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VOY, over 12 years and counting

WELCOME TO 2022

Readers, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, please join me in helping Egbe *ring in* the new year of 2022. In spite of the pandemic challenges of 2020 and 2021, we look forward to 2022 with a great hope for a better and healthier world.





President's Report: **Egbe Omo Yoruba of Greater Miami Valley: Year 2021 At A Glance**

The year 2021 started with continued fear of the unknown potential impact of the Covid-19 virus. Even with the approval and introduction of vaccines, which majority of our members have taken opportunity to receive, the monthly meeting of Egbe continues virtually. Special kudos to Mrs. Iswat Badiru for setting the Egbe up on Zoom in 2020 and for maintaining same. With Egbe gaining three members this year, our monthly meetings have continued to be well attended, highly spirited, productive, and fun-filled.

The Egbe's executives, along with the various standing committees were on task and did a remarkably outstanding job throughout the year. While our website has been exceptionally maintained as usual by Mrs. Iswat Badiru, she took on additional responsibility of helping with the archiving of Egbe's documents, newsletter, pictures, and videos. Furthermore, the Egbe's newsletter, Voice of Yoruba, continues to be a key source of information on Egbe's activities that we all look forward to. Sincere appreciation to Prof. Deji Badiru, who continues to strategically plan and generate the newsletter as the premier and sole editor.

The year was blessed with lots of reasons, like advances in age (birthdays) in excellent health, children and grandchildren graduations, births, etc., to keep praising our dear Heavenly Father for. Moreover, some of us had various health issues that were and/or continue to be resolved. Unfortunately, we had an unexpected loss of one of our dear members, Deacon Yakub Oladele. In addition, we had dear family members of Egbe that transitioned to glory this year. May their precious souls continue to rest in perfect peace. Amen.

On Saturday, December 4, Egbe had a well-attended, fun-filled, finger-licking food-rich, members-only Christmas Party due to the need to continue to be sensitive to the fact that the pandemic is still a formidable force to reckon with.

As customary for Egbe to give back to the community, scholarships awards of \$500 each were presented on December 6 to four (4) Central State University students selected by the institution officials using the Egbe's Scholarship and Awards criteria for identifying deserving students. Those in attendance at the awards presentation were the Provost of Central State University - Dr. F. Erik Brooks, two of the students receiving the award – Mr. Julian Fuqua and Mr. Phaniel Cofie, members of Egbe Omo Yoruba of Greater Miami Valley - Dr. Ajayi-Majebi, Dr. Morakinyo Kuti and Dr. (Mrs.) Funmi Adegbile. Please refer to the group photo on the next page. The other two award recipients who were unavoidably absent due to exams are Ms. Akaila Howard and Ms. Glenmae Forbes.

While keenly looking forward to the year 2022 with full hope and God-given assurance that it will be another wonderful year, I believe it is accurate to say that 2021 was a truly blessed year.

Dr. (Mrs.) Funmi Adegbile, President

2021 Egbe Scholarship Awardees



From left to right: Professor Abayomi Ajayi-Majebi, Mr. Julian Fuqua, Mr. Phaniel Cofie, Dr. Erik Brooks, Dr. (Mrs.) Funmi Adegbile (President of Egbe), and Dr. Morakinyo Kuti.



2021 Christmas Party

Applause, applause, balloons, balloons!

Hearty Birthday Celebration for the
December babies.

It was a double affair on December 4th, when Egbe convened the annual Christmas party as well as a salutatory celebration of the December birthdates.



Sights and Scenes from Egbe's 2021 Christmas Party

It had been almost two years since Egbe held any in-person congregation. With a bold and cautious decision, the cycle of seclusion was broken on Saturday, the 4th of December when Egbe hosted the 2021 Christmas Party.

