

Ondo Assembly wants ministry to boost culture, tourism

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Mr Bamidele Oleyelogun, Chairman, Ondo State House of Assembly Committee on Culture and Tourism, wants the Ministry of Culture and Tourism to harness resources in the sector for economic advancement.



Oleyelogun made the call on Monday in Akure when the Commissioner for Culture and Tourism, Mr Deji Falae, visited the committee to brief the members on the activities of the ministry.

He said that the state government's financial obligations could be sustained with the resources generated from the tourist potentials available in the state, if they were properly harnessed and managed.

“Tourism is the second largest revenue generating sector in the world after oil, and it is expected that it will overtake oil in the nearest future,” Oleyelogun said.

He said that culture and tourism, as a recreation, was important to living, adding that tourist attractions could make living more conducive for people after they had spent some time working hard.

The committee chairman commended the commissioner for the good efforts he had put into the activities of the ministry within the few months of his assumption of office

He encouraged him to do more for a total turn around for the best.

Falae had earlier expressed his appreciation to the committee for its interest in the development of the ministry, and said that the good relationship would be sustained by the ministry.

He also said that the ministry was committed to developing tourist attractions in the state such as Idanre Hill, Ebomi Lake in Ipesi-Akoko, and festivals such as ‘Igogo’ in Owo, among others.

“The Mare festival, a yearly cultural rock climbing contest at Idanre is currently receiving attention from the state government and necessary publicity is being given for the preparations for the festival on Dec. 15.

He also said that Gov. Olusegun Mimiko had been honoured with the patron of the Abuja Carnival, adding that the assembly would be informed about the ceremony.