

WELCOME REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Distinguished Old Boys, it is a pleasure to welcome you to the fifth Annual Luncheon of the GCIOBA Ibadan Branch which we have tagged “The Homecoming” Luncheon.

In many ways this gathering is truly a homecoming. Ibadan Branch remains the father of all the GCIOBA branches and the doyen of them all, hence an event of this sort is indeed a homecoming for all our colleagues and their families from all other branches and Class sets across the world. Secondly, over the years if not decades, our great association had consistently moved to play a more involving role in the management and operations of Government College Ibadan to re-establish our glorious traditions and ethical conduct of the past which produced the reputed alumni GCI boasts of over the last four generations of alumni. Whereas previous administrations in Oyo state did not fully buy into our committed vision for our Alma Mata, the current administration in Oyo state has clearly indicated a willingness to engage with GCIOBA (among other organizations) to discuss the process and possible models by which our association can play a more relevant role in management, in order to restore GCI to its glorious days of being the envy of all, the pride of all schools in the west, and the foremost institution in Nigeria for “learning to serve”.

The presentation of Yomi Jones (63 set), Chairman of the GCI Education Endowment Foundation on ‘Government College Ibadan; Emerging Prospects and The Future’ at this luncheon will therefore be an eye opener and a clarion call to our Old Boys to contribute to the process of restoration of this great institution of ours. We are indeed blessed to have the Honourable Commissioner for Education, Professor Niyi Olowofela, join our panel of discussants to present to this august gathering, the proposed initiative of the Oyo State Government on Public- Private Management of Schools. This will in no small way guide the implementation of the vision of our alumni in this regard.

It is however not just a day for talking, but for relaxed entertainment and enjoyable timeout with schoolmates and family. Watch out for rib cracking comedy, spin the fortune wheel of our raffle draw, or hone your strategic marketing skills at our American Auction, while wining and dining at our buffet tables listening to evergreen tunes.

Distinguished Old Boys , Young girls and families, welcome Home!!!

- **Oluseun Abimbola Esq**
Chairman, Luncheon Organizing Committee