbu of KOJO MOTORS GROUP LTD. The venue was the cozy Ikoyi-Lagos private residence of the KOJO'S on the 22nd of July, 2023. He was such a colorful man and a remarkable lover of our traditional values and its rich attirements.

IGBO TRUMPET.

OKWADIKE DYNASTY: OUTING/ THANKSGIVING SERVICE ON 21/04/24















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IDU: CONNECTING WITH THE PEOPLE

Maka Odinma Igbo-Ukwu...









Fraternal Greetings to all!

On behalf of our President-General of IDU, Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah, Esq., it's with great delight and honor that I write this special presentation to you of our first 54 days in office to showcase our stewardship scorecard over the past 54 days of coming to the IDU Central Administration as your elected officers.

The "OHAZULUME" Administration of Eze-Akajiugo came on board on the 30th of December, 2023 after the declaration of election results and swearing in as IDU officers that would serve you in the next four years. And we are happy to report that upon the sound of the whistle, we set out for the great marathon race in the service of our people and dear community!

- On the 4th January, 2023, we held a formal but brief HANDOVER meeting with the past administration at the IDU Secretariat. We could not complete the critical process of changing the signatories to the bank accounts of IDU on that day but we decided to proceed to work with our personal funds pending the time bank issues are sorted out which have not even happened up till this date.

- Sadly, we discovered upon receiving the keys to both the IDU Hall at Amaehulu Town Hall and the IDU Secretariat at the Post Office Block were in very poor and dilapidated conditions and as such not conducive for meetings and proper Secretarial works.

- We invited experts to review their general statuses including electrical works, plumbing facilities and office equipment but their findings were shocking. Electri-

LEADERSHIP BLUE-PRINTS OF ACTION AIMED TO-WARDS A FOCUSED & PURPOSEFUL ADMINISTRA-TION OF IDU: THE FIRST 54-DAYS REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-GENERAL OF IGBO-UKWU DEVELOPMENT UNION, EZE-AKAJIU-GO SIR DR MCK UBAH

cal wirings had been vandalized and ceiling cables stolen. All the ceiling fans were stiff and bulbs and general lightens were not there.

- We immediately embarked on general repairs, rewiring, cleaning, fumigation and refurbishing of both the IDU Secretariat and the IDU Hall simultaneously to make for quality human occupation and use.

- Beginning with God: On the 17th of January, 2024, we invited our most senior Priests of God from both the Anglican and Roman Catholic Communities of Igbo-Ukwu to help dedicate our refurbished IDU Secretarial Office at the back of the Igbo-Ukwu Post Office Block, Nkwor Igbo Market Igbo-Ukwu and therefore handed over our Administration and the entire affairs of Igbo-Ukwu Development Union under the watch of Eze-Akajiugo to the Almighty God.

- To say the least, the office was practically transformed into a digital one, with the complete rewiring of the office, installation of ceiling fans, air-conditioners, the installation of office computers, printers, photocopy machine and other office gadgets. None of these basic office equipments were there in the first place.

- By the same 17th of January, we were able to completely refurbish the IDU Hall at Amaehulu in readiness for the first ever IDU Leadership Roundtable Training which we had proposed to undertake as a foundational task of building our leadership capacities, skill set and appropriate mindset.

- It's worthy of note that our IDU Hall was seriously vandalized but we were able to restore the vandalized Hall to a very conducive meeting atmosphere as well as put in place adequate security measures to prevent further future vandalization to the admiration of all.

- Immediately after the office dedication prayers and counseling by the priest were over, we went into the 1st Executive Meeting of IDU elected officers inside the now digitalized IDU Secretariat.

At the Executive Meeting, we resolved that in the spirit of 'Anyi bu Ofu' and continuity of a seamless administration of IDU affairs, we considered it expedient to retain or preserve all the existing IDU Committees (both Standing and ad-hoc) as well as all their members which we inherited from the past administration and to encourage them to continue with their services until our February Meeting during which time we will have enough time to study their performances.

- On the 18th and 19th of January, 2024, we began and successfully organized or executed the first ever IDU Leadership Roundtable Training Workshop for all our elected Officers of IDU, the Quarter and Ward Chairmen and Secretaries and branches' Representatives across the country including the IDU Women Wing or Representatives. The Youths ofIgbo-Ukwu in general were not left out including the Idu Cabinet members and Quarters' Chiefs.

- The leadership training was a huge success and very impacting especially with an impressive turn out of our Youths' segment of Igbo-Ukwu.

EVERY BONA-FIDE INDIGENE OF IGBO-UKWU IS HERE-BY OBLIGED TO START THINKING OF THE POSSIBLE WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY TO THE PROGRESS OF IGBO-UKWU, BECAUSE IGBO-UKWU BELONGS TO ALL OF US ALIKE.

IGBO-UKWU MUST BE GREAT AGAIN!!!!

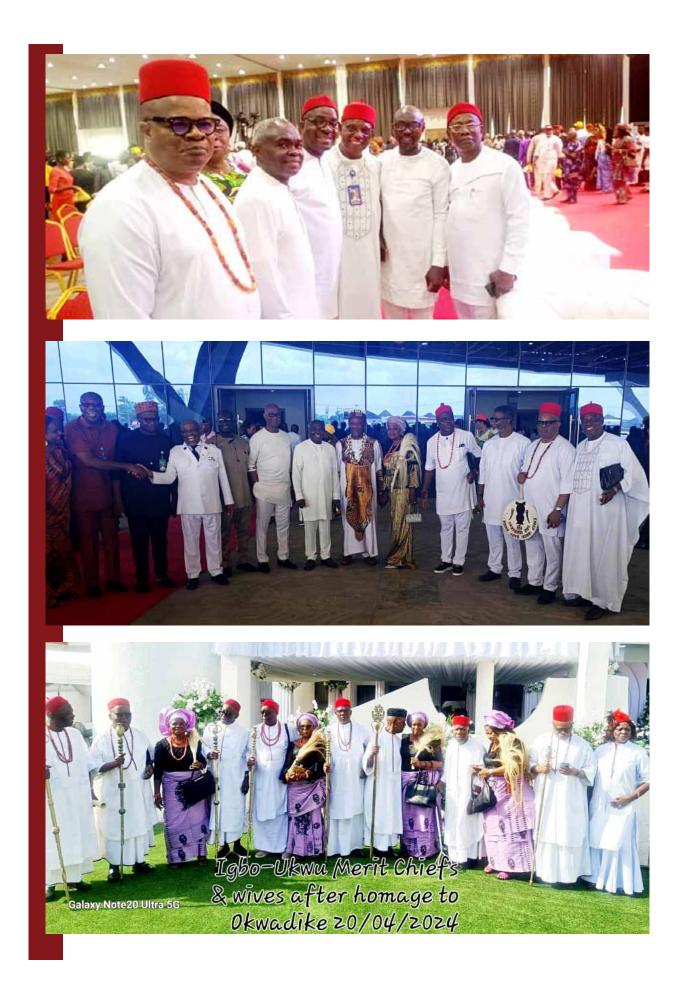
CHETANU NA ANYI BU OFU!!!!

