



Programme for the

OFU OBAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL FUND RAISING

for

EYUM EJIK EJAGHAM MUSICAL ALBUM



ONE

Open hearts and minds
assemble
in Association
are one.

From East to West
diaspora
in Association
are one.

Peace (oh rejoice)
blessed (we are blessed)*
together in peace and harmony*

Peace (oh rejoice)
glad (we are glad)*
together in peace and harmony*

TWO

Oso wo ka njum nji
ochima bijji mbi
a ekikun
ra eji mba ochi

Eyom eyim mfa
ka ekamim eja
iji na okort
ka otum otum

mbinghe oh*
owo*
mbinghe ekub Oso wo
t obeh

mbinghe oh*
owo*



APPRECIATION

On behalf of the President and the entire members of the Ejik Oban Development Association, we thank the Almighty God for His guidance and direction for the successful maiden edition of the Ejik Oban celebration.

We sincerely appreciate the Ntufam of Oban for their generous sponsorship and those who have supported us. We pray for their continuous blessings upon you.

We appreciate the Executive Chairman of Akamkpa Local Government Council, Hon Linus Etim who has been very supportive to the association and the committee in the course of planning and execution. We pray that God will continue to enrich you.

We also wish to appreciate the JB Farms for continuing to be a dependable source of inspiration to Ejik Oban. We keep deepening and consolidating on these ties for the growth of Oban.

We thank the Royal Father of the day, Mother of the day, Guest speaker and other top dignitaries. We're grateful to you for honouring our invitation. To our hardworking committee members, this occasion wouldn't be successful without you.

May God bless all our members who have shown their commitment and resilience in uplifting and preserving our cultural heritage.

Mrs. Henrietta Offiong-Tabuo

Chairman, Central Planning Committee



SENATOR PROF. SIR BEN AYADE
Executive Governor of
Cross River State



HON. LINUS BASSEY
Executive Chairman
Akamkpa L.G.A



ROYAL FATHER OF THE DAY



HRM NDIDEM ETA BASSEY ETETA

NDIDEM OF THE QUAS
PARAMOUNT RULERS & PRESIDENT TRADITIONAL RULERS COUNCIL
CALABAR MUNICIPALITY,
GRAND PATRIARCH OF THE EJAGHAM NATION



CHIEF HOST



HRH NTUFAM (ELDER) STEPHEN MBEY

Okpata I of Oban
Clan Head Of Oban Clan



MR. CHRISTOPHER EKPE EDET (KSM)
President
Ejik Oban Development Association



CHAIRMAN OF THE OCCASION



NTUFAM EMMANUEL NTUYANG (KSM)



MOTHER OF THE DAY



NTUKAE MRS. ANIEKE INOK EDIM



NTUFAM DR. JOE EDET
First Convener of Ejik Oban General meeting
and Patron of Ejik Oban Development Association

EJIK OBAN **Formation &** **HISTORY**



Ejik Oban is an umbrella Association of Oban Indigenes in the diaspora, who having firmly and solemnly resolved to form themselves into a Development Association for the purpose of Unity, Peace and Progress among themselves and their community.

The motion that created Ejik Oban was moved by Ntufam (Barr.) Joe Edet on the 26th of December, 2008 at the Oban Congress Day with a mandate that the Association of Oban Indigenes in the Diaspora be established in Calabar. After the Congress Day, the first meeting was held in Ntufam (Barr) Joe Edet's house and Sir (Barr) Leo Ekanem was unanimously elected as the pioneer President, Honoured (Mother) Margaret Offiong as the Vice President and Mr Oliver Ntui as the Secretary. That was in January, 2009. The executive lasted till December, 2015 (6years), with Mr. Paulinus Edet taking over as the president. Since then there has been an unbroken meetings every 2nd Sunday of the month for 13 years. At the formation period, the following were the pioneer members:

Ntufam (Barr) Joe Edet
Sir (Barr) Leo Ekanem
Honoured (Mother) Margaret Offiong
Ntufam Emmanuel Nyong Edet
Late Engr. Raphael Asong
Mr. Oliver Ntui
Mr. Paulinus Edet
Eti Eka Mrs. Dorathy Agbachom
Madam Susan Effiong
Mr. Odo Effiong
Mr. Patrick Edet
Madam Ann Effiong
Madam Victoria Effiong
Mr. Henry Okpan
And many others.

Ntufam (Prof) Charles Effiong's residence was adopted as the permanent meeting venue.

OBJECTIVES

The Association's objectives are as follows;

- a. To promote unity, love and brotherhood among members.
- b. To harness existing human resources, capacities and potentials in Oban towards economic self-reliance.
- c. To preserve the core social values and cultural heritage of Oban.
- d. To mobilize the Oban community for popular participation in governance and the development programmes of government.
- e. To seek collaboration with Government Agencies, Non-governmental Organizations in the overall effort at attaining the above goals and objectives.
- f. To do such other lawful things and activities as are incidental to, and or connected with any of the aforementioned aims and objectives, or conducive to their attainment thereof, or otherwise likely in any respect to be advantageous to the Association and the Community.



MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Association is open to every son or daughter of Oban. Any non-indigene, who is interested in the growth and development of Oban, and is adjudged capable might be admitted as a member too. Such a person will automatically be admitted into the membership of the Association upon taking up residence or carrying on business in Calabar, its environs or in the diaspora. However, a member shall not belong to another Association or group whose interest and objectives conflict, run contrary to or are anti-ethical to the aims and objectives of Ejik Oban, and so on.

