

# The President's Acceptance Speech

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY THE  
INCOMING GLOBAL PRESIDENT  
OF DMGS-OSA - PASTOR  
SANYA OLAGUNJU ON 7TH MAY  
2025.

## 1. Introduction

The Grand Patron of DMGS-OSA,  
HRM Kabiyesi Owa Ajero of Ijero  
Kingdom, Oba Joseph Adebayo  
Adewole, JP, OFR and our  
esteemed Patrons, General  
Kayode Oni (Rtd) (1965) and  
Senator Fatimat Raji-Rasaki  
(1973).

The BoT Chairman, Prof Ayodele  
Omotoso (1972) and all members  
of

the BoT, The Doherty Old  
Students Endowment Fund BoT  
Chairman, General Kayode Oni  
(Rtd) (1965) and other BoT  
members, Immediate Past  
President, Dr. Michael Abiodun  
Arokodare , PhD, FCA, (1976)  
Distinguished former Exco  
Members, Honourable Newly  
Sworn-in Exco members, All  
Former Presidents DMGS-OSA,  
Leaders of Class Sets,  
Distinguished Fellow Alumni  
members, Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, I thank God for making  
this day a reality in my life and that  
of our Association. It is with deep  
humility and a profound sense of

responsibility that I am here before you today, having just been sworn into office, signifying my acceptance of the mandate you gave me at the conclusion of our last elections to serve as the Global President of the DMGS-OSA. I am truly humbled and honoured by your trust in me, and I pledge to serve with integrity, transparency, commitment, and unwavering dedication to the collective good of our Association.

## 2. Appreciation

First, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the outgoing

Executive Council dutifully led by  
Dr.

Michael Abiodun Arokodare who has done a great job in the last two years to strengthen our Association in many ways. I want to specifically thank Dr. Arokodare for his leadership, untiring efforts intellectually, generosity and devotion to the cause of our Association. He has left us a big shoe. Same goes to his wife who has stood solidly with us in these last two years.

My appreciation goes also to the Board of Trustees ably led by Prof Ayodele Omotoso and also the Doherty Old Students Endowment Fund BoT led by our respected General Kayode Oni. I also thank all

past Presidents and outgoing Exco members for their services in sustaining our Alumni Association over many years.

Permit me also to commend all those who participated in the just-concluded elections. The spirited campaigns and the active participation of members reaffirm the strength of our young democratic process. I particularly acknowledge my co-contestant, Mr. Oni Williams for his passion for our community's well-being. I look forward to working collaboratively with all stakeholders in the overall interest of our Alumni Association.

Our guiding principle remains simple and powerful: DMGS and DMGS-OSA all the way.

This appreciation will be incomplete without mentioning our National Electoral Commission (NEC) under the leadership of Prince Ayodele Jegede that conducted the last elections with several new innovations without compromising the integrity of the elections. The outcome of the elections without any rancour and leading to this smooth transition today is a testimony to the quality of all members of our NEC.



I am equally grateful to those that encouraged me, the dedicated team that championed my campaign from the 1977 set and all the members from our older and younger sets too numerous to mention individually. Your belief, hard work, and passion are deeply appreciated as many of you never knew nor even met me before this time.

### 3. Assumption of Duty

Although we are officially assuming office today, it is important to say that we have been contacting ourselves informally as newly elected Exco

members since the conclusion of  
our elections —

engaging, consulting, and preparing for the work ahead. I can say without a doubt that all Exco members are committed to:

- Integrity
- Humility
- Innovation
- Transparency
- Accountability

We shall be sharing full details of our budget and agenda in the coming weeks. While we are your elected officers, we cannot do this alone. The support of all shall be needed - BoT members, past Exco members, Class Set leaders and individual members of our Alumni association. I thank all our leaders

who have reached out to me with their advice, support and availability to assist whenever necessary.

#### 4. The Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund that we launched during the 70th Anniversary under the outgoing Exco is up and running with its BoT and Management Committee in place. We shall endeavour to raise more money for this fund through class sets, individual internal donors as well as external ones. We shall come back to all class sets on this in the very near future as we seek to build the fund to enviable heights.

It is hoped that in the next one or

two years, funds generated from this fund will support the DMGS infrastructural development, scholarships, welfare and all other things allowed by the Endowment Fund Constitution.

## 5. Committees

In pursuit of a more effective administration, we shall recognize the need to work with both Management and Adhoc committees in accordance with our constitution. We shall involve all - old and younger sets - in the Committees of our Association. Many Committees will be

inaugurated or constituted within the next few weeks, aligned with the provisions of the DMGS-OSA Constitution and our renewed focus on operational excellence. We will call on fresh energies and renewed committed members with diversity of thought to support the next phase of our development. I am therefore encouraging all our members including all those who contested the last elections to be available whenever prompted by the newly inaugurated Exco.

## 6. Electronic Registration

As your Executive Council, we are determined to give every member

across all sets a voice — your concerns will be heard and your ideas will help shape our future. In order to achieve this, we shall conduct a central electronic registration of every member in every class set showing professions and other details to assist the Association in her constitutional objectives and to also allow every member to network with each other. We are committed to building an administration that is inclusive, responsive, and transformational. All our class set officers are encouraged to co-operate with us to get this done in good time.



## 7. Finance, Accountability and Transparency

In order to ensure we are accountable to all members across the globe, we shall ensure there is annual budgets and regular financial reports to all members. This is in addition to our current external audit functions.

We shall be using technology to drive both budget preparation processes and financial reporting of both the DMGS-OSA and the Endowment Fund.

## 8. DMGS-OSA Secretariat

As it is today, our Secretariat basically reside with the General

Secretary. There shall be a two prong approach to creating a formal setup that can be handed over to the next generations:

- we shall endeavour to establishing a physical place at DMGS including the employment of office clerk.
- we shall use technology to support the Secretariat efficiency and activities using laptops, intranets, electronic filing of records and other office supporting devices.

## 9. Sets Landmark Anniversary Celebrations

We shall be working with the management of the school and the leadership of class sets to have a

regular time annually to celebrate class sets landmark anniversaries. This will replace the scattered timetable being operated by each set now. This should allow more than one class set to meet in the school at the same time and reduce the impact of our celebrations on students and management of the school.

## 10. Welfare of members

As members grow older and retire from former employment, the welfare needs also grow with age. Presently, we have left the welfare of members in the hand of class sets since they are the only one that

know their members intimately. While this informal system has been working, we shall in the near future work with class set leaders on how we can make things to work better to take care of our challenged members and make them feel that our Association cares for them.

## 11. Class Sets Participation

The current participation of class sets in our activities and finances are still very low compared with other old schools within our category.

We shall work closely with existing class set leaderships and prioritising inauguration of more

class sets especially between 2000 and 2024. All these will require support of all members and especially older sets who are in position to encourage the younger sets. The incoming Exco will be call on you shortly on how we can co-operate on this.

## 12. Conclusion

I want to conclude with the words of President Nelson Mandela:

“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.”

What counts now is not that you have attended DMGS at a point in the time past. What really matters is the difference you can make to the next generation.

Together, let us build an Alumni Association that can respond to the yearnings of all members and the future students that will continue to attend DMGS into the unforeseeable future.

I encourage all Set classes to join us as we seek to make a difference in the next two years.

I thank you all once again for this opportunity to serve our great

Alumni Association.

God bless DMGS-OSA!!!

God bless DMGS!!!

God bless Ijero Kingdom!!!

God bless Ekiti State!!!

God bless the FRN!!!

Pastor Sanya Olagunju, FCCA,  
FCA, MBA (1977)

Global President DMGS-OSA

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