Long live IDU!

May God continue to bless Ndi Igbo-Ukwu (home and abroad)!!

May God also continue to bless our ancestral homeland of Igbo-Ukwu and Anambra State of Nigeria!!

IFEANYI OHAZULUME IJEZIE (MEDIA AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT- GENERAL ON MASS MOBILIZATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT).



IDU SOCIAL DIARY: Nze Nwabueze Nkeonye (Umeiheukwu, Onyisi Nze Ebe-Ozo Obiuno 1 buries Mother)

Condolences





IDU SOCIAL DIARY: Celebrating Kindred Spirit & Connecting with the People



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The executive chairman of Obiuno Quarter, Mr Jecob Izuegbunem (Omenamkpo) raises the hands of Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah as the unassailable sole candidate for the office of the PG of IDU in confirmation and final seal of the approval by Ndi Obiuno Quarter. Date was 25th of November, 2023.





IDE SIR JNC EZIFE @ 101 YEARS!

EZE-AKAJIUGO, FRIENDS & FAMILIES CELEBRATE THE CENTENNARIAN! Date: 20/4/2024











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HAPPENING NOW IN LAGOS: THE FORMAL PRESENTATION OF "THE IDU STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN FOR MOVING IGBO-UKWU FORWARD BEYOND THE NEXT 4 YEARS" TO EBEKUODIKE SIR EDDY MUOEMENAM BY THE PG OF IDU, EZE-AKA JIUGO SIR DR MCK UBAH!

Engr. Abuchi Anyaorah Samuel popularly known as Paragon! IDU Secretary General

Engr. Anyaorah Abuchi, from umuezeabuchi ward 12, Ngo Igboukwu. A true paragon of excellence and dedication.

From his early days attending Salvation Army Primary School in Ngo Igboukwu to his academic journey through Community Secondary School Ichida, Redemption Model Secondary School Onitsha, and Enugu State University of Science and Technology (ESUT), his thirst for knowledge and commitment to education have always been evident.

As the Managing Director of Paragon Construction Ltd and Paragon Mechanised Farm Venture, he has left an indelible mark in the fields of construction and agriculture, showcasing his entrepreneurial spirit. His passion for community development is undeniable, evident through his current roles as Vice Chairman of Umuezeabuchi Ward 12, Secretary of Umeohana Development Union, and have served Igboukwu in various capacity;

- Secretary of IDU Works Committee - Secretary IDU New Yam Festival Committee.
- Chairman Ngo works committee
- Member IDU caretaker committee
- IDU finance officer

Engr. Anyaorah's leadership extends to various organizations including the Bronze City Ambassadors Club of Igboukwu, Nigeria,

Pacesetter multipurpose cooperative Igboukwu

and his past contributions as Treasurer of Anambra State Engineering Students and Financial Secretary of All Farmers Association of Nigeria (AFAN) Aguata.

His commitment to youth empowerment is



inspiring, with active involvement as the former Secretary of Umuezeabuchi Youth Association, Pioneer President and founder of Igbouk wu Youth Council (IYC), and Founder of Truth at Last Vanguard, a non-partisan political forum.

Furthermore, Engr. Anyaorah's dedication to road safety was evident during his time as the Cadet Corps Master of the Federal Road Safety Commission (NYSC Road Safety Club) in Oyo State.

His personal life is a testament to love and family, being blessed with a wonderful wife, Barr. Mrs. Doris Anyaorah, and three children, twin boys, and a girl.



Igbo-Ukwu Folks gather at Hon. Dom Okafor's residence in Igbo -Ukwu to review the political roadmap ahead as EDO thamks Ndi Igbo-Ukwu for their votes. Date was 18/4/24.



SPIRITUAL MATTERS...

EZE-AKAJIUGO AND AKWAUGO PRESENT "THE IDU STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN FOR MOVING IGBO-UKWU FORWARD" BEFORE GOD'S HOLY ALTER @ ST BARNABAS CHURCH IGBO-UKWU. REV VICTOR EZEDINACHI PRAYS FOR THEM. DATE: 6/4/24











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GOODWILL MESSAGE

We wish to congratulate Team Eze-Akajiugo on the succesful rebith of The Igbo Trumpet Magazine at a time like now. May your fountain never run dry! Congratulations!



AKUNWATA BARR IFEANYI & PROF (MRS) UGODIE NNEKA OLI

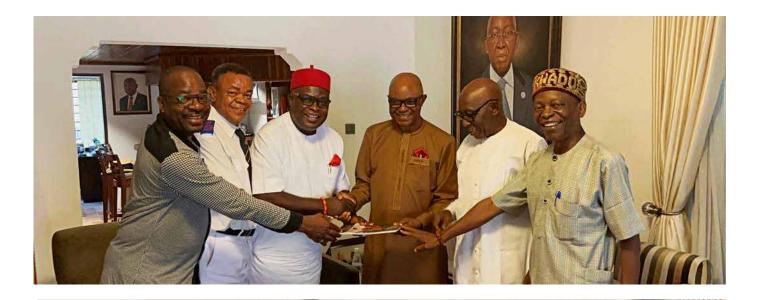


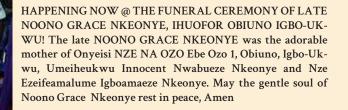




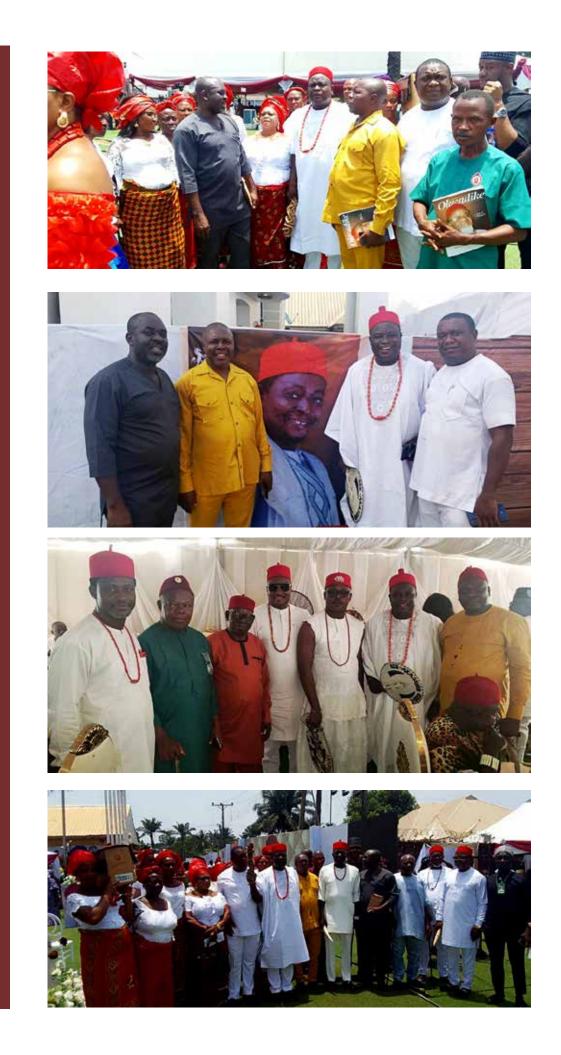








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STILL @ OKWADIKE'S BURIAL















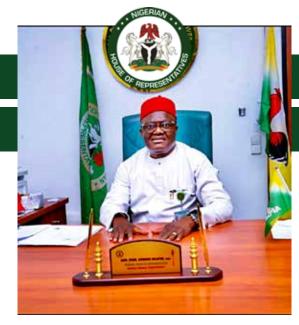






One Year Anniversary

of the Landmark Victory at the Elections of February, 25, 2023: A Message of Gratitude to Ndi Aguata.



