

Modupe Solanke, the Group Property Manager.

Asked what makes him happy, Chief Okoya's humane side shone through from his response as he said he derives happiness from seeing his employees wear smiles on their faces because they're able to "put food on the table and cater for their families" with their incomes from Eleganza. That alone, he shared, makes him sleep easy at night. He enjoys swimming, working out in the Gym and spending quality time with his wife, children and grandchildren.

Chief Okoya strongly believes that Nigeria is a great country and that with good policies, it will be even greater than it ever was in the past. He advised that government should help make the youth focus on becoming independent and self employed, by equipping them with the required technical knowledge. This, he asserted, will help to engage the youths and lead to job

creation and the country will be the better for it.

Dr. Shade Okoya, the Managing Director of Eleganza Industrial City also spoke extensively about the company. She explained that through hard work and dedication, they have been able to move with the times and reposition the company to compete in a rapidly advancing technological world. She was quick to point out though, that the influx of fake and sub-standard products into Nigeria, is hampering the growth of indigenous companies.

On giving back to the community in which they do business, Mrs. Okoya affirmed that Eleganza is a socially responsible group and has always found, and also created ways of giving back to humanity. Some of the projects they have been involved in include giving employment to the Ibeju community province, presenting communication gadgets to the Federal Road

Safety Corps (FRSC), offering scholarships to the needy and subsidizing annual events of various societies and groups. They have also assisted in reconstructing and furnishing Local Govt Schools and the feeding of over one thousand Nigerians, every Friday.

Shade Okoya's advice to the youths is that they should stay focused, determined and sincere in whatever they do in life. She encourages them to start early in life, to make meaningful contribution to their families, community, and society at large. She leads by example as she tells her children the same thing and

they're already following in the footsteps of their parents by working in the company while on holidays. In concluding, Mrs. Shade Okoya firmly stated that the best of Eleganza is yet to be seen as she and the entire management team, under the guidance of their chairman, Chief Rasaq Okoya, are more than ever, committed to taking the group to the next level. Her legacy, like that of her husband, would be the hardwork and honesty that she brings into anything she undertakes.



Chief Rasaq Okoya and crew of Echoes Africa