ACHIEVEMENTS

1. It has provided Oban Indigenes with a united front for the development and aspirations which it has done very effectively.
2. It has been a voice of Oban Indigenes outside of their own community and her opinions have been of very meaningful help and support to community development and decisions.
3. It has also helped in the physical infrastructural development of the community, for example: tiling of the civic center, Provision of seating desks for students in the community secondary school, Oban and a strong support to the St. Michael's Catholic Church Oban, among others.
4. It has been of immense support in boosting the impetus of Akachak festival by both presenting a troupe each time as well as some of her members being sponsors of various cultural troupes.
5. It conceptualized and hosted the first ever business summit by a single community tagged; Oban Business Summit which held on the 20th of July, 2017 at the Civic Center in Oban. It attracted dignitaries from all the country including the then Minister of Niger Delta Affairs as well as a handful of Corporate Organizations.
6. Ejik Oban has been the opus Magnum of attention in many social events as her presence has often added enviable colour to the activities. It has come to be the beautiful colour of events in Ejagham land.
7. It has provided a pedestal for medical outreach sponsored by professor Charles Effiong's Foundation as part of activities of Akachak Festival for many years, and many more.

From all indication and indices, Ejik Oban has become the cynosure of our people; the dream of today and the manifestation of tomorrow. Having positioned herself on a pedestal of impact and success, Ejik Oban is primed to be a voice which will resonate the voice and stance of Oban people on contemporary issues of developmental concerns.

Our tomorrow is here and we have braced ourselves for the developmental challenges of the future, especially where and when our culture, heritage, development, sustenance and survival become necessary.



EXCO MEMBERS OF EJK OBAN



Mr. Chris Edet (KSM)
President



Mrs. Ann Edet
Vice President



Mrs. Veronica Asuquo
Women President



Mrs. Linda Offiong
Secretary



Mrs. Vivian Mbey
Esuk Woman Sect.



Mr. Uma Ntu
Asst. Secretary



Mrs. Lilian Whyte
Social Secretary



Mr. Richard Agbara
P.R.O



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Mr. Aloysius Ekib
Auditor



Mrs. Celestina Ayama
Auditor II



Mr. Michael Offiong
Provost



**PAST PRESIDENTS AND
LADY PRESIDENTS OF EJIK OBAN**



BARR. LEO EKANEM (KSJI)
President
2009-2015



MRS. MARGARET B. OFFIONG
Lady President
2009-2015



MR. PAULINUS EDET (KSM)
President
2015-2019



MRS. HENRIETTA O. TABUO
Lady President
2015-2019



BARR. WILLIAM ITOROK
President
2019-2021



MRS. AUGUSTINA EFFIOM
Lady President
2019-2021



EJIK OBAN AT DIFFERENT EVENTS





Order of Event

1. Arrival of Guest
2. Cultural dance past
3. Ejik Oban Anthem
4. Opening Prayer
5. Pouring of Libation
6. Recognition of Guest
7. Chairman's Opening Remarks
8. Welcome Address by the Ejik Oban President
9. Speech by the Ndidem of the Quas & Paramount Ruler of Calabar Municipality
10. Speech by the Ntufam of Oban and Clan Head of Oban Clan
11. Cultural Displays
12. Launching of Eyum Ejik Ejagham Musical Album
13. Food Exhibition
14. Mgbe Display
15. Chairman Closing remarks
16. Vote of Thanks
17. Closing Prayer



Brief History OF OBAN

Historians agree that Ejagham is one of the Bantu tribes originating from Southern and Central Africa. According to the Late Chief P.O. Bassey in "A History of Oban: With Commentary", Oban people came from Mfum and Settled down in their present location. Another oral version is that Oban people emigrated somewhere from Northern Cross River and once settled near Ajasor.

Some people claim that Oban old site is still there at palace called Ewok Offong. From here, Oban people later moved down South and first settled close to Ndingane. Ndingane later persuaded Oban people to move over to their present site.

Oral tradition says, Ndingane accompanied Oban to their present site, showed them their boundaries with any other intending migrants, and gave Oban the freedom to own the area. The person believed to have led Oban in this Immigration was EKIBI.

He is regarded as the founder of, and first traditional ruler of Oban.

The name 'Oban' may have got its name from "Oban tree". This is thick-barked, which produces latex when cut. It's a common tree species in the area.

Today, Oban is one of the many Ejagham speaking groups found in Akamkpa Local government Area of Cross River State, Nigeria.

Oban town is about sixty miles from Calabar City. The people of Oban, like many other African groups, were traditionally farmers, hunters, and adherents of traditional Religious and cultural practices.

Though Oban community has witnessed huge changes since the Advent of Christianity, and Western Education, many of its most cherished cultural practices and wisdom have persisted into the twenty first century, as evidenced in the event of 'Ofu Oban Festival' today.

Very Rev. Fr. Emmanuel N. Edet. (SPS)

Author, WISDOM FROM THE HILLS

- Tradition of Ejagham Oban.



REMARKS BY NTUFAM EMMANUEL NTUYANG CHAIRMAN OFU OBAN CELEBRATION.

The role of culture is that, it is the form through which we as a society reflect on who we are , where we have been, where we hope to be'

..Wendel Pierce.I cannot agree any less with this great American actor. I dare add that Culture is the way we see and do things as a society. It speaks to the identity and dignity of a people.

All over the world, Culture has remained a most potent force that binds a people together.

The Ejagham people have consistently displayed their rich culture as their proud heritage.