On the 19th of April 2024, Chief Hon. Sir Engr Dom Okafor FNSE flaged off the construction of some roads leading from Ugwumba Igbo Ukwu Junction to Amaehulu Town Hall with a spur to Umuezemuoka road Junction in Obiuno Igbo-Ukwu. This is a pointer to many good things to come. The

Inis is a pointer to many good things to come. The Igbo Trumpet appreciates this good good begining in less than one year in office. Igbo-Ukwu is happy with EDO.



IGBO TRUMPET.

IGBO-UKWU: YOUTHS & SPORTS

A BRIEF HISTORY OF IGBO-UKWU FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (IFA), THE MOTHER OF ALL SPORTS IN IGBO-UKWU.



According to the Book titled "Igbo-ukwu in Sports' written by Emeka Igwilo and published in 1995, there is no record to ascertain how and when sport event started in Igbo-Ukwu, however, the available record shows the history dated to the early days of traditional wrestling which is as old as the town.

The author continued that 'On the history of the modem games, the record shows that entertainment practices have been going on in various events until the middle of forties when association known then as Igbo-ukwu Youths Association (IYA) developed interest and organized inter- town friendly soccer competitions with some neighboring towns like Amichi, Nanka, Isuofia, Adazi and Awka-Etiti.

The friendly competitions which always took place during the Christmas period went on for many years until 1956 when the association collapsed after accomplishing her postal agency project.

The collapse of I Y A gave room to the formation of teams in the Igbo-Ukwu Progressive Union (IPU) branches. Thus Chief Mike Azike, Mr Willy Mbanefo and late Mr Bertrand Onuzulike organized a team in Onitsha and contacted late Mr Ben Ikegwuonu (Tropic Ben) who also formed his own football team at Port Harcourt in 1957. The two teams continued playing inter-branch friendly matches until 1958 when Mr. Joachim Ume (Okafor Aba) produced his own team at Aba in the same development. Mr. Stephen Nwosu (Nwakpiagu) in 1959 formed his own team known then as Amateur Soccer Club of Home Branch made up of teachers and students

With the aim to regenerate the glorious Christmas soccer festival, the writer stated that the aforementioned teams assembled and wrote a letter to late Chief Festus Okoli Onyekwelu for financial assistance to enable them organize the 1959 competition, the late Chief accepted the request but instead of giving the financial help he donated a small silver cup with a winning prize of one pound one shilling (two naira ten kobo) with the utmost aim of promoting peace and unity among the indigenes through sports. This gesture Immediately inspired the teams to form a soccer ruling body known as Igbo-ukwu Football Association(IFA) in 1959.

Above is the brief on how the Igbo-ukwu Football Association was born. This Association has not only stood strong as a formidable body, it has also proven its mettle as an admirable administrative organ that has also supported the growth of other sports. To ensure that the town enjoys the benefits of sports in every society.

Some of these benefits include using sports as a fulcrum to build unity, bonding and togetherness. Sports helps to Improve mental health, emotional balance and fitness. Sports provides avenues for kids to make new friends, teamwork and develop leadership skills. Sports keeps youths busy, out of crime and social vices etc.

Among the donors of the Ist Position Cups for the Christmas competitions in Igbo-Ukwu from 1959 to date include :

Chief F.O Onyekwelu Cup (1959 - 1995 Nosco Cup (Niger Optical Service Co. Nig.

LTD) 1996 - 2002 Ezeakudo Cup (Chief Christopher Okonkwo) 2003 - 2009

Kotraco Cup (Nze Christian Okoli-Udeafor) 2010

Ikem Uzoezie Cup (Hon. Ikem Uzoezie) 2011-2014

Amara Iheme Cup (Mr. Amara Iheme) 2015 Ugo Igbo-Ukwu Cup (Engr. Bart Nwibe) 2016 - 2019

(Covid -19 Disruption 2020)

Eze-Ezinwanne Ohamadike Cup (Nze Chuks Okoye) 2021 - date

Other Football Competitions In Igbo-ukwu and Sponsors also include :

1. IDU South Africa cup (Primary School) -Easter

Sponsor: IDU South Africa Branch

2. Zaifa Inter Community Cup – Easter -Sponsor: Mr Chukwudi Ezeife(Zaifa)

3. Eze-eseghaozo Ezeakaomajideaku cup (Primary School)- August : Sponsor: Nze Onyebuchi Okeke

4. ACOMEF - Sept-Oct. Sponsor: Engr Ikenna Okonkwo

5. Eze-ezinwanne Ohamadike Igbo-Ukwu League Cup – December. Sponsor: Nze Chucks Okoye

6. Ezeugo Okenwa Super-4 cup- January 3rd. Sponsor: Nze Dr. Greg Ezeilo

The space cannot allow us list all the sponsors of different sports in Igbo-ukwu but posterity and history shall never forget them.

Edochie Nkannebe Secretary Igbo-ukwu Football Association 20/04/2024



NZE G.C UMEANUKA (Ezeohamadike) IDU Sports Committee Chairman

The Winners of Igboukwu Premier League

From 1959 to Date



Edition	Year	Team	Edition	Year	Team	Edition	Year	Team
1 st	1959	Home	21 st	1984	Benin	42 nd	2005	Benin
2 nd	1960	Home	22 nd	1985	Lagos	43 rd	2006	Onitsha
3 rd	1961	Home	23 rd	1986	Lagos	44 th	2007	Nnewi (Anekwe United)
4 th	1962	Home	24 th	1987	Benin	45 th	2008	Onitsha 1
5 th	1963	Home	25 th	1988	llorin	46 th	2009	Onitsha 2
6 th	1964	Port Harcourt	26 th	1989	Onitsha 1	47 th	2010	Lagos
7 th	1965	Port Harcourt	27 th	1990	Onitsha 2	48 th	2011	Onitsha 1
8 th	1966	Onitsha	28 th	1991	Abuja	49 th	2012	Onitsha 1
xx	1967 - 1970	Civil War	29 th	1992	Abuja	50 th	2013	Onitsha 1
9 th	1971	Onitsha	30 th	1993	Enugu	51 st	2014	Onitsha 2
10 th	1972	Aba	31 st	1994	Home	52 nd	2015	Lagos (Sons of Jacob)
11 th	1973	Benin	32 nd	1995	Onitsha	53 rd	2016	Lagos (Big Brothers)
12 th	1974	Abakaliki	33 rd	1996	Onitsha	54th	2017	Lagos (Big Brothers)
13 th	1976	Benin	34 th	1997	Onitsha / Jos	55th	2018	Onitsha
14 th	1977	Students/Onitsha	35 th	1998	Onitsha 2	56th	2019	Onitsha
15 th	1978	Benin	36 th	1999	Onitsha 2	57th	2020	Onitsha
16 th	1979	Aba	37 th	2000	Onitsha 2	58th	2021	Okey FC
17 th	1980	Benin	38 th	2001	Onitsha 1	59th	2022	Okey FC
18 th	1981	Benin/Onitsha	39 th	2002	Lagos 1	60th	2023	Onitsha 2
19 th	1982	No winner (Inconclusive)	40 th	2003	Elephants (Dege United)	61st	2024	
20 th	1983	Students	41 st	2004	Elephants	62nd	2025	

