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EKIRS Engages MDAs and Other Strategic Stakeholders



In a bid to increase the revenue generating capacity of Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) in the State, especially the revenue generating ones, the Ekiti State Internal Revenue Service held meetings with various Heads and Senior Accounting Officers of MDAs in order to get acquainted with the challenges confronting them and to chart a new course in the new year. It is imperative that the Service lends its technical expertise to areas in which the MDAs are deficient and collaborate with them on all fronts, block revenue leakages, use technology to automate some of their processes and collections and enhance productivity and efficiency. Proper reporting of all internally generated revenue was also highlighted to give a good representation of our performance. Meetings were also held with strategic stakeholders like the banks, the hoteliers' association and other relevant unions to ensure the smooth take off and operation of such initiatives like the consumption tax and land use charge.



Joint Tax Board Workshop on the Review and Harmonization of Taxes and Levies

Mr. Olusegun Ogunsanya represented EKIRS at the workshop on the "Review and Harmonization of Taxes and Levies" which also had other representatives from various Revenue Authorities and other Government Agencies in the country in attendance. The event took place on 22nd May, 2023 at Ibeto hotels, Abuja.



EKIRS Staff visit the Ondo State Internal Revenue Service

A team of three comprising of the Chief Technical Adviser, (Mrs. Sade Daramola), Head - Business Assurance Group, (Mrs. Yemisi Akin-Babalola) and Head, Communications & Liaison, (Mr. Olawole Oginni) was at the ODIRS on February 1, 2023 on a fact-finding and familiarization visit preparatory to EKIRS hosting the JTB team on the Single Interstate Road Tax Sticker/Single Haulage Fee Initiative. The experience, information gathered and contact made was instrumental to the success of the workshop in Ado Ekiti.

EKIRS Hosts ICAN, Ekiti State Chapter

The Executives of the District Association of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN), Ekiti State Chapter led by its Chairman, Mr. Ibikunle, paid a courtesy visit to the Executive Chairman, Ekiti State Internal Revenue Service, Mr. Olaniran Olatona on Wednesday, 18th January, 2023 at its Corporate Headquarters, Revenue House, Fajuyi, Ado-Ekiti. The Ekiti ICAN Chapter Chairman, congratulated Mr. Olatona on his appointment as the Executive Chairman of EKIRS and went further to solicit the support of the Service on behalf of the Ekiti State Chapter of the professional body. In his response, Mr. Olatona thanked the Association for the visit and urged them to support the Service in creating the necessary tax awareness, enlightenment and the sensitization of the general public.





Staff Training and Participation in Professional Bodies Programmes and Conferences - ICAN, CITN

As part of the Human Capital Development Initiative of the Service, the Year 2023 kick-started with a Performance Management Training for all staff. This was necessitated by the need to enhance performance and ultimately increase revenue by setting individual goals and objectives in order to achieve the overall corporate objective of the Service.

Series of trainings were held for both the core and support staff as everyone has a part to play to ensure the overall success of the Service. The manpower development training was also conducted in batches for the staff. This was geared towards arming the workforce with requisite knowledge

and skills necessary for optimum service delivery. Revenue officers attached to MDAs were also trained in January to ensure we started on a good footing. The safety and security training, fire safety training, drivers' training and other workshops also took place in February. Trainings were also conducted for heads of tax stations and revenue officers on the central billing system at the beginning of the year 2023.

EKIRS also had delegates in attendance at the CITN 25th Annual Tax Conference in May, 2023 in Abuja. The theme of the silver jubilee edition, "Nigeria of the Future Achieving Sustainable Development through Taxation" was extensively discussed by

tax professionals who highlighted tax Integrity, tax corporate governance and transition to technology-driven tax economy as the future of taxation.

The Executive Chairman, Ekiti State Internal Revenue Service, Mr. Olaniran Olatona (FCA, MBA, ARPA) was a special guest of honour at the CITN 48th Induction Ceremony, where he gave the keynote address. The event took place on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at the prestigious Lagoon Hotel, Victoria Island, Lagos. The crux of his address centered on integrity, technological innovations, continuous learning, acumen, virile leadership, networking and collaboration in building a sustainable taxation practice.



