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EDITOR’S LETTER

You Got This!

Can you believe it? It’s June already! It feels like just yesterday we were bidding farewell to the old year and eagerly embracing the new one, full of hopes, dreams, and aspirations. Yet, here we are, six months into 2023, marveling at how swiftly time has flown by.

The month of June took off with a somewhat rocky start for us Nigerians, as we are already experiencing the ripple effect from the removal of fuel subsidy. The dreaded queues at the filling stations and the subsequent transport fare hikes have us all feeling the pinch. I know it’s difficult to stay positive at this time, but please, let’s not allow these initial challenges to dampen our spirits. It’s time to tap into the resilient spirit we are known for. In the face of adversity, Nigerians have always risen above and conquered. We have weathered storms and emerged stronger on the other side. This is an opportune moment to re-adjust our lifestyles and trim down unnecessary expenses. Let’s take a closer look at our daily expenditures and identify areas where we can be more prudent. We can navigate these uncertain times more effectively by consciously prioritising our needs over wants. However, it is crucial not to bear the burden alone. We need our government to play its part in ensuring a stable and prosperous future for all Nigerians. We have elected them into power; now it’s time to hold them accountable. Let us remind them of their responsibilities and demand transparency and good governance. Together, we can create an environment where our voices are heard and our concerns addressed.

This is also a good time to reassess our goals for the year. Remember, it’s never too late to start anew. Take a moment to reflect on the targets you set for yourself at the beginning of the year. Are they still relevant? Do they align with the changing circumstances? If not, don’t hesitate to readjust your goals. Flexibility is key to adapting to the ever-evolving world.

To everyone reading this, I wish you all the best for the month of June. May you end the first half of the year on a high note, embracing the opportunities that lie ahead. Remember, your dreams are within reach, and together we can achieve greatness with unwavering hope and determination.

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Whisky connoisseurs, enthusiasts, and a host of other distinguished guests eagerly gathered to witness the highly anticipated launch of Glenfiddich's latest masterpiece—the Glenfiddich Grand Yozakura.

The event featured captivating musical performances by Brymo, Maze X Mxtreme, and the Prime String Quartet to elevate the ambiance further. The fusion of art, culture, and soul-stirring music created an immersive atmosphere that left an indelible mark on the memories of all who attended.

Curated by the talented Chef Atim from Afrolems, the culinary experience showcased a delightful fusion of Japanese and African influences, paying tribute to the cultural diversity and journey of the Glenfiddich Grand Yozakura whisky. Every dish, such as the crispy Sakura salmon infused with zobo, was thoughtfully crafted to harmonize with the essence of the whisky, resulting in a symphony of flavors. Each bite was a testament to Afrolems' culinary artistry and creativity.

Japanese Flair Meets Scotch Tradition: Glenfiddich Grand Yozakura Launches in Lagos

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CAPTAIN WISDOM INTOTO
ONYINYE OBIAKO
EDDIE MADAKI
ANNA EBIERE BANNER
VANESSA AZAR
COSTA MADI
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THE NOT-SO-SKINNY JEANS
By Funke Baba-Kufeji

Though the Gen-Z generation keeps saying the era of skinny jeans is dead and over, this is a statement that those who have been in fashion longer know isn’t true. Yes, there might be a shift in trend, but we all know trends come and go all the time. Skinny jeans may have stepped aside for a new trend, but they remain a reliable piece in everyone’s wardrobe.

That being said, the skinny jeans trend has stepped aside for the not so skinny jeans. This year, jeans have been nothing but comfy and baggy, and love it or hate it, it’s a trend that suits every body shape and is super stylish. More and more designers are churning out baggy jeans in all cuts and styles, and we certainly are loving them all.

If you haven’t jumped on this trend, don’t wait any longer because the season is changing and we predict skinny jeans will be back sooner than you can blink. So now is the time to go all out in baggy jeans.

How to Wear the Trend
You can never go wrong with blue wash jeans, so when you wear this denim trend, stick to blue wash for the most part, and belting it up is never a bad idea as it brings definition to your waist.

Though you can pair your baggy jeans with anything from a crop top to a sweatshirt, if you are ever in doubt, go for an oversized top. Baggy jeans pair well with oversized shirts, t-shirts, and the like.