Coming at this time when foreign influences have destabilized and eroded many cultural values and practices, we must salute the people of Oban ,particularly Ejik Oban Development Association for the unique celebration of OFU OBAN. Being the first of its kind in the annals of the cultural manifestations of the Oban people, I must profoundly commend the deep vision and the uncommon patriotism of the Okpata of Oban, HRH Ntufam Stephen Mbey which is clinically implemented by the Ejik Oban Development Association, led by the indefatigable Mr Chris Edet.

The event is a true reflection of the Oban Spirit of always holding the light for Ejagham cultural renaissance and advancement. It is a statement of the place of cultural values in the development of our societies. Values of unity, love and comunality.

This is the heritage the Oban people are celebrating today, for which I proudly identify with and strongly recommend to other communities.

The choice of the Ndidem's palace for this celebration seems to point to the direction of Ejagham Unity. It speaks to the consistent drive and determination towards a common identity for all Ejagham people, wherever they may be. Therefore, this event is historic as it is inspiring.

I am aware that this occasion will also witness the launch of musical renditions in Ejagham language. I urge us to generously support this cause of preserving our language through music.

While I charge all of us, especially our esteemed guests to relax and enjoy the best of Oban in songs , dances ,costume and cusines, I wish Ejik Oban Development Association and indeed the entire Oban people a successful Ofu Oban celebration as we eagerly look forward to the annual Akachak festival.



**WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT EJIK OBAN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
MR. CHRISTOPHER EDET (KSM) ON THE OCCASION OF THE MAIDEN EDITION OF
OFU OBAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL HELD AT NDIDEM'S PALACE,, BIG TOWN, CALABAR**

The Chairman of the occasion Ntufam CP Emmanuel Ntuyang –The Ntufam Oseng1 of Oban,
The Royal Father of the day, HRM Ntufam Etta Bassey Eteta III-The Ndidem of Quas, Grand Patriarch of Ejagham Nation and the Paramount Ruler of Calabar Municipality,
The Chief Host, HRH Ntufam Stephen Edet Mbey- The Okpata of Oban and the Clan head of Oban.
The special guest of Honour, Rt. Hon Linus Bassey-The Executive Chairman of Akamkpa LGA
Other invited guests
Members of Ejik Oban Development Association
Ladies and gentlemen.

Good morning and welcome to the maiden edition of Ofu Oban Cultural Day Celebration. Thank you all for honoring our invitation to grace this event. Let me start by thanking the planners of this event for the magnificent work done and a great start given to us; which is the first time in the history of our Association to have an elaborate cultural day celebration tagged "Ofu Oban". When we conceived the idea of celebrating the rich culture of our community and indeed Ejagham, we never thought it would blossom to what we are witnessing today. I am delighted by the untiring efforts that the planning committee has put in ensuring that this event comes to reality. The Chairperson, Mrs. Henrietta Michael Tabuo and your team, we say a big thank you.

The vision of hosting the Ofu Oban Cultural event is to promote the rich culture of Oban and Ejagham people, encourage inclusiveness, equitable and vibrant participation by members, and to instill pride in our local language, culture, cuisines as well as to inculcate in us a sense of belonging. Ofu Oban cultural festival is also a dress rehearsal for the big one –The Akachak festival holding in Oban on every 2nd January. What you are going to see here is just a tip of the iceberg of what will happen at Akachak Festival proper.

This year's event among other things will be aimed at providing an optic opportunity for the exhibition of local dances, cuisines as well as the launch of the maiden Eyum Ejik Ejagham musical album. As we savor the distinctive sensation of watching an undiluted culture today, may I thank the sponsors of this event most especially; the management and staff of JB farms, Oban, The Executive Chairman of Akamkpa LGA, Rt. Hon Linus Bassey Etim, Jiangxi Dynatrac and of course the Okpata1 of Oban ,Ntufam (Elder) Stephen Mbey for approving the masquerades for our festival. We sincerely thank our very magnanimous royal father, The Ndidem of Quas, Grand Patriarch of Ejagham Nation and the Paramount Ruler of Calabar Municipality, HRM Ndidem Eta Bassey Eteta III and his Council for providing the venue for this event free of charge. Thank you our invited guests, my indefatigable executive members, Group leaders and the entire membership of Ejik Oban Development Association. To everyone who has contributed to the success of this event, we say thank you.

As I conclude, may I remind us of our uniqueness and sense of existence as a people. Let our celebration today help us to appreciate who we are, where we belong and where we come from, and our altruistic belief be our source of unity.

I thank you all.

Mr. Chris Edet (KSM)
President
Ejik Oban Development Association



GOODWILL MESSAGE

NTUFAM'S



COUNCIL

c/o The Palace,
Oban Town,
Akamkpa Local Govt. Area,
Cross River State,
Nigeria.

12th November, 2022

The President
Ejik Oban Development Association
Calabar

Sir,

MESSAGE OF FELICITATION

The Ntufam's Council, Oban group of Clans and the Oban group of Villages warmly felicitate with the President of Ejik Oban Development Association,

Mr. Christopher Edet and the entire members of Ejik Oban, on your unique and epoch-making celebration of the maiden "OFU/OBAN" day taking place in Calabar, on the 26th November, 2022.

As worthy and good Ambassadors from Oban in diaspora, we wish to enjoin you and call on you our dear Sons and Daughters of Oban in solidarity to collaborate, propagate and keep the Culture and Heritage of Oban people alive in preparation to showcasing our **OBAN AKACHAK FESTIVAL** which comes up on the 2nd of January, every year.

Our Culture defines who we are and where we are. The strength of Oban as a community cannot be complete without mentioning Ejik Oban, this is what brings every committed, hardworking and expression of love for the Oban Community in diaspora gathering as one, and it is on this note, that the Five Royal Families call on you to work for the growth of the community with more synergy, peace and love to discourage division amongst yourselves.