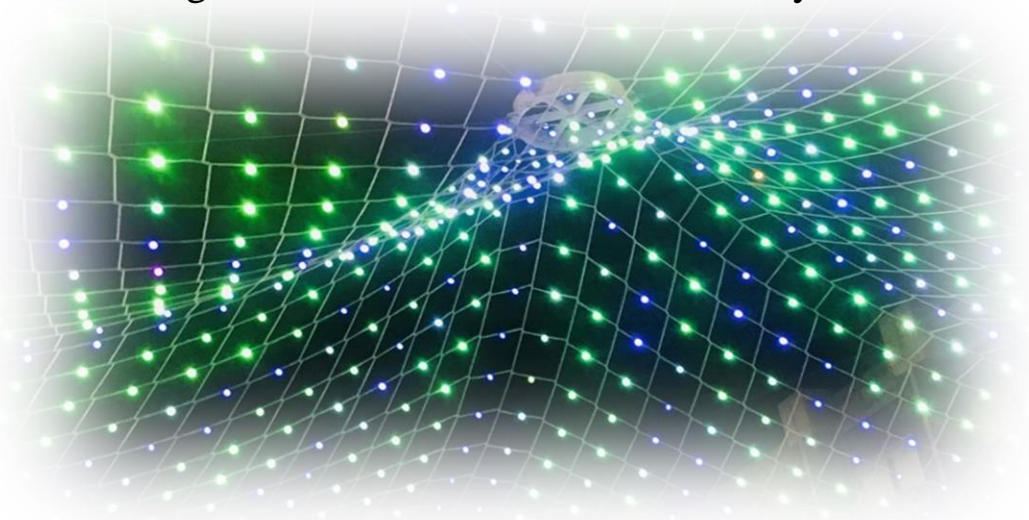
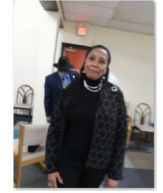




Photo Journal of Egbe's 2021 Christmas Party



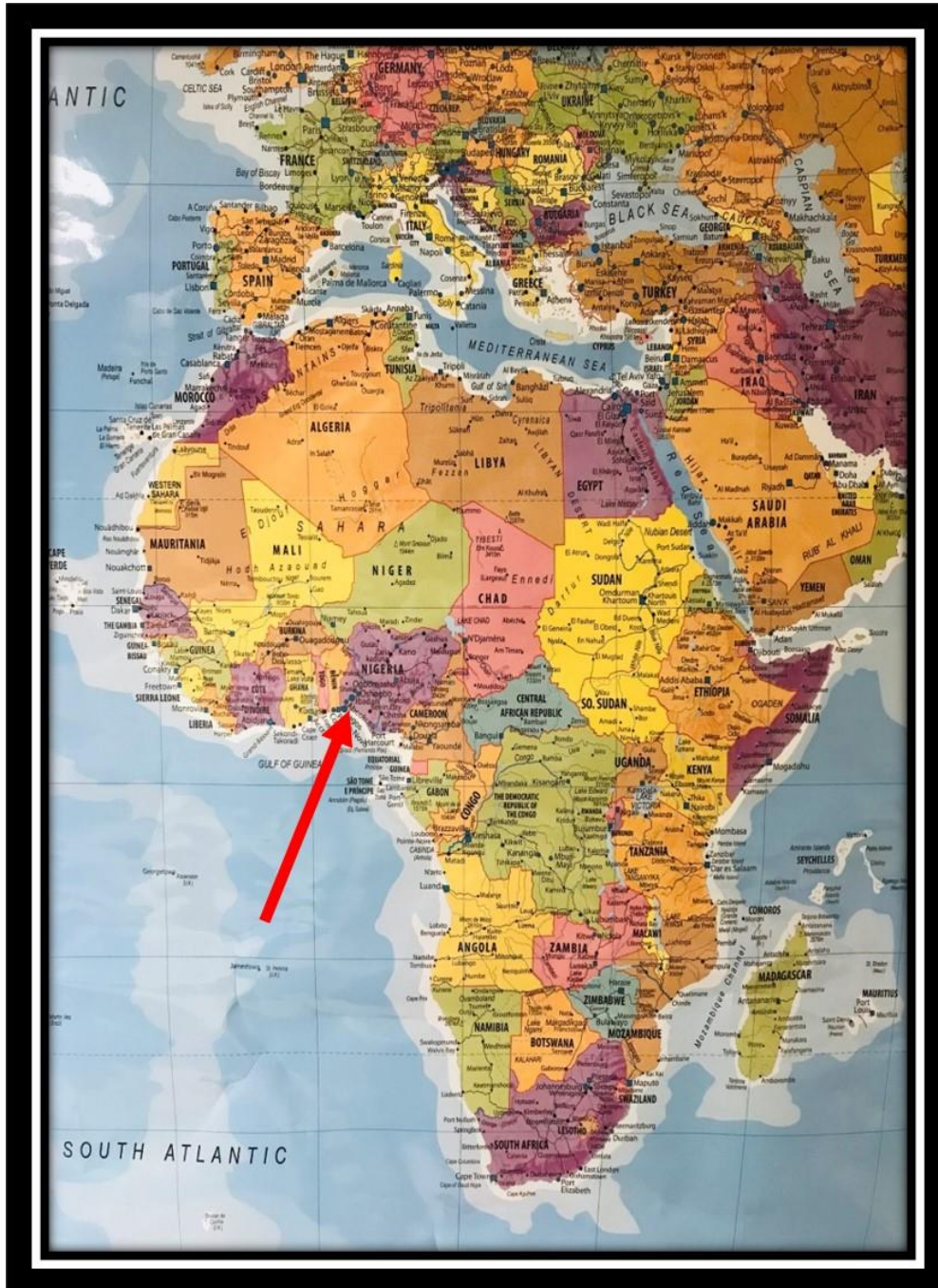
See you all next year!