2nd and 3rd Cups and sponsors (1981 to date)							
Position	Position Years Name of Cups for 2nd Position		Years	Name of Cups for 3rd Position			
1	1981- 2002	Union Social Club Cup	1990 2002	Uzondu Social Club of Jos			
2	2 2003-2009 SEGOFS Nig Ltd Cup 2		2003-2009	Union Social Club Igbo-Ukwu			
3	2010-2012	Nze Christian Okoli-Udeafor (Kotraco)	2010	Nze Christian Okoli-Udeafor (Kotraco)			
4			2011-2014	Mr. Chukwudi Ezeife Cup (Zaifa)			
5	2013-15	Igbo-ukwu Football Asso Cup	2015	Igbo-ukwu Football Asso Cup			
6	2016-2019	Ugo Igbo-Ukwu Cup	2016-2019	Ugo Igbo-Ukwu Cup			
7	2020	IFA Cup	2020	IFA Cup			
8	2021 - Date	Eze-Ezinwanne Ohamadike Cup	2021 - Date	Eze-Ezinwanne Ohamadike Cup			
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THE BIRTH OF EZEAKA JIUGO CUP (WOMEN FOOTBALL)



A fruitful session with the President General of IDU and the birth of Ezeakajiugo Cup for Women Football

Some of the executive members of Igbo-ukwu Football Association (IFA) were privileged tohave a meeting with the President General of Igbo-ukwu Development Union (IDU) to brief him on the activities of the football body. The session also gave opportunity for honest dialogue and issues to be laid bare, on how football and sports generally can be improved in Igbo-ukwu, for the community to take its proper place in the Sports Industry.

The visit was a formal interface after the inauguration of the current leadership of the Administrative organ of the Archaeological city. The2ndday of March 2024 will ever remain indelible in the history of football in Igbo-ukwu as the daymarked yet, another breakthrough in the effort to ignite the Women football competition as this will give opportunity for our indigenes to key into the globalwave of women soccer.

The President General of IDU, Bar. Ezeakajiugo MCK Ubah, wasted no time in honoring our request for the courtesy call since he was ever in the know of the power of soccer and what football and sports generally can do in the unification of any community. It is on record that Igbo-ukwu Football Association completely held firm and made sure that football activities were going on in the community in the days of the Iduship tussle and stalemates in battle for the position of the PG. The members of IFA were focused and never allowed the Association to be dragged into the politics as they were aware that if the youths get entangled in the politics then the center can no more hold. Thank God that IFA was happy that there wasno Christmas that football finals were not held. Instead, more competitions were introduced and youths were busy, focused and off the politics.

In the past, a visit to the President General (PG) of Igbo-ukwu used to be to solve a problem that emanated from the dispute or to seek for IDU's intervention on the use of one of the football pitches or the other. Effort to seek intervention through the town union, our mother body, always come up because of the way every leadership sees sports. Some see sports investment as a wasteful venture while others see it as a fiesta for the youths only. Yet, sports in today's world is a serious business, a theater for fruitful entertainment and a unifying activity. Needless to mention the health benefits of sports and the impact it has on keeping the youthsout of social vices. Above all, Sports create aforumfor building lasting and cohesive friendship. Have you ever wondered why Igbo-ukwu community does not have a collective playing field? All the sporting activities of the community are either held at the school field or the Church premises/field. This is a big gap that needs to be filled and the effort of the Youths Social Club of Igbo-ukwu (with their Stadium project) is yet to be achieved. Readers of history will

remember that the non-availability of the Community Square or the town's playing field led to constant quarrel that came up in the community some years ago. Then, conflicts always emanatedon issues of religious beliefs and the use of the venues for the Mmanwu festivals and otherwise. Thank God that a new understanding is leading to the harmonized atmosphere andmarriage of convenience.

Haven given us an early appointment, the delegates of IFA came as scheduled and on first dial of a call, the President General picked and opened the door for us, ready and dressed in simple and sporty attire to discuss with us. As always said, firstimpressionalways matters. Immediately I saw the PG in sportswear and not his usual Ozo Title Cap or Babariga, for Community functions, I knewhe was prepared for us.

We barely finished our introduction, and as an orator, the PG entered the boxing arena and threw the first punch with his right handas if he had a pipe into our requests, and dealt with one of the topics we were to discuss. When I looked at my fellow officials, I saw the smiles on their faces and I knew that the PG had decimated all of them with the beautiful uppercut. The following ideas later made up the bounty harvests with no one getting hurt:





Ways football can be reactivated to regain its clamor and gain more followership:

1. Branches to be urged to Participate especially in the December league as they help unite the youths of the Community.

2. IDU to make deliberate effort to budget and invest in Sport development through institutionalization of the Sport Grant to be given to the football body and for development of other sports.

3. Need for every Branch and Village Union to have a Sports Committee, the way IDU has.

4. IDU to recognize, encourage and appreciate Individuals that sponsor sports in the ancient city, as a way of boosting that industry.

5. Need for the Female Football to be remodeled to attract more followership as well as create avenues for social mix. It is on record both in the past and in the mid-80sthat people used to go to 'Egwuonwa' and Azudo to look for wives, that atmosphere needs to be created through a better and organized setting. IDU needs to have a deep dive in what makes the youths happy and make investment there.

6. IFA to boost their Media awareness to ignite the Commercial values of football.

7. Development and Penetration strategy to be deployed to capture more attention of people.

8. The 1st and 3rd January every year to be reserved as Igbo-ukwu Sports Days. This entails that effort will be made to streamline IDU Calendar to show that the Community is well organized and not controlled by non-state actors. In the past, Igbo-ukwu community used to harmonize their activities and get it well separated and programmed to avoid abuse.

Outside all the points discussed above, the issue that took the longest time in the dialogue was how Igbo-ukwu Community can give sports its rightful place and make Christmas activities more memorable, organized and seamless.

