

YSWA QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Message from the president

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Dr Wale Olatunji

Mo ki gbogbo omo egbe Yoruba ni iwo oorun Australia. I welcome you again to the 17th edition of our quarterly newsletter - the second in the year 2024. In the current quarter, it is heartwarming to announce that the association held its maiden youth summit tagged "Youth Connect" on 20th April 2024. It was a well-attended programme which was organised and anchored by our young men and ladies, this event reinforced the determination and vision of the association to on-board the youths. I hope that future events will record more attendance and foster social networking and interaction amongst our young members. I encourage parents to encourage their wards to participate in oncoming events. K'arin ka po, yiye ni yeni.

Equally, the attendance and enrolment at the language school has increased in the last four to five months. No doubt, the school is having an enormous impact on its students. We appreciate the dedication of the teachers and the commitment of the parents. Enrolment is all year round. Efforts are underway to obtain government funding of our school.

I warmly welcome all our new members and encourage you to reach out to the management team for any supports or assistance. The association's financial year runs from January to December and it is important to pay our annual membership fee. As most associations/organisation do not thrive well without adequate funds, your membership fee payment will go a long way in helping the association soar to higher levels; it will also afford you the numerous benefits the association offers to its members.

Finally, the management committee is open to suggestions and feedback from you. Please reach out to us and be sure to have your voice heard. I thank you all for your continued support to the association.



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ÌGBÀ KAN NÍ LO, ÌGBÀ KAN NÍ BÒ, ÌGBÀ KAN KÒ LO ILÉ AIYÉ GBÓ

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Àwọn àgbà sọ ìtàn pé ní ọjọ kan, ọmọdé ló lẹ ba bàbá rẹ, tí o n bí i pé "Kíní o sẹlẹ tí ọjú bàbá fi wọ inú, tí ikùn baba sì rí rogodo", ìyẹn ni pé tí ikùn (inú) bàbá kò fi dàbí tí òun. Bàbá wá fèsì pé ọjú tí ó wọnú kí se tí àìsàn bíkò se pé àwọn ìrírí aiyé tí bàbá ti rí, tí o tí fí ọjú wò, àti àwọn ọrọ tí o tí sẹlẹ tí bàbá kó pọ sí inú (ikùn) ni ò fàá tí inú fi wú; kí í se àìsàn rárá.

Ọrọ yí ya ọmọdé náà lẹnu pé "Báwò ní ó se jẹ?" Bàbá wá tèsíwájú pèlú òwe àwọn àgbà tí a fi se àkólé ọrọ / ìtàn yí.

Ìtunmò àwọn ọrọ náà re, kò sí ẹnì tí ó wà l'áyé, láàyè tí ò lè lo ilé ayé gbo, ìyẹn n'ipé bí o ti wú kí èniyàn dàgbà tó láyè, yóó fi Ilé ayé sí lẹ ní ọjọ kan. Kò sí ẹnì tí ò lè tó ọpín Aiyé bí o ti wú kí èniyàn lówó, ọlá, ìyí àti èyè tó, ọjọ kan ní bọ tí yóó fi Ilé aiyé sílẹ lẹ.

Kò sí olówó, olórọ tàbí onípò - ọba, olórí orílẹ̀-èdè tàbí ipò aàyè tí ò wú kí èniyàn lè wà, yóó kú ní ọjọ kan. Kò sí ohun tí a mú wá s'áyé, kò sí ohun tí èniyàn yóó sì mú lo sí ọrun. Bí ẹnìkan sọso bá ra mótò ogún, bí o kọ ilẹ ọgbon, bí ó bí omo ọgorun-ún, ní ọjọ kan yóó ku; tí wón bá sin òkú rẹ sínú ọgbà ilé kan, àwọn ọmọ, ará àti ìyàwó yóó ti ilẹkùn mọ ní ìtàn tí wón bá fèsùn lálẹ. È jẹkí a wo orile-ede wa, Olórí orílẹ̀-èdè (President), Gómìnà (Governors) tí a ti ní ní orílẹ̀-èdè wa, ọpọ wón tí di olóògbé.

Bàbá tún tèsíwájú pé, Bá mi gbe ni yóó gbeyìn mo lè gbe; ìyẹn ni pé, gbogbo nkan tí agbára èniyàn le sè níí ìgbà èwe (kékeré), bó pé, bó yá, ní ìgbà arúgbó/àgbà kò lè sí okàn àti agbára láti se é mọ.

