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Egbe's 2024 Scholarship Awards

Nelson Mandela said
“Education is the most powerful weapon
you can use to change the world.”

Yes, indeed, Egbe Omo Yoruba has taken this refrain to heart by an actual demonstration through the award of academic scholarships. The 2024 awards (tenable in the 2024/2025 academic years) are announced as our Feature Story for this quarter.



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Please be on the lookout for the 2025 Scholarship Awards

Nigeria at 2025 World A'fair Celebration

We went, we saw, we participated, and we conquered a few dollars.

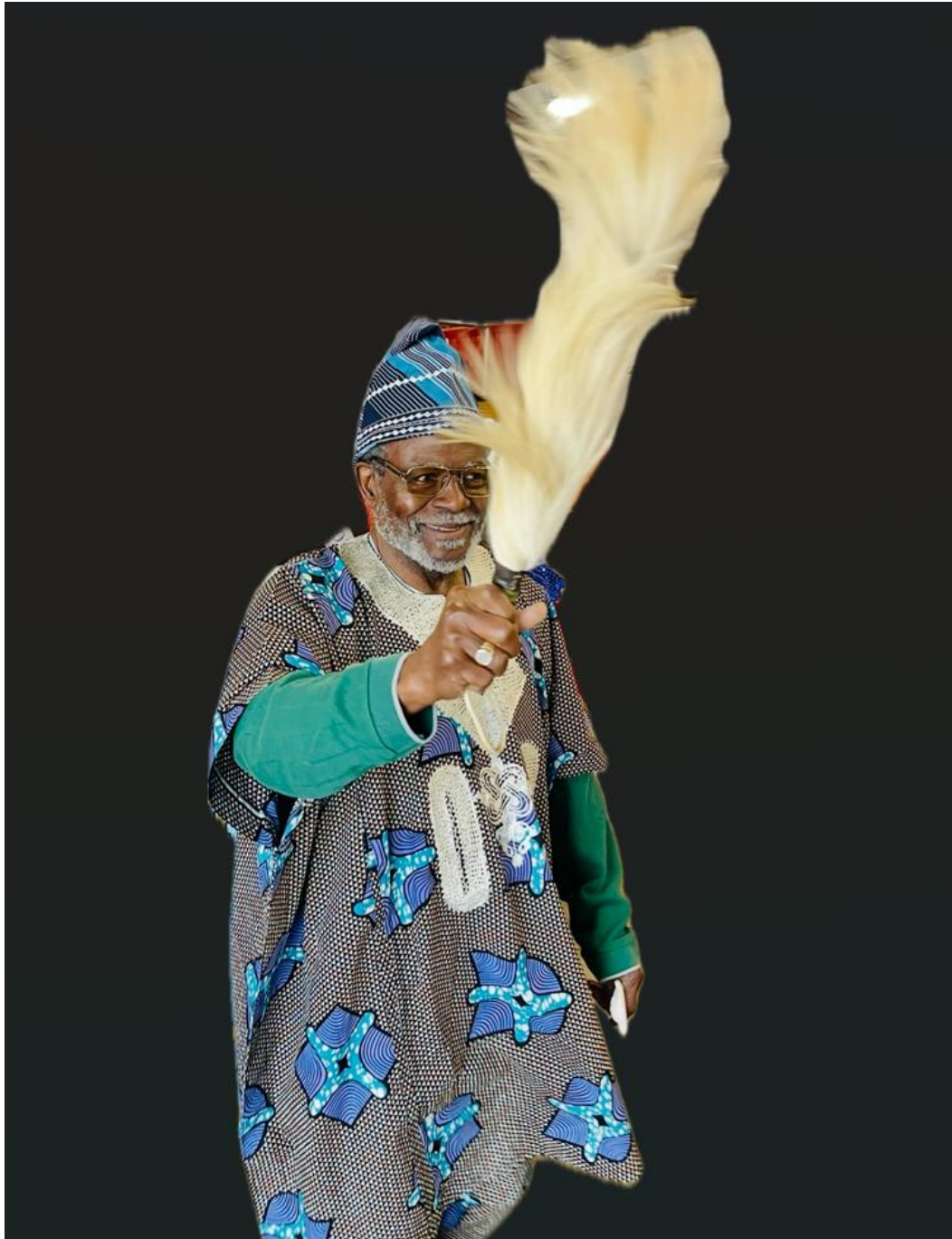
As in past years, Egbe spearheaded Nigeria's participation in the 2025 edition of World A'fair International Festival. To kick off the 2025 festivities, Dayton Daily News saw it fit and proper to use Egbe's 2024 cooking station photo as the "poster announcement" of the 2025 festival. Proud to share the photo below (Courtesy of Dayton Daily Newspaper subscription).



