



**4<sup>th</sup> OKPE WORLD  
CONFERENCE  
DECEMBER 17 – 19. 2010  
Sapele, Delta State. Nigeria**

The Editorial Board of OKPE VOICE cordially invites all Okpe sons and daughters to participate at the **4<sup>th</sup> Okpe World Conference**, which will be held on December 17 - 19, 2010, in Sapele. The Okpe World Conference is part of the activities for the Adane Okpe Festival.

The theme of the Conference is **65<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE RESTORATION OF THE OKPE MONARCHY.** After an interregnum of almost 300 years, the Okpe Kingdom was restored in January 1945, when John Deveno Mebitaghan ascended the throne as Ezezi II. In the first part of the Conference, participants will explore the History, Culture, and Politics of Okpe Kingdom during the interregnum, while the second part will grapple with the issues of Leadership and Development since 1945.

**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 defense 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. The OKPE VOICE engineered the establishment of the Institute of Okpe Studies, Orerokpe.

**Registration**

Prospective participants are advised to register with Rev. Dr. Charles E. Osume by sending a note to him at [ceosume@yahoo.com](mailto:ceosume@yahoo.com) or by phone at +234 803-966-0394. Paper presenters are advised to submit drafts of their papers to Rev. Dr. Osume by October 31, 2008.

**THEME:**

## **65<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE RESTORATION OF THE OKPE MONARCHY**

### **Friday December 17**

Venue: Okpe Hall, Sapele

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

6:00 p.m. Dance/Cultural Display

### **Saturday, December 18**

**Morning Session:**

#### **2nd JOHN ELIGBO BOKORO MEMORIAL LECTURE (Organized by the Institute of Okpe Studies)**

Venue: Okpe Hall, Sapele

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.: Chair: Rev. Dr. Charles E. Osume, Director, Institute of Okpe Studies

9:20 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. Lecturer: O. Igbo Natufe, Ph.D. **Politics and Society in Okpe Kingdom**

### **Conference Papers**

#### **OKPE KINGDOM: THE INTERREGNUM YEARS HISTORY, CULTURE & POLITICS**

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. - 4:30 p.m. **Round Table Discussion: Okpe and Her Neighbours**

Chair: Chief Mrs. Margaret Unukegwo

4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Break

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:**

**OKPE KINGDOM SINCE THE RESTORATION:  
LEADERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT**

Chair:

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 / Communiqué

Chair: O. Igho Natufe, PhD

**Agenda:**

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

O. Igho Natufe, PhD

Chair & Editor

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