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IDU LEADERSHIP IN  
365 DAYS: JAN-DEC 2024!

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### TEAM EZE-AKAJIUGO:

"THE FLAMES AND SPARKLES OF A REVOLUTIONARY  
DIGITAL LEADERSHIP... IN JUST ONE YEAR!"

■ Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah, Esq  
President-General of Igbo-Ukwu Development Union, IDU.

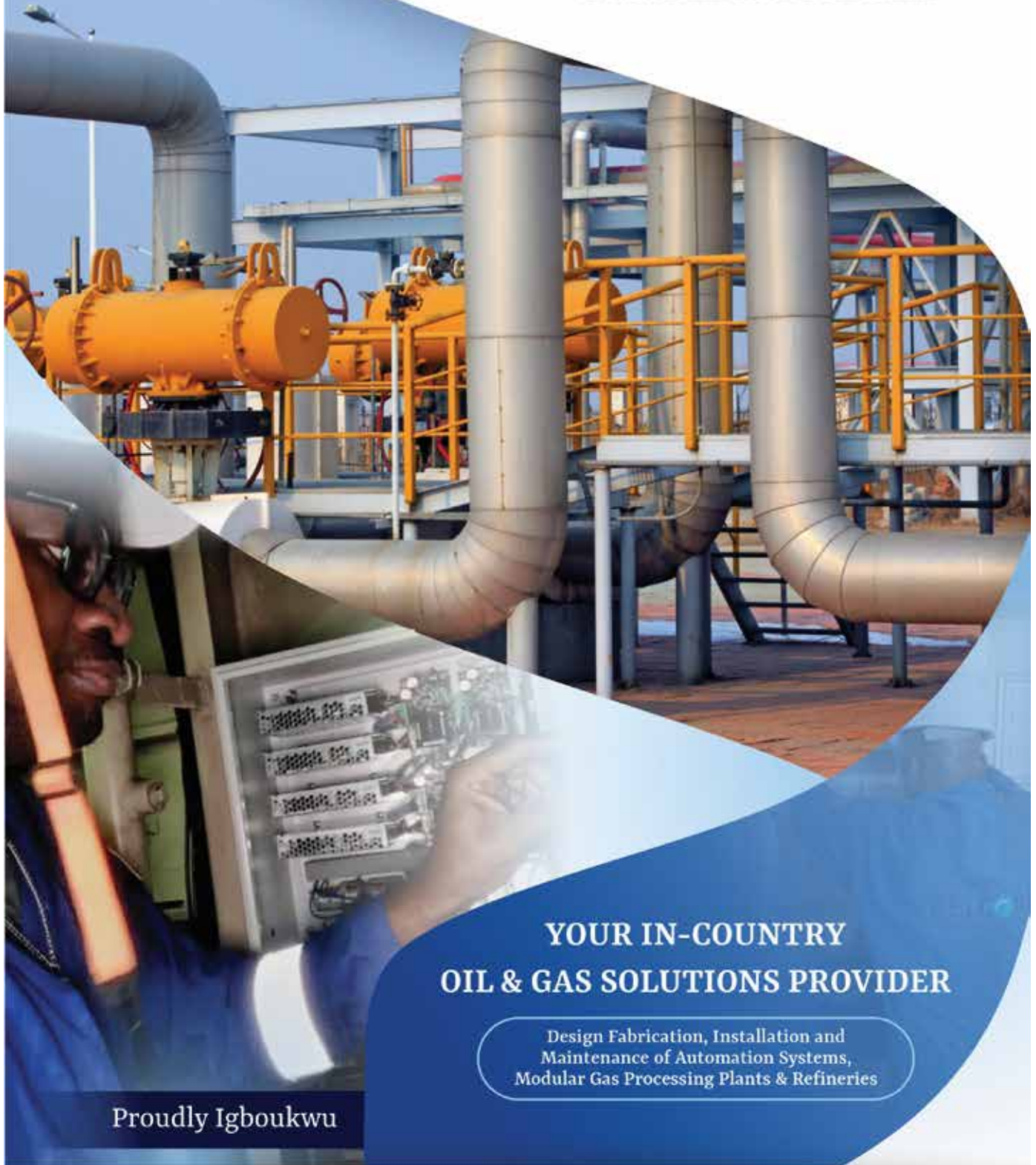


Peace and Unity Reign at last in the once divided Idu Cabinet of Igbo-Ukwu... as G-17 on 4th Dec., 2024 Withdrew Court Case against G-5! Case Closed!

Team Eze-Akajiugo & Chief Anthony Okafor, Ezenwagu Igbo Ukwu Partner for Peace and Unity in the Hallowed Igwe Cabinet of Igbo-Ukwu. Ezenwagu Igbo-Ukwu... the making of Igbo-Ukwu's Peace Ambassador!

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**SEASONS' GREETINGS AND MESSAGE FROM THE  
CHAIRMAN, EDITORIAL BOARD, IGBO TRUMPET  
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Welcome to the seasons of exponential breakthroughs, refreshing rebirth and convivialities! May the Season of Yuletide and New Year Celebrations continue to bring us joy and happiness in both our personal lives, families and our larger community in Jesus Name, Amen!

Ndi banyi, it's now one Year on the saddle of the apex leadership of Igbo-Ukwu, our dear community. It has been exciting as it has been challenging but we remain undaunted and unflinchingly committed to the cause of corrective and restorative leadership. Those who on the 30th of December, 2023 sought to block our way have long accepted our divine enthronement and the collective resolve of over 98% of ndi Igbo-Ukwu! The walls of oppositions and primordial politics have long collapsed in Igbo-Ukwu. We are all together working with one accord maka odinma Igbo-Ukwu! Even the Shenanigans have thrown their weight behind us... Deep down my heart, I know and believe firmly that Igbo-Ukwu is free indeed!

We are happy to report that Igbo-Ukwu is back on track to the glory of God! The unity of Igbo-Ukwu is now everyone's business...we have set up social media platforms where people freely say their minds and we LISTEN...our Ohazulum leadership mantra is not a make-believe, it's working without bitterness and rancour maka odinma Igbo-Ukwu! This past 365 days, which seem like yesterday, Team Eze-Akajiugo has remained unrelenting and deliberate in our strategy and resolve to correct all past wrongs and restore the dignity and pride for which our ancestral homeland is renowned over the years! Never Again!

In this edition, we assemble for year reading delight a wide array and assortment of varieties of breathtaking accomplishments and milestones in so such a time. It's been awesome these past 365 days as the Team Captain of Team Eze-Akajiugo! This December Edition of Igbo Trumpet Magazine is colorfully rich in scope and contents touching every sector of our community life. We have some innovative products offerings with a special hash-tag: Igbo-Ukwu Unity Calendar, Igbo-Ukwu Unity Diary, Igbo-Ukwu Unity Ofala Festival and this Magazine is the mother of all the UNITIES...it is a compendium of most of our visible achievements in less than one year. The pictures on display as you navigate through the colorful pages of this edition speak for themselves!

Other non-visible achievements would include the restoration of peace, unity and cohesion in the once restive Idu Cabinet of Igbo-Ukwu! It is peace and unity courtesy of Team Eze-Akajiugo as powered by Chief Anthony Okafor, Ezenwagu Igbo-Ukwu, the man that has become the 3rd Inductee into the prestigious Igbo-Ukwu Hall of Fame as our Peace Ambassador.

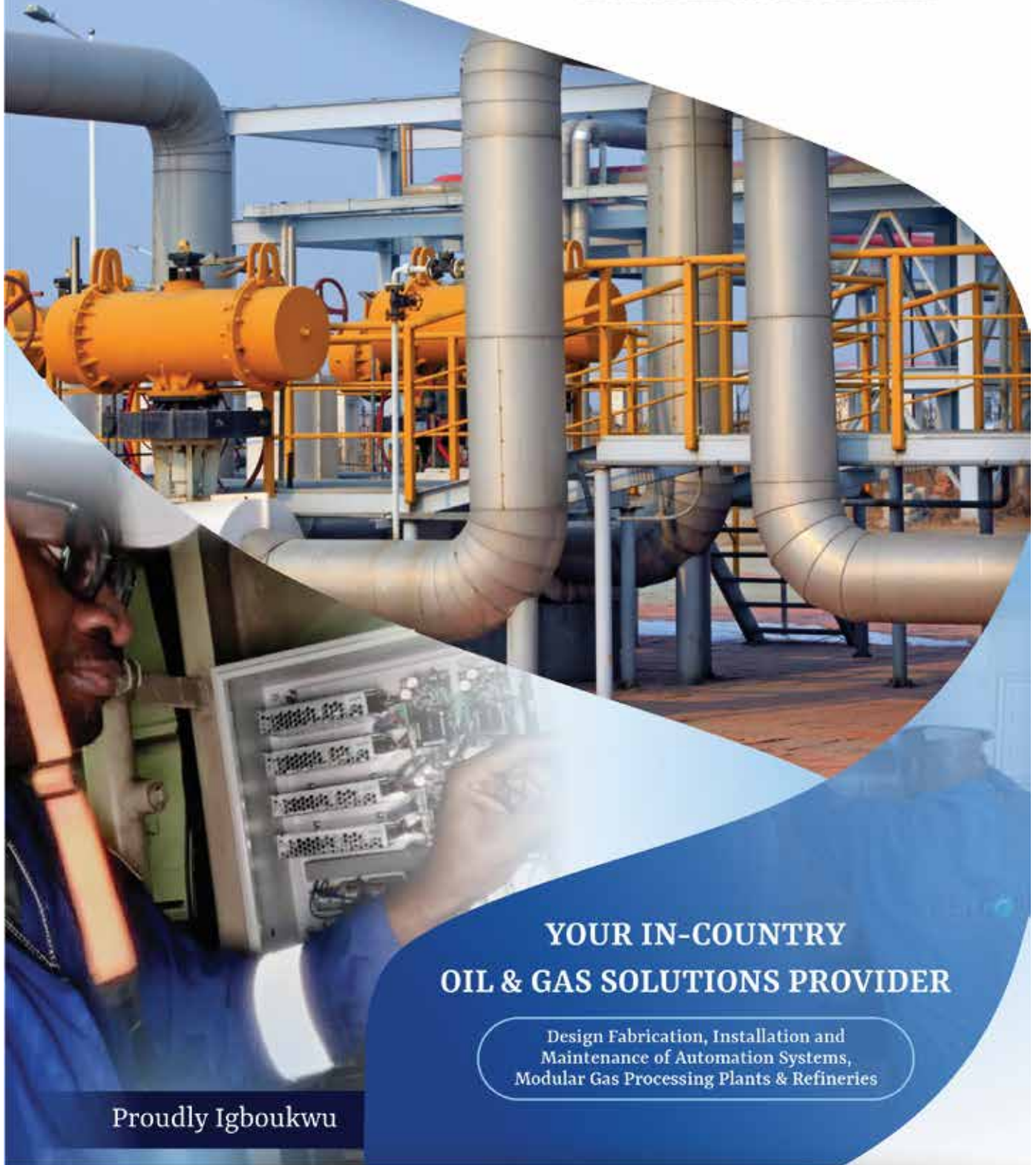
We have touched so many families with our warm relationship, empathy, resilience and candor that hope and confidence have once again returned back to our community leadership and governance! We thank all those supporting us but refusing to be commended openly in the public space. We leave God to bless you all including those who, as gold fishes, have no hiding place...their good works always follow them like shadows of the twilight!

Ndi Igbo-Ukwu, thank you! Continue to support us to serve you more!  
Once again, may the blessings and peace of God that pass all human understanding continue to be ours now and all through the New Year!  
Happy New Year!

Signed: Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr Barr MCK Ubah,  
Your friend and Pee-Gee of IDU.

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# PROLOGUE... to the Cover Story

## Team Ezeakajiugo... One Year Down Three More to Go!

An assesment of Team Eze-Akajiugo's 365 days in office from 30th December, 2023 to 30th December 2024.

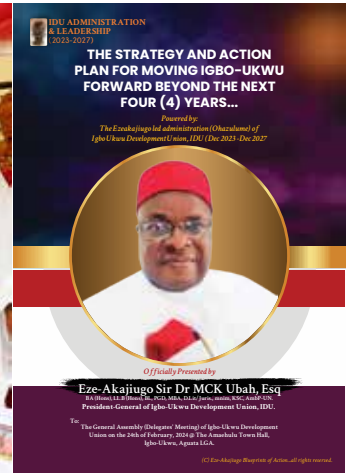
By *Ichie Ezechikwado Ik Muo, PhD, FCIB.*

The ascendance of Ezeakajiugo MCK Ubah to the 'throne' of Igbo-Ukwu political and administrative leadership as the PeeGee ought to have been a very smooth affair. But it was not. What ought to be a walk-over became bumpy as a mixture of konkiri, nails, barbed wire and the most virulent brand of pepper, was thrown into the local political dynamics. Saturday, December 30, 2023 marked the end of the bumpy years of Ike whose exit was constitutionally sacrosanct. It also marked the final and ignominious abortion of ALL the efforts of Ike, the former PG, to create an IgboUkwu in his own image. That day was a reminder to Ikeh and to all of us, that power is always transient; that nothing lasts forever and that all is VANITY! It marked the assumption of office of Ezeakajiugo MCK Ubah as the PG, a post for which he was eminently qualified. The race to the PGship however became somehow as some people, opendentially and Nichodemously decided to abort his aspirations, not because he was incompetent, but because of what he said and probably what he failed to say. MCKs kinsman and former VP2, Mr Umeobiekwe with the support of some known and unknown forces kpa Obiuno and Igbo-Ukwu overhead and protested to Anambra State Government at Awka, that his interest in IDU PGship was being undermined, copied the then PG who consequently decreed that Obiuno MUST include Umeobiekwe's name since he had 'indicated interest'. The intense tension that preceded the elections of 30/12/23 was mostly due to this cut-and-join manoeuvres by Ike and a shadowy coalition that emerged to teach MCK a lesson. This group did everything including buying delegates for as much as N10000 apiece and attempting to exclude some people with contrary spirits from Amaehulu on that day. Eventually, it became what it was, a storm in the teacup and what was meant to be, eventually became and MCK became the PG.