NMA Visits EKIRS Boss

The Nigeria Medical Association, Ekiti State Chapter under the leadership of its Chairman, Dr. Kayode Ariyibi paid a courtesy visit to the EKIRS Chairman, Mr. Olaniran Olatona on March 17, 2023 at its Corporate Headquarters in Ado-Ekiti. On behalf of the members of his Association, he congratulated Mr. Olatona on his appointment as the Executive Chairman, EKIRS. He likewise added that the health body needs the support of the Service. In his response, Mr. Olatona thanked the Association for the visit and described it as timely. He urged the team to see themselves as partners in progress by encouraging their members to pay their taxes regularly and promptly.

CITN Ekiti Chapter visits EKIRS



The Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria, Ekiti State Chapter led by its Chairman, Mr. Kayode Daniel paid a courtesy visit to the Service at its corporate headquarters at the Revenue House, Ado Ekiti, on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. The body commended the efforts of the Executive Chairman. On behalf of the members of the tax body, Mr. Kayode pledged their unwavering support for the EKIRS and also expressed their willingness to exchange ideas and innovations with the Service.

EKITI Embraces SIRTS/SHF Initiative



The Executive Chairman, Ekiti State Internal Revenue Service, Mr. Olaniran Olatona on a facility tour at the Abuja Computerised Vehicle Testing Service

The Joint Tax Board (JTB) in embrace the initiative that is meant to put an conjunction with the EKIRS end to revenue leakages, illegal road blocks organized an engagement and and multiple taxation on our highways. sensitization workshop on the Single Participants at the event included Interstate Road Tax Sticker (SIRTS)/Single representatives from the following Haulage Fee (SHF) Initiative with Associations/Unions – ALGON, FRSC, stakeholders in Ekiti State on Tuesday, Ekiti State Mineral Resources Development March 7, 2023. The programme was held at Agency, PLAN, MATAN, NIRSAL, the Lady Jibowu Hall, Government House, NURTW, NACCIMA, NULGE, RTEAN, Ado-Ekiti. The event was an interactive one Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry, aimed at ensuring that stakeholders are etc. educated and enlightened on the need to

Tax Awareness and Sensitization Campaigns on Radio

As part of efforts to create the necessary tax awareness and sensitization in the public domain, especially for taxpayers, the Service put up a variety of adverts and jingles that ran on popular radio stations in the State. Adverts and jingles on road taxes, consumption tax, EKTIN and road setbacks, etc. were aired on popular early morning newspaper review shows across the State. This initiative was geared towards stimulating and encouraging voluntary tax compliance and prompt payment of taxes.



IGR at a Glance – YTD

Depicted below is the total revenue collected from January - June 2023.

Month	Revenue Generated
January	1,193,112,720.73
February	726,871,227.81
March	801,921,291.86
April	909,354,850.91
May	883,901,421.98
June	869,707,773.03



EKIRS Honours and Celebrates Mr. Rotimi Oke and Mr. Thomas Ajetomobi on Retirement from Active Service

The Management of the Ekiti State Internal Revenue Service paid tribute and celebrated Mr. Oke and Mr. Ajetomobi after a lifetime of meritorious service. A send-off ceremony was held on 31st May, 2023 at the Corporate Headquarters, Revenue House, Ado-Ekiti to appreciate and honour the celebrants. The Executive Chairman, Mr. Olaniran Olatona, Directors, members of staff and other well-wishers eulogized the celebrants (accompanied by their families and loved ones), on this auspicious occasion and prayed for a more fulfilling life after retirement.

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What type of property is exempted under section 7 of the Law

- A property owned and occupied by a religious body and purposely built and approved exclusively for public worship or religious education.
- Public cemeteries and burial grounds.
- A recognised and registered institution of educational or vocational studies certified by a Governor's appointee, who is an Executive Council member to be no profit making.
- Public libraries.
- All official palaces of recognised Obas and Chiefs in the State; and
- Any property specifically exempted by the Governor of Ekiti State by notice published in the State Government Official Gazette.