May the good Lord prosper you as you sojourn and contribute for the development of our Community and Ejagham Nation in general.

Long Live Ejik Oban Development Association
Long Live Oban Community
Long Live Ejagham Nation
Long Live Our Country, Nigeria

14-11-2022.
HRH. Okpara, Stephen E. Mbey
Clan Head, Oban



AKACHAK FESTIVAL OBAN

OBAN TOWN AKAMKPA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
CROSS RIVER STATE, NIGERIA.

Motto: Our Culture, Our Heritage

Your Ref:.....
Our Ref:.....

Date:.....
15th November, 2022

FELICITATIONS

We extend our best wishes to you on your celebration of the maiden edition of Ofu Oban Cultural Festival. Throughout the years, Ejik Oban Development Association has been an integral part of the Akachak Festival, our greatest supporters and strongest backbone.

Ofu Oban Cultural Festival is not just a parade of masquerades, but a celebration and display of the original and undiluted culture of Oban and the Ejagham people at large as well as a perfect opening and an awareness campaign for this year's Akachak Festival celebration.

We appreciate the selfless service you've given us over the years and join you in celebrating your special day.

Congratulations and many more fruitful editions.

MR. EDET BASSEY OFFIONG
CHAIRMAN, CPC

MR. MICHAEL A. IKANG
SECRETARY, CPC

GOODWILL MESSAGE



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November 16th, 2022

GOODWILL MESSAGE FOR OFU OBAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Ejagham Tradition is a precious gift that must be passed from one generation to another. EjT supports any effort by any Ejagham heritage group and friends of Ejagham, home and in diaspora to make manifest this statement. Therefore, EjT salutes Ejik Oban Development Association for this effort and for the invitation.



As you are aware EjT's is a heritage organisation and our approach to the promotion of Ejagham heritage is to Document, Digitalise and Disseminate Ejagham traditional practices and cultural expressions.

We are aware that "*Inire fit erogoyigi mbi ka echi*". We wish you a successful outing and look forward to collaborating with Ejik Oban Development Association and indeed similar organisations for the promotion of Ejagham heritage.

As you celebrate, remember, we are stronger together than we would ever be, divided.

Ekup na nkad.

Enom Le M.

Engr. Chris Anom CEng, CMarEng, FIMarEST, FRINA

President, EjT



OUR MISSION: "To Host, Promote, Harness and Update Ejagham Traditional Practices (ETP) and Ejagham Cultural Expressions (ECE) in order to Safeguard and Preserve Ejagham Tradition as True Legacy of Ejagham People"



PAN-EJAGHAM RENAISSANCE FORUM

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November 16, 2022

The President

Ejik Oban Development Association
Oban Town
Cross River State

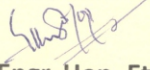
GOODWILL MESSAGE

On behalf of the Board of Trustees (BoT), the Executive Committee and the entire members of Pan-Ejagham Renaissance Forum (PANERF) I heartily felicitates with the Chairman, members of Ejik Oban Development Association and the entire Oban community on the Ofu Oban Cultural Festival to showcase the heritage, rich culture, and traditions of the culturally endowed ancient Ejagham kingdom on the fringes of undulating hills and topography, a settlement, with a big name, called Oban.

As Ofu Oban is here with us, also featuring Eyum Ejik Ejagham Musical Album Launch, it is a welcome development that needs support, encouragement and sustainability.

Nta Michael Ikang, as you lead the festival, we join you to say: Nkub, nkub, nkub ejik as you celebrate Ofu Oban on Saturday, 26 November at Ndidem's Palace, Big Qua Town, Calabar.

Have a wonderful and successful Ofu Oban Cultural Festival. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**


Ntufam Engr. Hon. Etim Solomon Edet, MNICE, MNSE, MASCE, COREN
Chairman

GOODWILL MESSAGE



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I am so proud of Ofu Oban. The Renaissance is here, unfolding in all ramifications before our own eyes. Ofu obera osi. Ejik efon Obasi.

Ntufam Sandy Onoh
Governor
Cross River State, 2023



GOODWILL MESSAGE

On behalf of my family and I, I wish to felicitate with the president Mr Chris Edet and members of Ejik Oban Development Association and the entire Oban indigenes in diaspora on the successful celebration of Ofu Oban.

We the Oban people are known for our uniqueness in every sphere of human endeavor. It is therefore important that we uphold our cultural values and teach them to children and families.

It is also important that we extol and remember the contributions of our people in diaspora in their chosen career. We pray the Almighty God to keep the leadership of Ejik Oban Development Association and her members in good health and sound mind.

Congratulations!!!

Hon and Mrs. Linus Bassey Etim
Executive Chairman
Akamkpa L.G. Council





*Elder (Ntufam)
John Achort Okon*

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9th November, 2022

The Chairman,
Ejik Oban
Calabar.

Sir,

GOODWILL MESSAGE

I received with great delight the Ejik Oban, Calabar plan to exhibit the rich culture and tradition of the Oban Community and by extension the culture and tradition of Ejagham people in Calabar.

During the course of my duties and obligation as the Grand Patron of AKA-CHAAK Festival, the annual programme of Oban Community, which also incorporate the Ejagham people generally, I discovered the critical role played by Ejik Oban members in the success of AKA-CHAAK Festival. Most leaders and Sponsors of the various cultural bands/plays are also leaders and members of Ejik Oban Calabar, apart from the display of grandeur and dignity of members of Ejik Oban as one of the important band in AKA-CHAAK Festivals

Let me also commend the Chief host/Sponsor of AKA-CHAAK Festival, His Royal Highness, Okpata (Ntufam) Stephen Mbey, Clan head of Oban and the Oban Traditional Council for the incorporation of members of Ejik Oban in the various activities of the one month long activities. It must be mentioned with pride that in all the cultural and traditional activities like Be Seng (Wrestling), Monikim Mgbe and the Football and the Beauty Peagent activities, members of the Ejik Oban are actively involved.