When the discussion came to the point to review Female Football as a way of carrying the Womenfolk along as they are already clamoring for, Bar. Ezeakajiugo took up the challenge and requested IFA to come up with proposal on that. This acceptance electrified the entire atmosphere and gave Birth to Ezeakajiugo Cup for Women Football. One could but only imagine the excitement of the footballers that visited Late Chief FO Onyekwelu in 1959, for support and left with the birth of F.O Onyekwelu Cup, which is still played everyDecember, till date. Though Chief FO Onyekwelu (Ogbuefi Igbo-ukwu) is no more, His legacy still remains, flourishing and a pride of the Community. The foresight of Late Onyekwelu was what gave birth to the formation of Igbo-ukwu Football Association (IFA) in 1959 on which platform we visited the head of the Town Union.

The technical team of IFA is working out plans on the modalities and sponsorship package for the maiden edition come, 2025. Details on the modalities will be released before the end of the year. This gives all the interested and physically fit girls a long notice to start preparation for the game.

Like Nostradamus, the man that saw tomorrow, no one would need a clairvoyant to tell him or her that Igbo-ukwu is growing into a hub for Sports tourism, and we must support it.

For those still waiting to join the ride, we advise you better come and partner IFA for the continued unification of the Igbo-ukwu youths through sports. If the Chairman of the Nigeria Football Federation (NCF) can visit Igbo-ukwu in December2023 and if the IDU 111 of Igbo-ukwu, the Alor 11 and the Odu 111 with other dignitaries from home and in diaspora can be at Holy Trinity Church field for the finals of the Igbo-ukwu Premier League, it therefore means that we all need to join hands with the Town and the Football body to give our football a face lift.

The Picture below shows the Wife of Late Chief F.O Onwekwelu presenting the giant FO Onyekwelu cup to the then Chairman of IFA, Late Chief Enyi Azike in 1975. At her right is the Husband, while the then Secretary General of IDU, Chief Ignatius Nwosu (Ezeudo Igbo-ukwu) is standing beside Chief Azike. This consequently shows that the glamour of the soccer embraces all the generations and gender in the society and we must not let the legacy die.

Emeka Igwilo President Igbo-ukwu Football Association And author of the Book 'Igbo-ukwu In Sports' 23/04/2024

ODENIGBO AGE GRADE

PAYS COURTESY VISIT



ODENIGBO AGE GRADE OBIUNO IGBO-UKWU PAID A COURTESY VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT GENERAL OF IGBO-UKWU DEVELOPMENT UNION EZE-AKA JIUGO SIR DR MCK UBAH. 31/03/24

As the saying goes, 'Ihe di nkuta mma n' adi ya na odų'.

From the inception of the Eze-Akajiugo led 'OHAZULUME' administration, it has been one courtesy visit or the other, which is a clear indication of the general acceptability of Eze-Akajiugo led 'OHAZULUME' administration.

But today's courtesy visit from Odenigbo age grade is a very special one since the President General himself is not just a member of Odenigbo age grade but the an ambassador/pioneer secretary of the age grade. It was a meeting of peers 'ka aghalu were too na ka aghalų were chųkoo oke ma obų ngwere.

The childhood banters was a super notch and a perfect reflection of the revived kindred Spirit in circulation in Igbo-Ukwu.

The President-General welcomed his age grade with great love and enthusiasm. He encouraged every bona-fide citizen of Igbo-Ukwu to endeavor to belong to an age grade. He described age grade as a good agent of socialization and a wonderful development partner in Igbo culture.

The Chairman of the age grade Chief Nelson Osunkwo presented the Congratulatory letter to the President-General and expressed unalloyed Fraternal support to

the administration of Eze-Akajiugo.

Other prominent members of the age grade are; Chief Adalbert Osunkwo (Omenurudike) Secretary Age grade council Igbo-Ukwu, Chief Emma Osunkwo (Ebekudike) Comrade Jude C. Okiche (Nwachinemelu) deputy Chairman, Mr Emma Nwosu (Emma black) assistant Secretary and former IDU P.R.O. and many others.

Surely, goodness and mercy is following Igbo-Ukwu now and Igbo-Ukwu is dwelling in presence of God forever and ever. Amen

IFEANYI OHAZULUME IJEZIE.

HIS GRACE BISHOP SAMUEL EZEOFOR, THE ANGLICAN BISHOP OF AGUATA DIOCESE SHARES SOME GOOD MOMENTS WITH EZE-AKA JIUGO SIR DR MCK UBAH WHILE THE ARCHDEACON OF IGBO UKWU ARCHDE-CONRY VEN. EMMA NWANKWO LISTENS WITH RAPT ATTENTION DURING THE BURIAL OF OKWADIKE ON **SATURDAY 20/4/24**





FELICITATIONS!

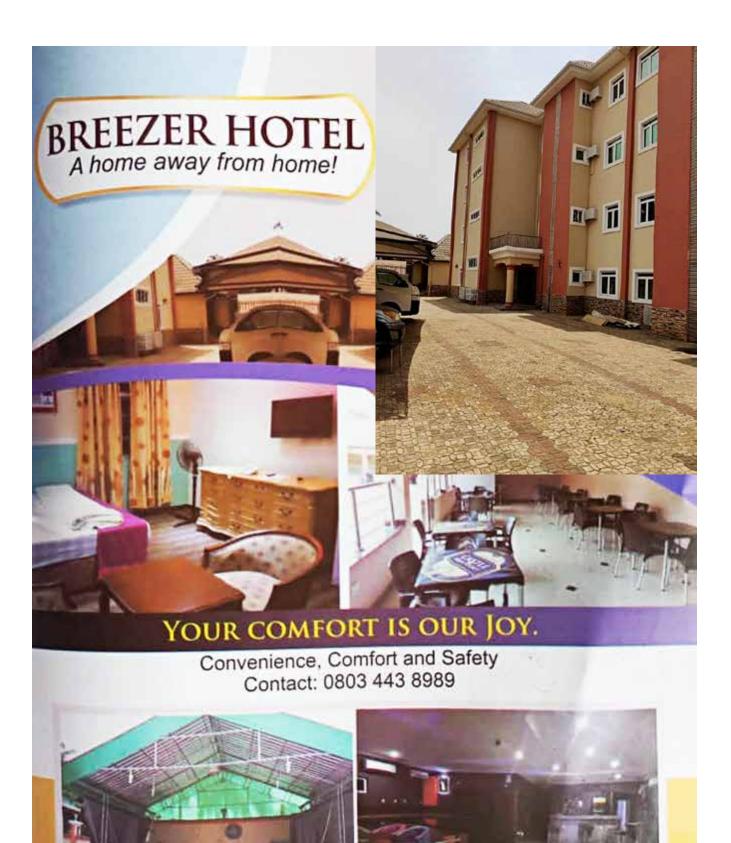
Congratulations! Igbo-Ukwu is on the march again. We are happy to be part of your dreams for a better and greater Igbo-Ukwu! We are solidly behind you!



AKAEKPUCHIONWA SIR CHUDI & LADY NKIRU ILLOH.

