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Goodwill Message by the Chairman, OEF

His Royal Majesty, The Ovie of Oghara Kingdom, members of the HRM's esteemed council of chiefs present, The Vice Chancellor and Senior faculty members of the Western Delta University, special guests, and most importantly, our brilliant scholars, welcome!

Today marks a moment of profound significance not just for the 13 exceptional young minds seated before us, but for the future of Delta State and for the enduring legacy of the Otemu Educational Foundation.

When we launched this scholarship scheme in November 2024, we did so with a singular vision: to break the barriers of poverty and circumstance that too often stand between talent and opportunity. We believed then, as we do now, that brilliance is not bound by wealth, and that the dreams of our youth deserve more than applause; they deserve investment.

From over 473 applicants, through rigorous tests, interviews, and screenings, you, our 13 beneficiaries emerged not just as candidates, but as torchbearers. You represent the promise of a better tomorrow. Whether you are venturing into Nursing, Software Engineering, Mass Communications, Medical Laboratory Science, or the Humanities, you carry with you the hopes of your families, your communities, and this Foundation.

Let me be clear: this is not charity. This is justice. This is equity. This is the deliberate empowerment of those who have earned their place but lacked the means to claim it.

The Otemu Educational Foundation was born out of a deep conviction that education is the most powerful tool for transformation. And this maiden edition is only the beginning. We are building a tradition, an annual commitment to ensure that no child with the fire of ambition and the gift of intellect is left behind.

We are especially proud to partner with Western Delta University, Oghara, as the off-taker institution for our sponsored students. This collaboration ensures that our scholars are not only admitted into a reputable academic environment but are also nurtured to achieve their full potential.

To our scholars: You are not just recipients, you are ambassadors. Carry this honor with humility, but also with pride. Let your excellence be your gratitude. Let your success be your testimony. And let your journey inspire others to believe that greatness can rise from any corner of Delta State.

To our partners, educators, and supporters: Thank you for standing with us. Your belief in this mission fuels our resolve. Together, we are not just funding education, we are shaping destinies.

To the dedicated team of the Otemu Educational Foundation: Your tireless work and unwavering commitment have made this process seamless and successful. You are the backbone of this initiative, and your efforts are deeply appreciated.

To the people of Delta State and well-meaning Nigerians everywhere: This is your Foundation. These are your children. And this is your future. We invite you to support this mission through all forms of donations and contributions, be it financial, material, or intellectual. Let us continue to nurture it with courage, compassion, and commitment.

May this day be remembered not just as an induction, but as ignition, the spark that lit the path for generations to come.

Thank you, and may God bless the Otemu Educational Foundation, our scholars, and the great people of Delta State.

Sincerely yours,

Chief James Onanefe Ibori
Chairman, Otemu Educational Foundation