My appeal is that this great co-operation between Ejik Oban Calabar and our traditional/cultural institutions should continue to be strengthened and improved as the generational gap can only be closed and harmonized through this linkages and co-operation.

Once more, congratulation to the leadership and members of Ejik Oban, Clabar as I wish this programme success.


Elder (Ntufam) John Achort Okon



Rt. Hon. (Sir) Charles Ekpe (Isi)

**MEMBER REPRESENTING AKAMKPA II STATE CONSTITUENCY
CROSS RIVER STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

CRSHA COMPLEX, CALABAR. CROSS RIVER STATE. GSM: 08053180177, 07030600043

FELICITATIONS

On behalf of my family and the people of Akampka II State Constituency, I heartily congratulate Ejik Oban Development Association on the maiden edition of **OFU OBAN** Cultural Festival.

Oban is an Ejagham Community that is renowned for her rich history, tradition and culture. Indeed, this event will once again bring to the fore, and further promote the rich cultural heritage of Oban and the entire Ejagham Nation with a view to giving her people a renewed sense of pride and dignity in the comity of Nations.

Congratulations, once again. May this event transcend the history of our time.

Long Live Ejik Oban Development Association!

Rt. Hon. (Ntufam) Charles Ekpe



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Mr Christopher E. Edet (KSM)
President EjikOban Development
Association, Calabar.

GOODWILL MESSAGE

It is with profound joy that i wish to congratulate the Atuofam (Chiefs), leadership and people of the Ejik Oban Development Association On the occasion of our Celebration of the Ejik Oban Traditional Festival.

Festival nationwide portray's the rich cultural Values of the People and brings about Unity, Love and Development to it's people.

It is in this vain that our fathers Sought to portray and preserve our culture and tradition, hence we are witnesses to the celebration of the Ejik Oban festival of the Atuofum and people of the Oban Tradition today.

On my own behalf and unbehalf of my company and staff, I wish us well in our endeavours and hope the maiden celebration of the Ejik Oban festival would grow and be sustained to reap the fruit it is intended to bear.

LONG LIVE EJIK OBAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL!
LONG LIVE THE OBAN PEOPLE !!.
LONG LIVE THE EJAGHAM TRADITION!!!.
LONG LIVE AKAMKPA L. G. A!!!!.
LONG LIVE CROSS RIVER STATE!!!!!!
LONG LIVE THE GOOD PEOPLE OF NIGERIA!!!!!!
MAY THE GOOD LORD BLESS US.



Prince Isaac Edet
a.k.a Commissioner
Managing Director



GOODWILL MESSAGE

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My family and the management of Ovo Hotel and Resort congratulate the Executive and members of Oban in diaspora umbrella body, **Ejik Oban Development Association** on the occasion of the her maiden edition of Ofu Oban Cultural Festival.

With giant achievement of Oban indigenes, it is worthy that we mark this day with pride and bring our people in one voice of unity.

Therefore, I'm happy to be a true son of Oban sharing in his glory and celebrating our landslide accomplishment. I pray God to bless us and give us the enablement to keep preserving our culture at all time.

OVO ADIDI
Managing director





IGUI-NJIMI CULTURAL GROUP OF EJIK OBAN

Ntufam (Prof) Charles Effiong's Residence Abetianbe Close,
States Housing Calabar, Cross River State

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Motto: One People, One Culture

Our Ref:.....
Your Ref:.....

Date: 18th November, 2022

The President
Ejik Oban Development Association
Mr. Chris Edet (KSM).

GOODWILL MESSAGE

It is with profound delight that we convey to you and the good people of Oban our warm felicitations and shared feelings on this solemn day our Cultural Day event. We are encouraged to reach out to you because of our collective desire to serve our community and provide an enabling environment for the individual and collective growth of Ejagham nation through culture.

We are sure this unique confluence of culture, music launch and exhibition of our local cuisines shall be a great celebration of our Cultural existence and pride, even as it showcases the oneness of Ejagham. May the occasion of Ofu Oban be a platform for our people to create strong, lasting bridges of friendship, solidarity, and shared goal.

On behalf of Igui-njimi group, we wish you a happy and meaningful Celebrations.

Congratulations!!!

Hon. Odo Ene
Coordinator

Richard Agbara
Secretary



IGUI-EKAGHANKA CULTURAL GROUP

GOODWILL MESSAGE

We wish to facilitate with the president and all members of Ejik Oban on the occasion of our maiden edition of Ofu Oban (Oban day) celebration.

As we try to showcase our cultural heritage and traditions to the world, we also pray for peace, love and unity among Oban sons and daughters as we strive to develop and take our community to greater heights.

Long Live Oban Community
Long Live Ejik Oban
Long Live Igui-Ekaghanka

Juliet Agbachom
Coordinator

Emmanuel Itokem
Deputy Coordinator

GOODWILL MESSAGE

OFU OBAN
MAIDEN
EDITION

ATI - OKPATA CULTURAL GROUP
EJIK OBAN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
Motto: Together We Stand

**OFU OBAN
CULTURAL FESTIVAL**


Goodwill Message


On behalf of the coordinator and all the lovely members of ATI-OKPATA GROUP, we write to congratulate the president and all the wonderful people of our great community on this auspicious occasion.

