

Mimiko Gives N250m Loan to Traders

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Ondo State governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko, on Thursday, described artisans as key to the economy, saying they are critical to the development of any nation.



Governor Olusegun Mimiko

He, therefore, tasked government at all levels to ensure that issues affecting them were accorded the necessary attention.

The governor said this in Akure, the state capital, where 50 trade associations were given N250 million loan to improve their trade.

The governor noted that his government was supporting the artisans in the state because they are the second highest employers of labour in the state, after the civil service.

He said: “Any country that is serious about development will bring the issue of artisans to national reckoning. No matter how brilliant and beautiful an architectural design may look like, it will not be fully interpreted into physical structure without the input of artisans.”

Mimiko however expressed concern over attitude of some contractors that usually go abroad to hire artisans, thereby neglecting those that were abound in the country.

To make the artisan compliant with modern technologies, the governor said his administration would commence a comprehensive training programme for various categories of artisans in the state.