Source: <https://editions.daytondailynews.com/>
Below is Egbe's photojournal of the 2025 festival.

Many happy faces with delightful hearts.

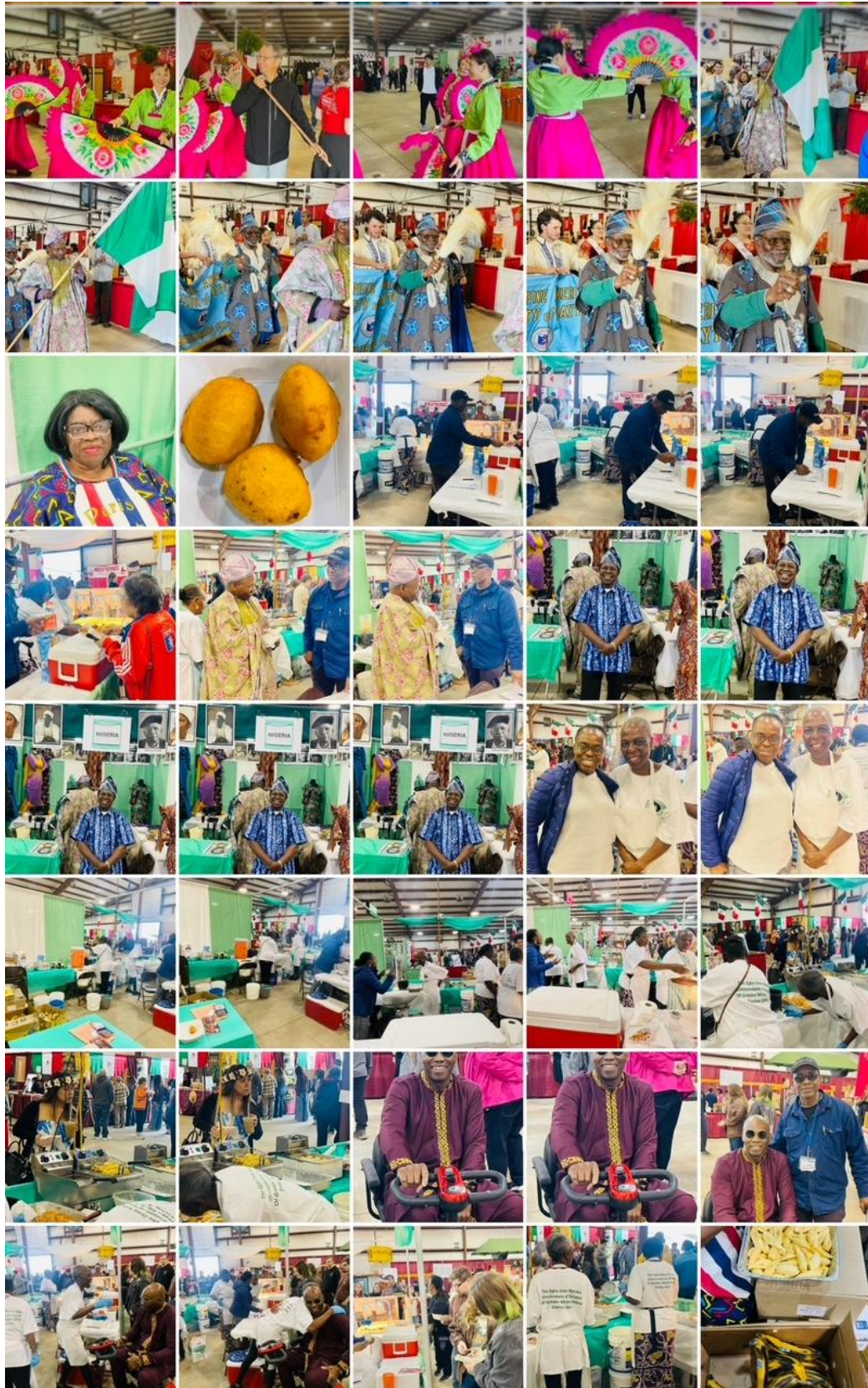






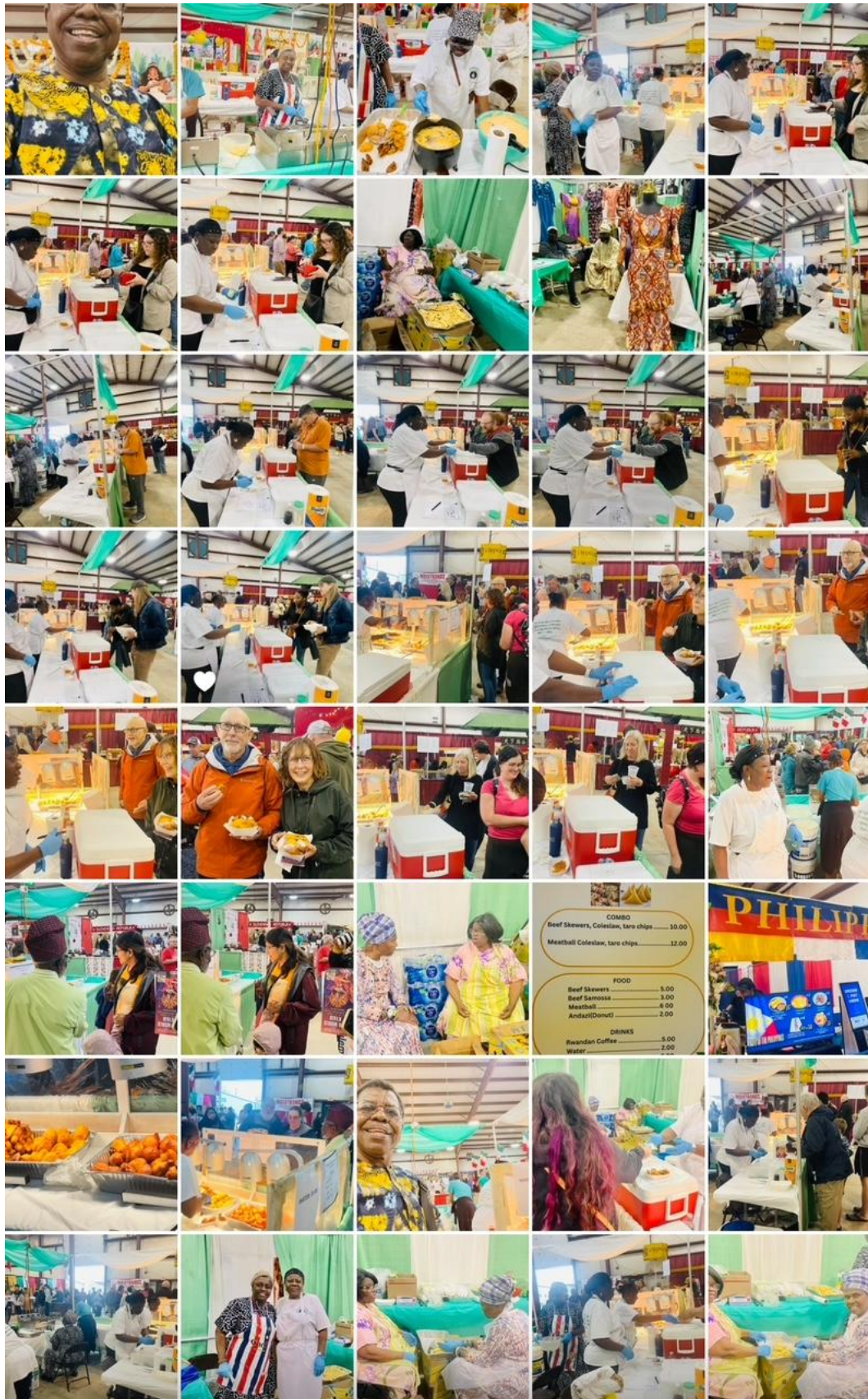










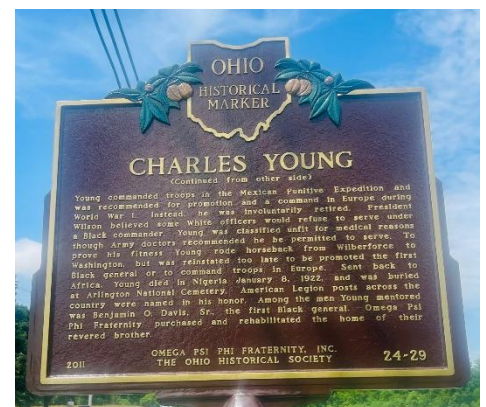






See you there in 2026.

Egbe's Tour of Colonel Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Museum: June 28, 2025



It was an amazing and inspirational experience to learn the history of the Buffalo soldiers and the indestructible leadership spirit of Colonel Charles Young. Little-known fact: Colonel Young died in Nigeria on January 8, 1922 at the British hospital in Lagos while on an official visit. He left a military leadership legacy that still continues to inspire and motivate service men and women in the USA today.



Nigeria's Guinness World Record

Teen sets record with canvas bigger than a soccer field

By Dyepkazah Shlbayan
Associated Press

ABUJA, Nigeria — A 15-year-old Nigerian has set a Guinness World Record for the world's largest art canvas to raise awareness for autism.

Kanyeyachukwu Tagbo-Okeke, who is autistic, executed a painting featuring a multi-colored ribbon — the symbol for autism — surrounded by emojis, covering 12,304 square meters. That's a lot bigger than a typical soccer field, which is 7,140 square meters.

The massive painting is aimed at highlighting the spectrum disorder and challenges that people like him face amid stigma and limited resources in Nigeria.

"I felt fine. Happy. Just fine," said Tagbo-Okeke, whose disorder limits his speech.

His artwork eclipsed that of Emad Salehi, the previous world record holder, who was nearly three times older at 42 when he set the record with a 9,652-square meter canvas.

The artwork, created in November 2024, was unveiled and officially recognized by the Guinness World Record organizers in Nigeria's capital of Abuja during the World Autism Acceptance Day in April.

Nigeria's art and culture minister Hannatu Musawa said Tagbo-Okeke's artwork is "a beacon of hope and inspiration" for people with autism.

