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From The Editor-in-Chief

U50 Magazine was first printed in 2022 with the goal of amplifying the profile and achievements of young leaders under the age of 50 years. It was not always easy scampering for the stories and personalities that fit into this bouquet with so many challenges. Finding young achievers who have beating the path for the world to reckon is not always easy yet we have never backed out from bringing this ilk.

The South West Nigeria sets the pace in building a solid platform that has showcased young leaders involved in state adiministration; Ogunlende is one of Nigeria's youngest commissioner and top youth leaders in the country whose performance as Governor Sanwo-Olu's assistant got elevated to become the state commissioner of Youths and Social Development.

It is less than one year to the end of Governor Godwin Obaseki of Edo state's tenure yet destiny came calling on Godwins Omobayo formerly of Labor Party now to be appointed the deputy governor of the state.

The north central states, Benue and Plateau brings to fore strategic echelon of state administration with Benue's youngest commissioner at the helm of its Alialization agenda at the state's Ministry of Works, Housing and Development; Tiza Isaac Imojime, the young politician who lost the Federal Representative seat for the Buruku people in Benue state at the 2023 General Elections.

May 29 marks one year since President Bola Ahmed Tinubu was sworn-in as Nigeria's president and commander of the armed forces. Ambassador Elijah Onyeagba zooms in on the debated hallmarks of the Renewed Hope administration with the lens on removal of fuel subsidy and forex free flow. He x-rays unpopular perspectives that illuminates grey areas that the majority align towards. The Economist, Diplomat and Banker jostles our minds to rethink the negative score on the Tinubu led government.

It is no doubt that the world now edges towards putting its weight on Micro Small Businesses and Nigeria is pushing to give its own ecosystem the momentum to soar beyond its weight. The man at the driving wheel for MSMEs in the country is Mr Charles Odii, who was appointed by president Tinubu to steer the affairs at Small Medium Enterprise Development Agency. Being a MSMEs man himself, practitioner and well experience manager, he seems to be transforming the stage for small business to easily access funding and technical support. An exposition on a purpose driven leadership by the young people at SMEDAN.

Many misgivings have been pitched against the new national anthem that was dusted from the pre-democratic dispensation in the country. The debate on whether to "hail thee" or rise oh compatriots" breeds an unncessary banter. For our columnist there so much that could have been gained at that nick of time.

We have put together so much in this edition that will keep you refreshed over this quarter.

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Simon Tuleh
Editor-in-Chief/CEO

GOOD BEATS

Sabinus Makes History on London Stage

Emmanuel Ejekwu, popularly known as Sabinus or Mr Funny is one entertainer who's career took a quantum leap making a stomp on the world's stage in London in front of close to 100,000 people. The Port Harcourt based comedian, MC and content creator achieved a historic feat in his career performing before the largest crowd any African comedian has ever performed and also earning a top spot on the global entertainment chart.

The 29 years old entertainer hails from River State where he spent most of his life and education including Princeton secondary school in Port Harcourt and University of Port Harcourt, River State. Sabinus holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Linguistics and Communication Studies from the University of Port Harcourt. Even though from a humble background, he earned the reputation as Mr Funny right from his early school years.

His career started in 2015 before launching into mainstream entertainment success in 2019. He was nominated in the 2021 maiden edition of The Humor Awards Academy alongside fellow comedian Basketmouth. Sabinus discovered his comedy talent at a young age. He began actively doing comedy skits while he was in the university. This was in 2015 during a particular School Student Union week when decided to pursue his career further by uploading various comedy skits on his social media handles, especially Instagram.

Soon enough, he started getting noticed by Nigerian top Instagram influencers who started sharing his skits and his followers on the platform grew. Mr. Funny broke into the comedy industry in 2019.

His popularity has earned some notable recognition. Oga Sabinus is the brand ambassador for a popular betting site: Oddstackr and many others. Some of his role models who have influenced him in his comedy career are Mr Ibu and Charles Inojie. He won the *Best Male Skit Maker* category of the year in the Legit.ng Awards 2022. He was nominated alongside Funnybros, Mr Macaroni and Broda Shaggi. Sabinus has also featured in multiple Nollywood movies, the likes of 'Billionaire's Bride', 'Man of War' etc.

Mr. Cornelius Oluwasegun Adebayo was appointed by president Bola Ahmed Tinubu as the new Executive Secretary/Chief Executive Officer of the National Agricultural Land Development Authority (NALDA). Mr. Adebayo, son of former governor of Kwara State, senator and reputable politician, Chief Cornelius Olatunji Adebayo. Mr Oluwasegun Adebayo is an engineer and also a community and social development expert. The young development expert has expressed zest and commitment to drive solutions that will engender development in Nigeria's agricultural sector and increase national productivity.