Our people say that *nwata lie ihe o na-amulu anya, ula atuo ya* (when a child savours that which had kept him awake, sleep comes naturally). However, after attaining that which he craved, Ezeakajiugo refused to sleep. He rather went into more sleepless nights and restless days so as to ensure that he surpassed his promises and wrote his name and those of Team Ezeakajiugo on all the facets of our social, economic and political history. He presented a strategic roadmap, which appeared to be a tall order, given the deeply fractured polity he had inherited from his predecessor: the G17 matter in the Cabinet, the 'one against all' scenario in the previous executive, the deep but downplayed crises in the IgboUkwu Council of Merit Chiefs, the Ngo crises which were unabashedly complicated by the person who was supposed to resolve them and many more. But he had a focus and as has been said, the world makes way for the person who knows where he is going.

It looked like yesterday, but one whole year has gone. The transformation that has occurred in all facets of IgboUkwu affairs is so significant that even the blind has seen and the deaf has heard. Ezeakajiugo started with a leadership roundtable for his team and other stakeholders, from which the ohazulume mantra and the three KPIs emerged (keep the people informed, involved and inspired). He is so interested in these KPIs that he has rejuvenated the Igbo-Trumpet, supports other community publications like Ihuowelle Quarterly and Degelite, appointed a coordinating adviser on Ward affairs Wards, hosts IDU meetings online specially for those in the local and foreign diaspora and has an active and energetic media team led by Ohazulime Ijezie

Ezeakajiugo has a reservoir of Social Capital which he has been drawing from in the interest of IgboUkwu. With his magical tongue,



persuasive capabilities and ability to 'beg' he has attracted a lot for the community in the past one year: cars for Idu and his Ocheze, bus for the cabinet, walling of Amaehulu and security support-items. His strategic document, the 3 editions of Igbo-Trumpet, the Unity Almanac and the Diary were all produced without any cost to our depleted purse. In his desire to promote what he calls 'kindred spirit', he is present with nd'Igbo-Ukwu, when they are mourning and when they are celebrating; he represents us everywhere. There is an unparalleled unity of purpose amongs his executive team as they jointly attend all the meetings and functions. He consults far and wide and this is yielding strategic fruits as the G17 matter has been FINALLY laid to rest, which was why Ide Ezeife showed up at Amaehulu during the emergency meeting of 23/11/24. He works harmoniously with the Idu Cabinet, the quarter executives and the council of meri chiefs. He made Amaehulu and IDU Office what they ought to be: comfortable venues for meetings and deliberations.

The Merit Chieftancy imbroglio has however show that all is not yet well. People who were shouting aye and nay, who departed Amaehulu in peace suddenly made a U-Turn and started spewing virulent verbiage, falling back on primordial divides and all that. Sure, there were some issues, which I will not delve into. because 'I am involved'. But the desperation with which some of us sought to be 'chiefnised' was, and is, shocking. People mounted open and subtle campaigns, jee ije anyasu and all that. When I was younger and was doing MC probono all over the place, I always told people that I would not be a Chief because it is very 'similar' to another unmentionable word. But here we are trying to tear Igbo-Big into pieces because of chieftancy titles. I wonder whether these titles would have been nke egotelu egote, nke ayotalu ayota or nke apotalu aputa! Going forward, I have the following two comments: ALL of us cannot be Merit Chiefs and as such, we have to develop a hierarchy of recognitions in the town. Furthermore, Merit chieftaniy should not be 'quotarised' it is not a political-constituency affair; it MUST be on merit

A look at Ezeakajiugo's strategic roadmap shows that within the first year, he has surpassed all expectations. However there are still pending issues and as he starts his second year in office, I would wish that he takes a closer look at the double-barelled Ngo crises, look into the boundary of Amaehulu, and Ngo Health Centre which appears to have been compromised; interface more with the Local and State governments so that we obtain our fair share. The Nkwo modernisation appears to have gone into voicemail and while we enjoy the breakfast and lunch at our meetings, the duration should be given a hiarcut. We should also avoid ihukoju-oku, so that we are able to retrieve the nuts we have put into the fire

I am a lecturer and we are used to scoring. I will Score team Akajiugo 70%, which is an A. That means that he has done well but there are still more mountains to conquer.

... JUST REFRESHING YOUR MEMORIES MADE TO YOU ON DAY ONE!



# OUR PROPOSED 15-POINT

## IGBO-UKWU TRANSFORMATION AGENDA: Strategy And Action Plan

Our IDU Administration and Leadership shall ensure that all through our years in office and beyond, we shall ensure, by the help of God that our dear community, Igbo-Ukwu, becomes a united, secure, peaceful, lovable, livable and prosperous homeland to all.

### Strategy And Action Plan:



*Eze-Akajiugo Sir MCK Ubah, Esq  
President-General of IDU*

- 1. Restoration of Hope, Warm Enthusiasm, true Kindred Spirit, Harmony, Unity, Peace and Progress through reconciling and unifying our people.

**Action Plan:**

a) A Peace and Reconciliation Committee shall be set up to work in concert with the IDU Spiritual Life Development Commission. Details of terms of reference or engagement will be worked out when approved.

b) As a takeoff action upon assuming office, we invited our high Priests of God from our mainstream churches to come pray for us and the community using our IDU Secretariat at the Post Office Complex as a contact point. This was done on the first day of coming to work as IDU elected officials. The extant Committee will now take it up from here.

c) In particular, the IDU Spiritual Life Development Committee is to relate and interface with the various religious bodies, churches and worship centres with a view to resolving issues or challenges arising from them.

d) the Committee will also plan spiritual retreats and cleansing programs of all recorded or emergent sacrilegious acts or abominations in the town from time to time.

- 2. Public Health and Medi-Care Regulatory and Management Strategy. This seeks to achieve wholesome Spiritual and Public Health in the community. This deliberate strategy is to clean up our community's public health, medical care as well as physical infrastructure to make for wholesome community healthy including the smooth running and administration of the community. This shall be a continuous practice through our extant Public Health and Medical Care Management Committee.

**Action Plan:**

a) On the physical infrastructure and as a prelude, we had a detailed survey of the existing physical health of our infrastructure, that is, Health, Safety, Environment and



Quality, HSEQ including the security architecture at Igbo-Ukwu particularly the IDU Administrative Office and IDU Meeting place, that is, the Amaehulu Town Hall. We came to the inevitable conclusion that so much work needed to be done to clean up and upgrade these places to what they should be.

b) We have since fixed up the IDU Administrative Office and the IDU Meeting place at the Amaehulu Town Hall. Details of this will be shared in another special report of our 'First 54 Days in Office.' Same measure will be applied to our market, the abatoir, livestock market, refuse generation and disposal dynamics etc

- 3. Leadership Skillset and Mindset Improvement and Development Strategy. Given the poor skill set and attitudinal (mind) dispositions of most frontline leaders across all the tiers and layers of our community including the Wards, Quarters, Branches, Women Wing, Youths' segment as well as the Idu Cabinet of Igbo-Ukwu, there was an urgent need to train and equip these target leaders with the right skill set and mindset in order to bring them up to speed with the realities of modern community leadership, administration including engagement with external stakeholders or regulators particularly as assigned to them by the IDU Constitution, the laws of Anambra State and Nigeria including the role of digital communication in community development.

**Action Plan:** To achieve the above set goal and objective, we planned and organized a two-day IDU Leadership Roundtable (Training and Workshop) for all the targeted frontline leaders across the community. The result was a monumental success. Details are provided elsewhere (supra).

- 4. Curbing Mindless Court Litigation and Pursuing the Alternative Dispute Resolution Strategy. Given the litany of pending court cases sponsored by our folks against themselves, there is urgent need for setting up an IDU Legal Advisory Council to work in concert with our IDU Legal Adviser to usher in Peace and Reconciliation.

**Action Plan:**

a) We have since put in place a deliberate plan to engage the various litigants across the community: to reconcile the disillusioned, aggrieved and feuding folks or opposition elements and weld them back to the mainstream new progressive order which we today represent. We have the G-17 Group and other Quarters' litigants in mind.

This seeks to rekindle kindred bonding, hope as well as restore warm enthusiasm, love, confidence and convivial exchanges in community participation and development, a community long polarized along divisiveness, apathy and communal indifference.

b) Since assumption of office, we underlined the above low ground and set out to pay private visits to key stakeholders, groups and other bodies strategically positioned to assist us build the requisite bridges across to peace and reconciliation of those identified to be in need of this therapy. So far

the result is huge and process ongoing.

c) We have also being welcoming individuals and groups who come to us to show solidarity as well as welcome the new order. Here the Women Wing of IDU, Umuada Igbo-Ukwu, various Youths' associations, clubs and key stakeholders are some examples.

- 5. To Run the Meetings and Affairs of Igbo-Ukwu as a standard Modern Community along corporate or global best practices including transparency, accountability and democratic ideals of Ohazulume mantra. To wit, to hold scheduled IDU Statutory Bi-monthly Meetings as well as Maintain key IDU Staffers, IVG Security Service and Standing Committees.

**Action Plan:**

Today's meeting is a fallout of our deliberate strategy despite all odds so that here we can meet with you, rob minds, present our proposals or budgets for approval and make new appointments 'maka odinma Igbo-Ukwu.'

- 6. Leadership Continuity Strategy. To set up new Committees while sustaining Old Committees that are still relevant to the dictates of modern times.

**Action Plan:**

To use members of these committees as direct hands and tools to achieve our set corporate goals and objectives.

- 7. Ensuring Sustained Idu Cabinet and IDU Administration Synergy and Harmony at all times including Mutual Co-existence with Non-indeginies in Igbo-Ukwu.

**Action Plan:**

a) To ensure warm and cordial relationship with the Idu 3 and Idu Cabinet of Igbo-Ukwu including all our traditional institutions or custodians of Igbo-Ukwu culture and traditions such as Nze N' Ozo Igbo-Ukwu, the Igbo-Ukwu Merit Chiefs Council and the Quarter Traditional Chiefs of Igbo-Ukwu. We also recognize as well as provide ample plan for the non-indeginies who live or do business in

**KPI = KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR?**



Igbo-Ukwu.

b) To always meet regularly and work together maka odinma Igbo-Ukwu.

- 8. Maintaining Strong and Effective Relationship Profile and Cooperation with all key Stakeholders and Development Partners.

**Action Plan:**

a) To pay maximum attention to as well as deepen development and progress in all sectors of Igbo-Ukwu and her economy such as: youths and sports; Public health hospitals; social entertainment; culture and tourism destinations; Nkwor Igbo Market Estate and its ongoing Modernization; IVG Security; Works and Roads/Erosion Control; Churches and the Activities Social Groups in Igbo-Ukwu.

b) To work closely with all existing and special ad-hoc committees to achieve optimal value extraction overall.

- 9. Earmark some Key Signature and transformative Projects for execution. We have listed the following:

a) to design, build and furnish a befitting Idu Palace and Royal Chambers within Amaehulu Town Hall Estate as well as add befitting Private Chambers within the Palace for the three Quarter Chiefs.

b) to build and furnish a modern Youths' Civic Center and Library Complex within the Amaehulu Town Hall Estate.

c) To buy Security Vans and other security related equipment for the IVG Security Service without prejudice to the budget of the ongoing high level Security Committee headed by Chief Eric Nwobi, Okeide Igbo-Ukwu and Senator Ifeanyi Ubah's team.

d) to buy status cars and SUVs for the Igbo-Ukwu crown head and Ocheze as well as equivalent vehicles for the office of the PG of IDU

e) to buy and install Security Cameras and other logistics for Igbo-Ukwu IVG Security Service (without prejudice to the ongoing plans by the bespoke Security Committee headed by Okeide Igbo-Ukwu and others or that of Senator Ifeanyi Ubah Committees)

f) to build a befitting IDU Secretariat and Set up the Igbo-Ukwu Chambers of Commerce to harness our Nkwor Igbo Market commercial resources including and other developing investment potentials or opportunities.

g) to commercialize our Amaehulu Town Hall into an event center.

h) to build inner roads or bye pass to the Nkwor Igbo Market Estate with a view of checkmating chaotic traffic at Nkwor Igbo Market axis.

i) To attract and appeal to major stakeholders and development partners, governments, political office holders etc to help us handle any of the above listed projects.

- 10. To Build Strong Corporate Goodwill and Relationship with External Stakeholders and various Governments.

**Action Plan:**

**KPI = KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR?**



a) To ensure Igbo-Ukwu maintains and enjoys very warm and cordial relationship with the State Government and other external stakeholders and politicians to help us at critical community times. The quest to get our due dividends of democracy is normal.

b) To develop good relationship model suitable for each.

- 11. Robust Culture and Tourism Strategy that would place Igbo-Ukwu on the world map:

**Action Plan:**

a) To deepen our major community festivals to attract development and brighten brand identity as an ancient archeological community. Examples are Odunke Festival, New Yam Festival, Igbo Day, SICA Brand equity.

b) We shall review and update our IRR Document with a view to establishing standard and sustainable practices for each of these festivals. We shall also partner with the ongoing promoters of the "Igbo-Ukwu Modern History" publication to help deepen the place of Igbo-Ukwu in world history.

- 12. Digital Mass Communication, Information Dissemination and Enlightenment Strategy.

**Action Plan:**

a) To ensure regular and seamless communication and information dissemination across the IDU Wards, Villages, Branches and the Diaspora, we shall deploy (as already done in some of the listed channels) a rapid response system and network of mass and online digital media windows to reach out to our people and promptly inform them of the happenings, policies and programs of our Administration.

b) We shall set up all or most of the following media channels maka odinma Igbo-Ukwu including:

\* some pan-Igbo-Ukwu Whatsapp platforms such as

(i) IDU Interactive Arena,

(ii) IDU Official Notice Board, and

(iii) IDU Executive Platform.

\* IDU Official Website

\* Resuscitating the moribund The Igbo Trumpet (as a periodic and handy IDU Quarterly Newsletter)

\* Set up an effective IDU Media and Communications

Directorate to manage the above channels.

\* to leverage on the various information and facts from Igbo-Ukwu's robust heritage, her archeological findings, artifacts, cultural festivals, IDU events such as retreats, Igbo Day Celebration, organized programs and other events of the Idu Cabinet of Igbo-Ukwu to build a strong brand identity and equity for Igbo-Ukwu with the aim of placing Igbo-Ukwu as a tourist destination.

13. Increased participation of IDU local and diaspora branches in bringing investments other developments to Igbo-Ukwu in furtherance of the Think Home Philosophy' as propounded by our amiable Okwadike Igbo-Ukwu of blessed memory.