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CHANGE OF GUARDS AT AMAEHULU: IDU



Handover and..... on the MOVE ...with this strategic document

After weeks of avoidable tension and intense political intrigues, there was a successful change of guards at Amaehulu on 3/12/23. Ezeakajiugo MCK Ubah, the man who appeared to have be set aside for a time like this, became the sole candidate and emerged as President General of IDU and NO1 citizen of Igbo-Ukwu in the next 4 years, God willing. He has hit the ground running, setting up structures for an inclusive government, digitilesed the IDU office at Nkwo, upgraded the infrastructure and optics at Amaehulu, and organised the First IDU Leadership Development Roundtable in conjunction with the Center for Communal Leadership and Civic Education. The first general meeting on 24/2/24 was the most attended in recent years as well as the first online realtime meeting by the IgboUkwu community and

probably by any community in Anambra state. At the meating he presented to Igbo-Ukwu community, a neatly published document titled the strategy and action plan for moving Igbo-Ukwu forwardbeyond the next four years. It contains the 15-point aganda of Team-Akajiugo, which includes restoration of hope, leadership skillset and mindset improvement, curbing mindless court litigations, runuing IDU meetings as a model for other

At the first IDU Leadershup Roundtable



PG of IDU, Idu 3 of IgboUkwu, and Facilitators, Prof Chiekezie and Ada Muo, PhD

committees, leadership continuity,, synergy between IDU and Idu Cabinet, effective relationship with internal and external, stakeholders, key signature and transformative projects like Idu's Palace,increased participation of Idu branches, including diasporan communities, robust culture and tourism strategy, digitalisation of IgboUkwu governance, increased participation of age grades and youths, and a proactive budget and audit strategy. He also presented a three-point mission statememnt: to win back those who opposed his ambition, deepen the trust of those who supported him, and fulfill Gods purpose for him in this generation, assuring that he would be fair, honest, faithful and transparent in their discharge.

His administration has also created most of his committees(mostlyrolled-over from the previous administration). There was also a reception for the new administrations by Ezeagunechemba Onyemenan. Having inherited a fractured polity, he had consciously reached out to many critical stakeholders, in an effort to mend fenses and bring everybody on board. His most recent activity was a special session with members of the Nkwo Market remodelling Committee, whch was hosted by Chief Ezeh on 3/2/24, things are looking up and Igbo-Ukwu will be great again, even GREATER than before

We wish him well as we are watching his administration, especially vis-a-vis his espoused agenda and the Ohazulume philosophy.

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Ik Muo, Course Coordinator ... Idu3 and members of IDU Executive

At First IDU General Meeting Under Ezeakajiugo



Arrival of Idu 3 & his entourage



Committee on Youths & Age-grades



Members of the Idu in Council

PRESENTATION OF LETTER OF RECOGNITION

THE OFFICIAL PRESENTATION OF LETTER OF RECOGNITION/-AUTHORITY AS THE PRESIDENT-GENERAL OF IGBO-UKWU DE-VELOPMENT UNION, IDU BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ANAMBRA STATE AT THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE AWKA AS REPRESENTED BY THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER, LG & TOWN UNIONS, CHIEF HON COLLINS TONY NWABUNWANNE.

Pictures below the highpoints of the brief ceremony as the Hon Commissioner hands over the Letter to the PG of IDU, Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah, Esq in his inner office, Government House Awka while Eze-Ogboogu Hon Javis Adinmuo JP and Mr Okey Okoye, former Secretary-General of IDU witness the ceremony.





MEET THE IDU ELECTED OFFICERS



Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah Esq Lagos-based Barrister-at-law and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria. One-time Chairman of Obiuno Quarter of Igbo-Ukwu & the current PG of IDU.



Hon. Nzukwe Uwaezuoke Onitsha-based Businessman; ex-Chairman - Umudege Development Union; ex-Chairman - Umudege Development Union, Onitsha Branch; current SA to the Member representing Onitsha South 1, Anambra State House of Assembly Awka and now 1st Vice-PG of IDU. Hails from Ihite Quarter



Hon Ebere Obodoekwe MD - Bodos Constec LTD., an Igbo-Ukwu based Events' Planner, Manager & Entrepreneur and 2nd Vice-PG of IDU. Hails from Ngo Quarter



Engr Abuchi Anyaorah Samuel (Paragon)

MD- Paragon Construction Ltd and Paragon Mechanized Farm Venture, Awka. An experienced Community Leader. Currently the Secretary-General of IDU. Hails from Ngo Quarter



Nze Iruka P. Umeodunukwe (Ezeugoakon'obi)

Nze Iruka P. Umeodunukwe (Ezeugoakon'obi) A Warri based businessman. The Treasurer of IDU, hails from Ihite Quarter



Mr John Paul Obidike (Nna muzie nwa) An Onitsha based businessman; ex-Financial Secretary of Obiuno Quarter of Igbo-Ukwu and current Financial Secretary of IDU



Sir Joe Agorchukwu Assistant Financial Secretary of IDU from Ihite Quarter of Igbo-Ukwu



Mr Ikechukwu Umeuwa From Ward 5 Umunono family, Obiuno Quarter of Igbo-Ukwu. He is our Assist. Secretary of IDU



Mr, Ibeanu Innocent

Public Relations Officer (PRO) of IDU; former Chairman of Umumeohana-Osolumegbu Ward 15 of Ngo Quarter; Former Treasurer Ngo Progressive Union as well as its 2nd vice-chairman Umumeohana Welfare Union.



Mr John Abuchi Udeagu

Assist PRO of IDU. Hails from Ward 32 of Ezigbo Umudike part of Ihite Quarter Igbo-Ukwu



Evangelist Zephs Chidozie Umeokoli (Prince) Financial Secretary of Ihuofor Village; A devout Church Worker & Company Manager. He is Auditor 1 of IDU from the Obiuno Quarter of Igbo-Ukwu



Mr Chibuike Ezenwoye From Ngo Quarter of Igbo-Ukwu. He is our Auditor 2 of IDU



Mr Chris Udegbunam One of the IDU Auditors (from Etiti part of Ihite Quarter) An Accounting Staff in a Private Company at Ogidi near Onitsha.



Mr Uchenna Ezeokeke Hails from Ward 22 of Akama, Ngo Quarter, Igbo-Ukwu. He is our Provost 1 of IDU.



Mr Onwumelu Chinedu Provost 2 of IDU; an Igbo-Ukwu based Paints Producer from the Ihite Quarter of Igbo-Ukwu.



Mr Ifeanyi Alex Mefor Igbo-Ukwu based Entrepreneur. Provost 3 of IDU from Obiuno Quarter of Igbo-Ukwu

IDU SOCIAL DIARY & VISITS:



THE FORMAL PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN ETHICS PROFESSIONAL SERVICE TO HUMANITY PRESENTED TO EZE-AKAJIUGO SIR DR MCK UBAH WHO IS FLANKED IN THE MIDDLE BY THE ELECTED OFFICERS OF IDU AFTER THEIR FIRST MEETING AT THE AKAJIUGOGRACEVILLA, TODAY'S IGBO-UKWU GOVERNMENT HOUSE! Surely this is a winning team!



Today: Courtesy Call & Presentation of Goodwill Message by Executives & Members of Umu-Ada Obiuno Quarter to Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah, PG of IDU.