Your baggy jeans look isn’t complete without the right footwear. Go for bulky-looking designs like sneakers if you are going for a casual look and a pair of nice, dainty stilettos for a more dressy look. Nothing pulls an outfit together more than a blazer. The structured tailoring of the blazer will sharpen your look instantly.
In a grand display of unity and democratic celebration, Bola Ahmed Tinubu has officially been sworn in as the 16th President of Nigeria. The momentous occasion took place on the 29th of May at Eagle Square, Abuja, amidst a series of carefully planned activities organised by the 24-member Planning Committee. Alongside President Tinubu, Kashim Shettima took the oath of office as Vice President, forming a formidable duo to lead the nation into a new era of progress and prosperity.

Prior to the official inauguration and swearing-in ceremony, the planning committee orchestrated a series of significant events to commemorate the historic occasion. One of the highlights was the conferment of the Grand Commander of the Federal Republic (GCFR) on President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, which is exclusively given to presidents, and the Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger (GCON) awards on his Vice President Kashim Shettima. Furthermore, a lavish gala dinner was held to pay tribute to President Tinubu, Vice President Shettima, and the outgoing administration. The event served as a platform to acknowledge and appreciate the previous government’s efforts in laying the foundation for Nigeria’s progress and to foster a smooth transition of power.

The official inauguration ceremony was a spectacle to behold, attended by many distinguished guests, both domestic and international. Among the dignitaries present were foreign heads of state and government and delegations from notable countries such as the United States and the United Kingdom. This global representation highlighted the occasion’s significance and underscored Nigeria’s position as a prominent player on the international stage. The atmosphere at Eagle’s Square was electric as citizens and well-wishers filled the venue, eager to witness the swearing-in of their new leadership. The event symbolised a moment of hope and optimism for Nigerians as they looked towards President Tinubu and Vice President Shettima to guide the nation towards greater achievements and tackle the pressing challenges that lie ahead.

In his inaugural address, the President expressed gratitude for the overwhelming support and outlined his vision for Nigeria’s future. He emphasised the need for unity, peace, and stability, vowing to prioritise economic development, social welfare, and good governance. The President also pledged to foster inclusive growth and ensure the security and well-being of every Nigerian. Following the official ceremony, an inaugural dinner was hosted, providing an opportunity for attendees to further engage in fruitful discussions and strengthen diplomatic ties. The evening was marked by cultural performances showcasing Nigeria’s rich heritage and diversity.

As the new administration embarks on its journey to lead Nigeria, the nation stands at a critical juncture with immense potential waiting to be unlocked. The hopes and aspirations of millions are now in the hands of the 16th President and His Vice President. As the nation eagerly watches, they are poised to navigate Nigeria towards progress, prosperity, and a brighter future for all.
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COVER
My Fellow Citizens,

I stand before you honoured to assume the sacred mandate you have given me. My love for this nation is abiding. My confidence in its people, unshakable. And my faith in God Almighty, absolute. I know that His hand shall provide the needed moral strength and clarity of purpose in those instances when we seem to have reached the limits of our human capacity.

This day is bold and majestic yet bright and full of spirit, as is our precious nation. As a nation, we have long ago decided to march beyond the dimness of night into the open day of renewed national hope.

The question we now ask ourselves is whether to remain faithful to the work inherent in building a better society or retreat into the shadows of our unmet potential.

For me, there is but one answer. We are too great a nation and too grounded as a people to rob ourselves of our finest destiny.

This nation’s journey has been shaped by the prayers of millions, and the collective sacrifices of us all.

We have endured hardships that would have made other societies crumble. Yet, we have shouldered the heavy burden to arrive at this sublime moment where the prospect of a better future merges with our improved capacity to create that future.

To the surprise of many but not to ourselves, we have more firmly established this land as a democracy in both word and deed.

The peaceful transition from one government to another is now our political tradition. This handover symbolizes our trust in God, our enduring faith in representative governance and our belief in our ability to reshape this nation into the society it was always meant to be.