**Action Plan:**

a) To assign part of the IDU annual budgets to the branches as their compulsory remittances to the management and running of the Central Union at Amaehulu Town Hall.

b) IDU and the branches to work together to set up the following Trust Funds for the welfare of Igbo-Ukwu, namely:

i) Igbo-Ukwu Foods, Palliatives and other Social Security Trust Fund. Here IDU must position itself to institute a Social Security cum Foods Bank at home to cater for the needy and widows.

ii) Igbo-Ukwu Lands Bank for the establishment of emergent social infrastructure by groups and governments.

iii) Igbo-Ukwu Security Trust Fund.

iv) Igbo-Ukwu Education and Scholarship Trust Fund etc

v) Igbo-Ukwu Non-indeginés Registration, Management and Relationship Council. This will concentrate on the profiling, registration, identification, relationship and management of Non-indeginés living and doing business in Igbo-Ukwu for the sake of internal security management.

vi) Instituting the Igbo-Ukwu Hall of Fame and Culture of Honors Council: this seeks to identify, recognize and honor high fliers and top performing sons and daughters of Igbo-Ukwu and presenting them to IDU for appropriate honors and awards in line with the IDU Constitution.

vii) The Royal Throne of Idu Igbo-Ukwu And Families Welfare and Renumeration Council: this will revisit the families of the current and past (late) Igwe's of Igbo-Ukwu

with a view to taking appropriate measures to sustain the the wife/widows and the children of our royal fathers including recommending befitting care or maintenance for them. Ditto for the families of our Traditional Quarter Chiefs, Ichies and Ides. We must not abandon the families of our present and late royal fathers as though their offices are for use and dump by the community.

viii) Renumeration and Maintenance for Families of the Present and Past Key Officers of IDU Council. Ditto for item (vii) above.

14. Igbo-Ukwu Age Grades' and Youths Participation, Involvement, Empowerment and Sports Economy Strategy.

To ensure that our youths actually inherit the future they hope for, we shall put in place a deliberate policy to partner with our Youths and make their impact count.

**Action Plan:**

a) The Youths' Consultative Council shall be set up to bring all our various youths under one canopy but with each retaining and pursuing its unique set of goals and objectives maka odinma Igbo-Ukwu. The plan is to achieve or harness unity and strength in diversity.

b) Ditto for all Igbo-Ukwu Age Grades across the villages.

15. IDU Budgets and Audit Strategy. There is need to prepare annual budgets of projected income and expenses to match all proposed or projected expenditures on capital and domestic items.

**Action Plan:**

a) Our IDU Budgets must capture both monthly and yearly collections on security levies from the market and Wards as well as payments on burial levies or entertainment penalties.

b) These collections must be captured on a daily, weekly, monthly and yearly basis to ascertain their correct values including freewill donations to IDU by individuals and groups.

c) IDU domestic expenditures must state the cost of running the affairs of IDU, salaries and utilities. These items must be quantified and values establishment to make for a proper audit exercise and accountability.

c) other innovative sources of revenue by IDU are to be explored and revealed to the general assembly for approval.

In conclusion, these proposals are open ended. More proposals are welcome for consideration or amendment of the ones offered above.

With the above and deep down our hearts, we believe that Igbo-Ukwu shall be great again!

Thank you,

Eze-Akajiugo Sir MCK Ubah, Esq  
President-General of IDU



# THE 3-WAY MISSION STATEMENT AS PG OF IDU

My 3-Way-Mission Statement  
of Coming to Amaehulu Town  
Hall this time around:



Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah, Esq  
*President-General,  
Igbo-Ukwu Development Union, IDU.*

I am here in Amaehulu Town Hall to achieve and fulfill the following set goals and objectives, namely: To

1. win back those few folks, both inside and outside Obiuno Quarter of Igbo-Ukwu, who had one reason or sentiment to stop my becoming the President-General of IDU in the first place even when God has decreed otherwise. By the same mercy and grace of God Almighty, I will strive to do my best and ensure that this divine opportunity given to me by both man God will be a rare opportunity to now make amends with them and

to also rekindle the flame of love and friendship which we all once shared in the past. My good works and people-driven friendly leadership style will speak for me at the end of my tenure in office and beyond.

2. deepen the bond of brotherhood, friendship, confidence and trust reposed in me by those, within and outside Obiuno Quarter, who sincerely fought hard to give me the very visa that brought me to this exalted platform of to Ndi Igbo-Ukwu as a community. Not only did you just issue me with your strong support and entry visa, you also fought fearlessly and boldly to ensure that no hostile or misguided folks, posing as immigration or border control officers, frustrated my entry to this Hall as the PG of IDU.

I am convinced that these genuine patriots who boldly stood behind me were not fighting for their stomachs and selfish interests but they all had one thing in their mind: so that Igbo-Ukwu shall excel and become great again to assume her rightful position as a united, peaceful and progressive community in all measurement indices.

3. To fulfill God's purpose for me and my Kinsmen in this present generation. I am therefore here because God had long destined me right from my family stock to be here as the PG of IDU at a time like now as your PG in order to fulfill His purpose on earth... that Igbo-Ukwu shall be great again!

## MY PLEDGE

I will be fair, honest, faithful and transparent in discharging these three stated divine mandates to the glory of God and joy of Ndi Igbo-Ukwu, so help me God!

*Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah, Esq. President-General, Igbo-Ukwu Development Union, IDU*



WE IMMEDIATELY HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

BRIEF REPORT

# DAY 1 IN OFFICE



## Special Prayers

Prayers and Dedication of the IDU New Executive Officers at the IDU Secretariat, behind the Igbo-Ukwu Post Office Block Nkwor Igbo Market, Igbo-Ukwu by the most Senior Priests of the two Igbo-Ukwu mainstream Churches. Date: 3rd January, 2024.



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# PRESENTATION OF THE ROYAL BUS TO IDU CABINET OF IGBO-UKWU



# TEAM EZE-AKA JIUGO'S GIANT STRIDES:

PROMISE TO THE PALACE OF IDU III & CABINET OF IGBO-UKWU FULFILLED!  
TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY!





# FOUNDATION LAYING IDU-AMAEHULU TOWN HALL FENCING



# TRAINING & WORKSHOP

The Leadership of IDU took the bull by the horn as they planned and organized one of the first ever and most successful IDU Leadership Roundtable Training Workshop between 17th and 18th January, 2024 to set the ball rolling for a seamless administration. This is an example of smashing the glass ceiling to get the job done maka odinma Igbo-Ukwu!

The pictures below complete the story!





Some representatives of Union Club of Igbo-Ukwu who came to pay a courtesy visit to the PG of IDU, Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah. The visit was to take place in his Obiuno private residence but were informed that he was undergoing a training workshop at the Amaehulu Town Hall. They decided to come there as well as shared in the training session. They were specially received by the people of Igbo-Ukwu. The team was led by one of Igbo-Ukwu's remarkable community leaders, Nze Eze-Udoka Henry Okeke who was an ex-chairman of IDU Enugu Branch. Others are Hon Zeko Ezeokoli, Ide Austin Nwakibie Olisakwe etc



Some members of the IYC Igbo-Ukwu at the workshop

# Eze-Akajiugo's Leadership: A New Dawn for Igbo-Ukwu!



Arinze Okamelu, Esq. Editor-In-Chief

Dear Esteemed Readers,

As we stand on the threshold of another exciting edition of Igbo-Trumpet Magazine, we are reminded of the winds of progress that have swept through our beloved Igbo-Ukwu under the dynamic and innovative leadership of Ezeakajiugo Sir MCK Ubah, the indefatigable President General of the Igbo-Ukwu Development Union (IDU). In his tenure, Team Ezeakajiugo has not only redefined leadership but has also infused it with a rare blend of pragmatism and innovation, fostering unity and driving development in our community.

Equally commendable is the renewed consciousness of Igbo-Ukwu indigenes in the affairs of our town. From our youth to our elders, a wave of civic engagement and active participation has swept through the community. This is no coincidence—it is the direct result of purposeful leadership that inspires trust and action. Sir MCK Ubah's administration has reignited a sense of pride and ownership among the people, ensuring that everyone plays a role in shaping the future of Igbo-Ukwu.

## Resolving the Merit Chief Controversy

Yet another commendable achievement of this administration is the peaceful resolution of the Merit Chief controversy, which threatened to fragment our unity. With a steady hand, exceptional diplomacy, and an unwavering commitment to fairness, Sir MCK Ubah navigated the stormy waters of this sensitive issue. Today, we stand as a stronger and more united community, ready to forge ahead in our collective pursuit of greatness.

## A Community Conscious and Engaged

The vibrancy of Igbo-Ukwu's indigenes in communal affairs is worth celebrating. From bi-monthly general meetings to cultural festivities, like the forthcoming 1st ofala Festival of our dear Royal Father, Igwe Alex Azike, Idu 3 of Igbo-Ukwu, among others, Ndi

Igbo-Ukwu have demonstrated an inspiring level of engagement. It is this collective consciousness that fuels our progress, reminding us that leadership thrives on the active participation of the people.

## Milestones in Events and Celebrations

This edition would be incomplete without highlighting two landmark events that showcased the beauty and strength of our community spirit. The grand wedding of Surv. aChukwudi Ike-Okoye and Kosisochukwu was a celebration of love and unity, drawing friends and family from far and wide. Similarly, the burial of the late Ezinne Josephine Osuokwu, mother of our esteemed Nze Ezeomenyiliora Basil Osuokwu, former 1st Vice President and acting President General of IDU, was a testament to the respect and honour we accord each other. Both events were fitting reflections of the rich culture and values that define us as a people.

## The Road Ahead

As we move forward, let us continue to rally around Team Ezeakajiugo, supporting their vision for a greater Igbo-Ukwu. Our shared journey is one of purpose, unity, and resilience. Together, we can achieve remarkable feats, ensuring that Igbo-Ukwu remains a beacon of pride and progress for generations to come.

Meanwhile, this edition has much more. Please relax and enjoy, and give one to a friend as we celebrate the yuletide.

On behalf of the editorial team, I thank you for your continued support of Igbo-Trumpet.

Let's keep the flame of our heritage burning brightly.

Yours in Service,

Arinze Okamelu, Esq.  
Editor-in-Chief

# LEADERSHIP FOOTPRINTS OF ACTION

AIMED TOWARDS A FOCUSED & PURPOSEFUL ADMINISTRATION OF IDU: THE FIRST 54-DAYS REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-GENERAL OF IGBO-UKWU DEVELOPMENT UNION, EZE-AKAJIUGO SIR DR MCK UBAH



**Ifeanyi Ohazulume Ijezie**  
(Media Aide To The President- General On Mass Mobilization And Enlightenment).

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. Electrical 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 of Igbo-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!!!!

CHE TANU NA ANYI BU OFU!!!!

Long live IDU!

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

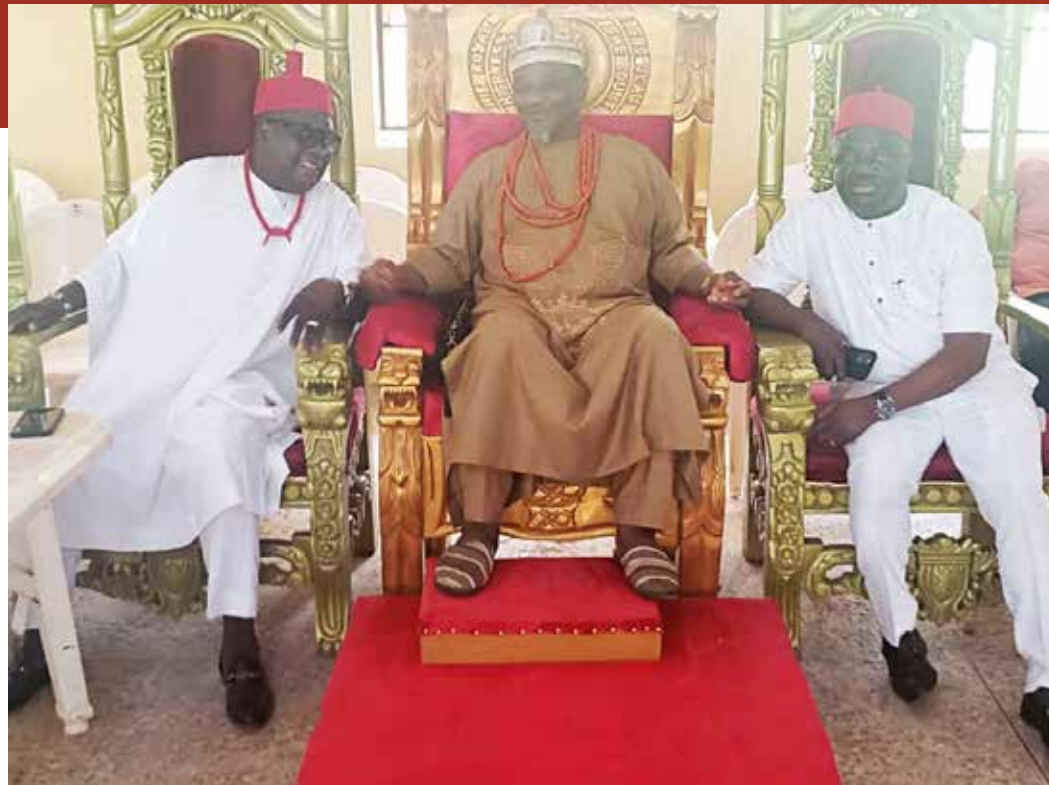
May God also continue to bless our ancestral homeland of Igbo-Ukwu and Anambra State of Nigeria!!

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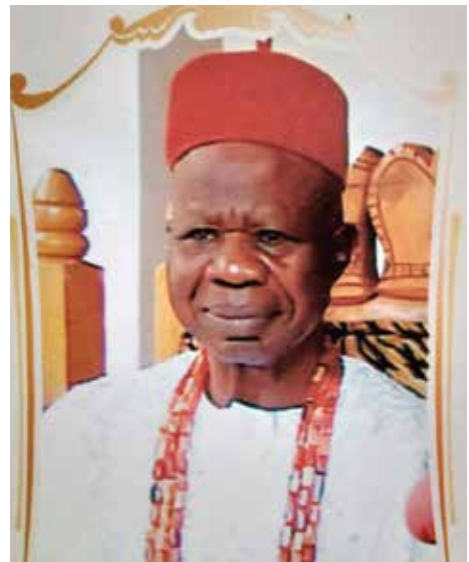
# THE PG AND THE IDU CABINET: KINDRED SPIRIT AT WORK!



