

**3rd ANNUAL OKPE WORLD CONFERENCE**  
**DECEMBER 19 - 21, 2008**  
**Sapele, Delta State. Nigeria**

The Editorial Board and the National Organizing Committee of OKPE VOICE cordially invite all Okpe sons and daughters to participate at the 3rd Annual Okpe World Conference, which will be held on December 19 - 21, 2008, in Sapele. The Okpe World Conference is part of the activities for the Adane Okpe Festival.

**Royal Father: His Royal Majesty Orhue 1, LL.M., CFR., mni.,  
The Orodje of Okpe Kingdom**

**VENUE: Okpe Hall, Sapele.**

**About the OKPE VOICE**

Established by a group of Okpe nationals in May 2005, OKPE VOICE provides a forum for the promotion and defence of Okpe interests. Okpe Voice provides a platform for the articulation of critical issues on leadership in Okpeland. It performs these functions by publishing papers on all aspects of development in Okpeland - History, Language, Culture, Politics, Economics, etc. It is a cyberspace institute of Okpe studies The web site of the OKPE VOICE <http://www.okpenation.org> is the premier source of Okpe History and Culture in the cyberspace

**Registration**

Prospective participants are advised to register with Dr. Ovaborhene Idamoyibo by sending a note to him at [idadamoyibomusdel@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:idadamoyibomusdel@yahoo.co.uk) or by phone at 0806-414-7822. Paper presenters are advised to submit drafts of their papers to Dr. Idamoyibo by October 31, 2008.

**THEME: ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT IN OKPELAND**

**Friday December 19**

Venue: Okpe Hall, Sapele

5:00 p.m. Registration & Reception. **Registration fee: 1,000 naira.**

6:00 p.m. Dance/Cultural Display

**Saturday, December 20**

**Morning Session:**

**JOHN ELIGBO BOKORO MEMORIAL LECTURE**  
**(Organized by the Institute of Okpe Studies)**

Venue: Okpe Hall, Sapele

8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.: Master of Ceremony: Rev. Dr. Charles E. Osume (Director, Institute of Okpe Studies)

8:50 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.: Chair: Chief David O. Dafinone

9:20 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. Inaugural Lecturer: Chief Professor S. Ejite Oyovbaire.

**The Okpe People in Contemporary Times: Challenges of the 21st Century**

### **Conference Papers**

#### **MICRO FINANCE, COOPERATIVES, & SMALL /MEDIUM SIZED ENTERPRISES**

Chair:

10: 30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. (First Paper)

10:55 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. (Second Paper)

11:25 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.(Third Paper)

11:50 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Comments and Discussions

12:50 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch Break

### **Afternoon Session**

2:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Launching of the Institute of Okpe Studies

Chair:Chief Mrs. Margaret Unukegwo (TBC)

Chief Launcher:

4:10 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Reception.

5:10 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Dance/Cultural Display

### **Sunday December 21**

#### **Morning Session**

Venue: Okpe Hall., Sapele

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Interdenominational Church Service

### **Conference Papers:**

#### **OIL, GAS AND AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES**

Chair: O. Igbo Natufe, Ph.D

10:15 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.. (First Paper)

10:45 a.m. - 11:10 a.m. (Second Paper)

11:20 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. (Third Paper)

11:50 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Comments and Discussions

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch Break

**Afternoon Session**

2:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. General Meeting / Communique

Chair: Rev. Dr. Charles E. Osume (TBC)

**Agenda:**

- Opening Prayer and Traditional Welcome
- Chairman's Opening Remarks
- Discussions on conference theme
- Next Steps
- Communique
- Closing

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