

REPORT ON KOGI STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' COURTESY & FAMILIARIZATION VISIT TO DANGOTE ACADEMY OBAJANA.

Date : June 10, 2021

Visiting Officials:

1. Kogi State Commissioner of Education, Science & Technology - **Hon Wemi Jones**
2. Senior Special Assistant to the State Governor on Informal and Vocational Education - **Ms Nanahawa Yetunde Raji**
3. Permanent Secretary, Kogi State Ministry of Education - **Pastor Emmanuel Idenyi**

Plus 8 people in the entourage including the Media.

Academy Team:

1. Korede Fadeyi
2. Ruediger Boehm
3. Taofeek Adedokun
4. Foluso Ojo
5. Ajayi Samuel
6. Disem Dumpama

Arrival & Welcome Reception.

The visiting government officials arrived at the Academy Administrative Block at 11:40am. They were received by the Academy Team and led to the conference room where they took their seats. Dangote Academy Team members were introduced and same was replicated by the visiting officials.

A presentation on Dangote Academy was made by Olukorede Fadeyi. The presentation covers the inception of Dangote Academy, Where we are (the ADF/VDMA program) and the future plans.

The Commissioner's Remarks

The Commissioner of Education, Science & Technology thanked the Aliko Dangote Foundation and Dangote Industries for the impact made so far to the community and Kogi State as a whole.

He mentioned that the fact that Dangote Academy have graduated 703 trainees since inception shows that the Academy is not just concerned about filling the industrial skill gap but also the high quality of technically inclined candidates produced from the institution within the period of 18 months, 12months and 14months for JTS, GETs, and VTS respectively.

Also, over 12,000 candidates applied for the ADF/VDMA Training program across the 36 states of the federation while only 120 candidates were finally selected from 3,000 participants who took the exams. This is quite commendable.

What the Dangote Academy is doing seems to resonate with what the Kogi State Government is also doing in the area of industrial and technology revolution. This is why the State of Kogi Under the leadership of His Excellency Gov. Yahaya Bello just came up with the new University called the Confluence University of Science and Technology.

The commissioner assured the government's cooperation with Dangote Academy for mutual beneficial relationship. He mentioned that the Kogi State Government partnered with the Korean Government and established an initiative called 'The Nigerian-Korean Friendship Institute' sited in the premises of Kogi State Polytechnic. This institution is currently not running at the level it is supposed to run and by this, the institute can learn for the Dangote Academy considering the number of years it has existed and has survived.

He thanked the Management of Dangote group for siting this wonderful initiative in Kogi State and most especially, Oworo Land because this is not just happening in his state but also right in his community.

Facility Tour

The officials were led from the Admin building to the Auditorium where we entertained lots of questions mostly on the qualifications for the GETS, VTS, JTS and ADF/VDMA Schemes and the number of Kogi State indigenes who benefited from the program. They were pleased to know that the selection process was on merit and Kogi State indigenes constitutes 25% of the total number of qualified and selected candidates.

The team interacted with the trainees in two of the classes visited and were glad to know that there were female trainees.

The officials were thereafter led from Workshop 1 to 5 by Mr Boehm. They were so captivated sighting Mr Boehm's Vehicle in Workshop 4. It was interesting to know that a German could drive all the way to Nigeria from Germany. The Cafeteria and the Hostel accommodations were shown to them at a distance while we headed back to the administrative block.

Departure

Group photographs were taken, Souvenirs and Lunch in take-away packs were offered to the officials. They departed at 1:20pm.

ARRIVAL & PRESENTATION



FACILITY TOUR