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# TEAM EZE-AKAJIUGO AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE: The Amaehulu Town Hall New Security Gate and the Rebuilding of the Post Office Collapsed Fences at Nkwor Igbo Market



No Letting Down on Promises made! The IDU Amaehulu Town Hall is getting a befitting Compound Fence Walls and a Security Gatehouse courtesy of a patriotic son of Igbo-Ukwu and strong supporter of Team Eze-Akajiugo. Construction work has begun in earnest through massive development of the project which began late July 2024.

Fence Walls at the IDU Secretariat Nkwor Igbo Market which fences were brought down by heavy downpours last July. Pictures below show parts of the collapsed walls and the new Walls being built at the moment. We can't wait to relocate the IDU Secretariat to Amaehulu Town Hall as soon as the ongoing Project is completed! The Bungalow beside the Amaehulu Town Hall is good to serve this purpose...we hereby propose ahead of time! So help us God!

Team Eze-Akajiugo has also begun massive reconstruction of the fallen back-end Post Office



# AVG LAUNCH AND IGBO-UKWU SECURITY ARCHITECTURE



# TOWARDS IGBO-UKWU COMMUNITY SECURITY MANAGEMENT.



# CULTURE OF HONOURS



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# MUSEUMS TOUR

Tour of the National Museums and Monuments in Lagos by IDU and Igwe Igbo-Ukwu



# Why the Igbos of Nigeria Love Traveling Home During Christmas: A Celebration of Unity, Heritage, and Renewal by Arinze Okamelu



Arinze Okamelu Esq

The Christmas season is more than just a time of merriment and gift-giving for the Igbo people of Nigeria; it is a deeply cherished period of homecoming, reconnection, and cultural rejuvenation. From bustling metropolises like Lagos and Abuja to distant shores in Europe and America, Igbos journey back to their ancestral homes with a profound sense of purpose and joy.

But what fuels this annual pilgrimage?

What makes Christmas such a pivotal time for kindred meetings and community events?

Let's explore the unique cultural and spiritual significance of this tradition.

## A Homecoming Rooted in Love and Legacy

For the Igbos, Ana Igbo (the Igbo homeland) is not merely a geographical space; it is the cradle of their identity and heritage. Christmas offers a rare opportunity for families scattered across the globe to reunite under one roof, rekindling bonds that distance might have strained. This homecoming is marked by an atmosphere of warmth, storytelling, and laughter, as families gather to share meals, exchange news, and celebrate life.

It is not unusual to see entire villages come alive with festive activities. Traditional dishes are prepared in abundance, while children delight in the spectacle of fireworks lighting up the night sky. These gatherings serve as a poignant reminder of the values of unity and togetherness, which are central to Igbo culture.

## Kindred Meetings: Strengthening Communal Bonds

One of the hallmarks of the Igbo Christmas tradition is the *umunna* or kindred meetings. These gatherings bring together members of the same extended family or clan to discuss issues of common interest, ranging from community development projects to the welfare of individual members. Decisions made during these meetings often have far-reaching implications, shaping the collective future of the kindred.

Kindred meetings are also platforms for conflict resolution, where disputes are settled amicably in the spirit of *igwebuikwe*—the philosophy that there is strength in unity. This aspect of the Igbo Christmas experience underscores the community's commitment to fostering harmony and progress through dialogue and mutual support.

## Celebrating Milestones and Cultural Festivals

Christmas is also a time for celebrating personal and communal milestones. It is during this season that many Igbos choose to host significant life events such as traditional weddings, *igba nkwu* (wine carrying), and chieftaincy ceremonies. These events are often grand affairs, drawing guests from far and wide, and serve to reaffirm the individual's place within the community.

In addition to personal celebrations, some Igbo communities organize cultural festivals that showcase their rich heritage. Traditional dances, masquerades, and music performances transform village squares into vibrant arenas of cultural expression. These festivals not only entertain but also educate younger generations about their roots and customs.

## Renewal and Giving Back to the Community

For many Igbos, returning home during Christmas is also an opportunity to give back to their communities. Philanthropy is deeply ingrained in Igbo culture, and the Christmas season sees a surge in charitable activities. Wealthy individuals and town unions often sponsor community projects such as road repairs, school renovations, and healthcare initiatives.

Moreover, the season provides a chance for introspection and spiritual renewal. Many Igbos participate in church activities, including Christmas Masses/Services, Church Bazaars, carol services, and charity drives. These religious observances offer a time for gratitude and a reaffirmation of faith, reinforcing the moral and spiritual fabric of the community.

## Preserving Identity in a Globalized World

In a world increasingly characterized by globalization and urbanization, the Igbo tradition of traveling home for Christmas serves as a powerful means of preserving cultural identity. It is a time to reconnect with the land of their ancestors, to pass down stories and traditions, and to instill in the younger generation a sense of pride in their heritage.

The homecoming tradition also highlights the Igbo people's resilience and adaptability. No matter where life takes them, the Igbos remain anchored to their roots, demonstrating that progress and tradition can coexist harmoniously.

## Conclusion: A Timeless Tradition of Love and Unity

The Igbo Christmas homecoming is more than just a festive ritual; it is a profound celebration of life, love, and legacy. It is a time when the sounds of laughter, the aroma of delicious meals, and the rhythm of traditional drums blend seamlessly to create a tapestry of joy and belonging.

As Igbos continue to honour this timeless tradition, they not only strengthen their communal bonds but also ensure that the values of unity, generosity, and cultural pride are carried forward into the future. For the Igbo people, Christmas is a season that truly encapsulates the spirit of *onye aghana nwanne ya*—no one should be left behind.

And it is this spirit that makes their journey home every December a beautiful and inspiring testament to the enduring power of family and community.

# TEAM EZE-AKAJIUGO AT WORK





# BUILDING BRIDGES

FOR COMMUNITY BONDING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Igbo-Ukwu kindred Spirit in action!!



# MEET OUR NEW SERVANT LEADER.

CHANGE OF GUARDS AT OBIUNO QUATRE AS HON. BRO. LEO LITHRACO OGBONNIA  
TAKES OVER FROM OMENAMKPO JACOB IZUEGBUNEM.



Hon Bro Leonard Ogbonnia is a socialite, a community leader, an Ecclesiastic leader, Market Union leader, a politician and an astute business man who was born into the family of late Mr Joseph Chukwuekezie Ogbonnia and Mrs Teresa Ngbeke Ogbonnie Ogbonnia 66 yrs ago, in Umunono, Obiuno Igboukwu.

He had his early education at St Patrick's Primary School Obiuno Igboukwu, and St Joseph's Secondary School Awka Etiti in Idemmili Local Govt.

Thereafter in 1978, he migrated to Lagos where he had his trading tutelage under one Flora Truworthe Cosmetics which overtime has remained a ruling household name in the cosmetic industry.

As a promising young man, Bro Leonard Ogbonnia got married to a dazzling young girl in 1984 and by the grace of God both are blessed with 3 children with Barr Franklin Chukwuebuka Ogbonnia as the most elderly among his siblings.

Later in his life Hon Bro Leonard Ogbonnia had to dust his school bag and went back to school in pursuit of what had remained his life ambition and 5 years later he successfully obtained a BSC degree 2nd class upper in political science from the prestigious Lagos State university,

He had served his immediate village Umunono as their chairman. He was one time President of the famous market called International Center for Commerce, built and managed by Balogun Business Association (BBA) and later became the President of Igboamaka Progressive Union, an umbrella body that houses 58 major Market Unions in Lagos.

In 2019, for the popular opinions of the Ibos residing in and around AMUWO ODOFIN political Constituency and the teaming mass concentration of Igbo extraction in AMUWO Odofin, our brother contested for Federal House of Representative Amuwo Odofin Federal Constituency. In all sincerity of purpose, our brother won the election but for the Nigeria factor, the right of our brother was robbed by the mega party APC and PDP and the Winner of the election was declared the 3rd position.

Sincerely, our brother, during his campaign took APGA in Lagos to an enviable height as he took his campaign to every nook and Granny of his geopolitical Axis.

Hon Bro Leonard Ogbonnia is currently the vice chairman of St Patrick's Catholic Church Pastoral Council Igboukwu. In Lagos, he is not only the Coordinator of Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Nigeria in his Lagos parish, he is in the Archdiocesan service of communion leadership

He is a patron of many organizations one of which is Nigeria Peace Corp. For want of time, I will not like to go further but it is important to state that our brother has indeed swum length and breadth of high Waters and by the grace of God still have his head up above the sea level.

**The Family Coup Against The Man:**

Let me quickly say that what we are witnessing today is a product of high-powered in-house conspiracy theory. My beloved people of this great Ancient Kingdom called OBIUNO. It's true that today, I have accepted to serve Obiuno in the 4 years term but it is equally imperative that certain facts surrounding the odyssey are stated lucid and perspicuous.

Ndi Obiuno, it may interest you to hear how my kindreds staged what I tagged a seamless coup against me which resultant effect is what we are now witnessing. Though hitherto, different people have been approaching me in diverse manners, some came directly and some indirectly; some would try to psyche me, others tried to lobby me while others seemingly consulted where some appeared to share views with me whereas a good number would summon the courage and tell me you are the next Obiuno chairman but all in surreptitious disguise.

I still remember one late evening in my compound, in the company of Alor 11, wards 4 & 5 Idehs, Sir Edy Muoemenen Ebekuodike Gburugburu, Engr Onuora Nnabugwu Oduigbojeogu, Umunono Chairman Evang Enoch Ezechiedo, the chairmen of the 3 kindreds that constitute Umunono quarter, the two big masquerades from Edi Oguedi. Ik C Okoye and Ik Okoye, others were Pius Udumkpo, Ik Okeke, Commodore Umewenike and others too many to be CHRONICLED. To my greatest surprise and dismay, the issue of who will be Umunono Candidate for the post of Obiuno Quarter suddenly became the subject matter for that faithful evening gathering. All efforts I made to unknot the stripe and deflate the tyres so that I could riggle myself from the trap proved abortive. Having been able to read the hand writing on the board, I decided not to attend the general meeting of Umunono slated to hold few weeks later. It later took the intervention of most of the people I have high respect for before I could begin to ask what was actually going on.

However, the good news is that the absconding Jonah that was swallowed by a fish was finally vomited on the soil of Nineveh (Jonah 2: 10).

Somebody is now repeating what Prophet Isaiah said in Is. 6v8 and I quote, (here I am send me,) 2 if God wants somebody, here I am, here I am send me.

Umunne m, like King Solomon would ask of God, I pray to God to give me the wisdom and the grace to navigate and sail this gigantic ship.

Importantly too, I humbly and indispensably solicit for your solidarity and support for I know that it is only through synergy that our dear Community, Obiuno can be better than what it is today.

There's evidential proof that our past governments did very well, in fact they were wonderful leaders and it will be a taboo if I failed to do better with the great and wonderful personalities God has graciously endowed this new Regime with. My beloved and great people of Ndi Obiuno, it will be a PARADOX if at the end of this Regime, it is not glaring that we did much more than the past Regimes given the prevailing opportunities, and for that reason, I humbly kneel and prostrate to you all, pleading for your assistance, corporation, solidarity, passion and enthusiasm to making Obiuno better.

Once more, I will sacrifice all that I am for the good of Obiuno but my sacrifice needs to synergize with your commitment to bear fruit that will sustain the text of time.

Long live ODU  
Long live Ndi Obiuno  
Long live Igboukwu  
Long live the embryonic Service Team.

And to God I say, "Not unto us O Lord, not unto us but to you be all glory" Ps.115v1

GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM GUCCI  
RED WINE & GUCCI GOLD CHAM-  
PAGNE TO TEAM EZE-AKAJIUGO!  
Igbo-Ukwu needs total peace, unity,  
progress and prosperity so that joy, happi-  
ness and celebration will fully return to  
community. We have implicit confidence  
and trust that God will achieve that  
through Team Eze-Akajiugo! From  
GUCCI... it's joy to the world! Signed:

HRM EZE-ONYEBUCHI OKOYE



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# INTRODUCING THE IGBO-UKWU UNITY DIARY 2025 POWERED BY MR CHIJOKE CALISTUS EMEKA (AJIBOYE)



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"We are solidly behind  
you! Ride on! Proudly  
Igbo-Ukwu!" Signed!  
Chief Sir Onyekachi  
Nnabugwu Ume-Okpat-  
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Igbo-Ukwu.



## INTRODUCING THE SECOND EDITION OF OLD SCHOOL EVENING GET-TOGETHER

TO BE HOSTED BY NGO QUARTRE BUT TO BE POWERED BY IGBO-UKWU'S  
PEACE AMBASSADOR, CHIEF ANTHONY OKAFOR EZENWAGU IGBO-UKWU.  
DATE: 1st OF JAN 2025.

We bring you refreshing memories of the 1st Edition hosted by Obiuno Quarter but powered by Eze-Akaji-  
ugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah, few days after assuming office as the PG of IDU. Date was 1st January, 2024.



About early last year 2023, an idea was floated in our local mainstream EVENTS PLATFORM being administered by Odenigbo Igbo-Ukwu, Prof Uchenna Nwosu, by some Igbo-Ukwu folks to consider starting the "Old School Evening Get-together" as a way of bringing back our community's nostalgic past, mgbe ezi di na ukwu ukwa'!

At that point, not many thought that it was going to be possible considering the spate of South-East state of insecurity. This fear was promptly countered in the sense that insecurity has become a national nightmare with no hope in sight. Others opined that to stay resigned to fate was to be crippled fast and thus abandon our ancestral homeland forever.

As the year rolled by, this idea of holding this Old School Evening Get-together began to settle down in

people's minds and by mid year, it started making a lot of sense. It was further suggested that since Obiuno Quarter usually takes first in Igbo-Ukwu's administrative power and traditional order of sharing things, Obiuno Quarter should host its maiden edition.

But many folks raised genuine concerns and questions that if this idea was anything to go by, what about its execution matrix: cost of funding and by who; security related issues, menu and detailed cuisines, wines, alcohol, beverages as well as the, timing, date, venue, host, character, age of attendees, other guests, music quality and types of everything? Opinions were further shared on all of these.