"We recognize the unique abilities and potential of individuals with autism and are dedicated to providing opportunities for them to thrive in the creative industries," Musawa added.

'Impossibility is a Myth'

Born in Canada before moving to Nigeria, Tagbo-Okeke's upbringing has been challenging, his family said. His father told The Associated



Kanyeyachukwu Tagbo-Okeke, executed a painting featuring a multi-colored ribbon surrounded by emojis, covering 12,304 square meters. OLAMIKAN GBEMIGA / AP



An aerial view of the Guinness World Record canvas painting by Kanyeyachukwu Tagbo-Okeke. DAVID DUROWAIYE / AP

Press during a recent interview that there was often fear, confusion and sadness along the way.

"Not being able to communicate with your son or have regular activities you could have with any other child is quite depressing," Tagbo Okeke said.

Many people on the spectrum face stigma and limited resources in Nigeria, but Tagbo-Okeke's family was determined to give him the best support.

The young artist's record-breaking attempt, accompanied by a campaign tagged "Impossibility is a Myth," was widely celebrated among Nigerians, partly because of his young age.

"We felt an overwhelming sense of relief and pride, knowing the countless hours and months of effort he poured into breaking the record," his mother Silvia said.

Many young people in Nigeria have attempted to break the Guinness World Record in recent years. At least seven Nigerians have broken world records in the past three years, including Hilda Baci, who won the longest cooking marathon and Tunde Onakoya, who played the longest chess marathon.

Early support is key

Kanyeyachukwu's world record attempt also sought to raise funds for the Zeebah Foundation, a nonprofit focusing on providing support to those on the spectrum and their families.

While there are no official records from within Nigeria, about 1 in 100 children worldwide is autistic, according to the World Health Organization.

