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OTUNBA TAJUDEEN ADISA ABASS IS RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF EKO CLUB INTERNATIONAL (ECI)

The members of Eko Club International (ECI) re-elect Otunba Tajudeen Adisa Abass popularly called TJ Abass as the president of the organization at its international convention in Dallas, Texas, USA. The convention held at the Westin DFW Airport Hotel was from October 25-28, 2007.

Otunba TJ Abass was re-elected un-opposed to lead the organization till 2009. His election to the second term is unprecedented in the short history of the organization. TJ Abass' re-election was a result of the outstanding progress the organization made in the last two years with him at the saddle. In his acceptance speech, he promised to continue in the path of progress and continue building on the gains of the past two years.

The theme of the 2007 convention was "a new beginning, a new frontier towards a better and prosperous Lagos." The convention attracted several industries across various sectors of the economy and many dignitaries from Lagos State, Nigeria, and members of ECI from across the US, Canada and Europe.

Three royal fathers from Lagos State, His Royal Highness Oba Rilwan Akiolu, Oba of Lagos, Oba Festus Fafunwa-Onikoyi, Onikoyi of Ikoyi and Imoba and Oba Ogunlaja, Oba of Inaforija Kingdom were in attendance. Honorable Adeyemi Ikuforiji, the Speaker of Lagos State House Assembly and Honorable Oshinnowo, a member of Lagos State House of Assembly

represented the legislature. The executive branch delegation included Honorable Yakub Abiodun Balogun, Lagos State Head of Service, Hon. (Mrs) Joke Orelope-Adefulire, Commissioner of Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, Dr. Jide Idris, Commissioner of Health, Hon. Kayode Opeifa, Special Adviser to the Governor on Transportation, Hon. Oyinlomo Danmole, Special Adviser on Central Business District, Babatunde Williams, senior Special Assitant to the Governor of Lagos State on Corporate Matters, Dr. Dolapo Fashawe and Dr. Alenshiloye both of the Lagos State Ministry of Health to name a few.

The elected officers that will run the affairs of the organization for the next two years are:

Otunba Gbenga TJ Abass – President (Houston)

Alhaji Zainudeen Idowu Popoola – Vice President (New York)

Alhaji Lanre Oladega – Secretary (Atlanta)

Hon. Tayo Okupe – Assistant Secretary (Washington/DC)

Hon. Bissy Gaji – Auditor (Dallas)

Hon. Kolawole Daniel Thomas – Treasurer (Washington/DC)

Hon. Adetunji Oshodi – Financial Secretary (Minnesota)

Hon. Shakira Adebola Kosoko – Social Secretary (California)

Hon. Olayinka Oluwole-Aina – Whip (Canada)

Hon. Larry Johnson – Legal Adviser (Houston)

Alhaji Nasser Adisa Ipaye – Liaison Officer (Chicago)

Alhaji Gbolahan Gbadamosi – Public Relations Officer (Minnesota)