At that time too, nobody had thought about anything that would happen by year-end with respect to the politics and scheming within the central IDU leadership and change of power dynamics. But time rolled on

and had to also roll on towards the last Quarter of Year 2023 when Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah then accepted to host the get-together in his house.

What would be would be, seems an integral element in life and fate of every human being, though a few seems to disagree to this. The truth is that at the time Eze-Akajiugo accepted to allow the floating challenge hanging on the hrad of Obiuno Quarter, the outgoing administration had not even shown any sign or strategic readiness to set the process of conducting any election to that effect.

But Eze-Akajiugo had taken the gauntlet to host the get-together at his own cost in line with the agreed general layout of the critical features or template of the party. Every evening of every New Year Day was also the agreed date and time. No do, no do...it has become an established norm or practice.

So Eze-Akajiugo had to run with all the prescribed standards, qualities and quantities of everything agreed to in order to have and enjoy a great fun by people of like minds and biological age classification. The die was cast and God in Heaven had already endorsed every plan thereto. The rest is now past tense! To God be all the glory.

Many thanks to Ichie Ezechikwado Dr IK Muo, Dr John Abuchi Umeorizu and Eze-Akajiugo the eventual host! These three men were the originators and masterminds of this great idea. It was Ichie Ezechikwado that first muted the idea, Dr Umeorizu nurtured it and Eze-Akajiugo advertised or legalized it as well as breathed life into it. And the house chorused a loud and digestive Amen!

Igbo-Ukwu is indeed a great community to be part of, rich fun and convivialities everywhere...if you relate, bond with or follow those who know the road! It has always so from time immemorial but a few of our folks are just spoilers... but has arrested all of them and changed their hearts for good!



But contrary to the rumors from the grapevine, everything that it was a personal party by Eze-Akajiugo to celebrate his Presidential victory...as the PG of IDU! Far from that...it was a mere coincidence...things just fell in pleasant lines...it was God's original plan for Igbo-Ukwu...not any man! He had ordained that everything would end in praise no matter all the evil machinations or scheming of a desperate few. What would be would be!

And Igbo-Ukwu celebrated, rejoiced, dined, wined and began the year in a lovely and peaceful manner to the glory of God. May God be praised!

The above rumors created so much confusion in the community that led to the massive inflow of folks who were ostensibly below the agreed 60 years of age contrary to earlier plan. Many thought that it was a free-for-all party but considering that almost all the guests or attendees were all Ndi Igbo-Ukwu. So strict observance of the set benchmark was lowered down particularly when everyone who attended maintained the anticipated civility, decorum and orderliness. It is hoped that this year's edition would be much better because nothing would then be at stake in the nature or guise of a PG election and celebration. Everything would be normal and groovier!

Please do delight your eyes with the few pictures that survived the all-night party of great folks. Year 2025 Old School Evening Get-together has started loading again for the Ngo Quarter to take up and host! Eze-Akajiugo has set a beautiful pace...and it can always get better in the coming edition, so help us God!

Peace to you and expect Greatness ahead!







30 December, 2024.

To: Team Eze-Akajiugo, Amaehulu  
Town Hall Igbo-Ukwu.

Dear Sir,

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reaffirm our confidence and support  
for the Eze-Akajiugo led-Administra-  
tion of Igbo-Ukwu Development  
Union. We honestly believe and trust  
that with God on our side, Igbo-Ukwu  
will be great again!

We call on all patriotic sons and daugh-  
ters of Igbo-Ukwu to please rally  
behind Team Eze-Akajiugo to make  
Igbo-Ukwu move to the next level of  
unity, peace, progress and development  
beyond the next remaining 3 years!

Long live IDU,  
Long live Igbo-Ukwu!

Signed:

For: Amir Group Ltd.  
Eze-Agunechemba Cletus  
Onyemenam,  
Group President.



Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah, Esq  
and the President, Amir Group Ltd.,  
Lagos.

## OUR KINSMEN IN DIASPORA: DRIVERS OF A NEW DAWN IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Mr Emeka Umokonkwo  
Hails from Ward 6 Inuofor  
Based in Paris France.



Mr Ken Okoli  
(Baba Ken) Based in South Africa  
Hails from Ward 11



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



Rev'd Ugochukwu Obiora



Sir Chike Peter Okafor  
Hails from Ward 8 and based in USA



Nze Engr Anthony Osude  
Hails from Ngo Quater  
Based in USA



Amara Iheme,  
Based in Durban South Africa,  
Hails from Ward 11



Eze-Omeihekwu  
Dr Azubuiki Levi Ezeife  
IDU Chairman USA Branch



Eze-Ohamadike Chuks Felix Okoye  
Co-ordinator Igbo-Ukwu in Diaspora



Mr Stanley Arinze Udoh,  
Based in USA and hails  
from Ward 10



Nze Godwin Obanike Okoye  
(Ezeonyemalukwu)  
Hails from Ward 6  
Based in South Africa



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

## RECENT HIGH PROFILE BIRTHDAYS



Recently, some prominent sons of Igbo-Ukwu celebrated their birthdays including priestly ordination anniversary. Chief Sir Joe Ijita, Ochendo Igbo-Ukwu and Ume-Ononenyi Prof Martin Muo marked their 70th Birthdays. Akunwata Barr Ifeanyi Olih also celebrated his 62nd birthday in a grand style. Rev. Fr. Dr. Henry Uzochukwu Nnaji for marked his Silver Jubilee Celebration. We at Team Eze-Akajiugo celebrate with these illustrious sons of Igbo-Ukwu while wishing them all the best and happier Celebrations ahead.

# PATHS TO FINDING LASTING PEACE AND UNITY IN THE ONCE DIVIDED IDU CABINET OF IGBO-UKWU

IDE SIR JNC EZEIFE, THE OLDEST AND LONGEST SERVING MEMBER OF THE IDU CABINET IS NOW BACK AT AMAEHULU GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS AFTER MANY YEARS OF ABSENCE.

The Court case between G-17 and G-5 at the Aguat High Court has been struck out, Case Closed and peace and unity ... back to Idu Cabinet of Igbo-Ukwu to the Glory of God. Courtesy of Team Eze-Akajiugo and powered by Chief Anthony Okafor, Ezenwagu Igbo-Ukwu.



# CULTURE OF HONOURS: EZE-AKAJIUGO PAYS HOMAGE TO SOME IGBO-UKWU SENIOR CITIZENS IN ENUGU...



Eze-Akajiugo at the cozy home of Eze-Odumegwu Igbo-Ukwu popularly known as 1414 on the 8th of December, 2024



Eze-Akajiugo pays a well-deserved homage to Chief Anthony Umeh, Ochikota Igbo-Ukwu... also sharing the joys of the Seasons!



Eze-Akajiugo Visits Osuofia Igbo-Ukwu And Family To Share The Joys Of Christmas

TEAM EZEAKA JIUGO MOURNS...

# Painful Passages!

I announce with profound sadness the passing of the father of RUN FOR LIFE and promoter of "all things" Igbo-Ukwu, Ezeudemba Dr Okenwa Nwosu, whose sad event took place in the USA on Thursday, 21 November 2024 after a brief illness. The late Ezeudemba is survived by his Noonu, Ugosimba Marcia Nwosu, four children and grand children. Burial arrangement will be announced later  
Signed: *Prof Uchenna Nwosu*



Late Ezzinne Josephine Osuokwu-Ubaka  
Mother of Nze Ezeomenyiloha O'Bassey Osuokwu

The entire NWOBÌ family of Umuideideike, Ihuofor, Obiuno, Igbo-Ukwu  
CORDIALLY INVITES

## BURIAL CEREMONY

of Our Husband, Father, Grand-Father, Brother, Uncle and Cousins

### LATE PA. FRANK ARINZE NWOBÌ.

(December 1943 - August 2024)

**Aged 81 Years**

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENT:**

Friday 25th October, 2024 | 5pm,  
Service of Song @ Late Pa Arinze Frank Nwobi's Compound  
Ihuofor, Obiuno, Igbo-Ukwu

Saturday 26 October, 2024 | 7am  
Body Leaves Apex Medical Center Mortuary  
Igbo-Ukwu, Anambra State  
7:30am: Lying in State at His Compound inuofor Obiuno,  
Igbo-Ukwu  
9am: Funeral Service at his compound, Ihuofor Obiuno,  
Igbo-Ukwu.  
Interment Follows immediately after Service  
12:00pm Funeral Visits Commence

Sunday 27th October, 2024 | 8:30am  
Thanksgiving Service @ St. Barnabas Anglican Church,  
Igbo-Ukwu

Signed: **Mr. Nnamdi NWOBÌ**

**MAMA GOES HOME**

With gratitude to God Almighty and total submission to the will of God, we regret to announce the passing of our beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, mother-in-law, and grand mother

## Dance MABEL NWOSU

**Aged 84 Years**

**Burial Arrangement:**

20th November, 2024  
Service @ St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Igbo-Ukwu

23rd November, 2024  
Funeral Office @ Her Husband's Compound, Anambra State

24th November, 2024  
Thanksgiving Service at Holy Trinity Church, Igbo-Ukwu

DR. UCHENNA I. NWOSU  
PROF. SECHUKA U. NWOSU

## EXIT OR AN

With a painful heart but in total submission to the will of God Almighty, we regret to announce the departure of our beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, mother-in-law, and grand mother

### Late Mrs Ethel Okeke (Catalogue)

1963 - 2024 | AGED 61

**Funeral Arrangement:**

FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2024 - 4pm  
Service of songs @ Water International Catholic Church, No. 22 Jochims Street, Kumbasi, New Lagos, Lagos State.

FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2024 - 4pm  
Coffin: White Keffiyeh Hat, Rose @ Her Husband's Compound, Ezigbo Village, Igbo-Ukwu in Anambra State.

FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2024 - 4pm  
Body leaves Orlan Hospital Mortuary, Igbo-Ukwu to her husband's compound, Ezigbo Village, Igbo-Ukwu.

**Painful Exit**

With heart full of sadness, and total submission to the will of God. The entire family of ANAZODO in Ezigbo Village, Igbo-Ukwu Anambra State, wish to announce the sudden death of our beloved Brother, Father, Uncle, Husband, In-law, Cousin

### Late Mr. MARK ANAZODO (ASIRAJU)

**Aged 59 years**

**Burial Arrangement**

Friday 15th Nov. 2024: 4pm: Vigil Mass - Wake keep at his compound.

Saturday 16th Nov. 2024: 6:30am - Body leaves Apex mortuary to his residence for lying in state.

9:00am Burial Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Igbo-Ukwu. Interment/Condolence follows at his compound, after mass.

Sunday 17th Nov. 2024: 6:00am Thanksgiving Mass at St. Anthony's Out Station Ezigbo Village, Igbo-Ukwu.

Chief Master Kifiso Jankar Anasofo  
Hon. Mrs. Mary Anasofo

May his gentle Soul Rest in Perfect Peace, Amen.

**OUR Matriarch Goes Home!**

The family of the Late Mrs. Anyaorah of Mbarikwashi, Anambra State, wish to announce the sudden death of our beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, mother-in-law, and grand mother

### LATE EZZINNE MRS. CHRISTIANA NNEAMAKA ANYAORAH (ARUNNE DI MMA)

(nee of the late 20th Nov. 2024)

**Aged 86 Years**

**Funeral Arrangement:**

20th November 2024  
Service @ St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Igbo-Ukwu

23rd November 2024  
Funeral Office @ Her Husband's Compound, Anambra State

24th November 2024  
Thanksgiving Service at Holy Trinity Church, Igbo-Ukwu

DR. UCHENNA I. NWOSU  
PROF. SECHUKA U. NWOSU

TEAM EZEAKAJIUGO MOURNS...

# Painful Passages!

*Igwe Igbo-Ukwu and Team Eze-Akajiugo commiserate with Prof. Benji Nwosu on the painful loss of his dear mother, Dame Mabel Nwosu*



*Team Eze-Akajiugo mourns the exit of Eze-Udemba Dr Okenwa Nwosu, MD...the founder of Run4Life Campaign worldwide*



TEAM EZEAKA JIUGO MOURNS...

# Painful Passages!

Ezeomenyilioha O'Bassey Osuokwu Buries mother in a grandstyle





Date Was 30th Aug 2024 as the IDU Secretary-General  
Engr. Abuchi Paragon Anyaorah Buries Sweet Mother  
Late Mrs Christiana N. Anyaorah in grand style



# IDU Attends Rev. fr Prof Ezeokana inaugural Lecture

Academic Matters & Laurels From the Ivory Tower as Igbo-Ukwu illustrious Sons achieve feats fit only for the brilliant minds!

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By  
**Rev Fr Prof Jude Obinna Ezeokana**  
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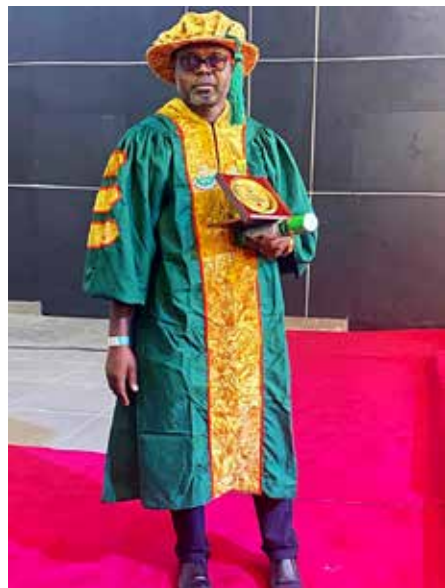
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**Prestigious Academic Events & Laurels From the Ivory Tower as Igbo-Ukwu illustrious Sons achieve feats fit only for the brilliant minds!**



APPLAUDING & PROMOTING ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE OF NDI IGBO-UKWU: HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO ENGR FIDELIS EZENWANKWO, FNSE!!!  
 Dear Engr. Fidel, We at the apex leadership of Igbo-Ukwu Development Union, IDU, are delighted to share in your professional laurels and excellence as evidenced by the recent conferment on you of the highest professional honour by the Nigerian Society of Engineers! Congratulations to you on this rare achievement of a lifetime!

