

PRESS RELEASE

TAFIDA HONOURS JOHNCROSS OMEKE.

In continuation of the policy of Nigeria High Commission London to recognise Nigerian High Achievers in the UK, His Excellency Dr. Dalhatu Sarki Tafida, OFR, on Friday 28th May 2010 honoured another Nigerian, Johncross Omeke, 13-year old Primary 2 pupil and national winner of the Access Bank of Nigeria's 'Mirror the Master' National Children's Art Exhibition Contest, 2010.

2. In his remarks, Dr. Tafida commended the rich artistic skills of Johncross. He wished him more grease unto his elbows as the sky was his limit. He however counselled him to remain focussed with his education and not to allow the attractions of his present achievement to distract him.

3. Thereafter, the young winner of 'Mirror the Master' made a seven-minute presentation which was well applauded. Chima Ezeilo, the Director of Kambani Arts, followed with a short video presentation of 'Mirror the Master'.

4. Earlier in the day, Johncross accompanied by the Director, Kambani Arts, and the London representative of Access Bank was received at Buckingham Palace. There, the young winner presented two (2) paintings to Her Majesty the Queen, which were placed in the royal collection as the 7001 and 7002 works of the Gallery alongside the works of Nigeria's famous artist, the late Ben Enwonwu.

5. In his vote of thanks, Johncross expressed appreciation to the High Commissioner and his staff for receiving and honouring him. He promised to remain focussed with his education as the High Commissioner advised. He also pledged to continue to improve his skills as a budding artist in order to help in further projecting the rich cultural heritage of

Nigeria as the late Ben Enwonwu, his role model, did in his lifetime.

6. The occasion ended with group photographs.

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