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Welcome to this sizzling edition of Jollof Jaycee, your vibrant monthly serving of all things JCI Ibadan!

This edition captures the warmth, spice, and energy of our members—from the unforgettable moments at the July CONFAB to the bold declarations for 2026. We're reminded once again that JCI Ibadan is not just a local organization—it's a thriving family filled with purpose, passion, and promise.

As we spotlight one of our most remarkable leaders, JCl Senator Adedimeji Adekanbi, we see how leadership and culture can blend beautifully, just like a perfect pot of jollof. His journey, style, and impact continue to inspire a new generation of Jaycees to think global while staying rooted.

We also look forward to exciting events in August, from the General Assembly to weddings, trainings, and retreats—every gathering is another chance to build meaningful connections and grow stronger together.

Thank you for staying engaged and raising the bar with us. We hope this edition leaves you informed, inspired, and ready to create even more unforgettable moments. Let's keep serving it hot, spicy, and purpose-filled—just like good jollof.

Yours in service,

JCIN AMB OLANSILE A. OLANREWAJU 2025 Editorial Board Chairman, JCI Ibadan



THE JOKKOF JAYCEE

In JCI, people join for different reasons. For some, it's the promise of leadership development, networking, international opportunities, or business connections. But beyond these well-known reasons, there's another side that attracts many young people aged 18 to 40 - a side filled with parties, travel, fun, and a vibrant social life. Yes, you heard right: parties, faaji, owanbe — that's the spirit of 'The Jollof Jaycee.'

Many discover JCI through our colourful gatherings, energetic hangouts, and the stunning displays of style by members. The curiosity about how these lively young people still show up with the same energy at business meetings — and what happens afterwards — draws even more people in. That's where 'G.A 2' comes in.





What's G.A 2? It's the famous "meeting after the meeting" — an informal gathering for JCI Ibadan's faaji squad. It's about good locations, chilled bottles, tasty chops, endless banter, deeper networking, and friendship building. Some say it's the most powerful gathering after the General Assembly where friendships are formed, businesses are sealed, and even political ideas are shaped. 'The Jollof Jaycee.'

This same vibe extends to weddings, naming ceremonies, and any celebration involving a JCI Ibadan member. The Jollof Jaycee crew turns up in classy asoebi, with energy that lights up the entire event.

And who can forget them at conferences and conventions? From the opening ceremony to Asun Night and the final gala dinner, they make sure every moment becomes a lasting memory.

This vibrant, fun-loving spirit is part of JCI's roots. After all, Henry Giessenbier Jr. started it all back in 1910 with the Herculaneum Dance Club, a social outlet that brought young people together before it grew into the Young Men's Progressive Civic Association (YMPCA), the very foundation of the global JCI movement.

Through it all, The Jollof Jaycee reminds us that while we train to lead, we never forget to live, connect, and celebrate — together.











JCI Ibadan Empowers Members with Smart Investment Training

At the July Business Meeting, JCI Ibadan inspired members with valuable learning and meaningful discussions. The session began with an engaging parliamentary briefing by General Legal Counsel, JCIN AMB. Babatunde Ojobaro, who explained the JCI Senator status — a lifetime honor for outstanding service. He detailed the process, rights, and expectations for Senators, emphasizing that integrity and conduct remain vital, as status can be withdrawn if a member acts against JCI's values.

Members then benefited from an insightful training session led by Pascaline David, focused on smart investing for personal growth. She introduced the five life phases — starter, builder, consolidation, scalar, and sustenance — and encouraged members to view investment as a life strategy, not just financial planning. She broke down practical options like mutual funds, commercial papers, and structured products, and recommended a balanced portfolio of equity funds, foreign currency, and money market funds.

Pascaline's 'invest, grow, and repeat' approach reminded everyone that small, consistent steps matter most. She also shared tips for building savings habits, expanding skills, and staying resilient in a changing economy.

The meeting also featured a personality spotlight on JCI SEN. Ayodola Adekunle, who shared his inspiring journey and urged members to fully embrace JCI training for career and personal success.







In a remarkable show of unity and purpose, JCI Ibadan joined other city Local Organizations in Ibadan to commemorate the International Human Duties Day with a two-day impactful project.

