

**Ministries, Departments and Agencies in Ondo State have been called upon to present yet to be executed capital projects captured in the 2011 budget.**

Ondo State Information Commissioner, Mr Kayode Akinmade, made the call in Akure, while playing host to the management of Owena Press, led by its Chief Executive Officer and Chairman, Mr Bode Betiku.

Akinmade said, he had instructed the Permanent Secretary of the ministry, Mrs Mosun Adesuyi to inform all agencies under the ministry to come up with information that will guide and enhance the execution of all capital projects before the end of this year.

While commending the newspaper for bridging the gap between the public and the government, he assured that the present administration will do everything possible to put smiles on the faces of its citizens.

In his words, "THE HOPE newspaper has served as the hope of the common man in Ondo State. Through the newspaper, you have been able to breach the gap between the public and the government. And we need to praise you for this gallant work.

"And as result of this, this present administration will do everything possible to support your cause because our people need to be informed properly. I have taken time to study the newspaper. I am particularly happy with the layout; the type-face, very good and reader-friendly. And the paper can compete favourably with any newspaper in Nigeria.

"We'll work together towards making THE HOPE newspaper the hope of our dream and the vision for Ondo State. We will ensure that henceforth, you have a fair share of all government adverts going out from this ministry or other ministries.

"We'll ensure that we assist you in getting your debts because you need money to survive."

While stressing that government has touched the lives of the people positively through the establishment of mega schools, *Abiye* projects, among others, Akinmade maintained that the farm settlement projects of the government have reduced the rate of crime in the state.

Earlier, the Chairman of Owena Press, Mr Bode Betiku, said they were in the ministry to congratulate the commissioner on his new appointment and therefore emphasised on more patronage from the government in terms of advertisements, he revealed that the company is owed over N17million from Local Government Councils, ministries, agencies, parastatals.

According to him, a lot of transformation has taken place in the paper since the administration took over in February, 2009.