Here, permit me to say a few words to my predecessor, President Muhammadu Buhari. Mr President, you have been an honest, patriotic leader who has done his best for the nation you love. On a more personal note, you are a worthy partner and friend. May History be kind to you.

For many years, Nigeria’s critics have trafficked the rumour that our nation will break apart, even perish.

Yet here we are. We have stumbled at times, but our resilience and diversity have kept us going. Our burdens may make us bend at times, but they shall never break us.

Instead, we stand forth as Africa’s most populous nation and as the best hope and strongest champion of the Black Race.

As citizens, we declare as one unified people devoted to one unified national cause, that as long as this world exists, NIGERIA SHALL EXIST.

Today, Fate and Destiny join together to place the torch of human progress in our very hands. We dare not let it slip.

We lift high this torch so that it might shine on every household and in every heart that calls itself Nigerian. We hold this beam aloft because it lights our path with compassion, brotherhood, and peace. May this great light never extinguish.

Our administration shall govern on your behalf but never rule over you. We shall consult and dialogue but never dictate. We shall reach out to all but never put down a single person for holding views contrary to our own.

In this vein, may I offer a few comments regarding the election that brought us to this juncture. It was a hard fought contest. And it was also fairly won. Since the advent of the Fourth Republic, Nigeria has not held an election...
of better quality. The outcome reflected the will of the people. However, my victory does not rend me any more Nigerian than my opponents. Nor does it render them any less patriotic. They shall forever be my fellow compatriots, and I will treat them as such. They represent important constituencies and concerns that wisdom dare not ignore. They have taken their concerns to court. Seeking legal remedies is their right and I fully defend their exercise of this right. This is the essence of the rule of law.

Over six decades ago, our founding fathers gave bravely of themselves to place Nigeria on the map as an independent nation. We must never allow the labor of those who came before us to wither in vain but to blossom and bring forth a better reality. Let us take the next great step in the journey they began and believed in.

Today, let us recommit our very selves to placing Nigeria in our hearts as the indispensable home for each and every one of us regardless of creed, ethnicity, or place of birth. My supporters, I thank you. To those who voted otherwise, I extend my hand across the political divide. I ask you to grasp it in national affinity and brotherhood. For me, political color has faded away. All I see are Nigerians. May we uphold these fitting and excellent notions as the new Nigerian ideal. My fellow compatriots, the Nigerian ideal which I speak of is more than just an improvement in economic and other statistics. These things are important; but they can never convey the fullness of our story. Our mission is to improve our way of life in a manner that nurtures our humanity, encourages compassion toward one another, and duly rewards our collective effort to resolve the social ills that seek to divide us.

Our constitution and laws give us a nation on paper. We must work harder at bringing these noble documents to life by strengthening the bonds of economic collaboration, social cohesion, and cultural understanding. Let us develop a shared sense of fairness and equity.

The South must not only seek good for itself but must understand that its interests are served when good comes to the North. The North must see the South likewise. Whether from the winding creeks of the Niger Delta, the vastness of the northern savannah, the boardrooms of Lagos, the bustling capital of Abuja, or the busy markets of Onitsha, you are all my people. As your president, I shall serve with prejudice toward none but compassion toward all.

In the coming days and weeks, my team will publically detail key aspects of our programme. Today, permit me to outline in broad terms a few initiatives that define our concept of progress and amity towards all.

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The economy on the economy, we target a higher GDP growth and to significantly reduce unemployment. We intend to accomplish this by the following steps:

1. First, budgetary reform stimulating the economy without engendering inflation will be instituted.
2. Second, industrial policy will utilize the full range of fiscal measures to promote domestic manufacturing and lessen import dependency.
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4. Fourth, interest rates need to be reduced to increase investment and consumer purchasing in ways that sustain the economy at a higher level.
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AMVCA 2023 - TOP 10 HIGHLIGHTS!

The African Movie Viewers’ Choice Award (AMVCA) this year is one many people are still talking about. This year not only had a beautiful turnout but the nominees and attendees looked exceptionally good at the award show. Yes, there were some fashion misses, but for the most part, everyone looked very much like a star. For the last nine years, the AMVCA has consistently honoured all those who have been at the award show. Yes, there were some fashion misses, but for the most part, everyone looked very

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