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EKIRS SENSITISES COMMUNITIES STAKEHOLDERS



In continuation of the sensitization and public enlightenment campaigns on the Land Use Charge project, the Ekiti State Internal Revenue Service paid a courtesy visit to the Olojudo of Ido-Ekiti, Oba Ayorinde Ilori-Faboro, who is also the Chairman of the Ekiti State Council of Traditional Rulers. The management team led by its Executive Chairman, Mr. Olaniran Olatona, expressed his gratitude for the warm welcome given to his team. He used the opportunity to thank the traditional rulers for their unwavering support and encouragement, especially for sensitising their communities about the Land Use Charge. He further stressed that the project's success would bring about the development and provision of social amenities in the state

and its domains.

Similarly, the management team was at the town hall meeting in Ikere, where the Ikere-Ekiti Landlords Association Chairmen gathered. The Executive Chairman used the opportunity to sensitise and answer questions relating to the Land Use Charge. He solicited the support and cooperation of the Landlords Association Chairmen to make this a success. He encouraged them to enlighten their communities and other landlords about the project's benefits, stating that it would bring much development to their communities.

On the team, were the Director of Personal Income Tax, Mr. Joseph Olorunfemi, the Director of New Growth Areas, and Other Taxes, Mrs. Sade Daramola, and the Personal Assistant to the Executive Chairman, Mr. Akintunde Adurosakin.



EKIRS TASKS MDAs ON IMPROVED REVENUE GENERATION



Awareness and Adoption Seminar geared towards improved revenue generation for the State. The seminar which spanned Tuesday 19th March to Friday 22nd March 2024 was held at the Lady Jibowu Hall, Government House Grounds, Ado-Ekiti.

His Excellency, Biodun Abayomi Oyebanji, the

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The Ekiti State Internal Revenue Service in conjunction with the State's Global Revenue Consultant, Soft Alliance and Resources Limited, flagged off a 4-day CBS/SoftTax



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EKITI STATE SIGNAGE AND ADVERTISEMENT AGENCY HOLDS BUSINESS MEETING WITH OAAAN IN LAGOS...

Encourages Investors On Advertising Opportunities In Ekiti State

The Ekiti State Signage and Advertisement Agency (EKSA) held a business meeting with the apex body of the Outdoor Advertisement Association of Nigeria (OAAAN) in Lagos State.

The business meeting cum engagement was well attended by leaders of both agencies, a move to further encourage investment into outdoor advertisement in Ekiti state.

Mr. Adebisi Adesua, DG EKSA, while making a presentation, revealed numerous untapped resources and golden opportunities in several areas of outdoor advertisements in the state.

He went on to lay out government comprehensive plans and policy direction in the advertising industry, revealing that OAAAN will be recommended to all "illegal owners" of billboards in the state.

Pastor Niran Olatona, the Executive Chairman, Ekiti State Internal Revenue Service (EKIRS), in his remarks, hinged on the ease of doing business in Ekiti State, adding that the state is a growing economy and is ready for business.

Mr. Sola Akinsiku, President of OAAAN, while sharing the response of the OAAAN leadership, promised that they would come over to Ekiti State for investment. He further expressed optimism about the prospects of outdoor advertising in the State.



The Ekiti State Internal Revenue Service organised training sessions for its staff on Saturday, April 27 and May 25, 2024, respectively at the Lady Jibowu Hall, Government House Grounds, Ado-Ekiti.

In his opening address in one of the sessions, the Executive Chairman, EKIRS, Mr. Olaniran Olatona welcomed the participants to the training and stated that the management placed a high premium on human capital development. He further noted that a trained workforce is a productive and efficient group. He urged the staff to utilise the opportunity to sharpen their skills and to acquire the requisite knowledge needed in the discharge of their duties. The Executive Chairman appreciated and applauded the staff for the sterling performance recorded by the Service so far and encouraged them to keep the momentum going. He thereafter spoke extensively on managing and appraising performance.