The President-General EZE-AKA JIUGO SIR DR MCK UBAH in the company of Eze-Akudo, Eze-Agunechemba Eze-Ogboogu, and Ochendo during a courtesy visit to Eze-Agunachibe Nze Luke Ezeike at his country home in Igbo-Ukwu.



Courtesy Call Presentation of Goodwill Message by the Executives and Members of Umu-Ada Igbo-Ukwu to Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah, the PG of IDU today at the AkajiugoGraceVilla Obiuno Igbo-Ukwu. For this current regime of IDU (Central Leadership) lines are indeed falling in pleasant places as evidenced by the floods of goodwill and solidarity visits by organized groups and associations. Igbo-Ukwu is fastly on the recovery lane to the glory of God



The President-General EZE-AKAJIUGO SIR DR MCK UBAH, Eze-Akudo, Eze-Agunechemba Eze-Ogboogu, and Ochendo Igbo-Ukwu presenting the strategy document during to IDE JNC EZEIFE country home in Igbo-Ukwu, shortly after the IDU meeting.



IDU SPECIAL VISITORS:



Ndi Igbo-Ukwu nji emeonu, ekeneem unu! Happy Sunday to you all! I wish to thank you all for your spectacular performance in our yesterday's meeting and the report of the progress of the Security Committee as presented to Ndi Igbo-Ukwu yesterday by HRM Alor 2 of Igbo-Ukwu. Thank you! I quite appreciate the huge financial challenge on our hands and what remains to be done. But our people say that na: etoo Dike na nke omelu, omekwa ozo! Please let's appreciate our distinguished senator Ifeanyi Ubah on the one he has done. As a show of appreciation, we have sent this letter to him earlier by Whatsapp post but it needs to be delivered to him physically with attached copies of our Brochure which we presented to IDU yesterday. U can see we eulogized him in the Brochure with his lovely picture. Iyom Uche Ekwunife as well is inside the Brochure. Iyom visited me yesterday. Please may your Cmttes members send them to his Nnewi home at your earliest convenience when he's home. Please do it for us and remain blessed



SOLIDARITY VISITS



IGBO-UKWU FOLKS REMAIN IN HIGH SPIRIT AS MORE AND MORE SOCIAL GROUPS & ASSOCIATIONS CONTINUE TO PAY SOLIDARITY VISIT TO THE PG OF IDU, EZE-AKA JIUGO SIR DR MCK UBAH!

Ndi banyi ndewo nu!

Recent events have shown that Igbo-Ukwu folks remain in high spirit long after last Christmas Season's IDU Central Leadership change of power at the Amaehulu Town Hall Igbo-Ukwu on the 30th of December, 2024. There is indeed no end to joy and happiness in a people who wholeheartedly expected a progressive change and alas, it happened: when the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice...(Proverbs 29:2).

And so it is with the election of the present leadership of IDU led by Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah as the PG of IDU! Since 30th of December, 2023, the AkajiugoGraceVilla Obiuno Igbo-Ukwu country home of the PG of IDU as well as his Praise Castle' Lagos private residence have been daily besieged by countless friends, social groups and associations to submit their joy and gratitude to God that at last Igbo-Ukwu has regained it's march in the right direction. His Lagos corporate Law Chambers is no exemption either.

The other weekend before last, the executives of the Lagos Headquarters of the upwardly mobile Ultimate Friends' Club of Igbo-Ukwu paid him a solidarity visit to register their presence with the PG of IDU who is also one of their patrons. It was joy and happiness galore as exchange of convivialities including kindred bonding became the envy of those not present in that visit.

Last Monday was the turn of yet another Igbo-Ukwu's prestigious Youths' Club known as the Igbo-Ukwu Love Brothers' Club of Lagos ably led by Mr Onyeka Agu. That courtesy visit ended up to a classic Dinner at the famous *Just Like Mama's Kitchen located at the serene part of Amuwo-Odofin GRA Lagos. It was a perfect sample of the best tradition of Igbo-Ukwu Love Brothers' Club! Who said true Kindred spirit belonged to the past! All for love of community!

What richly accounts for these attractions to the new leadership of IDU led by Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah are as result of the progressive driven spirit, strategic action plan and bespoke innovations the new leadership has brought to bear on community leadership. On the 24th February, 2024, Team Eze-Akajiugo presented a colourful 108-paged "Strategy and Action Plan for Moving Igbo-Ukwu Forward Beyond the Next Four Years" at the Amaehulu Town before a mammoth distinguished IDU Delegates drawn from all the 36 Wards of IDU, over 10 registered IDU Branches nationwide as well as the Idu Cabinet of Igbo-Ukwu and the Merit Chiefs of Igbo-Ukwu.

This novel presentation of the 'leadership Blueprints' in less than 60 days of coming to power at Amaehulu Town Hall Igbo-Ukwu became an eloquent and clear sign of the seriousness, sure-footedness, strategic preparation and focus of the new leadership. What turned out to be a historic presentation earned IDU nearly N5million donations on the spot by nealy all attendee to the maiden meeting who were present in that main bowl of Amaehulu Town.

Expectedly more donations are still coming

in from the branches and other stakeholders because it has become 'onye nu, o koolu ibe ya!' This colorful novelty of ideas and strategic thinking by Team Eze-Akajiugo have never happened before in recent history of IDU.

Yet I am in the know that more groups and associations are still warming up to pay their solidarity visits and supports to the IDU Chief Executive on account of his very busy schedules. Never mind, all must be accommodated when it gets to their turn. Already most Age Grades Associations in Igbo-Ukwu have sent in their requests to visit the PG including the Obiuno pioneering Age Grade, Odenigbo Age Grade which is the PG's own Age Grade in Obiuno Quarter.

Since last December, the Red Cross Society of Igbo-Ukwu has consistently registered its desire to visit the PG of IDU but for conflicting dates. Many more social groups are still in the lineup of awaiting visitors to the PG of IDU! It's well with Igbo-Ukwu!

Ndi banyi, what more can be sweeter than sugar and more precious than gold! For instance, I was at the IDU Secretariat Igbo-Ukwu the other day on a working visit as more groups and associations' leaders came in to drop their official requests to meet with the PG of IDU on courtesy purposes. We therefore humbly request such groups and associations to also come handy with some innovative ideas that would move Igbo-Ukwu forward...maka odinma Igbo-Ukwu! But overall, there is one common or primary mission in all: to show love and support for a leadership that God used to save Igbo-Ukwu from the cliff edge of anarchy, disillusionment and despondency!

Let's continue to keep our spirit high and support Team Eze-Akajiugo to move Igbo-Ukwu forward to the next level of development, progress and prosperity to the glory of God.

As our PG would always say in his original posts: come with me.... expect Greatness ...for Joy cometh in the morning!

Finally, we at Team Eze-Akajiugo remain indebted to all those social groups, associations and private individual stakeholders who have visited our PG since last December election. We urge all to remain steadfast and to keep us in their daily prayers because community leadership is a serious and challenging assignment that requires great sacrifices and devotion that have no pecuniary benefits to match except selfless service to our ancestral homeland. May God continue to bless you all and our dear community!

