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NANTS INAUGURATES SOUTH WEST EXECUTIVES AND COMMISSIONS OFFICE IN IBADAN

The National Association of Nigerian Traders (NANTS) has inaugurated its Zonal Executive Officers and commissioned its new zonal office complex in Ibadan, South West Nigeria. The event which took place on Saturday 5th May, 2018 was performed by its National President, Chief (Barr) Ken Ukaoha. The climax of the event was the awards ceremony to distinguished traders and business owners in Oyo State at the prestigious Jogor Centre, Ring Road, Ibadan. The event has in attendance dignitaries from all walks of life.

The occasion was chaired by the Ooni of Ife, Oba Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi (Ojaja II) who was represented by His Majesty Oba Lekan Balogun, Oba Oladapo Onido Osun of Ido Osun. In her welcome address, Chief (Mrs) Odunayo Danjuma, the Oyo State Chairperson and Zonal Coordinator South West (NANTS) thanked the National President for his maiden visit to Oyo State to commission the office complex. She expressed appreciation to the NANTS President and the National Executive Council for finding Oyo State most suitable to host the zonal Headquarters of the Association. Chief (Mrs) Danjuma pledged the total commitment of the members of NANTS in Oyo State to sustain the goodwill by ensuring that the landmarks achieved so far are maintained for the growth and sustainability of the Association. She therefore called on the Governments of Oyo State to provide the enabling environment for traders and small business owners to strive by providing micro credits and affordable transport system for the free movements of goods and services.

The NANTS National President, Ken Ukaoha Esq. in his remarks poured encomiums on the leadership of NANTS in Oyo for their forthrightness and commitment to the vision and mission of the Association. He thanked the teeming supporters and NANTS members who all appeared in the Association's uniform and promised to defend and fight for the rights of every Nigerian Trader at all times. He also warned NANTS members against selling of fake and adulterated products to

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members of the public. He admonished that traders owe consumers a duty of care by ensuring that quality goods are made available at good prices. He encouraged them to desist from sharp practices and any unfair acts that will tarnish the image of the Association. He therefore called on all and sundry to support the government of the day at all levels in promoting National Unity and peaceful coexistence where traders and business owners can operate without fear but contribute meaningfully to the economic growth of the local communities and the nation at large.

The event had the blessings and endorsement of the State Governments, the traditional rulers and prominent leaders in Yoruba land. Earlier in the day, the NANTS President's entourage paid a courtesy visit to the Olubadan of Ibadan land where the Royal Majesty poured his blessings on NANTS leadership across the Country. At the occasion, all the South West States of Ekiti, Ondo, Osun and Lagos also had their State Chapters of NANTS inaugurated with jubilation, pomp and pageantry.

The theme of the event was "Community Policing and National Security: Roles of the Nigerian Traders" with the Oyo state Police Commissioner, Mr. Adekunle Abiodun Odude as Keynote Speaker.

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