Like in many other countries, autism is often not diagnosed in Nigeria until in older years.



Health Corner:

Shared by Dr. Gideon Bisi Adegbile

Cancer Detection Guidelines

Increase your chances of early diagnosis by scheduling regular exams with your doctor.

AGE	FREQUENCY	FEMALES	MALES
18-20	One Time	Complete health exam	Complete health exam
	Monthly	Skin self-exam	Skin self-exam, testes self-exam
21-24	Every 3 Years	Complete health exam, clinical breast exam	Complete health exam
	Yearly	Endometrial biopsy	
	Monthly	Skin self-exam, breast self-exam	Skin self-exam, testes self-exam
25-39	Every 5 Years	Primary HPV DNA approved test; or Co-test (HPV test and Pap test)	
	Every 3 Years	Complete health exam, clinical breast exam, Pap test (if not testing at 5 years)	Complete health exam
	Yearly	Endometrial biopsy	
	Monthly	Skin self-exam, breast self-exam	Skin self-exam, testes self-exam
40-49	Every 5-10 Years	Colonoscopy, CT Colonography or flexible sigmoidoscopy, Primary HPV DNA approved test; or Co-test (HPV test and Pap test)	Colonoscopy, CT Colonography or flexible sigmoidoscopy
	Every 3 Years	Complete health exam, Pap test (if not testing at 5 years), Multi-targeted stool DNA test (MT-sDNA)	Complete health exam, prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test ⁴ , Multi-targeted stool DNA test (MT-sDNA)
	Yearly	Clinical breast exam, mammogram, digital rectal exam, endometrial biopsy, guaiac-based fecal occult blood test (gFOBT) or fecal immunochemical test (FIT)	Digital rectal exam, guaiac-based fecal occult blood test (gFOBT) or fecal immunochemical test (FIT)
	Monthly	Skin self-exam, breast self-exam	Skin self-exam, testes self-exam
		Colonoscopy, CT Colonography or flexible sigmoidoscopy, Primary HPV DNA approved test; or Co-test (HPV test and Pap test)	Colonoscopy, CT Colonography or flexible sigmoidoscopy
50-65	Every 5-10 Years	Pap test (if not testing at 5 years), Multi-targeted stool DNA test (MT-sDNA)	Multi-targeted stool DNA test (MT-sDNA)
	Every 3 Years	Complete health exam, clinical breast exam, mammogram, endometrial biopsy, digital rectal exam, guaiac-based fecal occult blood test (gFOBT) or fecal immunochemical test (FIT), low dose helical CT (LDCT)	Complete health exam, prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test, digital rectal exam, guaiac-based fecal occult blood test (gFOBT) or fecal immunochemical test (FIT), low dose helical CT (LDCT)
	Yearly	Skin self-exam, breast self-exam	Skin self-exam, testes self-exam
	Monthly	Colonoscopy, CT Colonography or flexible sigmoidoscopy	Colonoscopy, CT Colonography or flexible sigmoidoscopy
66+	Every 5-10 Years	Multi-targeted stool DNA test (MT-sDNA)	Multi-targeted stool DNA test (MT-sDNA)
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	Yearly	Skin self-exam, breast self-exam	Skin self-exam, testes self-exam
	Monthly		

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Adventures of the Village Bathman



Drawing credit: Commercial artist, Emmanuel Dudu, Lagos, Nigeria

Mr. Village Bathman says to Mrs. Village Bathman: “You asked me what is the benefit of my sleeping for many hours. Well, I am practicing for getting in the Guinness Book of Records for the longest hours of sleep. I am going for seven straight days.”

Mrs Village Bathman replies: “Did anyone tell you that only dead people sleep for that long?”

Mr. Village Bathman reports

“When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the shed, the boat, making beer. Always something more important to me. Finally, she thought of a clever way to make her point and get my attention.

When I arrived home from work one day, I found my wife seated in the tall grass in front of our house, busily snipping away the grass with a tiny pair of sewing scissors.

I watched silently for a short time and then I had my own clever idea. I went into the house and came back out with an old toothbrush.

I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway with this."

I didn't know she had a heavy baseball bat beside her.

Well, after my emergency room surgery, the doctors say I will walk again, some day; but I will always have a limp.”

