

Court Of Appeal, Akure Division Takes Off

All is now set for the formal take-off of the newly-established Akure Division of the Court of Appeal as the 2-storey Court complex is ready for occupation.

The Ondo State Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Mr. Eytayo Jegede, while conducting newsmen round the complex today in company of the Chairman of the Ministerial Committee on the Project, Barrister Rotimi Olamide, said legal proceedings would start very soon in the court.

Already, Justice Ngwuta who has been appointed the Presiding Justice of the court by the President of the Court of Appeal, Justice Ayo Salami was in Akure last weekend to inspect the level of work done on the complex preparatory to his full resumption.

Also, one Mr. Joel Fatoki, who was hitherto serving at the Enugu Division, has been appointed the Deputy Chief Registrar of the court in addition to the deployment of about 50 staff from various divisions of the Court of appeal.

The Attorney General expressed the gratitude of Ondo State government to the Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Alloysius Katsina-Alu and Salami “for approving the establishment of a Court of Appeal in Ondo State and supporting this noble cause.

“What we have done is to provide the infrastructure. We have already five chambers for the Justices, the Courtroom, a Library, a Registry, 100KVA Power generator, Administration building among others. These are essential requirements and components of the Court of Appeal, these are the required infrastructure that will enable the court take off, we also have accommodation for the justices

“We believe that we deserve the Court of appeal here given the legal history of Ondo State believing also that the old states that were created alongside Ondo state, most of them are divisions of the court, don’t forget that we are sufficiently busy here in terms of legal practice.

“Moreover, this should serve as a springboard for neighbouring states where they can access court of appeal, we are looking forward to take a break from Benin and allowing our lawyers here the opportunity to develop the practice and add value to the development of the state” Jegede concluded.

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