

**BEING TEXT OF A COMMUNIQUE**  
**ISSUED AT THE END OF THE**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> OKPE WORLD CONFERENCE**  
**ORGANISED BY OKPE VOICE (NORTH AMERICA,**  
**EUROPE AND NIGERIA)**  
**HELD AT ADANE HALL**  
**OREROKPE, DELTA STATE. NIGERIA**  
**DECEMBER 22 – 24, 2007**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Okpe World Conference held at Adane Hall, Orerokpe from December 22-24, 2007. The theme of the conference was '**Issues in Okpe Leadership**'. The conference recorded success and adopted the following resolutions.

- The Conference agreed on the need for an Okpe national anthem and directed Dr Ovorhene Idamoyibo to compose one for this purpose. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Okpe World Conference participants listened to the draft anthem and commended the efforts of the composer. It was resolved that Dr I. O. Idamoyibo, Prof. G. E. Idolor and Pa. Peter Etalor review the anthem and bring it again to the Okpe Voice NOC. Thereafter, the anthem would be presented to HRM Orhue I Orodje of Okpe and Udogun –Okpe for approval on behalf of the entire Okpe nation.
- The two Local Government Areas in Okpe should do collaborative work with community members and the police to enhance general development and peace in Okpe Kingdom.
- The Okpe Union of Nigeria should be re-organized with its Headquarters located at Orerokpe or Sapele. All other interest groups like Okpe Voice, Okpe Affairs, Okpe Development Assembly, etc, are to work together with the Okpe Union of Nigeria to enable the Okpe speak with one voice at all times. A good network should be maintained to enable the re-organized Okpe Union of Nigeria function effectively.

- Traditional leadership at district level should be strengthened. District heads should be encouraged to work with all chiefs in their districts.
- Participants reiterated the fact that Okpe is an independent ethnic nationality. Okpe should therefore maintain its identity and autonomy in all ramifications.
- The Delta State Employment Protection Law 2003 provides for host communities 50% job opportunity for junior staff and 30% for senior staff in all the institutions and industries in their land. The Okpe should therefore put in place modalities to ensure that our sons and daughters secure the jobs at the rate provided by the law.
- The Udogun should write letters to all churches in Okpeland that Okpe should be used, either as first language or firsthand interpretation and that songs should be composed, translated and sung in Okpe language in all Church activities.
- The youths should be represented at Okpe Agbamueni and District levels of leadership in Okpe Kingdom
- The Udogun should request the Federal Government of Nigeria to establish a Boat Yard and Liquefied Natural Gas Plant in Sapele for harnessing the processing of the natural gas we are endowed with.

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