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VOY Question of General Interest:

“If dying takes us to a better place, why are we all reluctant to go?”

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It is a digital world



Quarterly Recent and Forthcoming Birthdays

Looking back and forward in Birthdays

April:

Alice Okunade, April 6

May:

Christiana Okunade, May 5
Gabriel Okunade, May 10
Bisi Adegbile, May 18
Joan Apapa, May 29

June:

Gloria Iselaiye, June 13
Samuel Okunade, June 22
Yomi Omilakin, June 29



July:

Ayo Ogunduyile, July 7
Daniel Iselaiye, July 17

August:

Augustine Olu Agbebi, August 2
Abigail Odunsi, August 20
Morakinyo Kuti, August 31

September:

Deji Badiru, September 2
Wole Okunade, September 12
Tokunbo Awoshakin, September 24



Have a “**Cakelicious**” Birthday Celebration!

Please notify the VOY editor if any new EOY member has been born in recent times so that the birthday celebration could be included on this page.

Recollecting VOY Voice from the Past

Opinion



Source: <https://thewillnigeria.com/news/opinion-a-voice-from-diaspora-on-nigerias-recovered-funds-a-citizens-world-systems-viewpoint/>

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OPINION:

A VOICE FROM DIASPORA ON NIGERIA'S RECOVERED FUNDS: A CITIZEN'S WORLD SYSTEMS VIEWPOINT

In spite of the sceptics and naysayers, there is much jubilation across the land (both in Nigeria and in Diaspora) about the just-announced tabulation of the recovery of Nigeria's looted funds.

The announcement is a good sign; first time in Nigeria for this sort of revelation. Even though the associated names of the miscreants were not released, much to the chagrin of many people, what really matter are the content, value, and utilization of the recovered funds.

Far from what some people in Nigeria think, most of us in diaspora are as connected to the events and sufferings in Nigeria as those directly on the ground. It is a systems world, particular in the present day of fast travel and instantaneous information interchanges. The direct connectivity to Nigeria is felt through travel, depressing messages from relatives at home, and urgent transfers of assistive money internationally. So, the diaspora feels the pains just like everyone else in Nigeria, even if not in direct physical terms. The emotional and financial drains are just as affective. From a world systems viewpoint, what affects home affects the diaspora too. So, it is in the best interest of everyone to embrace and applaud a positive change. The key, from a project execution standpoint, is to sustain and enhance the change.

It is for the above reason that my own advocacy in this development is for the recovered funds to be put to quick, direct, tangible, visible, and traceable uses. A lag in the utilization of the recovered funds will only heighten the potential for a sinusoidal return to the evaporative coffers of the past.

Let us take heart and look forward to a better outlook for Nigeria's economic and infrastructural profile in the near future. For such a cherished outlook to materialize, the management of the recovered funds must be approached from the platform of rigorous program management strategies devoid of political underpinnings. Everyone must join hands to make this happen. Of course, those entrusted with handling the recovered funds will have to take the lead in this movement. Act fast and resolutely, the clock is ticking. May the force of Nigeria propel the collective efforts!

