

**ADDRESS DELIVERED BY HIS EXCELLENCY, THE EXECUTIVE
GOVERNOR OF OSUN STATE AND VISITOR, OSUN STATE
UNIVERSITY, PRINCE (DR.) OLAGUNSOYE OYINLOLA, AT THE
OCCASION OF THE FINALS OF THE 2009 (SECOND) EDITION OF
PRINCE (DR.) OLAGUNSOYE OYINLOLA AND PRINCESS OMOLOLA
OYINLOLA INTERCOLLEGIATE FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS, HELD ON
SATURDAY, 13TH JUNE, 2009**

Your Excellency, the First Lady of Osun State
Your Excellency, the Deputy Governor of Osun State,
The Rt. Hon. Speaker, Osun State House of Assembly,
My Lord, the Chief Judge of Osun State and other Judges here
present
Our Distinguished Royal fathers, Kabiyesis;
Honourable parliamentarians in attendance,
The Secretary to the State Government,
The Chief of Staff to the Governor,
The Head of Service,
Members of the State Executive Council and Special Advisers,
Chairmen of Statutory Commissions,
The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Osun State University,
and other members of Council here present;
The Vice-Chancellor and other Principal Officers of Osun State
University,
My Lords Spiritual and Temporal,
Permanent Secretaries, Special Advisers, Executive Assistants and
Heads of Non-Ministerial Agencies,
Chairmen of Local Governments,
Senior Government Functionaries,
Distinguished Guests,
Great UNIOSUN Students,
Gentlemen of the Press,
Ladies and Gentlemen

It with a heart of gratitude to Almighty God that I address you today on the occasion of the 2009 (Second) Edition of Prince (Dr.) Olagunsoye Oyinlola and Princess Omolola Oyinlola Intercollegiate Football Competitions.

It would be recalled that the first edition of this competition came up about a year ago, to be precise in July, 2008. I am happy that the competition which is designed to be an avenue for our students to display and develop talents is yielding fruits.

From the way UNIOSUN is developing, I am delighted that Osun State University is not only going to excel in academics alone but also in all facets of life. I have noticed that this event is already creating a sporting buzz in Osun State. The Intercollegiate Football Competition is more than just an ordinary competition.

This competition should, therefore, play a vital role in the development of the God given talents of these rising stars in Osun State University. Many future renowned sportsmen and sportswomen have been discovered from sports competition of this nature. I therefore charge our students to continue to develop themselves in sporting activities. Parents are also being advised to encourage their children to take active part in various sporting activities.

Meanwhile, our Administration has been encouraging the development of various sports in the State and we will not relent on our efforts to encourage both the development and improvement of sports in the State. Towards this end, efforts are already in top gear for the development of six stadia in the State.

Finally, I wish to congratulate all the Campuses that have participated up to this stage. Keep up the spirit of sportsmanship and let us use sports to develop our country. God bless you.