Pop the Nigerian Champagne for a healthier, safer, and prosperous 2022



Where art thou, Nigeria?

Here she is, in case you are wondering.



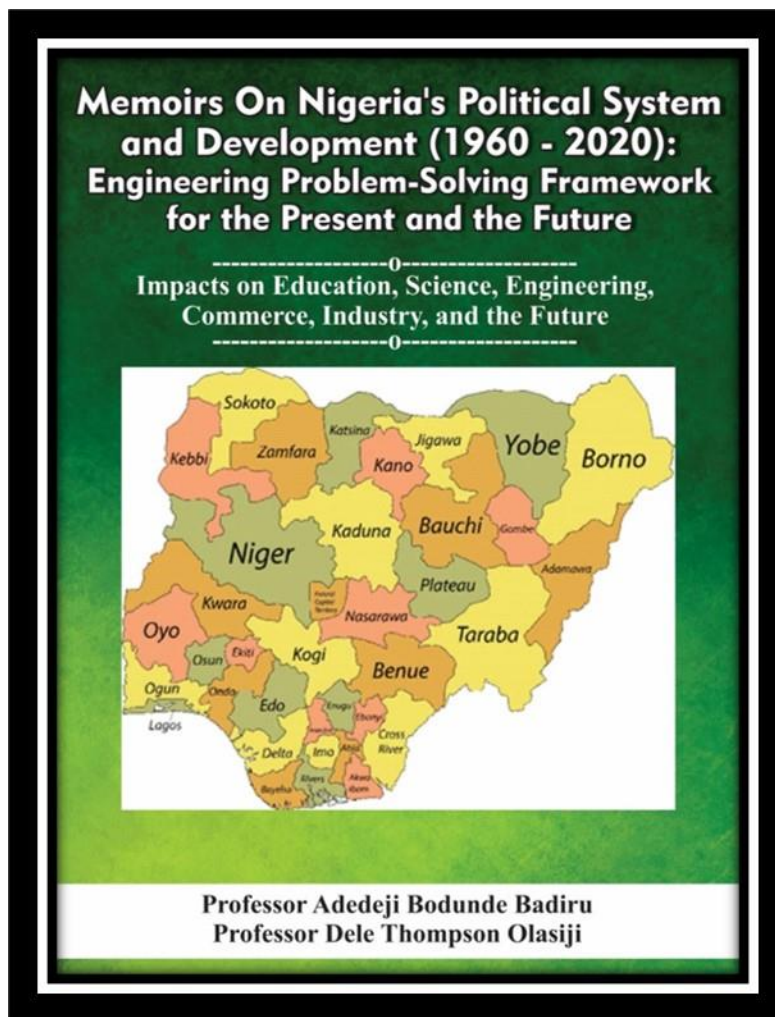
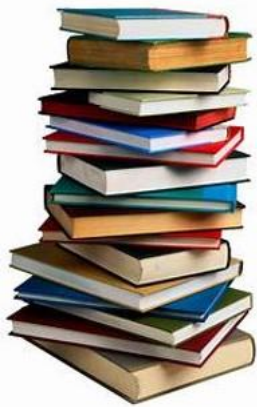
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nigeria> says “Nigeria, a country in West Africa. A multinational state inhabited by more than 250 ethnic groups speaking 500 distinct languages, all identifying with a wide variety of cultures.”

No wonder tribes and tongues differ, but in fervent unity.!

Coming Soon, from the University of Lagos Press

The affairs of Nigeria constitute an affair of interest to each and everyone of us. Read, get informed, and be of value to the solutions to the challenges of the nation.

“Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value.” -- Albert Einstein



This book, entitled “**Memoirs on Nigeria's Political System and Development (1960 - 2020): Engineering Problem-Solving Framework for the Present and the Future**” is a unique piece of literary work on the technological path forward for Nigeria in the face of past and present political profiles. Written by two educators with international repute, the book addresses strategies and impacts on education, science, engineering, commerce, industry, and the future. The book uses an integrated systems approach to link the various nuances that imping on the socio-economic, political, and education platforms of Nigeria. Of particular coverage by the authors are issues involving youth development, workforce development, and leveraging the engineering problem-solving methodology. The problems of Nigeria are very complex and often intractable. Thus, a systems engineering approach is essential for developing nation-building strategies that are sustainable. This book hits all the right cords in this regard. It is a practical book, replete with simple and structural guidelines for national leaders, policy makers, scholars, students, and the general population.

Continuing remembrance of Professor Oye Ibidapo-Obe of Unilag Fame

Obasanjo, Jim Ovia, others for Ibidapo-Obe symposium

Source: <https://punchng.com/obasanjo-jim-ovia-others-for-ibidapo-obe-symposium/>

By Leke Baiyewu
27 December 2021

Former President Olusegun Obasanjo; Chairman of Zenith Bank, Jim Ovia; are among the dignitaries expected at the bi-annual symposium dedicated to the memory of a former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Lagos, Emeritus Professor Oyewusi Ibidapo-Obe.

A statement issued by a cousin of the late Ibidapo-Obe, Dimeji Kayode-Adedeji, said the event is to hold on January 7, 2022, and has been themed, 'Viewing The World Through the Lens of Big Data,' with the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Lagos, Professor Toyin Ogundipe, as the chief host.

It was titled 'Obasanjo to Lead Prominent Guests to Symposium Dedicated in Honour of Late Oye Ibidapo-Obe.'

Ibidapo-Obe was the founding Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University, Ebonyi State; and founding Chairman of Council, First Technical University, Ibadan, Oyo State.

It partly read, "The first session of the programme is to hold between 10am and 12.30pm, with welcome address and introductions by Professor Rahmon Ade Bello, who is the event Chairman and former Vice-Chancellor, University of Lagos.

"The session will also attract presentation by **Professor Deji Badiru** on the topic, 'Data analytics and Systems Engineering;' and Professor David Olowokere addressing the topic, 'Big Data and Changing Landscape of Science,' as well as Professor Kunle Kehinde speaking on 'Machine Learning: A New Framework for Accelerating Scientific Discovery.'

"The second session, which is ceremonial, will see Akinbambo Ibidapo-Obe, son of the deceased, presenting a welcome address, while the former President Olusegun Obasanjo will serve as Chairman and deliver on the topic, 'On the Assessing and Improving of Accuracy of Nigerian Population and Demographic Data.'"

According to the statement, Ovia is expected to deliver the keynote address titled, 'Using the Lens of Data for a Renewed Global Economic Evolution (Banking and Big Data),' while Professor Ayo Ogunye will oversee the proclamation of the establishment of Oye Ibidapo-Obe Endowed Chair in Engineering at the University of Lagos

The statement also said the Professor Oye Ibidapo-Obe Memorial Anglican Church, Diocese of Ilesa, South-West, located along Osogbo road, Ilesa in Osun State, will be dedicated on January 3, 2022.

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The Village Bathman

Mrs. Village Bathman says: **“Hubby, you need to reduce the bulging size of your stomach.”**

The Village Bathman replies: **“If I do, where am I going to put the mountain of pounded yam you always make for me?”** 😊😊😊



Quarterly Recent and Forthcoming Birthdays

Looking back and forward in birthdays

October:

Alhaja Silifat Bakare, October 6
Elizabeth Omolewu, October 18
Bridget Archie-Kuti, October 31

November:

Elizabeth Adegbile, November 3
Theo Adegboruwa, November 25

December:

Funmilayo Adegbile, December 3
Bamidele Apapa, December 6
Iswat Badiru, December 25



January:

Lisa Aderonke Adegbile, January 3
Hammed Agboola, January 12
Samuel Banjoko, January 22,

February:

Dayo Odunsi, February 23

March:

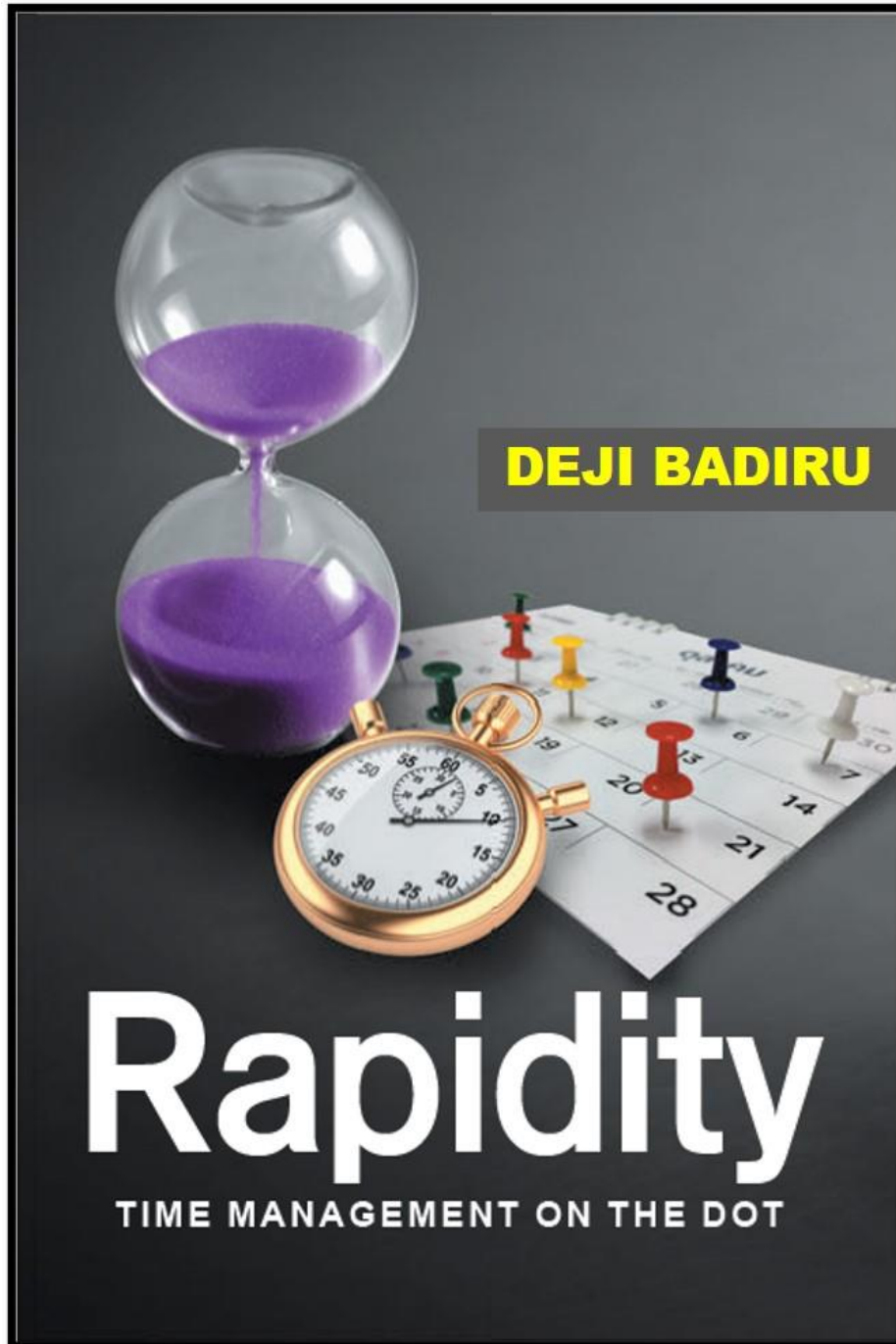
Remi Oyebanjo, March 7
Nkechi Agboola, March 23