The Journey may not have been very smooth but God's grace has been sufficient.

May this celebration continue to increase and foster love, peace and unity amongst all sons /daughters of Oban and indeed Ejagham Nation.

Long live Ejagham Nation
Long live Akamkpa
Long live Ejik Oban Development Association.


Mr. Leo Ndifon
Group Coordinator


Linda Offiong
Acting Secretary



NDIP-ETEK CULTURAL GROUP

16th November 2022

THE PRESIDENT,
EJIK OBAN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

FELICITATION

We the entire members of the NDIP-ETEK CULTURAL GROUP facilitates with the president of EJIK OBAN development association and leaders of various cultural groups and the entire members of EJIK OBAN on the maiden edition of (OFU OBAN) cultural festival.

We also salute the endless effort of the Ejik Oban members in today's cultural day which is celebrated with so much pride.

We are joyous to the fact that an opportunity of this nature was availed in order to celebrate and promote the cultural heritage of our tribe with common values unity and love amongst the Ejagham Nation.

Long live the Oban People
Long live Ejikoban development Association

Signed

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Linus Offiong".

Linus Offiong
(Group Leader)



On behalf of my family and I, it gives me great pleasure to extend my best wishes on the auspicious occasion of Ofu Oban celebration.

As custodian of our culture and tradition we play significant roles in shaping and preserving our cultural heritage in the promotion of peace in our communities.

Today, I celebrate the progressive ideas, wisdom, humility and uncommon leadership of the executive and members of Oban in diaspora whose achievements and accomplishments are unparalleled.

As we continue to exalt our culture, build peace and develop our people, it is my fervent prayer that Ejik Oban Development Association, the umbrella body of Oban indigenes in diaspora will keep unifying all and sundry for the greater glory of God.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD BLESS YOU!

Ntufam Inok Edim and family



ALL PROGRESSIVE CONGRESS

CROSS RIVER STATE CHAPTER

GOODWILL MESSAGE

My dear people of Ejik Oban, it is with a seasoned desire to felicitate with the entire clan as we celebrate the maiden epistle of Ofu Oban 2022. This is being nothing as we tend to celebrate our glamorous oneness as a people.

The essence of the Ofu Oban celebration is meant to promote our cultural heritage, identity and projection of our rich tradition that characterized love, unity, peace that has been existing from ages.

It is also an occasion that commemorates the hard work of our parents that brings to our awareness the norms and values of the people. The celebration is a necessary one to keep the culture going and appreciating the ancestral effort of the great men and women of the Land.

I wish to admonish that as we celebrate the maiden edition that symbolizes our Unity and Love for oneself, I called on our dear brothers and sisters at home and Diaspora as a collective gain as a people of common patrimony to join genuine and people oriented courses which shall among other see the growth and development of our land as well as project in all possible avenues our very rich cultural values and heritages for the world to behold.

SIR JOSEPH IBIA
CRS APC STATE EXCO
(MEMBER)



GOODWILL MESSAGE

Dear, **Mr. Christopher Ekpe Edet**, President of Ejik Oban.
Congratulations to you all your executives on your inaugural edition of the Ofu Oban Cultural Festival ceremony.

I'm proud of your untiring effort to rebrand Ejagham Oban's sociocultural heritage and its relevance for today.

I wish everyone in attendance a very joyous occasion and God's blessing. Amen.

Yours Sincerely,

Fr. Emmanuel Nyenabone



EKAN OYEBAMBINGHI

OBAN TOWN

14th November, 2022

The President,
Ejik Oban Development Association
Calabar, Cross River State

Sir,

GOODWILL MESSAGE

Ekan Oyeb heartily felicitates the president and the entire members of Ejik Oban Development Association on the occasion of her **maiden edition of OFU OBAN**.

As we display our unique humanistic cultural heritage and traditions to the world, we pray for love and unity among us that will bring positive development to our community.

Itabang Ukpong
Ntui Ekan



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November 11, 2022

Mr Christopher Edet KSM
President
EJIK OBAN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Dear Chris,

OUR GOODWILL MESSAGE

It is with a mien that is emblematic of the contents of our hearts that, on behalf of the Akamkpa Old Stars Sports Club we convey to you and the entire membership of EJIK OBAN Development Association in Calabar and in diaspora, our goodwill and lavish felicitations on the occasion of the OFU-OBAN Cultural Festival celebration on Saturday November 26, 2022 at the Palace of the Ndidem of the Quas and Patriarch of the Ejagham Nation of Cross River State.

EJIK OBAN is not only a sociocultural association that promotes our collective Ejagham Heritage but also a trailblazer in the collaboration of efforts towards the accentuation and prominent positioning of the Ejagham cultural values, norms, ethos and Tradition amongst the comity of Nations for global recognition. We are exceedingly happy that as an illustrious member of our esteemed Club you have made us proud, particularly that your reign as the President has brought to bear on EJIK OBAN a purposeful leadership that is proactively driven for excellence and in tandem with global best practice(s).

We wish that you continually lead with immense integrity, uprightness, discipline and stable morality for a productive reign towards the growth of EJIK OBAN and the Ejagham Tradition in general. We share in your sentiments at this epoch making event and wish you exceedingly well today, tomorrow and in the days, months and years to come. Congratulations!

Long Live EJIK OBAN!
Long Live AKAMKPA OLD STARS SPORTS CLUB!!
Long Live EJAGHAM NATION!!!

