

Ondo Spends N306 Million On Gratuity

Akure — The Ondo State government yesterday disbursed N306 million to be paid as gratuity to 162 primary school teachers and local government workers, who recently retired from service.



Governor Olusegun Mimiko

Deputy Governor of the state, Alhaji Ali Olanusi, who represented the cheques to the retirees on behalf of Ondo State Governor Olusegun Mimiko in Akure, said the gesture was part of the state government's commitment to the welfare of its citizens.

He assured that no retiree working under the state or local government would be left unpaid.

"The present administration will continue to make both local government and state government retirees happy, we will not disappoint them", he said.

Sadiq Obanoyen said the board has been consistently paying pensioners their entitlements since the backlog was cleared in 2009.

Speaking at the occasion, Chairman of the state's Local Government Staff Pensions Board, Alhaji

"Apart from the payment of gratuity to pensioners, the governor equally approved payment of the arrears of 142 per cent increase of pension owed primary school teachers by the Federal Government.

"This category of pensioners had their financial responsibilities transferred to the local government by the Federal Government in August 2003 without financial support," he said.