



NIBO UNION USA, INC.

NIBO USA HOSPITAL HANDOVER TO NIBO UNION

On December 26, 2012

The special ceremonial event kicked off in earnest at about 10:30 am. Opening prayer was said by Dr. Chukwudi Onwuegbuna, followed with National Anthem performance by St. Matthews Church marching live band. Many thanks to Nibo USA representatives who sacrificed their time, efforts and money to travel for this grand ceremony. Based on our role call, they are; Mr. & Mrs. Okey Ezeigwe (Mgbeonyejinu), Dr. Samuel Onyilofor (Azubeze), Mr. Eric Anachebe (Onyeomagbuo Agu), Mr. Charles Chiedu (Onyeogazieli), Mr. Tony Anachebe (Ugochimalueze), Mr. Linus Ebele (Onyeanonankiti), and Mr. Okwui Okeke (Nwabunnia). Upon our arrival, the PG Okey Nwankwo, Nibo USA National President, Mr. Okey Ezeigwe (Mgbeonyejinu) and his wife; Anna, Mr. Okwui Okeke, Dr. Samuel Onyilofor and Mr. Chikodi Erike, accompanied by the Matron went in to inspect the hospital rooms in prep for the HE/HRH visit. During this tour, we met other nursing staff and thanked them for their services to the patients.

The chairman of the occasion; Chief, (Sir) Engr. Nnaemeka Nwawka (Gosife) was one of the few dignitaries who arrived exactly on time at 9am to be seated. Some notable Nibo sons and daughters later joined the processions, they include: PG Okey Nwankwo (Gbulieaku), DPG Chief, Dr. Emeka Okonkwo (Omenyi), HRH Eze (Dr) M. C. Ngene (Ezeike IV) and his distinguished Ichies and Ozos, Ichie Bernard Ezeigwe (Akubuko), Sir Emmanuel Chiedu (Onyeogazieli), Engr. Bertram U. Chine, Brigadier General Arinze Ebenebe (Ozo Eziefaso, Ozo Achilija), Mrs. Millicent Ebenebe (Ojiefi, Nneoma), Comptroller of Customs- Mrs. Onyi Okoli-Ebenebe (Enyinwa, Ada St. Matthews), Chairperson of Nnemulu Obodo- Mrs. Ogudo (Nneoma), Mr. Chinwuba Erike (Ikolo), Mr. Chikodi Erike (Ikolo), Ichie Stephen Obikpo (Ikaonadi) and his lovely wife, Professor Obed Anizoba, Professor Obidike, Ichie Steven Ozalla (Eziokwubundu), Chief, Dr. Innocent Akuvue and family, Colonel Nwozor, Chief Kanayo Ughamadu (Ishimili), Mr. Dilibe Okpeze (Makojo, Ofiaego), Ichie Izundu Ebenebe (Ozo Omenukoaku), Chief (Sir) Emmanuel Nnama (Owelle), Ichie Emetora Nnagbo (Ozo Okwuluokalu, Ayapenu), Mr. Onuorah Nwanna, Chief (Sir) Engr. Christian Okoye and many other distinguished personalities. May we please seize this opportunity to express our appreciation to them for sparing their precious time to witness this one in a life time important special event. Nibo indigenes will forever grateful for your attendance.

At about 11:00 am, HRH Eze (Dr) M. C. Ngene (Ezeike IV), flanked by his titled Ichies and eminent Ozos representatives blessed the cola nuts. He voiced his traditional blessings and good luck wishes to all. Lots of loyal guests respectfully walked towards him to pay symbolic, royal customary homage. He stood up and officially addressed the audience, showered uncountable praises, blessings and hearty thanks to Nibo USA group for building the Hospital. PG and one other individual played the role as masters of ceremony. The atmospheres were full of joyful emotions. Canopies were set up in U shape. Light refreshments such as beer, soda and water were served, accompanied with rice and fried beef. Regrettably, the rice served as lunch was awful. It was terribly sad looking as 'thou shall not eat'. However, many of us starved for breakfast had no choice but to gallop it and save our stomach from eminent starvation.

Live entertainment: The St. Matthews Anglican Church Marching Band, accompanied by the DJ flavored the entire celebration. They impressed the crowd with their stylish beatings and acrobatic movements. They were phenomenally quite entertaining. They played like super stars on three different moments. They orchestrated their 3rd and final performance when the State Governor arrived.

Plaques and Certificate of Recognitions were delivered and handed to recipients of the awards by His Royal Highness, Ezeike IV of Nibo, directed by our Nibo USA National President; Mr. Okey Ezeigwe

and his most respectable darling wife; Anna. HRH did his best to acknowledge every recipient with praises and thanks. Unfortunately, the quality of the frame for the Certificate of Recognitions given to recipients were not approve by our members.

Decoration of Dignitaries: The Matron, otherwise known as the nurse in charge of Nibo maternity surprised most of us with her sincere sense of appreciation. We were trilled and surprised to see her welcome us in a royal fashion. She arranged for some women to decorate all Nibo USA representatives and other dignitaries with decks of garland, beautiful wreath of flowers.