The activities began with a virtual where session members participated in the Ibadan LOs Human Duties Webinar. The session focused on the Universal Declaration of Human Duties for Leaders and highlighted the seven guiding principles: preserving life, serving humanity, sustaining the environment for the future, pursuing prosperity, respecting human personality, educating self and others, and leading responsibly. Members discussed how these duties inspire better leadership and contribute to building a fairer and more peaceful world.

On Day 2, members gathered in their JCI Ibadan jerseys for a symbolic walk to mark the actual Human Duties Day. The walk demonstrated JCI Ibadan's showing commitment to that leadership is not only about fulfilling claiming rights but responsibilities to the community and the world at large.

This joint project strengthened the spirit of collaboration among city chapters and reminded everyone that true leadership involves daily actions that protect life, respect people, and secure the future.

JCI Ibadan remains committed to championing responsible leadership — one duty at a time!















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JCI Ibadan Hosts the July CONFAB

The month of July brought another exciting chapter in the story of JCI Ibadan as members gathered for the July CONFAB at the iconic EAC Building, Bodija, Ibadan. As always, the CONFAB served as a unifying family gathering —an opportunity to reflect on the progress made so far in the year and to strengthen our resolve under the inspiring 2025 theme, "Raising the Bar," led by JCIN Amb. Olajumoke Adelabu (2025 President).

The atmosphere was electric, with a strong turnout of members and a distinguished presence of Past Presidents, who continue to serve as pillars of wisdom and encouragement. Their presence added a historical depth and sense of continuity to the deliberations, making the CONFAB not just a meeting, but a celebration of legacy.









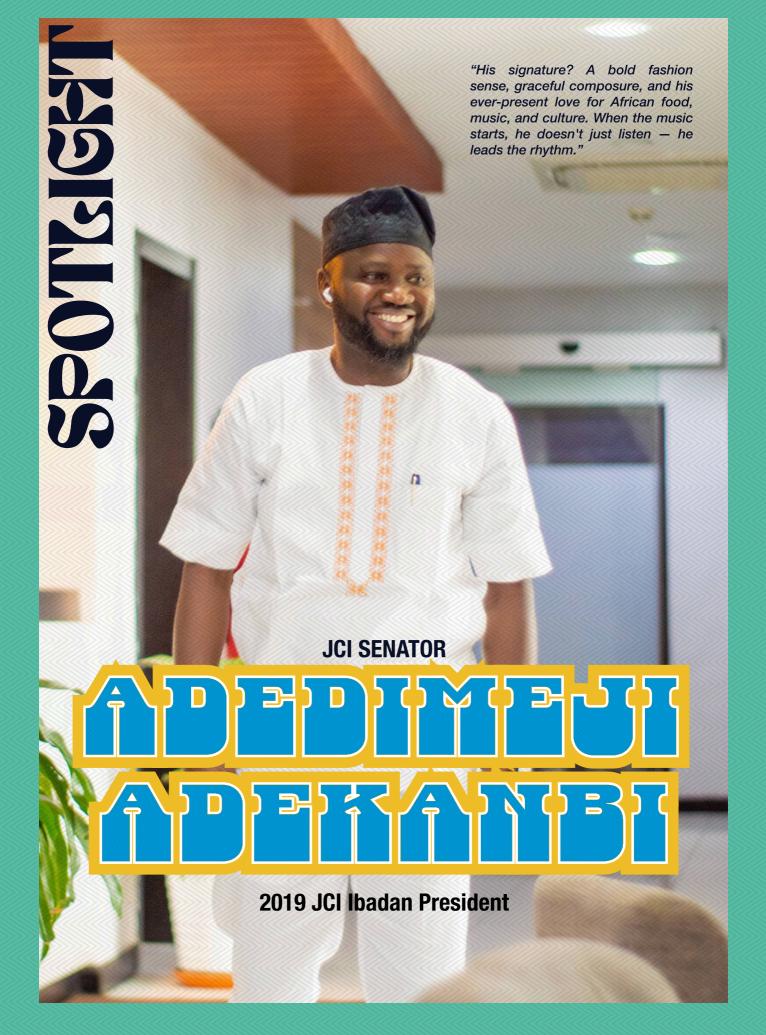


One of the major highlights was the strategic review session delivered by the Executive Vice President, JCIN Amb. Oluwaseun Ayedogbon (2025 Executive Vice President), retraced the chapter's Strategic Plan and challenged members to remain committed to the goals that have defined the year so far. Also noteworthy was the update from the Constitution Review Committee, ably led by JCIN Amb. Babatunde Ojobaro (2025 General Legal Counsel), which presented a progress report to ensure that the chapter's operations remain relevant and legally sound.