Written by Adedeji Bodunde Badiru
June 5, 2016

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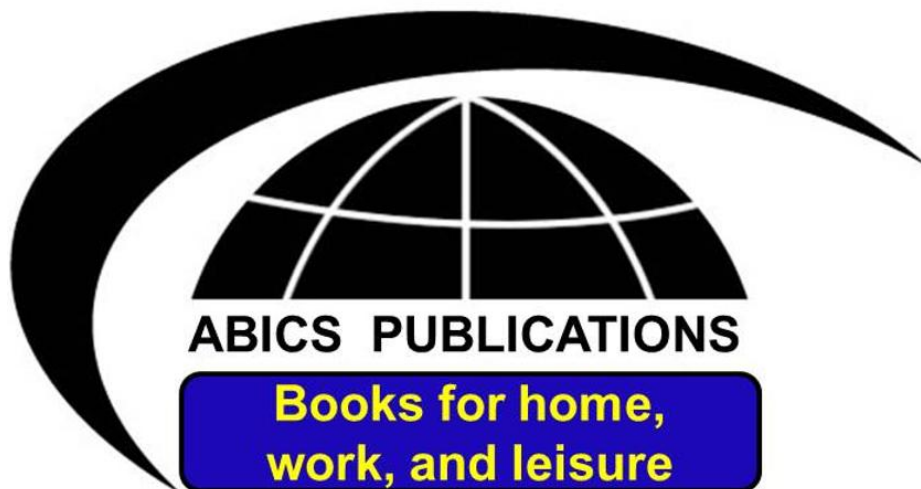
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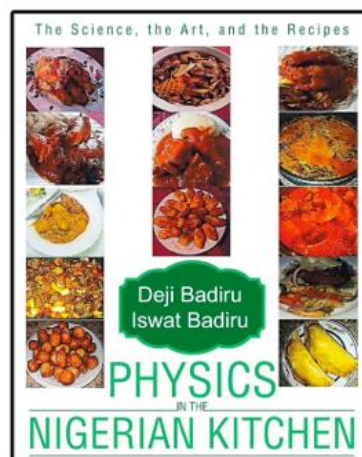
