

Mimiko Assures Of Youth Employment In Ondo

Governor Olusegun Mimiko of Ondo State on Wednesday reiterated his administration's determination to make necessary investment in the procurement of modern equipment that would make the Industrial Development Centre in Oba-Ile in Akure, the State capital, a model citadel of empowerment in the country.

The Governor, who gave the assurance during an inspection tour of facilities at the centre in company of the Director General of the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN), Alhaji Muhammad Nadada Umar and the representative of the Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, Alhaji Lateef Salami, expressed hope that the centre would provide quality entrepreneurial training for the people and reduce the rate of youth unemployment in the state.

Mimiko told reporters after the inspection that his government was ready to make necessary investment in equipment procurement.

"This, he disclosed, "will serve not only as a training centre for prospective entrepreneurs. It is area that will also create a cluster of industries so that there will be synergy in terms of sharing of facilities, experience and locational advantages".

"All of these will add towards empowering our people, creating wealth, generating employment for our teeming youth. In fact we are determined to make this centre functional."

Dr Mimiko, who reiterated the State Government's preparedness to partner sincere and credible investors, both local and foreign, assured of the provision of conducive business environment and security of lives and property.

In his address, representative of the Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, Alhaji Lateef Salami, commended the State for being a trail blazer in numerous developmental programmes in the country, including the Industrial Development Centre. He assured that the ministry would make all necessary efforts to make the centre functional and result-oriented.