This honor is an eloquent testimony of your collateral and professional reputation attained not by a sudden flight but by sheer determination, hard work and perseverance. It would serve as a morale booster not just for continued excellence but a source of inspiration to upcoming engineers of Igbo-Ukwu origin! In you Igbo-Ukwu wins!

Once again, accept our hearty congratulations!  
 TEAM EZE-AKA JIUGO

Celebrating An Uncomon Achiever as He Bags A PHD:

# Rev. Fr. Dr Paschal Toochwu Ezeani, Sdv.

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## Celebrating An Uncomon Achiever as He Bags A PHD: Rev. Fr. Dr Paschal Toochnikwu Ezeani, Sdv.

Let me first congratulate our brother and Fada banyi, Rev. Fr. Dr Paschal Toochnikwu Ezeani, Sdv. on this uncommon achievement of a lifetime! You deserve some lovely roses!

The other day, I flew from Lagos to Umueri-Anambra en-route Awka to JUST listen to that brilliant inaugural lecture delivered by The Very Rev. Fr. Prof. Jude EZEOKANA at UniZik! To say the least, it was another moment of pride and honor for Igbo-Ukwu! The name of Igbo-Ukwu was as bright and beautiful as a sparkling diamond in a dark night! Let happy cheerful news filter into our souls for once!

Expectedly the lecture auditorium where this powerful lecture held was well studded and filled up to the brim with well over 60 PhDs and countless Professors of diverse specializations who adorned various arrays of colourful academic regalia or gowns. Indeed it was a thing of beauty to behold and a thing of beauty is a source of joy forever...! Oh, I simply love academic excellence and intellectual cum sterling professional achievement! And we must note that it doesn't come cheap neither is it what containerized imports from China or Turkey can ferry down to our Nigerian ports!

But it was the trailblazer German-born Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel, a name synonymous with profound philosophical insights and intellectual brilliance, that holds the distinction of being the first individual to be awarded a PhD doctorate. Ever since the achievement of this rare feat, the life, accomplishments, and lasting influence of Hegel, it's on record that his pioneering spirit and philosophical contributions have continued to shape the world of academia.

Hegel's philosophical works, notably "Phenomenology of Spirit," "Science of Logic," and "Elements of the Philosophy of Right," revolutionized the field of philosophy. Hegel's dialectical method and concept of absolute idealism continue to influence scholars and shape philosophical discourse to this day. Oh yeah, I am certain that other Philosophers in the House can testify to this assertion!

Indeed many folks actually join this frenzied celebration without actually understanding the quantum and quality of efforts that got Rev'd Fr. Dr P.T. Ezeani to this highest pedestal of intellectual accomplishment. It didn't come by a sudden flight nor a snap of the finger!

Of a truth, a PhD holder is a confirmed Philosopher, it stands for Doctor of Philosophy and is considered the highest post-graduate achievement one can earn. To complete a doctorate one must produce significant and original research. Put straight: you'll develop critical thinking, knowledge and understanding of a particular research area.

You can be addressed as 'Doctor' but it's very different from being a 'medical doctor.' The letters stand for 'Doctor of Philosophy', but that isn't necessarily what your doctorate degree is in. Here the 'philosophy' part refers to the Greek meaning of the word: love of wisdom. Ka odi godu otua!

Consequently on this special Moment of Honor and solid personal achievement that rattles one's intellect, it's my joy and happiness to share in this intellectual feast of philosophy: congratulations to you Rev. Fr. Dr Ezeani. At the same time, permit me to use this opportunity to salute the entire EZEANI clan of Umudege Village, Igbo-Ukwu particularly the immediate family of Brother OKWY EZEANI of HOMS GROUP OF COYS LTD for his unwavering support and undiluted love of his brother all the way from the journey of priesthood up to the apogee of intellectual accomplishment as a PhD!

We at the apex leadership of Igbo-Ukwu Development Union, IDU, are excited to once again celebrate you in the same frenzy, tempo and magnitude we did for Engr Fidelis Ezenwankwo, (OFE) fnshe the other day! Again, in you Igbo-Ukwu wins!

Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr Barr. MCK Ubah, Esq., Barrister-at-law & Notary Public; Your friend & Pee-Gee of IDU.



As chief Dr Paul Okeke, Ebubedike Abatete Bags an Honorary Doctorate Degree in International Business and Logistics from the European American University, Panama.

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# SALUTE TO OHAZULUME KINDRED SPIRIT!



SPECIAL APPRECIATIONS TO NDI IGBO-UKWU BY TEAM EZE-AKAJIUGO ON THE CONSENSUS ACCEPTANCE TO WITHDRAW THE LIST OF ALL PROPOSED NAMES EARLIER SUBMITTED TO IDU FOR RATIFICATION: NDI IGBO-UKWU, THIS POST IS TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR HONEST REACTIONS, WELL-CONSIDERED VIEWS, PIECES OF VALUABLE ADVICE AND FOR STANDING WITH US DURING THAT DIFFICULT PATH. IT FURTHER STRENGTHENED OUR UNITY AS A PEOPLE AND REKINDLED THE CONFIDENCE IN THE CURRENT COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP... THANK YOU!!

Ndi Igbo-Ukwu ekeneem unu!

On behalf of the mainstream leadership of Igbo-Ukwu Development Union, IDU, I wish to most sincerely thank and appreciate you for all the positive outcomes of our last Saturday, 23rd November 2024, Emergency General Delegates' Meeting of IDU which held at Amaehulu Town Hall from 10am to about 2pm.

This second time Emergency General Meeting of IDU was necessitated by two key reasons of urgent community attention, namely:

1. Urgent Security Needs to make our community remain safe and secured particularly during this Yuletide and New Year Celebrations.
2. Matters arising from the selection and ratification of the proposed names for the conferment of Merit Chieftaincy Titles during the scheduled 4th January, 2025 first-time Ofala Festival Igbo-Ukwu as sent to IDU by the Idu Cabinet of Igbo-Ukwu.
3. Any other urgent business or report that required IDU endorsement or approval.

On security matters, the House was assured that we are putting every arrangement in place to further reinforce our community security architecture in strategic readiness for the year-end seasons of celebrations.

Details of our strategic preparedness were taken off-camera by the relevant committee as such sensitive security matters are not for public discussions. We further implored our public - spirited folks to please donate shuttle buses, motorbikes and money to boost our security machinery. We thanked those who had pledged or donated buses to make haste to redeem their donations, if they have not done so.

Item number 2 above was a fallout of our October 26, 2024 IDU General Delegates' Meeting regarding the ratification of selected names for the conferment of Merit Chieftaincy Titles. A few days after that meeting, there were discordant tunes and pockets of protests from some parts of Igbo-Ukwu as evidenced by the separate letters written to Team Eze-Akajiugo and Idu Cabinet by the leaderships of Ihite and Ngo Quarters of Igbo-Ukwu. We also received formal letters from the Igbo-Ukwu Council of Merit Chiefs, IMCC, on the same vexed topic.

There were other 'volcanic eruptions' and scathing comments or even objective criticisms by some ndi banyi on the same outcomes of that ratification exercise or even against the entire selected names in most of our official

online social media platforms. And Team Eze-Akajiugo read them and listened to all patiently because that's the beauty of our leadership style. We could not have ignored such weighty views and valuable pieces of advice maka odinma Igbo-Ukwu under our watch.

What we did and future Action Plan:

With a deep sense of responsibility and humility we sprang into extensive consultations and door-to-door meetings with some strategic organs and stakeholders of Igbo-Ukwu including the Idu Cabinet of Igbo-Ukwu.

The outcome was to arrange an Emergency General Meeting of IDU with the Month of November to review the development and what could be done. In collaboration with HRH Igwe Alex Ejikemeuwa Azike, Idu 3 of Igbo-Ukwu who is both the chairman of the Idu Cabinet of Igbo-Ukwu and the Idu-in-Council, the executive leadership of IDU agreed to hold the meeting on the 23rd November, 2024 maka odinma Igbo-Ukwu. Both the Pee-Gee of IDU and Idu 3 of Igbo-Ukwu as well as all our people concerned had to make another huge sacrifice to attend to this meeting. Our Idu 3 of Igbo-Ukwu had to make his own proactive arrangements to first meet with his Cabinet and Idu-in-Council in strategic readiness for the IDU Emergency General Meeting of the next day so everything would work together for good as promised all children of God!

And it eventually came to pass as promised by God Almighty, praise God Somebody! In our last meeting of Saturday 23rd November, 2024, Igbo-Ukwu won again to the glory of God! We unanimously agreed to withdraw the said list as submitted with a special proviso that only Sir Eddy Muoemenam would be conferred with a Merit Chieftaincy Title on the day of the Ofala Festival which we have now come to #tag Igbo-Ukwu Unity Ofala Festival 2025

Other interesting developments took place during that said meeting, namely:

1. To christen all our proposed upcoming IDU Year-end Events as Unity Events or Projects, for example,
  - a) Igbo-Ukwu Unity Almanac & Calendar 2025-2028.
  - b) Igbo-Ukwu Unity Diary
  - c) Igbo-Ukwu Unity Ofala Festival
  - d) Igbo-Ukwu Unity Culture Day holding on 29th December, 2024 etc
 This is because unity is at the heart of everything, United we stand but divided we fall. Idu 3 of Igbo-Ukwu remains Igbo-Ukwu symbol of unity! To God be all the glory!
2. The meeting also rose with a declarative position that an IDU adhoc committee should be put in place during our coming December 30, 2024 end-of-year IDU General Assembly Meeting to take charge of the the critical issues around the the selection, screening and qualifying clear criteria for the merit Chief title of Igbo-Ukwu.

The proposed Committee is to formulate the critical temple, requirements and checklist to attain such a merit Chief status would be clearly provided to take care of this vexed topic and make presentations to IDU in our February 2025 meeting which upon acceptance would be channeled to the IDU Constitution Review or Amendment Committee to be put in place on that day.

The said committee would work assiduously about 6 months to enable the Anambra State Government make the needed approval before our year-end Mass Return Celebration and Odunke Festival where a possible conferment of Merit Chieftaincy Titles may happen, all things being equal. Issues of the proposed number of Merit Chiefs per year or cycle would be stated including bearing in mind the 3-'tripodal' nature of Igbo-Ukwu.

3. For the first time ever in many years of boycotting IDU meetings during the past regime, the current leadership of IDU had the singular privilege and honor to receive in attendance the oldest member of the Idu Cabinet of Igbo-Ukwu who led the G-17 Group, Ide Sir JNC Ezeife now saw good reasons to return to Amaehulu Town Hall to once again take his seat in this hallowed Chamber. In about 4 months time, he will be 102 years on planet earth to the glory of God. It would be recalled that his presence at this meeting many years of protest or boycott was as a result of the peaceful resolution and settlement of the unfortunate impasse between the erstwhile G-17 and the

G-5 Groups of the Idu Cabinet of Igbo-Ukwu which snowballed to an over 3-years protracted court action. To the credit of Team Eze-Akajiugo and our newly confirmed Peace Ambassador, Chief Anthony Okafor, Ezenwagu Igbo-Ukwu, this matter was successfully resolved and withdrawn from court. We now have one united Idu Cabinet of Igbo-Ukwu! Praise God, Somebody!

Ide Sir JNC Ezeife return was not achieved by a sudden flight...it was one long unrelenting journey of painstaking dialogues, court visits, sacrifices and compromises make odinma Igbo-Ukwu. On our last visit that pulled the string he said; Eze-Akajiugo you're my beloved son in who I am well pleased. You and your team have done well and shown uncommon love for Igbo-Ukwu, I will join you in the next meeting of IDU. And on the dot of time, he showed up at the IDU Town Hall at Amaehulu armed with 2 gallons of freshly tapped up-wine (ohu eru ana) and 7 choice pieces of our native kolanuts. You know, 'Okenye na eme ihe ka CHUKWU!' To God alone be all the glory!

4. That grand entry and come-back to IDU meetings by Ide Sir JNC Ezeife was not only spectacular but symbolic! The 2 gallons of up-wine (nkwu enu ohu eru ana) and 7 giant pieces of native kolanuts stood for uncommon invocation of blessings of peace, unity and prosperity from above upon Ndi Igbo-Ukwu particularly all the participants and partakers in the Hall as well as unmitigated support of Team Eze-Akajiugo all through its regime! We, the IDU executive leadership, are highly grateful to this rare Sage and cerebral Centennarian cum pioneer member of the Idu Cabinet of Igbo-Ukwu.

5. We must all openly thank God for making Igbo-Ukwu come out seamlessly from this unsuspecting snare and quagmire to snatch victory and renewed hope of a United Community from the wicked jaws of the lion that lied in wait to consume the nascent peace and unity that was restored to the Idu Cabinet of Igbo-Ukwu on that same 26th day of

October, 2024. Aka CHUKWU di ya! Never Again!

6. Ndi banyi, we as a responsible and responsive leadership owe you a duty of care; a duty to always keep you informed about the activities, developments and general state of affairs of our Union and by that Igbo-Ukwu from time to time; an obligation to keep you involved; to keep you interested and to keep you inspired and proud of all what we do on your behalf as managers and administrators of our shared future and destiny! This is the true spirit and essence of our Ohazulume leadership mantra!

Apologies:

Finally and on behalf the executive leadership of IDU, we wish to sincerely apologize to all our great folks whose names were selected and forwarded to IDU for ratification but now had to be withdrawn for overriding community interest. Be consoled by the soothing mortal provision in the Book of Romans 8:28: All things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose This divine verse is often sought for comfort in difficult times such as we all suddenly found ourselves. May we all join our hands and hearts together and say: NEVER AGAIN!

Long live HRH Igwe Alex Ejikemeuwa Azike, Idu 3 of Igbo-Ukwu!

Long live Team Eze-Akajiugo and Igbo-Ukwu Development Union, IDU!!

Long live all the good people of Igbo-Ukwu both at home and in the Diaspora!!!

By Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah, Esq,  
Your friend and Pee-Gee of IDU  
For: Team Eze-Akajiugo  
25th November, 2024

## Igbo-Ukwu young Dynamic Club end of year Party!

DATE WAS 1st DEC 2024. SOME PATRONS OF THE CLUB INCLUDING THE PG OF IDU POSE WITH MEMBERS/ EXECUTIVES OF THE CLUB





# A NOTE OF APPRECIATION:



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Working with our IDU Wards Chairmen is a source of joy and delight because real power belongs to them. Pictures below show the PG of IDU working closely with Wards 4 Chairman, Engr Phillip E. Okoye and that of Ward 19 Chairman, Hon Onyeka Godwin Ezeonyasi!