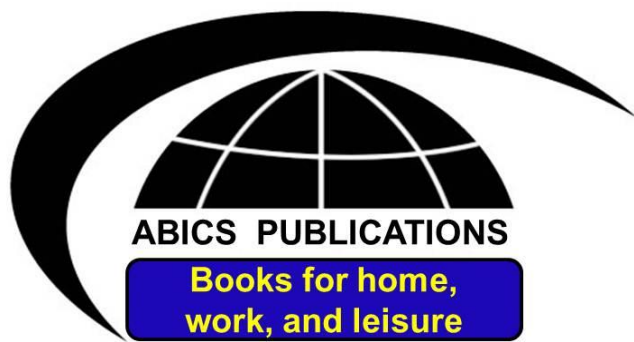
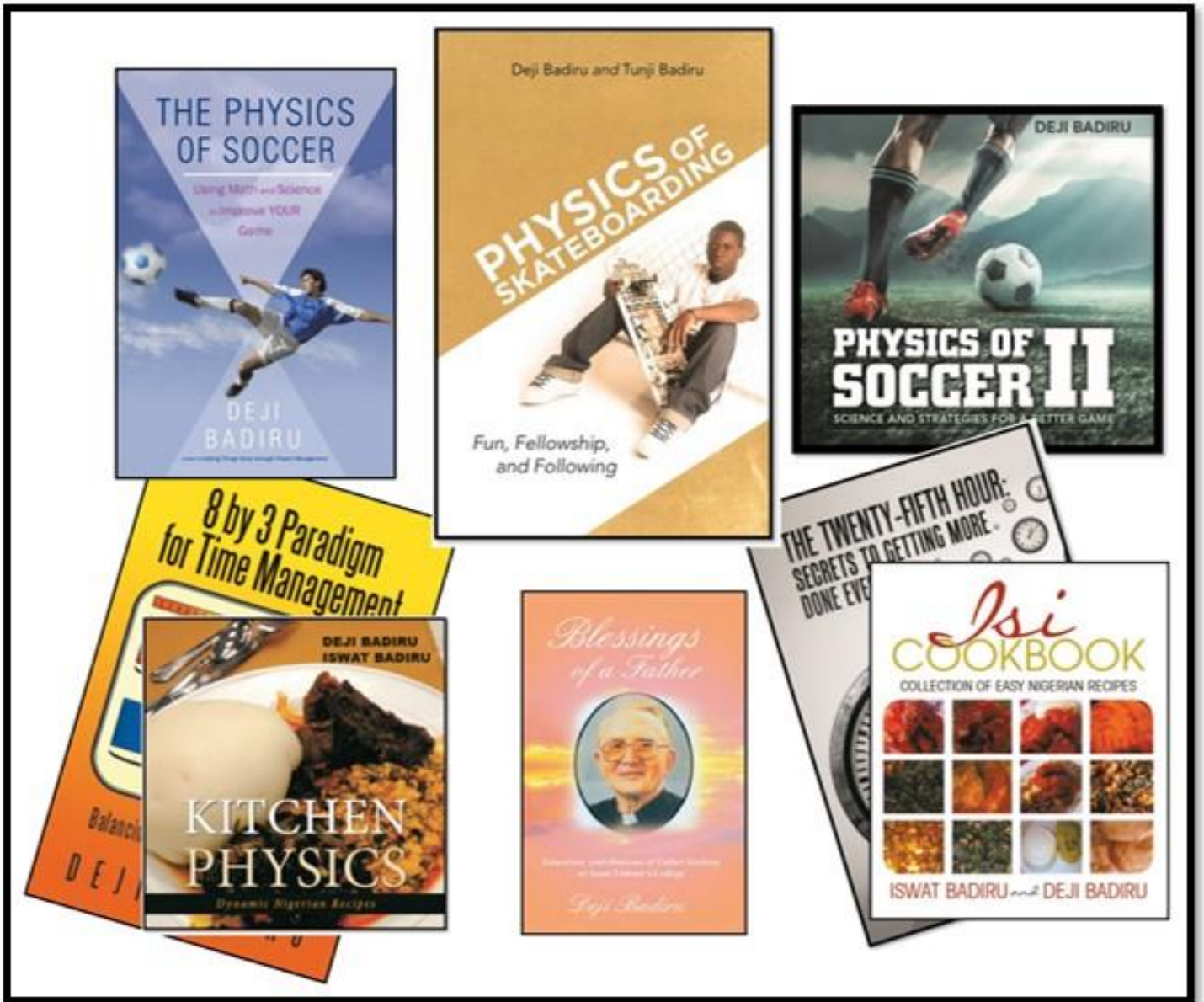
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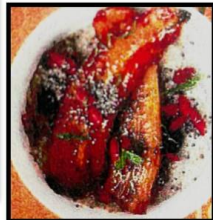


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- Assorted meat stew



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- Okra soup



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See you next quarter. Happy New Year!

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