

KW-IRS HOLDS 2023 HALF-YEAR PERFORMANCE REVIEW SESSION

The Management of Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) held a performance review session on Monday, 24th July 2023 at its corporate head office in Ilorin, to evaluate the progress of the Service in the first half of the year and to chart



a way forward in the quest to mobilize revenue for the State. During the session, the Executive Chairman, Shade Omoniyi, lauded the efforts of the staff in their commitment to achieving the set budget for the year 2023. She also noted that the Service needs to align its goals with the objectives of the new administration at both the State and Federal levels for effective revenue generation.

Paper presentations on the progress so far and strategies to meet the actual target by the end of the year were made by all revenue-collecting departments of the Service. Questions were raised, and ideas were shared on strategies to improve revenue mobilization.

The Executive Chairman reiterated the need for all KW-IRS staff in every department to see themselves as an integral part of the organization. She emphasized that only through synergy and cooperation among the various departments, each with its unique responsibilities, can the ultimate goal of the Service be actualized – which is to mobilize revenue for the strategic development of Kwara State.

The session had in attendance members of the Top Management, Heads of Departments and Units, and other staff of KW-IRS.



JTB CALLS FOR TOUGH TAX REFORMS IN NIGERIA TO IMPROVE REVENUE GENERATION



The 153rd meeting of the Joint Tax Board (JTB) held in Abuja on Monday, 7th August, 2023 with the theme: "Harmonization and Codification of Taxes at the National and Sub-National Levels: Key to Achieving a Tax-Friendly Environment in Nigeria" had advocated required tax

harmonization to ease tax collection and generation in the country.

Addressing the Board, the JTB Chairman, who doubles as the Executive Chairman, Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Muhammad Nami stated the need to harmonize Nigeria's tax system to attain optimum revenue generation across all levels of government; adding that tax authorities must continue to explore and adopt innovative initiatives for the advancement of the nation's IGR.

Speaking further, Nami explained that it is time for drivers of tax administration in Nigeria to take some hard, but necessary decisions which will ensure the economic prosperity of the nation and yield enormous long-term benefits. He also assured all Executive Chairmen of States' Internal Revenue Services present at the meeting that considering the drive of the current administration towards tax policy reforms, multiplicity of taxes will be eradicated and the country's economy will experience a boost.

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Oyedele added that challenges plaguing the tax system include, too many tax collection agencies, unprofessional means of tax administration as well as manual tax processing, all calling for a deliberate review by concerned stakeholders.

The JTB meeting had in attendance the Executive Chairman of KW-IRS, Shade Omoniyi, and other representatives of Internal Revenue Services of all States of the federation and the Federal Capital Territory.

KWARA GOVERNOR APPROVES PROMOTION OF 248 KW-IRS STAFF, UPGRADE 188, CALLS FOR COMMITMENT TOWARDS IMPROVED IGR FOR KWARA

The Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, has approved the promotion and step upgrade to 436 members of KW-IRS workforce.

The approval is in recognition of the contributions of staff towards revenue mobilisation mandate and in appreciation of an unprecedented achievement of N35.4billion, which represents 112% of the IGR budget of the State for the year 2022; a great leap from 95.5% achieved in 2021.

The promotion exercise had 248 staff comprising, 50 in the senior cadre and 198 in the junior cadre, while 188 staff received letters of step upgrade.

The Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq led administration in KW-IRS 2021 staff appraisal promoted 332 staff and upgraded 235 staff.

KW-IRS has restated its unwavering commitment to the welfare of staff by continuing in making remarkable achievements in line with best practices, intensifying strategic engagements with taxpayers and stakeholders, continuous blockage of revenue leakages through implementation of new initiatives and prompt deployment of modern-day technology towards actualization of the set IGR target for the year 2023.

The Service will not relent in providing conducive work and business environment, placement of premium on its workforce through an extensive training plan for all, as relevant to its operations, better service delivery, health care and work life balance of staff to improve revenue drive for the State.

The KW-IRS in a statement signed by its Executive Chairman, Shade Omoniyi, expressed its profound appreciation to Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq for the opportunity and avenue to explore various innovations over the years and also appreciated taxpayers and other stakeholders who are strategic in supporting its seamless processes of tax administration in the State.

It further appreciated and charged staff to continue to work tirelessly in ensuring set target is met, remain focused and dedicated to the assigned duty of revenue administration in the State by embracing innovations required in doing more together to achieve more success.





KWARA COMMISSIONS NEW AREA COURT WITH e-AFFIDAVIT PROCESSING FUNCTION

The Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Shade Omoniyi, on 12th September, 2023, graced the commissioning of an Upper Area Court, with an

e-Affidavit Processing station affixed, at Warah, in Ilorin West Local Government Area of the State.