I remain yours sincerely,

Ifeanyi Ohazulume Ijezie, (Presidential Aid on mass Mobilization & Awareness)

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM IGBO-UKWU FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION IFA TO THE PG OF IDU



13th January 2024

Ezeakajiugo Sir. Dr. MCK Ubah President General Igbo-ukwu Development Union

Sir,

APPRECIATION FOR THE IMMENSE SUPPORT DURING THE 3RD EDITION OF EZE-EZINWANNE OHAMADIKE CUP, 2023

On behalf of the entire members of Igbo-Ukwu Football Association and the football-loving people of Igbo-Ukwu community, we humbly write to express our gladness to you and your lovely family for the support during the 3rd EDITION OF THE EZE-EZINWANNE OHAMADIKE CUP, 2023.

This competition has continued to grow both in leaps and bounds and we are so proud of you for throwing all your weights behind this progress.

The array of personalities like you, and people from all works of life both from Igbo-ukwu and beyond, that graced the occasion, indeed displayed how united the community is, and how we can achieve greater things in whatever we set our eyes to do. For the Traditional Institution led by the Idu 111 an d the Administrative organ of IDU led by the President General to be present in the highest activities of the youths in the ancient city of Igbo-ukwu speaks volume of unity and progress.

As we continue to look forward to better competitions and organization ahead, our prayer is that God Almighty will ever bless and prosper you and your lovely family in Jesus name. Amen.

Kindly accept our highest regards.

Emeka Igwilo President, IFA 08033807254

Yours sincerely,

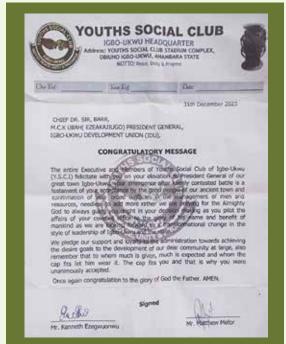






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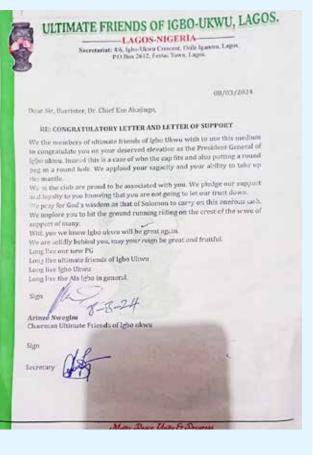
The indomitable and legendary Youths' Social Club of Igbo-Ukwu, has pledged their total support and weight behind the leadership of IDU under the able watch of Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah while emphasize that the betterment and progress of our community is very important to them. The attached letter addressed to Eze-Akajiugo Igbo-Ukwu speaks volumes. It's a pointer and eloquence to the great influence and collateral reputation of IDU's latest Chief Executive Officer. It is also a subtle message to all the younger Youths' group and association to join the train and support the nascent leadership.



	Winners of the igbo-ukwu Premier League from 1959 to 2023							
Edition	Year	Team	Edition	Year	Team	Edition	Year	Team
1"	2559	Home	21"	2964	Besin	42"	2005	Benin
211	1160	Home	22"	1945	Lapro	45"	3006	Quitaha
34	1961	Home	231	1966	Lagos	- 44 th	2007	Anekue United (Nnewi)
41	1962	Home	24 th	1967	Benin	45*	2008	Onitsha 1
5"	1963	Home	25 th	1968	Borin	46*	2009	Onitsha 2
- 8°	2264	Port Hercourt	26*	1262	Onitable 1	47%	3050	Lagon
70	2145	Fort Harcourt	27*	2990	Onitcha 2	45*	3011	Ovitsha1
41	2966	Ovitsha	28*	2991	Abuja	49*	2012	Onitsha 1
30	1967-1970	Civil Wor	29 th	2992	Abuja	50 th	2013	Onitsha 1
9 ⁺	1971	Qeitaha	30*	1998	Briegu	51"	2054	Ontube 2
30"	1972	Abe	31"	1994	Home	52 nd	2015	Leges (Sons o(Jacob)
11*	1973	Benin	32"	1995	Onitsha	- 53 rd	2016	Leges (Sons o(Jocob)
32"	1974	Abukaliki	33"	1996	Onithe	S4th	3017	Lages (Big Brothers)
33	1176	Benin	34"	1997	Onitaite / Jes	55th	2018	Onitisha
34"	2577	Students/Onitsha	35%	2958	Onitsha 2	Sith	2019	Onitsha
15*	2578	Benin	36*	2999	Onitsha 2	SPoh	2020	Onitaha
36	2579	Aba	37*	2000	Onitsha 2	Sith	2021	Okey FC
17*	1580	Benin	38	2001	Onitsha 3	SPCh	2022	Chey H
2810	1981	Benin/Onituha	29 ²⁴	2002	Lages 1	6045	3028	Onitsha 2
29"	1982	No winner (Inconclusive)	40*	2005	Elephants (Dege United)	6141	3024	
20"	1983	Students	41-	2004	Dephants	62nd		

Donors of 1st Position Cups from 1959 to Date						
Years	Name of cup for 1st Positions	Sponsor				
1959 - 1995	Chief F.O. Onyekwelu Cup	Chief F.O. Onyekwelu (Ogbuefi Igbo-Ukwu)				
1996 - 2002	NOSCO Cup	Niger Optical Services Co. Nig. Ltd				
2003 - 2009	Ezeakudo Cup	Chief Christopher Okonkwo (Ezeakudo)				
2010	Kotraco cup	Nze Christian Okoli-Udeafor (Kotraco)				
2011 - 2014	Ikem Uzoezie Cup	Hon. Ikem Uzoezie				
2015	Amara Iheme Trophy	Mr. Amara Martin Iheme				
2016 - 2019	Ugo Igbo-Ukwu Cup	Engr. Bart Nwibe (Ugo Igbo-Ukwu)				
2020	ITA Com	Cup introduced after sponsor withdrew cos				
2020	IFA Cup	of Covid-19 disruption				
2021 - Date	Eze-Ezinwanne Ohamadike Cup	Nze Chucks Okoye (Eze-Ezinwanne)				

Sec.		2nd and Ind Caps and spo	eniors (1983 8	th date)
Position	Years	Name of Cups for 2nd Pesition	Years	Name of Cups for 3rd Position
1	1981-2092	Union Social Club Cup	1990 2002	Uzendu Social Chib of Jos
1	2001-2009	SEGOPS Nig that Cup	2003-2009	Union Social Club Igbo-Ukwu
1	2010-2017	Nee Christian Okali-Udeafor (Kotraco)	2010	Nze Christian Okoli-Udeafor (Notraco)
4			2011-2014	Mr. Chukwoodi Eneite Cup (Zeite)
.5	2913-15	Igbo where Football Asso Cap	2015	Igbe-ukwu Feetball Asso Cup
	2016-2019	Ligo igso-URWU Eup	2016-2019	Ugo igbo-Ulkwu Cup
7	2020	IFA Cup	2020	IFA Cup
	2823 - Date	Ere-Erinwarme Ohamadike Cop	2021 -Date	Eze-Ezinwanne Chamadike Cup
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