A key tradition of every CONFAB is the declaration of intent by aspirants seeking leadership roles in the coming year. At this gathering, members witnessed the official declarations from JCIN Amb. Olansile Olanrewaju (2025 Editorial Board Chairman) and JCIN Amb. Adeola Tejumade Ogechi (2025 Director of International Affairs) for Vice Presidents, JCIN Amb. Happy Innocent Ezem (2025 Treasurer) for Executive Vice President, and JCIN Amb. Oluwaseun Ayedogbon (2025 Executive Vice President) for President in 2026.

moment reached crescendo when the current President. JCIN Olajumoke Adelabu, declared her intention to run for the position of National Vice President of JCI Nigeria in The announcement was met with resounding applause and heartfelt support-a proud testament to the leadership strength JCI Ibadan continues to nurture and export to the national stage.







Spotlight: JCI SEN. Adedimeji Adekanbi — The Father of Modern Jollof Jaycee

If there's anyone who embodies the Jollof Jaycee spirit with a perfect blend of class, charisma, and commitment, it's our spotlight personality — JCl Senator Adedimeji Adekanbi, the proud 2019 President of JCl Ibadan.

Fondly called "Ogo Ibadan", JCI Senator Adekanbi is widely regarded as the father of the modern Jollof Jaycee lifestyle — a figure who redefined how we lead, represent, and most importantly, show up! With a strong presence locally and globally, he has flown the JCI Ibadan flag high across continents, attending conferences, conventions, and international events with unmatched elegance and style.

His signature? A bold fashion sense, graceful composure, and his ever-present love for African food, music, and culture. When the music starts, he doesn't just listen — he leads the rhythm.

Beyond the JCI scene, JCI SEN. Adekanbi is the Chairman and CEO of Semtaw Autos, a reputable auto brand. And as if that's not impressive enough, he's also climbing the corporate ladder in style, on a significant role as Retail Sales Manager at Bovas & Company Limited, overseeing an outlet in Ile-Ife. That role was a major career leap — one he approached with passion, gratitude, and focus. — a role he calls an opportunity to grow, lead, and contribute meaningfully.

But there's more to this Jaycee than boardrooms and business. In one of his most personal milestones, he recently fulfilled a childhood dream by completing his first power bike ride from Ibadan to Osogbo — a moment he described as "thrilling and liberating."