The event which is another feat of the AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq led administration was conducted by the Chief Judge of Kwara State, Justice Abiodun Ayodele Adebara.



Aimed at providing appropriate and effective administration of judicial responsibilities in the State, the Chief Judge stated that, the Area court will also make oath taking by students of the State owned tertiary institutions convenient and accessible.

Dignitaries at the event were the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, represented by the Honourable Commissioner for Local Government, Community Development and Chieftaincy Affairs, Alhaji Abdullahi Abubakar, the Balogun Alanamu, Dr. Usman Abubakar Jos, who represented the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji Dr. Ibrahim Sulu Gambari, the Chief Registrar of Judiciary of Kwara State, Ibijoke Olawoyin, and other distinguished stakeholders in the State.

The State is set to commission another well-equipped Affidavit Processing stations in the Magistrate Court, Sango Area, Ilorin and in High Court of Justice, Offa; with computer systems and solar powered inverters for effective issuance of the e-Affidavit.

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VC, Ojaja University pays visit to Kwara Revenue House

In her continuous effort to collaborate with all stakeholders, in moving Kwara to greater heights, the Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Shade Omoniyi, received in audience, at the corporate head office of Kwara Revenue House in Ilorin, the principal officers of Ojaja University, Ilorin, led by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Jeleel Ojuade.



The visit to KW-IRS, on 14th September, 2023 was aimed at discussing the state of affairs of Ojaja University, Ilorin, areas of mutual interest and concern, and way forward to effective tax administration and compliance of all eligible taxpayers in the State.



DID YOU KNOW?

1. According to the Taxes and Levies (Approved List for Collection) Act, Road Taxes are to be collected by the State Government.
2. The Vehicle Management System (VMS) is a platform for all vehicle-related processes designed by KW-IRS.
3. The Motor Licensing Authority (MLA), of Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) is responsible for collection of Road Taxes.
4. KW-IRS issues only Kwara State number plates. A taxpayer cannot obtain another State's number plate in Kwara State but can renew any other State's number plate at KW-IRS.
4. KWAVIS is an acronym for Kwara Vehicle Inspection Service. It is designed to ensure that all vehicles plying our roads are road worthy. It involves physical and mechanical inspection of vehicles. The facility inspects vehicles before certificate of road worthiness is issued to the vehicle owners and it is located beside Olak petrol station, Ilorin.
5. With the introduction of KWAVIS, you can collect roadworthiness certificate alongside other car documents at KW-IRS in partnership with VIO.
6. Driver's License is a legal document issued by Motor Licensing Authority (MLA) in partnership with Federal Road Safety Corp (FRSC) to a person to drive motor vehicle on a public road.

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HEALTH BENEFITS OF ORANGES

Oranges are among the world's most popular fruits, and the most common citrus fruits. Scientifically known as Citrus Sinensis, oranges belong to the Rutaceae family and are mainly grown in tropical climates. They are a good source of vitamin C, as well as several other vitamins, minerals and antioxidants.

Oranges undoubtedly have numerous health benefits among which are the

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1. Protect the eyes and improve vision: Eating foods that are rich in Vitamin A helps to maintain healthy eyesight. Oranges are packed with Vitamin alongside other bioflavonoids which help to protect the eyes from cataracts, macular degeneration and even blindness.

2. Prevent constipation and aid food digestion: Due to the high fibre content, oranges are effective in preventing and providing relief from constipation. Regular consumption of oranges helps improve functions of the digestive system, leading to easy bowel movement.

1. Boost immune system: Oranges contain vitamins A, B and C and other nutrients which help to reduce oxidative stress on cells and stimulate immune function. Vitamin C is a powerful dietary antioxidant that helps protect the body from free radicals that are harmful to the health.

2. Improve skin appearance: Oranges stimulate collagen production which maintains the skin's structure and elasticity, prevents sagging and wrinkles, thereby preventing premature aging. Oranges can help minimize acne scars and leave the skin radiant.

3. Other amazing health benefits of oranges include prevention of chronic diseases such as cancer, diabetes, anaemia and kidney stones. They also help to regulate blood pressure and promote heart health.

Conclusion

Oranges have outstanding health benefits and can be purchased from local fruit stores. Natural orange juice can be nourishing and refreshing; and is a healthy alternative to fizzy drinks and processed fruit juices which are loaded with artificial preservatives and sugar.

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2023 TAX CLUB QUIZ COMPETITION **Grand Finale**

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