Mr. Wasiu Mohammed, Mr. David Alao, Mrs. Olukemi Abulola, and Mr. Tosin Afolabi also took the participants through the rudiments of Intelligence gathering, Maximising Revenue Through TCC, the Central Billing System (CBS), e-Receipt Generation & Harmonization, the Asset Transfer Process, and Basic Office Etiquette, respectively.

The Question-and-Answer session was anchored by the Director of Finance & Corporate Services, Mr. Fatai Badmus, who, during his closing remarks, thanked the participants for their cooperation and for making the training lively and interactive. He urged them to reciprocate the management's confidence in them by performing their jobs dutifully and professionally and shunning acts of sabotage.

EKITI STATE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION VISITS EKIRS



A team from the Ekiti State Civil Service Commission on Thursday 30th May, 2024 paid a courtesy visit to the Service. While addressing the team, the Executive Chairman, Ekiti State Internal Revenue Service, Mr. Olaniran Olatona



appreciated the team for the visit and their cooperation with the Service in ensuring increased revenue generation in the state. He however stressed the need for more collaborations to achieve greater revenue milestones in the state.

The EKIRS team included the Director of Personal Income Tax, Mr. Joseph Olorunfemi, the Director of Finance & Corporate Services, Mr. Fatai Badmus, the Director of planning, Research and Statistics, Mr. Felix Ale, the Director of New Growth Areas and Other Taxes, Mrs. Oluwasade Daramola and the Director of Tax Audit and Compliance, Mr. Ibukun Ajayi.



EKIRS ORGANISES RETIREMENT WORKSHOP



The Ekiti State Internal Revenue Service (EKIRS) on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, held a comprehensive retirement workshop to prepare its soon-to-be-retired staff for life after active service. The workshop, which is the first of its kind, took place at the Conference Hall of the Corporate Headquarters in Ado-Ekiti and was well-attended by members of the Service.

The event started with the opening remarks by the Ekiti State Head of Service, Engr. Sunday Komolafe, who commended the management for organising the workshop. He emphasized the importance of the workshop as a valuable opportunity for participants to learn and avoid common mistakes, as they make the transition into retirement. Engr Komolafe also highlighted retirement's myriad opportunities for individuals to pursue their passions, dreams, and interests. He advised the retiring staff to prioritise their health and cautioned against venturing into unfamiliar business endeavours.

Bar. Adekunle Bayo-Fati, the Legal Adviser of the EKIRS, followed up with a talk on "Estate Planning and Will Preparation." He stressed the significance of establishing a will and highlighted the potential challenges associated with someone dying intestate (without a will).

A key highlight of the workshop was a presentation by Dr. Sola Ogunsina, a Fellow of the ICAN and CITN. The forensic expert and a former Local Government Chairman delved into the topic of "Managing Post Retirement Challenges and Opportunities." Dr. Ogunsina provided practical examples to elucidate his teachings, offering valuable insights into navigating the complexities of life after retirement.

Dr. (Mrs.) Folu Olatona, an Associate Professor and

Consultant Public Health specialist from the University of Lagos, delivered a compelling health talk, titled "Personal Health and Wellness After Retirement." She underscored the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle post-retirement, advocating for proper nutrition, regular exercise, a positive mindset, and proactive healthcare practices to safeguard one's well-being in the long term.

Additionally, the workshop featured a virtual presentation by Mr. Nathaniel Olaoye, a retired NNPC General Manager, who shared his expertise on "Inculcating Entrepreneurship Habits." Through his experiences and practical insights, Mr. Olaoye emphasised the importance of cultivating entrepreneurial skills to thrive in business ventures post-retirement.

The workshop received accolades from Mr. Felix Ale, the Director of Research, Planning & Statistics, for its educational and informative content. He commended the facilitators for their thorough and well-researched presentations, emphasizing their significant impact on the participants.

