

PRESS RELEASE

DR. TAFIDA EXTOLS NIGERIAN COUNCIL OF ELDERS

The High Commissioner of Nigeria to the United Kingdom, Dr. Dalhatu Sarki Tafida (OFR) on Saturday 25th June 2011 extolled the Nigerian Council of Elders (NCE) for its sagacity, unalloyed co-operation and patriotic support towards the Mission and their positive projection of Nigeria's image in the United Kingdom.

2. Dr. Tafida, a patron of the NCE who was accompanied by his wife, Mrs Salamatu Tafida, gave the commendation at a Pre-Twenty First Anniversary Reception organised in his honour at the Conway Hall (Red Lion Square) London by the Nigerian Council of Elder. He observed that NCE funded by elders, had shown by example that they are patriotic, very highly organised and without necessarily harassing the Mission to come to their aid, as they are always looking out to assist the Mission, instead of the other way round.

3. The High Commissioner praised the elders for their various recommendations to the Mission, which have been implemented, part of which is the visible transformation in the Mission. He enjoined all to be their brother's keeper as there should be no room for tribalism and pledged the Mission's support to encourage the organisation. Dr. Tafida thanked the organisers for their support while he was away as the Director-General of the Presidential Campaign organisation, adding that he believed in what he did and will do it again.

4. Earlier in the welcome address, the chairman of the occasion, Mrs. Gladys Olowu, eulogised the sterling qualities of His Excellency. She remarked that in life while no man is perfect, Dr. Tafida deserved a merit of distinction in human

relationship. She also noted that Dr. Tafida is compassionate and understanding, as this is visible in the structural and administrative transformation in the High Commission. In conclusion, Mrs Olowu congratulated the High Commissioner for the success of the Presidential election adding that he rightly earned a ticket for the post of next president of Nigeria.

5. The occasion was graced by eminent Nigerians in the Diaspora various woman and men groups, Executive officials/ members of NCE, Media chieftains and members of the diplomatic staff/ spouses.

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