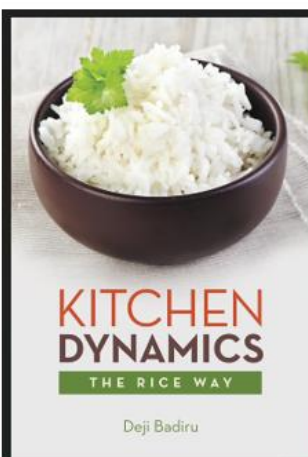
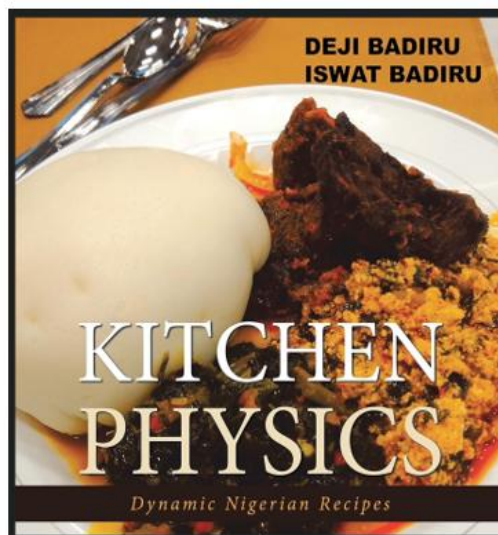
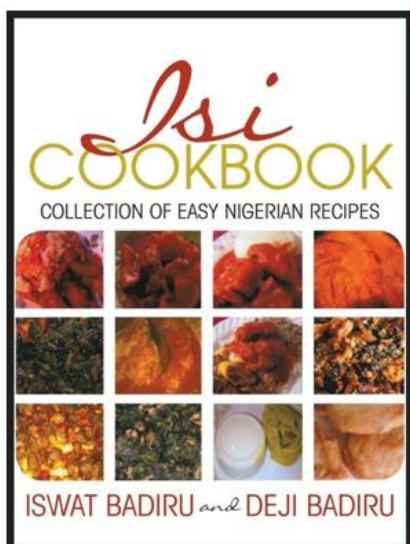
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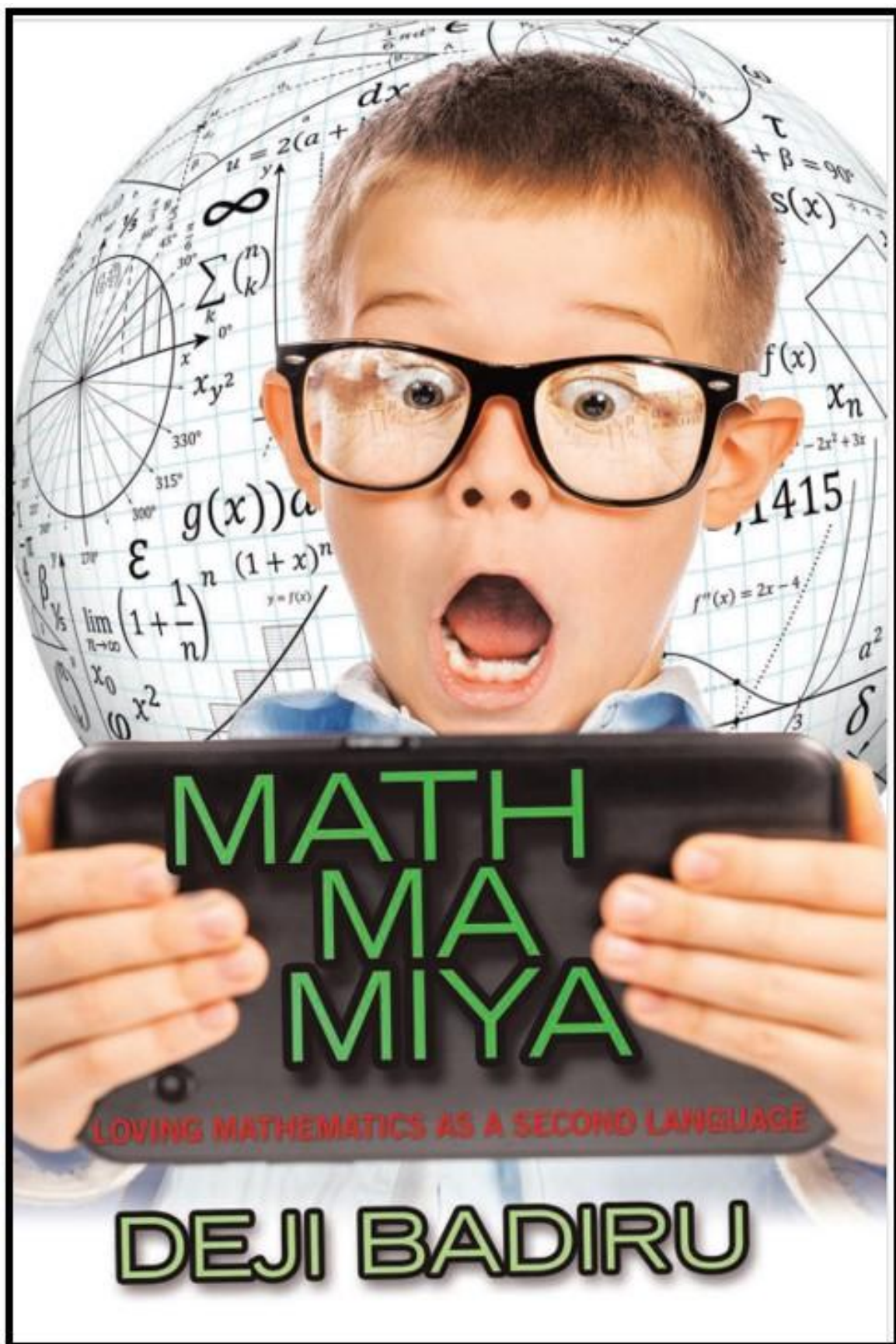


