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Prince Olusola David Olatunde  
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Ilotin Compound  
Ikun-Ekiti  
Ekiti State, Nigeria

**Re: Congratulatory Message**

Dear Prince Olatunde:

The entire members of the Federation of Ikun-Ekiti Descendants Union Overseas (FIDUO), heartily congratulate you on your eventual victory as the substantive Onikun-Elect, following the verdict of the Federal High Court Ado-Ekiti on December 22, 2016. It was indeed a triumph for truth and a victory for Ikun community as a whole.

We recognize that the challenges of being the paramount ruler of Ikun-Ekiti are daunting because they require someone that is knowledgeable, visionary, selfless, responsive to the yearning of the people, capable of fighting for the rights and freedom of the community, and capable of exerting his influence to ensure rapid development of Ikun-Ekiti. We are confident that with God on your side and the support of the Ikun people, you have what it takes to meet these challenges.

We also recognize that the challenges ahead of the office of Onikun are enormous, given the various socio-economic, political and cultural issues confronting our community today. But we are also confident that you are eminently qualified to occupy the position of Onikun, given your parentage, education, professional pedigree, experience in public and private service, national exposure, and capacity to live up to expectation of the people. To these ends, we hereby pledge our unflinching support and cooperation for your administration as you assume the esteemed position of Onikun of Ikun-Ekiti.

We urge you to make community reconciliation your immediate priority and to extend your hands of fellowship to other contestants for the Onikun royal seat. We also admonish you to have a large heart to accommodate dissenting views in the discharge of the duties attached to your new status. This is crucial because as our new royal father, you would need the support of all shades of opinion in Ikun community to succeed as the new custodian of culture and tradition of our people.

FIDUO would also like to advise you not to be overwhelmed by your current status but to see your position as a call to service. This requires you to always carry out your duties with utmost fear of God and to carry your subjects along in taking decisions affecting Ikun community to ensure peace, tranquility and overall development.

As a people, we must bear it in mind that a house divided against itself cannot stand. FIDUO is therefore using this medium to appeal to the entire Ikun community to please put our differences aside and unite behind the new Onikun of Ikun-Ekiti, to ensure a strong, unified community and a peaceful transition.

We would like to commend the Ilotin Ruling House for its diligent search effort leading to your final selection as the Onikun of Ikun-Ekiti. This selection not only met the criteria jointly stipulated by FIDUO and Egbe Omo Ikun-Ekiti, it also reflected the wishes of majority of Ikun people for a strong, knowledgeable, influential, articulate and selfless King on whose shoulder we can all stand tall as a community.

Finally, we wish you a long, prosperous and fruitful reign as Onikun to continue the good works of your predecessor, the late Oba Adeleye Adebajji Awojobi, JP. We pray that your reign would be a catalyst to the promotion of peace, harmony, stability and rapid progress in our community. We also pray that God Almighty will direct your steps in the onerous task of community leadership.

Once again, we congratulate you for your well-deserved victory for the office of Onikun of Ikun-Ekiti.

Sincerely,

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Ikun Progressive Club (IPC)  
Ikun Youth Parliament (IYP)  
The Ilotin Ruling House  
The Ikun Council of Chiefs

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