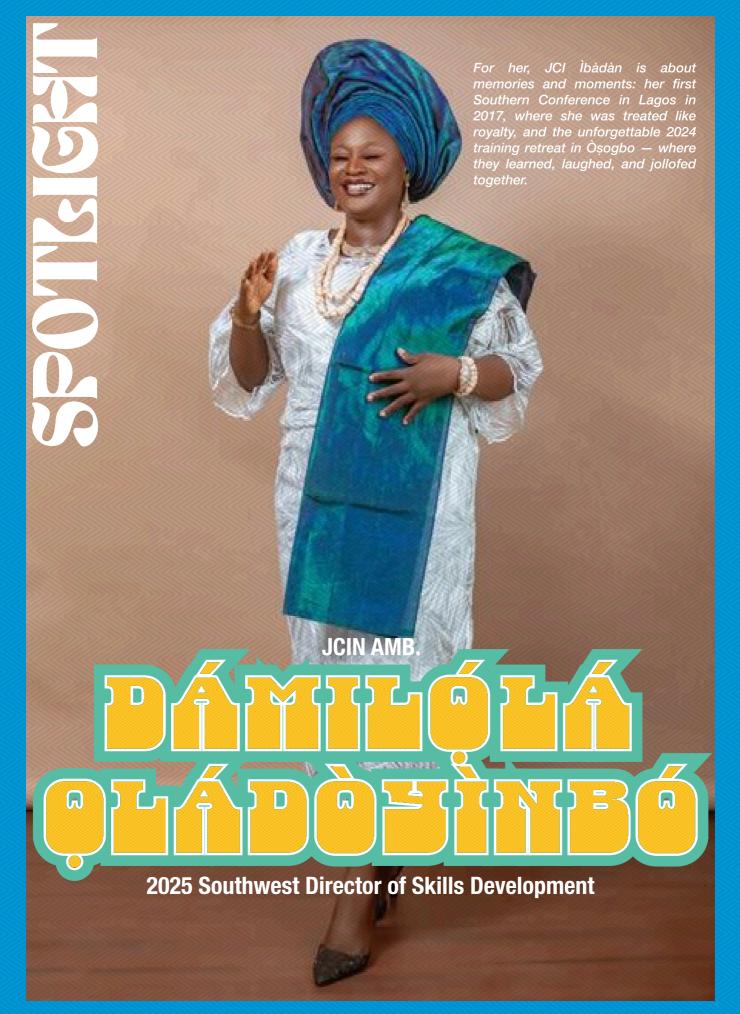
JCI Senator Adekanbi is a man of dreams, style, leadership, and faaji — a living reminder that in JCI, you can lead with impact and still jollof in grand style.

He doesn't just represent the brand; he is the brand.











Spotlight: Meet Ms. Dámilólá oládóyinbó — A True Jollof Jaycee

This month, our editorial team is proud to shine the spotlight on a true ambassador of the Jollof Jaycee spirit — a member who brings the right energy wherever she goes, whether she's creating impact or keeping the party alive.

Meet Ms. Dámilólá Oládòyìnbó, JCIN Ambassador, chef by passion, and a certified lover of all things JCI! Dámilólá's JCI journey began in January 2017 when she was inducted into JCI Ìbàdàn by the chapter's second female president, JCI Senator Adéláyò Fasilat Abass. From that moment, she embraced the journey of growth, service, and unforgettable memories.

Since then, she has worn many hats — and worn them well! In 2017, she chaired the Green City Project, adding green spaces to our city one tree at a time. By 2018, she was leading Signature Courses, making learning exciting for members. In 2019, she served as Editor-in-Chief, producing quarterly e-newsletters and a magazine to wrap up the year. She went on to become Director of Community Opportunities in 2020, seeking ways to improve lives, and Director of Public Relations & Protocol in 2021, keeping the chapter's work visible and inspiring. Today, she proudly serves as Southwest Director of Skills Development, proving that building people is truly at the heart of JCI.

Beyond JCI, Dámilólá managed NIIT Ibadan, a renowned IT talent hub, until last year. Now, she serves in the public sector — but her passion for JCI remains strong.

For her, JCI İbàdàn is about memories and moments: her first Southern Conference in Lagos in 2017, where she was treated like royalty, and the unforgettable 2024 training retreat in Òṣogbo — where they learned, laughed, and jollofed together.

While we build leaders and serve humanity, members like Dámilólá remind us that there's always room to jollof with good vibes!









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Upcoming Events

Stay plugged in and mark your calendars for these exciting activities coming up in August:



General Assembly (Physical)

Date: Sunday 3rd August, 2025

Join us for an engaging physical General Assembly where key chapter updates, motions, and member deliberations will take center stage.



Muyiwa Bamgbose Academy

Date: Monday, August 11th - Friday, August 16th

A week-long transformative leadership development experience. Selected participants will undergo intensive training sessions to elevate their capacity and impact.



Wedding of JC Oluwadamilola Raheem

Date: Saturday, August 16th, 2025

Let's celebrate love with our dear member, JC Oluwadamilola Raheem, as she ties the knot. Be part of this joyful occasion to show support and brotherhood.



Iyiola Folayan Training Retreat

Date: August 29 - 31st, 2025

A unique blend of learning, networking, fun, and relaxation. This retreat promises inspiration, education, and memorable bonding moments