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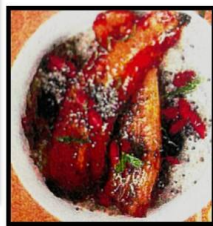
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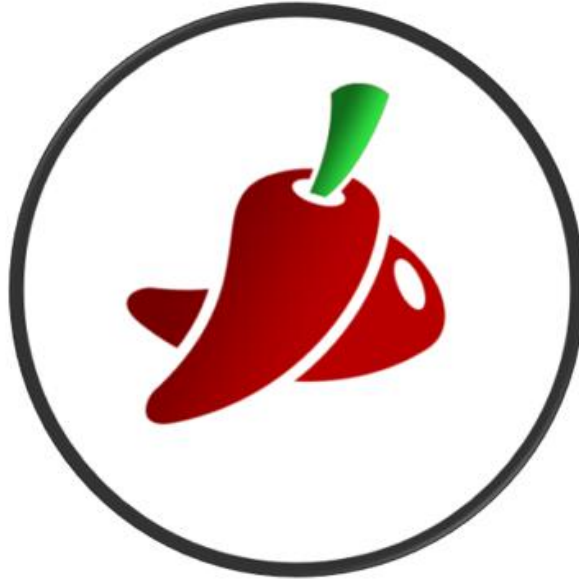


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