

BEING THE ADDRESS DELIVERED BY THE AMIRAH OF MUSLIM LADIES CIRCLE (MLC), ALHAJA SHERIFAT ADEYEMI AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE RAISING OF N8.560 BILLION FOR CRESCENT SCHOOL'S PROPOSED BOARDING SCHOOL AT AJIRAN, LEKKI, ON 27th February , 2024.

I seek refuge in Allah, from the accursed Satan.
In the name of Allah, The Most Beneficent ,The Most Merciful.

Members of the Board of trustees MLC
Executive members of MLC,
Gentlemen of the Press
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

As-Salam alaykum warahmatullah wabarakatuhu.

Gentlemen of the press, I welcome you all to this press briefing on our Fund Raising Event slated for Sunday March 24th,2024, at the Oriental Hotel, Victoria Island Lagos.

Our NGO, the Muslim Ladies Circle(MLC), intends to raise 8.560 billion for the construction of our proposed new boarding school at Bera Estate off Chevron Drive Ajiran, Lekki, Lagos.

Founded in 1974 by some committed Muslim ladies, including the onetime Deputy Governor of Lagos State, Alhaja Lateefah Okunnu. MLC was registered with the government in 1978, with the main objective of contributing to the socio-economic development of the nation, particularly in the area of education and human capital development.

In line with the mission we established the Crescent Schools in 1981, through donations by members and other well-meaning members of the public. The Crescent Schools which comprises a Nursery and Primary section and a College, has grown in leaps and bounds, producing reputable professionals who are contributing immensely to the society.

In furtherance of our objectives, we acquired a 1.5 hectares (36 plots) of land in the Ajiran area of the Lekki peninsula in 2002 where we hope to build a 500-student capacity boarding school.

All necessary documentation from the Lagos State Land Bureau and Town Planning Authority for the land has been obtained.

The boarding school project is coming at a time when there is a growing demand and desire among parents in the Nigeria and beyond, to incorporate Islamic and Qur'anic teachings into their children's education within a structured environment that upholds high standards. The project will meet the goal of producing wholesome persons who are academically sound and spiritually upright.

The Project is a complete school with all necessary facilities .

It will consists of a twin-building administrative complex with a minimum of three floors. The complex will house classrooms, administrative offices, and staff rooms. Additionally, another building with three floors will serve as the hostel. The land will also accommodate the Head of School's residence, a mosque, dining and multipurpose halls, staff quarters, recreational areas, car parking lots, and other necessary facilities.

The total estimated project cost is N14.6 billion. The total value of investment to date by MLC in the development is N6 billion, with N8.6 billion as the estimated cost of the construction phase which we envisage will be raised through this fund raising initiative commencing with the upcoming official launch of the March 24th 2024.

It is instructive to note that all the money generated by Crescent Schools over the years, is ploughed back into the system.

His Royal Highness khalifah Muhammadu Sanusi the 2nd , the 14th emir of Kano . will be the Keynote Speaker at the fund raising event.

We hereby implore well-meaning Nigerians, local and international philanthropic organisations and other cheerful givers to support the project by donating generously towards its realisation. May Allah reward you abundantly as you do so.

Gentlemen of the press, thank you for listening.

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