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Calabar, Cross River State

GODWILL MESSAGE

On behalf of myself and the entire members of CATERPILLAR MOVEMENT AKAMKPA, we are glad to be part of this historic and maiden edition of OFU OBAN cultural festival.

We pray and wish Ejik Oban Development Association a wonderful outing as they celebrate and wish the members, prosperity and good health.

Congratulations and happy OFU OBAN celebration.

Effa, Effa A. Ph.D
Coordinator Akamkpa
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Cross River State
Tourism Bureau

November 15, 2022

Ejik Oban Development Association
Calabar
Cross River State.

GOODWILL MESSAGE

The Management and Staff of Cross River State Tourism Bureau felicitate with the Ejik Oban Development Association on the occasion of the maiden edition of OFU OBAN Cultural Festival. Occasions such as this reminds us of our rich heritage of love, peace, unity and progress.

As you celebrate, we share with you the ideas, ideals, philosophy and socio-cultural lessons the occasion teaches and promotes. Indeed, we are a proud, confirmed and uncompromising believers and promoters of our shared values.

We will explore the opportunities and larger sociocultural and economic benefits this festival offers, which will further boost and enhance the State's tourism industry.

It is our hope that, together we can do greater good for the people of Ejagham and we pray for God's continuous blessings upon us as we march towards a greater and better society for all of us and the next generation.

Congratulations and happy celebrations.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Emmanuel Ekpe (KSM)
For: Managing Director



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Goodwill MESSAGE

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15th November, 2022

Ejik Oban Development Association
Oban Town,
Akamkpa Local Government,
Cross River State.



GOODWILL MESSAGE

On behalf of our Principal, Ntufam Sen. Prince Bassey Edet Otu, gubernatorial candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Cross River State, members of Fusion196, we wish to felicitate with the Oban people on this auspicious occasion of Ofu Oban Cultural Festival and the launch of the Eyum Ejik Ejagham musical album.

Today marks quite a significant milestone in the socio-cultural evolution of Oban Community. Indeed, it reminds the good people of Oban their communality, brotherliness and of their most cherished unique history, growth and development.

The Oban day reminds us of our true identity and places us in our place of honour and esteem. Our hospitality and cosmopolitan nature is undisputed and our disposition to advancing human kindness has so endeared us to many, placing us in a sublimed position.

Indeed, this occasion yet provides the people with a veritable opportunity to make enviable socio-cultural projections.

We wish to extend the warmth, goodwill and kindest regards of Senator Bassey Otu to all Oban sons and daughters and to reassure them of his continuous friendship and partnership in the days ahead.

Once again, congratulations.

Comr. Joe Ekamoti Agbor
Convener Fusion196

for the good of all



PRINCE IS COMING SUPPORT ORG

Oban Ward, Akamkpa Local Government, Cross River State.

Goodwill Message

I wish to on behalf of Ntufam. Sen Bassey Otu APC gubernatorial candidate Cross River State and the leadership of Prince is Coming support organization in Cross River State, congratulate the good people of Oban community on the occasion of Ofu Oban cultural festival.

Oban community is truly one that has sustained her heritage and has promoted brotherliness amongst brethren's, such that an event as this brings to the fore our shared concerns and aspirations.

On this very important day we are reminded of how far we have come as a people with a common destiny to build on our values and appreciate our socio-cultural growth and development.

I wish to use this medium to also reiterate Ntufam. Sen. Otu's long standing friendship not just with the Oban people but the entire Ejagham race and to assure us of his highest regards for the people now and always.

Thanks and God bless us.

Elder (Hon) Daniel Etim Itomin (Last Don)
Coordinator Oban ward



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**GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM PROFESSOR PAUL E. ITARI TO EJIK OBAN
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION ON THE OCCASION OF OFU OBAN
CULTURAL FESTIVAL**

On behalf of myself, my wife and family, I wish to felicitate with the **Ejik Oban Development Association** and the entire people of Oban in diaspora on the occasion of **Ofu Oban Cultural Festival** holding in Calabar at the Palace of the Ndidem of the Quas to showcase the undiluted culture of the Ejagham People today, the 26th of November, 2022.

Ejik Oban has been a versatile and dynamic voice of the Oban people since its inception. But since the present Chairman took over the reigns of office and inspite of the trying times, he has picked up the gauntlet with the gusto of a man who knows his onions. Before long, the results of his achievements began to show in every facet of the association's activities, just as the one we are witnessing today.

Infact, so much has been achieved by the association within a short time of its existence. I believe that with the abiding faith in God, courage and steadfastness coupled with the goodwill the association has garnered, it will be able to build the Oban of our dreams.

I pray therefore, for more grace, strength and favours from God upon the lives of Oban citizens in the years to come.

Long live Ejik Oban Development Association

Long live the people of Oban

Paul E. Itari
(Professor)



Women for Uwat Ekpo Movement felicitate and extol the executive members of Ejik Oban Development Association and the entire Oban indigenes in diaspora on the occasion of Ofu Oban celebration.

While we celebrate our rich cultural heritage, we're proud as Ejagham people who have been blessed beyond measures to sustain our values and preserve our common identity.

It is therefore our desire as women who seek the good of our children and society to preserve our values.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Mrs. Peggy Effa

Coordinator





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10th November, 2022

The President,
Ejik Oban Development Association,
Calabar,
Cross River State.

GOODWILL MESSAGE

On behalf of my family, I am pleased to identify with the Ejik Oban Development Association on this unique occasion of maiden edition of OFU OBAN Cultural Festival.

Ejagham is one of the most populous ethnic group in present day Cross River State. Despite its population with rich cultural setting, much is yet to be explored to promote the culture of the Ejagham people.

