

PRESS RELEASE

TAFIDA HONOURS ANOTHER NIGERIAN UK-BASED LADY AUTHOR

HE Dr. Dalhatu Sarki Tafida, OFR, the Nigeria High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, on Friday May 21 2010, described Ms Olanike Adebayo, author of the book THE REAL DEAL: The Journey of an International Student in the UK (2009), as young Nigerian Lady Author that should be uniquely celebrated by our compatriots in the United Kingdom.

2. Tafida's remark came during the official launch of the book in the Banking Hall of the Nigeria High Commission. The High Commissioner noted that of the four (4) books he had launched since he became the High Commissioner two years ago, three of them were written by young Nigerian women, who should be well congratulated.

3. Moreover, the High Commissioner noted that the book was written in such a simple readable and yet highly informative style, as it takes its readers through the sojourn and personal experiences of the author, right from her arrival at the Heathrow Airport, her encounters with the British culture and tradition, to her graduation as a Biomedical Scientist at the Bradford University, UK.

4. According to the High Commissioner, the author by drawing subtle comparisons with and inspirations from the Nigerian background and experiences in a rather engaging and humorous manner invariably projects the Nigerian culture to her readers. He added that the book should make a compelling read for anyone interested in a safe, hitch-free and stress-free adjustment into the social and academic life of the UK. Furthermore, he exhorted Nigerian youths in the UK to put a greater premium on education, literary activities,

and scholarship as the greatest assets that can be bequeathed to them for a greater tomorrow.

5. The book reviewer, Mr. Dayo Israel, African Youth Ambassador to the United Nations, revealed that the author had demonstrated an exceptional capacity against all odds, to easily blend within the dominant British culture and tradition. He added that the book should be launched in Nigeria as a road map for the benefits of prospective Nigerian youths travelling abroad, who should be properly briefed about the harsh realities of life abroad.

6. In attendance for the book launch were eminent Nigerians based in the United Kingdom, Members of the academic community of the Bradford University, relatives, friends and last but not the least, members of the diplomatic community.

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