Handing over the Hospital Keys was one of the highlights of the day's event. Nibo USA National President, Mr. Okey Ezeigwe (Mgbeonyejinu) and his wife; Anna, led the session, backed by Nibo USA representatives, addressed the audience and read his prepared speech before HRH Eze (Dr) M. C. Ngene (Ezeike IV) while the audience listened. Immediately after the speech, he moved forward to hand the entire keys of the facility firstly to PG, Mr. Okey Nwankwo, whom in succession made a brief speech, then handed the keys to HRH Ezeike IV of Nibo. The latter, upon receiving the keys, seemed extremely happy. He addressed his satisfactions to the audience and told them that Nibo USA had formally handed the Hospital to Nibo Union. Everybody cheered and clapped. Ezeike summoned the PG in good spirit and handed him back the keys. It was a funny transitional moment. PG in turn finally handed the whole keys to Dr. Chukwudi Onwuegbuna who represents Nibo Health committee.

Chairperson of Nibo Women Affairs (Ogbo-obodobo and Nnemulu Obodo); Mrs. Ogudo took the microphone and sang praises, showered blessings and gratifying statements to Nibo USA for their noble deeds in building the Hospital for the benefit of all Nibo community at sundry. She was joined on the center stage by Mrs. Millicent Ebenebe (Ojiefi). Both holding separate microphones continued voicing songs of praises and prayers to Nibo USA for donating the Hospital and vital medical equipments to Nibo. The audience could not help but continued to applaud them as they continued to talk with words of thanks and appreciation. Applause and claps filled the atmosphere. They were surprisingly joined by Comptroller of Customs; Mrs. Onyi Okoli-Ebenebe (Enyinwa) while St. Matthews Anglican marching band backed them up with their favorite songs instruments.

His Excellency, Governor Peter Obi CON (Okwute) arrived at about 12:30 pm. with sounds of serene, followed by his usual police escorts and security personnel vehicles. As soon as Governor Obi arrived, HRH Ezeike IV and his Ichies, Chief (Sir) Engr. Nnaemeka Nwawka, Brigadier Arinze Ebenebe, Comptroller of customs; Mrs. Onyi Okoli-Ebenebe and the entire members of Nibo USA hospital representatives stepped forward to greet him. Bouquet of beautiful flowers were presented to him as a token of welcome and appreciation. His face was full of smiles and he appeared quite appreciative. He was ushered to the high table, sitting next to the chairman Chief (Sir) Engr. Nnaemeka Nwawka (Gosife) and Brigadier General Arinze Ebenebe (Ozo Eziefaso). Within minutes, another sounds of serene followed. The first lady, Mrs. Peter Obi and her security entourage arrived with their two children; a boy and a girl. Upon her arrival, Nibo PG Mr. Okey Nwankwo, Mrs. Anna Ezeigwe followed by Mr. Okey Ezeigwe and Mr. Okwuii Okeke and others stepped forward to greet her as well. She was also ushered to the high table, sitting next to her husband. National Anthem was sung again by St. Matthews Church marching Bank to welcome them.

Then our National President; Mr. Okey Ezeigwe read his prepared speech pertaining to His Excellency before him as well as gave a copy to the Governor while the audience listened. Afterwards, the Governor took the microphone and addressed the audience while everybody listened patiently. He expressed his gratitude on the efforts and sacrifice Nibo USA made to build and deliver the hospital project to Nibo town. The summary of his speech was full of commendation, appreciation and praises to Nibo people. He stated and challenged other towns in the environs to emulate Nibo community developments. His Excellency explained the concept of his Private Public Partnership (PPP) program which was aimed at

addressing the problem whereby medical provider who are employed and paid by the state government callously desert their responsibilities to take up private practice. The governor further explained that through PPP, the state government will recruit and deploy hospital staff to the facility as well as funding and the local (Nibo) community will provide the management oversight to prevent abuse by the medical practitioners. He cracked jokes and made a promise to construct a 2 kilometer of ring road at Nibo within a year time.

In response to His Excellency speech, Nibo PG, Mr. Okey Nwankwo responded and told him that the government measuring tape was wrong because Nibo measurement tape showed 5 kilometers instead of his government 2 kilometers. The audience caught the joke and felt thrilled. They applauded with laughter. After the PG's speech, Nibo USA representatives and some dignitaries took joint photographs with HE and the first lady. As mid afternoon ceremony continued, the PG, Mr. Okey Nwankwo (Gbulieaku), flanked by HRH Ezeike, the Ichies, the Ozos, Nibo USA national president, Nibo USA representatives and other dignitaries walked along with the Governor to the entrance of the Hospital to cut the ribbon and officially commission the Hospital. The Governor and his entourage toured the facility briefly, inspected some of the rooms, saw the hospital equipments and the dialyses machines donated by Nibo USA. The Governor told Ezeike, PG and all of us present that he will instruct the new Commissioner for health to contact PG and Nibo Rep to begin to discuss/design plan on what is needed to run the hospital, and then submit it to HE for his review, approval and funding. At this point, our National President, Mr. Okey Ezeigwe informed the Gov that we also have our hospital management committee representative, Dr. Onwura Obiekwe who will work with PG/Nibo Union to design the management plan.

After the Governors tour of the facilities, Nibo USA national president, Mr. Okey Ezeigwe, backed by Nibo USA representatives called the attention of HRH, Ezeike IV and his Ichies to a very brief consultation. He handed Ezeike a symbolic heavy cow rope and envelope with cash equivalent value of a life cow as a hearty gift from Nibo USA branch. Immediately after this, the historic commissioning of the hospital event came to a sudden end. The Governor and his wife walked to their respective vehicles, followed by PG, Ezeike IV, etc, all drove out from the hospital compound, on their way to commission the next assignment; the Nibo children play ground constructed and donated by Engineer Okey Nwankwo (Idegiogwugwu) and the popular Nibo Civic Center, the master piece of architectural construction, build by Nibo Union.

Regards,

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