

Lagos State becomes home to the first Alternative Secondary School for Girls in Nigeria, commissioned by the First Lady of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Her Excellency Senator Oluremi Tinubu, CON, who was represented by the wife of the Vice President, Her Excellency Hajia Nana Shettima, at the School premises, Old Ojo Road, Agboju Amuwo, Lagos, on Friday, 14th August.

According to the released statement by the State, the Alternative school is an initiative designed to provide quality education for girls whose schooling has been interrupted by various social, economic or personal circumstances and therefore represents a major achievement in Nigeria's goal to make education more inclusive and responsive to the needs of every learner.

"The institution is expected to provide beneficiaries with a supportive learning environment where they can pursue secondary education, acquire relevant skills, and prepare for further academic and economic opportunities." the statement revealed.

The First Lady of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, during her keynote address, reaffirmed her commitment to promoting education, empowerment and opportunities for Nigerian girls while expressing appreciation to the Lagos State Government for complementing the Federal Government's efforts.

She encouraged the students to regard the school as a platform for rebuilding their dreams and acquiring the "knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to become productive and responsible citizens."

She also commended the Lagos State Government, the Honourable Commissioner for Basic and Secondary Education, education officials, partners, and all stakeholders who contributed to the success of the project.

Meanwhile, the Honourable Commissioner for Basic and Secondary Education, Mr. Jamiu Tolani Alli-Balogun, in his welcome address, had described the establishment of the Alternative Secondary School for Girls as "a bold and innovative step towards ensuring that every girl has an opportunity to complete her education and realize her full potential"

According to the Commissioner, the initiative is designed to respond to the realities faced by girls whose education had been disrupted one way or the other, emphasizing that such circumstances should not permanently define their future.



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He stated that the school provides an alternative means through which beneficiaries can return acquire formal education, relevant knowledge and skills, to make meaningful contribution to society.

The Commissioner also thanked the Federal Government, the Lagos State Government, the First Lady of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and all stakeholders whose commitment and support led to the establishment of the school.