Chairman of Ward 19 (Ihuezugama-Ngo Quarter) Hon Onyeka Godwin Ezeonyasi and Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah Esq Team Eze-Akajiugo deeply appreciates and commends the Wards' Chairmen Coordinator, Hon. Chinoso Okoli for the good work he is doing particularly during the last IGBO-UKWU UNITY CALENDAR & IGBO-UKWU UNITY DIARY Projects. Kudos to him and all our Wards Chairmen. More blessings... Igbo-Ukwu is on course!



Team Eze-Akajiugo Salutes To Adaugo Igbo-Ukwu Iyom Uche Ekwunife, our Honourable Rep EDO & Ezeagunaachemba



Left to right: Chief Christopher Ezeh (Ugwumba), Prof. Uchenna Nwosu (Ddenigbo) & Chief Eric Nwobi (Okeide)

Salute to the leading lights of Igbo-Ukwu Octogenarian Club from Team Ezeakajiugo



# SALUTE TO STRONG PILLARS OF FRIENDSHIP!





**A GREAT SON OF IGBO-UKWU HAS GONE...A FEARLESS VOICE OF NDI IGBO IS NO MORE! GOOD NIGHT ... EZE-UDEMBA DR OKENWA RICHARD NWOSU, MD!!**

Great Countrymen and Women, we come with our eyes red, soaked deep and overflowing with tears! A great iroko tree has fallen! Ncha melu anyi! From where do we begin this sad story!

It is indeed with profound sadness and shock that we at the apex leadership of Igbo-Ukwu Development Union, IDU, received the painful news of passing-on to eternal glory of one of Igbo-Ukwu's greatest sons and prolific writers in our contemporary history, Eze-Udemba Dr Richard Okenwa Nwosu, MD.

Until his demise, he was an accomplished physician and surgeon of international repute who once practiced medicine in Igbo-Ukwu (under the medical name of 'Igbo Surgical Clinic'), as well as in Nnewi (under the name of 'Lasalle Hospital' which was located along Francis Street and Owerri Road Nnewi) and later United States of America.

In the early 1980s of Igbo-Ukwu and Nnewi axis, he founded the popular 'Run4Life', a health cum fitness Club that has today spread around the world, including the USA. Those of us that grew up in Igbo-Ukwu, Nnewi and environs were proud members of the Run4Life Campaign, a fitness and wellness Club for the elites and rural folks were enthusiastic of living a physically fit lifestyle! It was also fashionable to be associated with this health awareness and fitness family which spread like wildfire across the south east zone of Nigeria. It however faded away with the relocation of the founder to the USA but bounced back a few years ago with greater impetus and rejuvenations. It's still spreading far and wide till date with no looking back! For Eze-Udemba, it's NEVER SAY DIE!

According to some official medical classifications, Dr. Okenwa R. Nwosu was until death a specialist family medicine doctor in Landover, Maryland. He received his medical degree from Howard University College of Medicine and has been in practice for more than 20 years since returning back to the USA after a long stint in Nigeria's rural and semi-urban medical practice.

Dr Okenwa Nwosu was certified by the American Board of Surgery in December 1981. He completed his residency in general surgery at Howard University Hospital in June 1980. He did his undergraduate studies at Howard University and also graduated from the same institution's College of Medicine in May 1975. Dr. Nwosu was born in Nigeria where he had his primary and secondary school education before coming to the US to further his career in November 1970.

After his residency, Dr Nwosu served for one year as a Clinical Instructor in the Department of Surgery, Howard University Hospital. He returned to his home country in late 1981 and established active medical practice amongst the rural population of Anambra state, Nigeria where he resided with his family for almost 14 years. This period exposed Dr. Nwosu to a broad spectrum of challenges in delivery of healthcare in Third-World setting where basic facilities are not readily available.

This exposure also compelled him to broaden the scope of his practice far

beyond surgery to encompass aspects of primary healthcare that have greatly impacted his professional inclinations in recent years. He played leadership roles in our Igbo-Ukwu ancestral hometown community and environs as well as in mainstream politics of his state during his extended residency at Igbo-Ukwu.

According to some personal interviews he granted back in the years, it was reported that he didn't like the idea of checking out of Nigeria but he had to go back to the US in late 1995 with his family and resumed professional practice in the Washington, DC metro area.

As his personal family friend, I first got to know and love Eze-Udemba through his pet physical and health fitness Club, Run4Life Campaign back in the '80s as a young folk growing up in Igbo-Ukwu. Since then till date...it has been 'one love keeps us together!' In the prelude to his induction into the prestigious Nze N'Ozo Society of Igbo-Ukwu, I played host to his wider family and guests in my Akajiugo Villa CountryHome at Obiuno Igbo-Ukwu where I entertained them to a convivial kindred bonding as well as assorted games of lawn tennis, basketball and table tennis! It was the grand finale of the maiden edition of the #Igbo-Ukwu Walk4Unity. Oh it was a lot of fun and love hosting Noono Ugosimba Marcia Nwosu and her lovely clan and special visitors! Oh I can feel the pain so deeply now!

As life progressed, I became drawn closely to Eze-Udemba through his fiercely prolific outpourings of no-holds-bared writings and avant-garde pan-Igbo social crusades in pursuit of a just, equitable and well-ordered politico-social life for Ndi Igbo within a fragmented or decadent Nigeria. His huge impact in crusading organizations like the pan-Igbo Lower Niger Congress, LNC., World Igbo Environmental Forum, WIEF, and Osondu Foundation, OF, are immortal and humongous! Eze-Udemba was a fiercely terrific writer of immense prodigy! Indeed...mmiri malu ehi na anya! Ncha melu!

Ndi Igbo, more particularly Igbo-Ukwu would miss Eze-Udemba for his great exploits in many fronts. At the formation and progress of SICA, he was a strong engine room and strong pillar standing behind that great leader and philanthropist, Eze-Omeiheukwu Dr Azubuike L. Ezeife, of IDU(USA) Branch along with others in the SICA success story. His rich art collections particularly the archived Igbo-Ukwu SICA Collections will remain awesome!

Ooh Eze-Udemba's immediate family including his ever adorable wife/Noono Ugosimba and children would forever miss this great son of Igbo-Ukwu, who was equally a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and fearless crusader of immense stature and stamina! As a well-bonded community, we have indeed lost a dear son and patriot!

I was with the Nwosus penultimate last weekend during the burial of late Dame Mabel Nwosu, the beloved mother of Professor Benji Nwosu. As I sat beside one of the great grandsons of the Nwosus we all know as Sir Engr Uche Igweka (Oke Oyi/Nwadiana Eze-Udemba from Amichi Town), tears flowed down my cheeks like oil drops from a virgin oil well! I walked up to Sir Igweka, greeted him solemnly, we held hands together and wept together! Lady Uche Igweka could not help it than to also shed her own tears quietly! Only a few understood the burning undercurrents in our souls! So it's true, Eze-Udemba? But who can question God! What an irreplaceable loss to all of us!

To my dear Dr Adaora, Ofodile, Ibeka, and all Eze-Udemba's children and grandkids...(ooh I remember Ibeka Jnr. and his equally precocious sister) including all the extended families of the late Ichie Ezenwa Nwosu (not forgetting my darling Big Sister Dr Ngozi); those of 'High Chief' Zimuzor Nwosu (the Igwe Nke Ise in-waiting); Bro. Kod himself etc as well as all the in-laws and 'ikwu n'ibe' of the larger Nwosu Dynasty of Akama-Ngo Igbo-Ukwu, I convey my deepest condolences on behalf of my dear family and good people of Igbo-Ukwu!

And the bunch of all these condolences is hereby bundled together and directed more traditionally to the Patriarch of the Nwosu Dynasty ... Odenigbo Igbo-Ukwu himself, Prof Uchenna Nwosu and all the Umu-Nwilo Clan by extension.... please take heart...we are all in it together!

To my good friends and great descendants or grand-children of the Nwosus...Engr Chuck Umeh and siblings; Ikeora Chudi Okoye and siblings, and all the great grandchildren inclusive... please take heart! May

God comfort you all! Mana nche melu anyi!

The inner engine room of SICA is greatly diminished with the colossal exit of Eze-Udemba Ndi Igbo...! We are however consoled by the fact that the headship of SICA is still intact under Eze-Omeiheukwu Dr Azubuike Ezeife, MD! Ditto for the promise and the wider vision of SICA in the years ahead. May the sparkles never go dim with the exit of Eze-Udemba!

With Eze-Udemba in the picture, the maiden launch of #Igbo-Ukwu Walk4Unity in Year 2021 would remain indelible on the sands of our history as a community. Eze-Udemba and Ugosimba were home with his entire family, grand-kids and family friends to witness and celebrate his grand induction into the prestigious Nze N'Ozo Society of Igbo-Ukwu! The planning and execution of Igbo-Ukwu Walk4Unity and his initiation rites into the prestigious Nze N'Ozo Igbo-Ukwu were like marriages made in heaven.

That post COVID-19 year of December 2020 and January 2021, Igbo-Ukwu was agog with so much fun and convivialities as many 'white faces' and holiday makers were home in Igbo-Ukwu to participate in these two special events. Eze-Akajiugo himself partook in the entire planning, organization and also chaired that unforgettable first ever Igbo-Ukwu Unity Walk to the wildest admiration of our folks and glory of God!

Oh imagining Run4Life without Eze-Udemba can be depressing but again our consolation lies in the fact that Run4Life Campaign has been well structured and organized with many people around the world now running with the dream and vision of the founder. In further support, the The Space Akama-Ngo Igbo-Ukwu CountryHome of Eze-Udemba is now housing a befitting headquarter office for the Run4Life Campaign thus keeping the hope and vision of Run4Life alive for posterity!

Fare thee well Eze-Udemba Ndi Igbo!  
But now as if one is recalling that spontaneous flow of emotions and uncontrollable tears of Mark-Antony (in William Shakespear's Julius Caesar) when he entered the Senate House and saw Caesar's body lying on the floor in a puddle/pool of blood, he exclaimed:

Oh mighty Caesar! Dost thou lie so low? Are all thy conquests, glories, triumphs, spoils, shrunk to this little measure? Fare thee well!  
I know not, gentlemen, what you intend,  
Who else must be let blood, who else is rank;  
If I myself, there is no hour so fit As Caesar's death's hour, nor no instrument Of half that worth as those your swords, made rich With the most noble blood of all this world.  
...Oh Death be not proud!"

Finally, it's our hope and prayers that given the foregoing outpouring of tears overflow and hearty consolations, the legacies and footprints of Eze-Udemba will never be in vain...they will continue to 'run on for life' in our minds for a longer time to come...but Eze-Udemba himself would continue to live in our hearts forever...

Oh Eze-Udemba... now I can feel your exit... I can touch the wide gap ahead of us...'Oh I can see clearly now the rain is gone...I can see all obstacles in my way,  
Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind...  
It's gonna be a bright (bright) ...Bright (bright) sunshiny day...  
It's gonna be a bright (bright) sunshiny day!...(Jimmy Cliff remembered).

We are strengthened by your humongous legacies and transformative impacts left behind for us...we can not fail you ...you must live forever in our hearts!

Adieu Eze-Udemba!  
May God Almighty grant your giant soul eternal rest in His Paradise!  
Rest in perfect peace!

Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah, Esq.,  
President-General, Igbo-Ukwu Development Union, IDU.,  
25th November, 2024.

# Hospitals and Medical Trainings:



The dynamic and multifaceted Ezeakajiugo, Sir Barr. MCK Ubah, the current President General of Igbo-Ukwu Development Union (IDU) embodies excellence across various fields. He is a legal luminary, seasoned realtor/property consultant, as well as an ex-banker, who seamlessly blends professional acumen with a vibrant social presence. Sir Ubah is not only a people's person, but also a steadfast advocate for positive change and progress in Igbo-Ukwu.

He will be attending the forthcoming official Opening of Apex College of Nursing Sciences, Igbo-Ukwu (ACONSI)...

What about you?

Date: 31st December, 2024

Venue: the College's temporary ground, Emmanuel Ogudebe Road, Ihuowelle, Ngo, Igbo-Ukwu.

Time: 10 am prompt!

ACONSI'S OFFICIAL OPENING... where would you rather be?

... be counted!

Inquiries: 08151852317

# Entrepreneureship & Our Heroes Past:



**Chief Festus Okoli Onyekwelu**  
(Ogbuefi Igbo-Ukwu, 1919-1990)

The 1st PG of the modern day IDU

Chief Festus Onyekwelu (Ogbuehi-IgboUkwu) was born in 1919, the last of three sons to Onyekwelu Anusimba and Dorcas of Etitu village Igbo-ukwu. He completed standard six at Ogwugwuagu Primary School, Igboukwu and taught briefly at the same school. However, due to financial incapacitation, he could not go further with his educational pursuits and he thus went into business. He started with petty trading, selling chewing sticks and empty bottles before, he became an apprentice to Mr. Lawrence Okonkwo, a foodstuff dealer at Umuoba, in the present day Abia State. He eventually went to Jos in 1939 in pursuit of business opportunities. Over the years, by dint of hard work, shrewdness and dedication, he grew his business from petty trading into an enviable and diversified business empire with tentacles in:

- (1) Hospitality and entertainment business. His Jubilee hotels had branches in Jos (Jubilee Up and Jubilee Jenta), Gombe, Suleija, Onitsha and Igbo-Ukwu. He also had the Jubilee Dandies Band, a Nigerian version of Ramblers Dance Band of Ghana. Jubilee Hotel was a shining star in the Northern Nigeria hospitality industry and stories had it that the Queen lodged in the hotel when she visited Nigeria in the 1950s.
- (2) Importation and distribution of batteries and drinks, including Dab beer from Germany, as well as the products of Nigerian Breweries. He was also the sole supplier of empty bottles to Nigerian Breweries in the whole Northern Nigeria
- (3) Distributorship of Mercedes Benz (911) lorries for A. J. Leventis as their sole distributor in Northern Nigeria. He also ran a hire-purchase business through which he facilitated the painless

acquisition of Lories by Igbo-Ukwu people, other Igbos and Nigerians.