This particular event is a step in the right direction and I am delighted to be associated with the tremendous and positive match toward promoting the rich culture of Ejagham People.

Of a truth, the Association has imparted unparalleled influence on our generation. This is evident in the array of success recorded by the Association in recent times.

I pray for long life, love, unity and continued progress.

Congratulations, once again.

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GOODWILL MESSAGE

On behalf of Board of Directors, Management and Staff of ASUKPE VENTURES LTD., we HEARTILY CONGRATULATE and FACILITATE WITH the leadership, members and planning committee of OFU OBAN Cultural Festival over her maiden edition of the celebration.

With the intention of making this an annual event, we applaud the initiative which is geared towards promoting the rich culture of the Ejagham people. We will always be opened to ways of collaboration in ensuring the festival is enhanced and sustained.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Yours sincerely,

Elder (Ntufam) Augustine Ekpe
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GOODWILL MESSAGES

I wish to on behalf of my family, we heartily congratulate you the President you The President, Exco and members of **EFIK OBAN** at home and Diaspora on this occasion of **OFU OBAN**, we are highly delighted and privileged to be part of this occasion.

We are proud to be part of this occasion and we count ourselves lucky to belong to a place called **OBAN**.

Congratulations!

Ofiong, Margaret Ben (Mrs.)





GOODWILL MESSAGE

Kadimo Oqua

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15th November, 2022

GOODWILL MESSAGE FOR OFU EJIK OBAN

I, and my family, with greatest thanksgiving, sincerely appreciate the effort and concerns of the President, Nta Chris Edet and members of organizing committee of EJIK OBAN in showcasing and propagating the Ejagham culture to the world.

Before today, Oban was the first Ejagham community to be showcased by Amouray P.Talbot, the colonial District Officer in his 1912 book, IN THE SHADOWS OF THE BUSH, who extolled the Ejagham culture and unveiled the Ejagham potentials to the world, now furthered by EJIK OBAN.

On behalf of my family, we can only say 'Bravo! Keep up the good work'

Long live Ejik Oban
Long live the Ejagham Nation
Long live Nigeria

Kadimo Oqua and family.



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Mr. Chris Edet (KSM)
President,
Ejik Oban Development Association,
Oban, Akamkpa L.G.A.

LETTER OF FELICITATION

My family and I rejoice with my dear worthy brother, Mr. Chris Edet (KSM), President Ejik Oban Development Association and the entire members of Ejik Oban Development Association on the maiden event of **OFU OBAN** Cultural Day holding at the Ndidem's palace, Calabar.


Culture has been known to be the way of life of our people and a great uniting factor. It is my fervent believe that this event will meet its expectation of uniting the great people of Oban at home and in diaspora and foster peaceful co-existence for greater and more meaningful development.

Once again, Congratulations and May God bless our Land, State and Country.


Nkub, Nkub, Nkub Ejik.....


Mr. & Mrs. Joe - Udobong Offiong (KSM) and family





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Felicitations

I write to felicitate with the Executive and the entire members of
EJIK OBAN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION on this auspicious event
o f O F U O B A N C U L T U R A L F E S T I V A L .

I have no doubt that this association will more developments to
the people of Oban. I am proud to identify with Ejik Oban because
this story of my life cannot be completed without Oban. At this point,
it is not out of context to say, I AM THE EJIK OBAN having been raised in Oban.

Let me at this point appreciate the leadership of this group and plead
with them and every member to identify with COMSGRAM ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION. Come, let us promote EJIK Oban through COMSGRAM ALUMNI

Congratulations



GOODWILL MESSAGE



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The President,
Ejik Oban Development Association
Calabar, Cross River State,
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LETTER OF FELICITATION

The Parish Priest, the Pastoral/the Laity councils and all the Faithfull of the above Church, are grateful to be invited by you to be part of your celebrations. We therefore felicitate with you on the occasion of your maiden edition of OFU OBAN Cultural Festival. As this Festival is meant to bring unity among the Ejagam people, we pray the Almighty God who knows the end from the beginning to graciously fulfil your dreams in accordance with His will.

Have a wonderful celebration, Peace be with you.


Ntufam Emmanuel Nyong Edet
Laity President


Bro. Jerry Ntui
Secretary


Very Rev. Fr. Peter Ekpenyong
Parish Priest



Ntufam Emmanuel Ntuyang
(Ntufam Oseng Of Oban)

GOODWILL MESSAGE

I am delighted to be part of this event, which is the first of it's kind in the annals of the Oban cultural offerings.

I am aware of the journey and its attendant struggles, the progress and strides achieved in it's wake.

These feats have constantly warmed our hearts, while giving us cause to be proud of our rich heritage.

Ejik Oban Development Association has proven itself over time as a dependable and focused development association and a rallying point of many Oban people. I therefore congratulate the President and indeed, the entire Ejik Family for it's steadfastness and commitment to the course of Community Development.

It is my sincere hope that OFU OBAN will become an annual event that will draw the attention of the world to the beauty of Ejagham Culture and her values.

Happy Celebration!
Nkub! Nkub!! Nkub!!! Ejik.

Ntufam Emmanuel Ntuyang.

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NKUB-NKUB EJK, EJK OBAN EJK OBAN WOMEN

The entire members of Ejik Oban Women, heartily felicitate with the president and the entire members of Ejik Oban on the Ofu- Oban, 2022 Ka Arek.

We pray God to grant us a peaceful weather to enable celebrate our festival successfully in Jesus name-Amen.

Nkub-Nkub Ejik, Ejik Oban

Mrs. Veronica Asuquo
President

Vivian Patrick
Secretary