In his closing remarks, the Executive Chairman of EKIRS, Mr. Olaniran Olatona, expressed gratitude to the facilitators for their contributions and dedication, despite the short notice. He urged participants to leverage the knowledge gained during the workshop to enhance their post-retirement endeavours. The event concluded with heartfelt prayers offered by Dr. Folu Olatona, inspiring participants with valuable insights to navigate the complexities of retirement and embark on fulfilling post-career journeys.



EKIRS Team in a Meeting with Mr. Governor and Members of the Ekiti State Chapter of the Association of Petroleum Marketers



The Executive Chairman, Mr. Olaniran Olatona, and his team on Thursday 13th of June, 2024 held a closed-door meeting with the Executive Governor of Ekiti State, His Excellency, Biodun Abayomi Oyebanji, and the Association of Petroleum Marketers (Ekiti State Chapter).

In the meeting held at the Governor's Office, Ado-Ekiti, Mr. Governor commended the association members for their cooperation so far with the EKIRS and the government at large

while also imploring them to continue to be law-abiding, especially in the payment of their taxes. According to him, the EKIRS boss and his team are professionals who carry out their duties according to the dictates of the law, and thus, all stakeholders in the state are encouraged to join hands with them to move the state forward through revenue generation.

The EKIRS Executive Chairman, Mr. Olaniran Olatona appreciated the Governor for his trust and confidence in the EKIRS team. He noted that the Service is already enjoying the cooperation of some associations in the state as a result of his transparent governance and he looks forward to enjoying more cooperation with other associations and groups all in a bid to move the state forward.

The members of the association unanimously pledged their support and willingness to work with the EKIRS team towards the continual growth of the State.

EKIRS Hosts FUOYE Tax Club



The Ekiti State Internal Revenue Service on Friday 31st May, 2024 played host to the executives of the Tax Club, Federal University, Oye-Ekiti. The club president, Mr. Gideon Ajibade thanked the Executive Chairman and his team for the warm reception. While stating the purpose of their visit, he noted that the visit was expedient to foster a healthy relationship with the Service and its team of professionals and stay abreast of the field of taxation as necessitated by its dynamic nature.

The Executive Chairman, Mr. Olaniran Olatona welcomed the students to the Service and appreciated their thoughtfulness and willingness to get hands-on experience from professionals beyond the theories of taxation. He further highlighted different ways the students could leverage their access to the Service to gain practical experience as the Service is always willing and available to receive the students. The EKIRS team provided detailed answers to questions raised by the executive members of the club.

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Executive Governor of the state was represented by the Commissioner for Budget, Economic Planning, and Performance Management, Mr. Niyi Adebayo, who encouraged all MDAs to work assiduously to increase the revenue-generating capacity of the State. He called for cooperation and collaboration among MDAs.

The Executive Chairman, EKIRS, Mr. Olaniran Olatona, appreciated the efforts of the MDAs so far and implored them to be open to new ways of doing things. He encouraged the MDAs to embrace technology as this will bring about an increase in revenue generation. Speaking at the same event, the Regional Manager of Soft Alliance and Resources Limited, Mr. Yusuf Azeem stressed the many benefits of the Central Billing System (CBS).

Other top government functionaries present at the event included the Head of Service, Engr. Sunday Komolafe, the Director-General of the Bureau of Public Procurement, Mr. J.B. Folorunso, Permanent Secretaries, General Managers, and Directors across MDAs.

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EKIRS Delegates at the 2024 CITN Conference



CITN National President and his Team Visits EKIRS



EKIRS Team in a Meeting with LG Chairmen/Leaders



EKIRS Team and Security Agencies

REVENUE SCORECARD

Depicted below is the revenue generated from
January to June 2024

Month	Revenue Generated
January	1,120,139,301.80
February	1,261,031,935.33
March	1,307,271,441.57
April	1,302,913,763.11
May	1,321,831,908.41
June	1,345,807,644.82

Total- N7, 658, 995, 995.04