- 4) Real Estate, with choice properties (by the standards of those days) across the length and breadth of Nigeria.
- 5) Quarry business in several cities in Nigeria
- 6) Car dealership

Operating as Onyekwelu Brothers Ltd, he was unarguably, the first Igbo-ukwu millionaire, and the most successful businessman in Igbo-ukwu and its environs in the 1950s. and a key player in the Northern Nigeria business space. So much was his affluence and influence that he was dubbed Okaa-Surplus by all and sundry. Yet he was simple, humble, respectful and hated unnecessary show of affluence. He was trusting and trustworthy, disciplined and adapted easily to circumstances. For instance, when he was forced to leave his comfort zone due to the Biafran war and relocated to Igbo-Ukwu, he immediately got involved fully in farming and insisted that all the members of his family must be involved in the win-the-war farming efforts. He also immediately got integrated into the Igbo-Ukwu society, deploying his wealth of experience in the local social and political scene. Ogbuehi Onyekwelu believed that the best investment was in human development and progress and that money not spent in the advancement of welfare of people was of no benefit to humanity. He sponsored the education and businesses of others and was also the greatest philanthropist of his times.

Beyond his famed entrepreneurial attainments and his nationwide business tentacles, Chief F O Onyekwelu is most remembered for his role in the socio-political development of Igbo-Ukwu. He founded and headed the Igbo-Ukwu War Council to keep Igbo-Ukwu together during the war and oversaw the creation of Igbo-Ukwu Development Union and the Idu-ship institution that exists till today. The stuff he was made off became glaring when he rejected the unanimous offer of Idu-ship made to him by the people in appreciation of his numerous contributions to the progress of the town

Post Script

Ogbuehi F O Onyekwelu was a daring and foresighted entrepreneur who, with no material support and few or even no indigenous role models, took risks, charted new courses and created a truly diversified business enclave. With just standard six education, he easily identified and exploited opportunities and had successful business interactions with local and foreign business conglomerates. At the young age of 20, he went up north and conquered the northern business space, representing Leventis and Nigerian Breweries in the entire Northern Region.

In terms of entrepreneurship, we have the following take ways.

- i) He was an entrepreneurial osu-ohia (pace-setter), setting records, breaking new grounds and conquering new business territories.
- ii) He was an apostle of diversification and diversified not just across businesses but across geographical spaces.
- iii) He was not afraid of playing in the big league, dealing with Leventis and Nigerian Breweries, the biggest franchises of those days.
- iv) He was also able to combine his diverse business pursuits with keen interest in communal development and philanthropy.
- v) His entrepreneurial characteristics included adaptability (he easily adapted to the northern language and society and became a wartime farmer) discipline, commitment and trustworthiness

*Ichie Ezechikwado Ik Muo, PhD*

# A Colorful Union:

## Chukwudi Ike-Okoye & Kosisochukwu Emenike's Wedding



The Groom and the Bride



The Groom and the Bride Flanked by Akwaugo & Eze-Akajiugo... the Distinguished Chairman of the Wedding



The Groom and the Bride Flanked by Igbo-Ukwu High Society in Lagos



The Groom and the Bride Flanked by both Parents



The Groom and the MD of 3D Motion Pictures Ltd Dr Ekene Okoye

**O**n Saturday, September 28, 2024, Kosisochukwu and Chukwudi Ike-Okoye celebrated their love in a vibrant wedding ceremony at the Church of Redemption, Anglican Communion, Ologolo, Lekki, Lagos. The event was graced by family, friends, and dignitaries, including Ezeakajiugo Barr. MCK Ubah, President General of Igbo-Ukwu Development Union (IDU), and his wife, Barr. Mrs. Pamela Ubah.

The officiating minister delivered a moving sermon on the sanctity of marriage, urging the couple to build their home on love, trust, and faith. The exchange of vows was both heartfelt and emotional.

The celebration continued at The Canyon Event Centre, Lekki, where guests enjoyed a blend of modern and traditional festivities. The beautifully decorated hall exuded elegance, and lively entertainment kept the atmosphere joyous.

Highlights included the couple's enchanting first dance and a heartfelt toast expressing gratitude to their loved ones. Guests were treated to a lavish feast featuring a variety of local and international cuisines, making the day truly unforgettable.

THE IGBO-UKWU HALL OF FAME: ALL HAIL OUR IG-BO-UKWU PEACE AMBASSADOR, CHIEF ANTHONY OKAFOR, EZENWAGU IGBO-UKWU...the 3rd Inductee into the prestigious Hall. Date was 23rd of November, 2024.



THE IGBO-UKWU HALL OF FAME: Honour to Whom Honour is Due... A Remarkable Achiever!



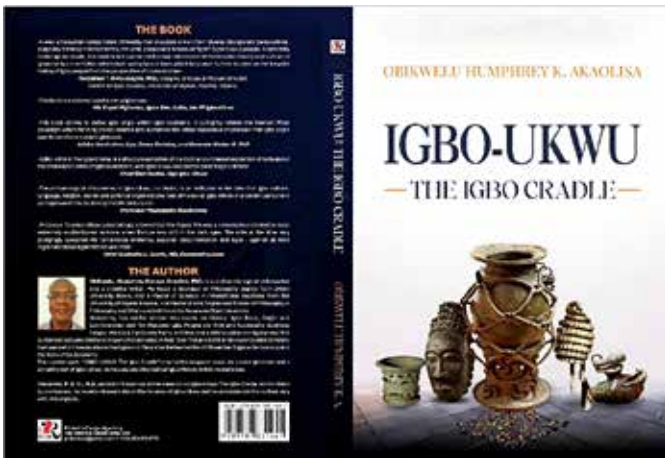


## HOMAGE TO ONWA IGBO-UKWU

Hon Engr. Dom Okafor, FNSE (Ezechinyelugo), MHR Aguata Federal Constituency came into Lagos for his legislative duties. He squeezed out time to pay a courtesy visit to Chief Albert-Barry Ezenwanne & the wife. Picture shows Hon. Dom standing in the middle, Nze Victor Umeakunne, Ezeanyanaso, standing by the right, Mr Anigbogu Chukwudi, standing left. Both of us accompanied him. Onwa Aguata, AB Ezenwanne, Group MD, Today's Car Ltd is seen sitting with the wife. Onwa was so excited and in a very high spirit. He lavishly entertained us & expressed his great confidence in Hon. Dom Okafor as well as the current leadership of IDU under Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah.

Report filed by Mr Anigbogu Chukwudi, IDU Lagos Branch Chairman.

TEAM EZE-AKAJIUGO EXTENDS  
MESSAGES OF LOVE TO ONWA  
IGBO-UKWU



**IGBO-UKWU EPIC BOOK LAUNCH: SOME IGBO-UKWU INTELLECTUAL GIANTS GATHER TO PRESENT THEIR OWN SIDE OF IGBO-UKWU HISTORY!**

Prof. Chinua Achebe, the prominent Nigerian novelist and essayist, said in a 1994 interview with the Paris Review, "There is that great proverb — that until the lions have their own historians, the history of the hunt will always glorify the hunter."

This proverb captures the background motivation to counter existing fake or incorrect narratives and therefore present a strong and true account of the Igbo-Ukwu history as told and written by Ndi Igbo-Ukwu in order to forcefully challenge and bury some of the white lies and incorrect accounts of the true history of Igbo people as churned out by some shallow researchers and other armchair scholars who luxuriate in some ivory towers of Nigeria and Africa in their woeful attempts to rewrite the true origins of Igbo people who today dominate the larger stretch of the Lower Niger of the sub Sahara Africa.

This bold move was long put together by Chief Eric Nwafor Nwobi, Okeide Igbo-Ukwu. He beckoned at other equally erudite minds to join him to work on this what was tagged the Igbo-Ukwu History Project including that enigmatic Humphrey Anayo Obikwelu, (Chief Editor), Arc POC Osunkwo, Dr Ada Muo etc. The PG of IDU, Eze-Akajiugo Sir Dr MCK Ubah also made some input as well as other learned professors drawn from the University of Lagos.

The outcome of this painstaking research effort of Igbo-Ukwu History Project that lasted for several years is what we today have on our hands as IGBO-UKWU: THE IGBO CRADLE.

This book promises to be a chart buster and paradigm shift of the existing history accounts of Ndi Worldwide! It's gonna be a game changer that would make a big bang and resounding entry into the world civilisation and origins of leading races or tribes of the world.

According to the planners of this scheduled epochal events, the 2nd day of January, 2025 is the D-Day while the choice venue is no other than the Amaehulu Town Hall. The apex leadership of Igbo-Ukwu Development Union, IDU in concert with SICA will be there to welcome you.

Come and let's support these creme'da'la'creme well selected scholars as they present our own side of the story of the hunt now that the hunter has discovered that the lion did not die during the hunt after all. Ndi Igbo-Ukwu, arise and shine! The hour is here!

By:  
Team Eze-Akajiugo

# IGBO-UKWU BROTHERS' FORUM ONITSHA END OF YEAR PARTY! THE PG OF IDU SHARES LOVE WITH IGBO-UKWU FOLKS LIVING IN ONITSHA & RECEIVES LEADERSHIP AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

DATE WAS 27th OCT 2024



**15th Yaer Anniversary of Igbo-Ukwu Love Brothers' Club Lagos  
IGWE IGBO-UKWU & THE PG OF IDU  
RECEIVE LEADERSHIP AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE**



**Glamour & Igbo-Ukwu High Society:**

**15th Yaer Anniversary of Igbo-Ukwu Love Brothers' Club Lagos**

**IGWE IGBO-UKWU & THE PG OF IDU RECEIVE LEADERSHIP AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE!**



# FELICITATIONS TO TEAM EZEAKAJIUGO!!!

...365 Days of Giant Steps to Move Igbo-Ukwu Forward!



**AKAOMAJIDEAKU  
ARINZE OKONKWO,  
Group Chairman: MIC VAZOK NIG. LTD**

# EFFORTS AT BOOSTING IGBO-UKWU SECURITY RESOURCES CONTINUES...

Courtesy of some Ndi Igbo-Ukwu in Diaspora  
As Team Eze-Akajiugo shows profound gratitude to them



Team Eze-Akajiugo Donates a Motorbike to IDU Secretariat and another Motorbike to Idu 3 Palace to Support Local Royal Logistics



Boosting Igbo-Ukwu AVG



Boosting Igbo-Ukwu AVG



Team Eze-Akajiugo Donates Motorbike to Igbo-Ukwu Police Station through the DPO

# EZEAKAJIUGO UNDERTAKES OFFICIAL TOUR OF THE AMAEHULU TOWN HALL FENCING PROJECT DATE WAS 7th DEC 2024



# ASATU NEWS

MAIN FOCUS: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS RELATIONS, PEER-GROUP REVIEW & REGIONAL DIPLOMACY/ SECURITY.



ASATU Meeting in Session on 7/12/24



L-R: PG Achina, PG Igbo-Ukwu, PG Ekwulobia Towns on 7/12/24



ASATU Exco in progress (7/12/24)



L-R: PG Amichi and PG Igbo-Ukwu



L-R: PG Igbo-Ukwu, PG Umuona & PG Akpo



L-R: PG Isuofia, PG Igbo-Ukwu, PG Umuona & PG Ora-eri Towns on 7/12/24

## SPOTLIGHT ON IDU ENUGU BRANCH END OF YEAR PARTY DEC 8 2024 CONTINUES...





# NEWS FROM IDU BRANCHES

## SPOTLIGHTS ON IDU ENUGU BRANCH END OF THE YEAR GET-TOGETHER DATE WAS 8TH DEC 2024



WITH LOTS OF LOVE FROM THE ENUGU BRANCH OF IDU'S END-OF-YEAR PARTY...AS EZE-AKA JIUGO, THE PG OF IDU & HRH IGWE EZEONDIKE AZIKE VISIT THE COAL CITY WITH SUMPTUOUS BOUQUETS OF LOVE! NDI IGBO-UKWU RESIDENT IN ENUGU GLO WITH PRIDE AND HAPPINESS!

Today as I joyfully conclude part of my tight weekend activities in Enugu, the Coal City State, it was joy and happiness galore for Ndi Igbo-Ukwu resident in Enugu who celebrated their Year 2024 End-of-Year Party with their friends and families. HRH Igwe Alex Ejikemeuwa Azike, Idu 3 of Igbo-Ukwu was the Royal Father of the day while the PG of IDU served as the Chief Guest of Honor. Both the Pee-Gee of IDU and Igwe Igbo-Ukwu visited Enugu for this special purpose.

The leadership of IDU led by Barrister Toochukwu Ejeziem and Ndi Igbo-Ukwu resident in Enugu did not leave any stone unturned to make the celebration classy and memorable. It was topnotch and glamorous in both packaging and people entertainment as choice foods and drinks were surplus against the background of great musical rendition.

The Children of Igbo-Ukwu on their part saw today as the real beginning of the celebration season that sparks off the joys of Yuletide. There was this innovative item on the day's program of events for the young Igbo-Ukwu folks: 'debating competition in Igbo language' which saw the 7 brilliant contestants go home with a cash price of N10,000 each from the Pee-Gee of IDU to the excitement of all. It was a good one watching these teenagers use and speak Igbo language fluently and seamlessly, a challenge to most

urban children of today.

The Chairman of IDU Enugu Branch, Barr. Ejeziem in his Welcome Address thank all present particularly the Royal Father and the Pee-Gee who traveled all the way from Lagos to join them. He rendered a very brilliant speech to the admiration of all present while making a couple of requests from the Pee-Gee of IDU. Details of all that transpired today would be posted by the leadership of the Branch. On his part, the Pee-Gee of IDU thanked Ndi Enugu Branch for not falling in his expectation of always keeping up very high standards in all things. The details will also be relayed to you shortly.

The Igwe Igbo-Ukwu himself was so happy that all he could do was to keep blessing and pouring blessings upon all present particularly the Pee-Gee of IDU whose flight back to Lagos was at hand. And as he prayed, so was the whole prayers answered by God! I am happy to report back that I have since arrived safely in Lagos...in fact back to my home office to do a last minute rehearsal of the 'legal battle' ahead of tomorrow's court sitting at the Federal High Court, Ikoyi tomorrow morning...the 'struggle continua, victoria asata!' IDU Enugu Branch...I love you all!  
Igbo-Ukwu makaaanu!

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