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ADAMOLEKUN CHRONICLES LIFE'S EXPERIENCES IN “ I REMEMBER”

A book signing event and public presentation of ‘I Remember’ that chronicles the life experiences of Erudite Professor ,Ladipo Adamolekun ,was recently held at the T. I. Francis auditorium of the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA). In the seminal book Professor Adamolekun, an accomplished academic, international diplomat, veteran author and one-time politician documents his various experiences through the course of his distinguished career and private and public engagements .The book records the captivating life of Professor Adamolekun and his rise from a humble background to a distinguished career in academia and public service.

Speaking at the occasion the Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Akure Professor Adebisi Daramola said “I congratulate Professor Ladipo Adamolekun for his great feats. He has been able to put together his journey from his humble background through his academic life to a distinguished and renowned academic and public service, adding that the book is the recollections of Professor Adamolekun’s family heritage, a young boy who was very hard working, full of passion for reading and a dogged fighter”.

Some other dignitaries at the book presentation showered encomium on the author who through dint of hard work and commitment to worthy causes became a star in his chosen career. Commending the don, the Governor of Osun State, Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola, who was represented by the Head of Service, Mr. Sunday Olayinka Owoye, quoted the popular bible verse, “Seeth thou a man diligent in his work, he shall stand before kings and not mean men”. He said Professor Adamolekun has been able to prove his worth in the academia,

banking and even in politics, adding that the book is a testimony of hard work. On the personality of the author, Owoeye described him as a self-contented man, quiet and very deep. He called on the younger generation to learn from Baba's wealth of wisdom, saying "the words of an elder are words of wisdom as one can learn from their wealth of experience". Also Ondo State Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko who was represented by the State Commissioner for Education, Architect Jide Adejuyigbe said the title of the autobiography says it all and likened the author to diamond that cannot be hidden neither can be forgotten. Addressing the gathering the globally acclaimed University Teacher and Poet, Professor Niyi Osundare said Professor Adamolekun has been able to combine character and learning which is what is standing him out today. Osundare described Professor Adamolekun as a silent achiever who gives instructions and accomplishes them quietly. He said the don does not compromise standard and that has fetched him a lot of respect even among his colleagues.

The autobiography, authored by Adamolekun who became a Professor at the age of 36 is made up of six parts including his early years, the making of an academic, Ife years, National and International Engagements, World Bank years and Post Retirement activities and experience. He closed with "A note for the millennials' Nigeria and I" – an overview of what he experienced in respect of three fond memories of his early years that are missing in his early old age; educational excellence, meritocracy and strong Institutions.

According to the author, "I remember" developed from diaries and fairly exclusive notes he kept since January 1962 when he was nineteen (19) years. He said he imbibed the culture of record keeping from his late father who had a note called "iwe akiyesi" meaning "book of reflection". This book which taught Adamolekun record keeping became a positive reference point that made the little Ladipo an international figure today.

The narrative prose which clearly highlights virtues such as hard work, courage, selflessness and integrity is made up of 352 pages and printed by Safari Books Ltd Ibadan.