Bàbá tún tèsíwájú pé ní ìgbà tí òun wà ní ọmọdé kò sí ẹrọ tí a fí ní bá ará ẹnì sòrọ (phone) láì rí ara wa, kò sí àwọn ọkọ bọginní (costly vehicles), kò sí ọkadà àti àwọn nṣkan èlò ìrinnà gbígbo báyií, imọ ẹkọ náà tí gúnlẹ àti àwọn nṣkan orísirísi bí àwọn aṣo ẹgbàlódé, irufẹ irun gígé àti dídí fún tako-tabo. Àwọn àṣà Yorùbá ní ó ti fẹrẹ pòórà tán, bàbá wá so pé orísirísi àwọn nṣkan tí ó n sẹlẹ yí ní ọjú tí ó fí wolé, ìrònú lórí àwọn ìṣẹlẹ wònyí ló mú ikùn wú rogodo. Ọjú ní á fí n wòran, àti wípé nítorí ọpọ èniyàn ní kò lè kòwé, ikùn ní wón n fí orí pamọ sí.

Lakotan arà, bàbá parí ọrọ rẹ pèlú imòrán pé, kí omo maa sọra fún fifi okanjuwa ko ọrọ aiyé jọ nítoripé kò sí ohun tàbí èniyàn tí kò ní dì nígbàtí lèhinwa ọlẹ. Kí a tún padé láyò!

Announcements

- Yoruba Cultural Group. Enrolment is still open to members of our community. We know there is a wealth of talent among us and together we can make this group more vibrant. Ready to join? Simply send us an email at info@yswa.org.au or contact the coordinator (Mrs. Bukola Esin) or any member of the management team.

- Language School. We thank the principal, teachers and coordinators for their commitments. We also thank the parents for the ongoing patronage and subscription. We encourage members to enlist their young ones to join the vibrant community of learners in our warm and child-friendly environment. The enrolment is free for children of financial members and comes at a token cost for wards of non-financial members. Please visit our website www.yswa.org.au for further information.

- YSWA Foundation. We are pleased to announce another round of expression of interest from financial members who know of any community in need within the Yoruba speaking communities of Nigeria. The expression of interest forms and other selection process would be available on our website from June 2024. Please avail yourself of the process and reach out to the management team for any clarifications.

- Yoruba Day 2024. This year's Yoruba Cultural day Celebration will come up on November 16, 2024 at the Abruzzo Molise Sporting Club. Further details will be communicated within the course of the year.

- YSWA Website. Our website has had a recent face-lift. Please visit the website and register as a member (for our new members). For existing members who have registered through the previous platform, you will receive a link to re-validate your membership. Payments can now be made directly into the association's account using our BSB (066-000) and account number (17269734) and through the website payment platform.

- YSWA Bank Account. The association's previous bank account with Bankwest has been phased out as Bankwest is closing all business accounts. As such, we have changed our banking details. Please take note of our new account details when making your payments.

- Annual General Meeting. Our AGM will come up on September 14, 2024. Venue will be communicated in due course.

- Credentialed Community Language for Yoruba Language. This exercise aims to recognize Yoruba language by the Australian government for the purpose of awarding points towards a permanent visa through the point-based system. In the long run, it will open doors for recognition for interpreter services to the Australian government. Members who are willing to apply or who have interested family members (onshore or offshore) can reach out to the management committee members for further details on how to apply.

Appreciation

We thank Dr. Adenola Adeleye for the donation of Yoruba books to the Yoruba language school.

We also thank Dr. Wole Oluyede for offering the association the hall at his house, which was used for the pioneer youth event.

We thank the new volunteer at the Language school, Miss Rukayat Ogundipe.

Youth Hangout in Picture



YSWA Youth Officer, Ifedapo Oduyemi flanked by some of the attendees of the YSWA Youth Hangout

YSWA Sensation



Kazeem flanked by the YSWA president and some supporters

The Yoruba Society of Western Australia (YSWA) is thrilled to celebrate the outstanding achievement of one of our own, Kazeem Soyoye, who has recently triumphed in the international lightweight contest. Facing fierce competition, Kazeem emerged victorious, defeating his Chinese counterpart in a display of exceptional skill and determination.

Kazeem's victory is not only a personal triumph but also a moment of pride for our community. As a dedicated and hardworking athlete, he has consistently demonstrated his commitment to excellence. This recent accomplishment highlights his talent and resilience, setting a remarkable example for other youth within our society.

In recognition of his achievements, Kazeem has been named the YSWA Sensation of the Quarter. This honor reflects not only his recent success but also his ongoing contributions to our community and the positive impact he has on those around him. Kazeem's journey reminds us all of the power of perseverance and the importance of striving for greatness, no matter the challenges we face.

As we celebrate Kazeem's success, we are inspired by his dedication and the pride he brings to the Yoruba Society of Western Australia. We look forward to supporting him in his future endeavors and witnessing many more of his triumphs on the international stage.

Congratulations, Kazeem! You have made us all incredibly proud



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