

Mimiko begins Second Year Anniversary, commissions N2.1billion confidence building projects

The second anniversary of the administration of Governor of Ondo State Dr Olusegun Mimiko began on Monday with the commissioning of numerous Caring Heart Confidence Building projects in various parts of the State beginning from the Central Senatorial District.

In all, the Governor will, in the course of the three-week Anniversary celebration, commission N2.1billion worth of such Confidence Building Projects under his administration's **3is Initiative** (Infrastructure, Institution & Industry) which targets the rural and community development using participatory and community-driven approach and anchored by the State's Ministry of Community Development and Cooperative Services. This is apart from another N2.3billion to be spent on such projects all over the state this year.

Indeed, the Governor, who used the occasion of the commissioning to appreciate the support of the people assured that he was committed to ensuring that all nooks and crannies of the State benefit from the spate of developmental developments being put in place by his administration in the last two years. According to him, no part of the State would be left behind adding that plans were on to ensure that basic facilities that would transform communities and enhance development would go round before the end of his tenure.

Earlier, while inaugurating the N50 million e-Audit headquarters complex of the State Auditor General office in Akure, Mimiko described the project as a milestone in the efforts to emplace good governance through institutionalizing transparency and accountability in the operations of government.

According to him, "the administration recognises the critical roles that supreme audit play in the attainment of the goals of transparency and accountability in governance hence our avowed commitment to the provision of the enabling environment for such institutions to discharge their duties with utmost convenience.

"The commitment of this administration to the implementation of Total Quality Management in the state public service is for real. The concept of Total Quality entails that we all embrace quality in the discharge of our services to the people. For public officers to really internalize the tenets of Total quality management, they must be able to see, feel and think quality in the ways they conduct government business" he asserted.

The governor said the recruitment of professionally qualified Auditors to strengthen the human capacity of the office already acclaimed as the first of its kind in the federation, was to bridge the gap created in the last ten years to recruit needed personnel into the critical areas of the public service.

"As a government, despite the challenges of dwindling resources, we will continue to seek for creative ways of meeting the needs of the state workforce for good working environment and provision of necessary working tools to ensure maximum service delivery. We have been paying our workers all their legitimate emoluments as at when due and by the grace of God, we will never look back in doing this" Mimiko added.

While performing the ground breaking ceremony of the new Public Service Training Institute at Ilara Mokin in Ifedore local government, Mimiko said "the place of bureaucracy cannot be over emphasised, hence the resolve of this administration to have a robust and efficient civil service poised to deliver service to our people. This administration also places high premium on capacity building.

According to the Governor, the state government conceived the new site as part of the administration emphasis on capacity building in the public service and to accommodate the type of facilities and volume of activities expected at an institution of its kind.

Mimiko declared that "the Institute will fashion out an acceptable curriculum and run Diploma courses, some of which are currently being undertaken by workers in tertiary institutions across the country"

Other projects commissioned by the governor were the Oda and Irese Town Halls as well as Basic Health Centres at Ipinsa, Ilere and Araromi Omoladan. Indeed, traditional ruler of Oda town, Oba Bamidele Akosile led his people with prayers for the Governor for the numerous developmental projects being embarked upon by the Mimiko administration in his domain part of which included the renovation and reconstruction of the Royal palace, the building of two separate Housing Estates in the town, construction of a new town hall and most especially, the appointment of their sons and daughters into choice positions saying that the governor has proven to be a man with milk of human kindness running through his vein.

Also, the Deji of Akure, Oba Adebisi Adesida described the work being done by Governor Mimiko in Ondo State in the last two years as not only innovative, unprecedented but unparalleled. He assured him that his works had spoken volumes and that at the appropriate time; the people would show him their appreciations.

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