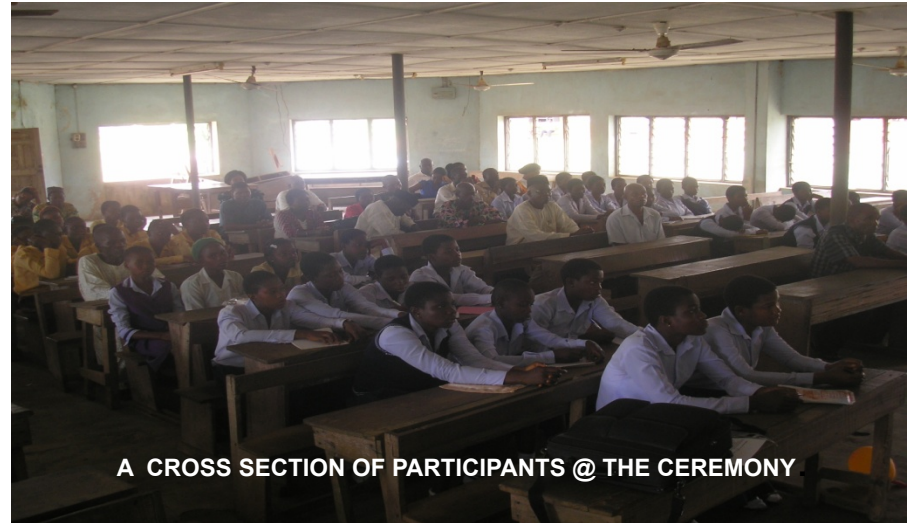


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**Rev. Sis. Ijeoma Arinze ( St. Andrews College, Emu making her remarks.**



**Mrs. K. Edokpayi, (Chief Inspector of Education, Esan Central LGA, Edo State, making a brief remarks.**



**Miss Confidence Erazua receiving her award from mother of the President & Founder of AAWE @ the occasion**

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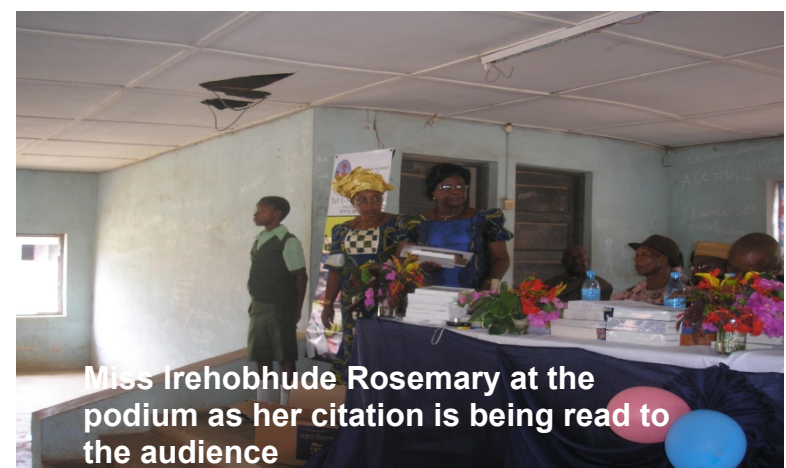
Miss Akhaine Maria at the podium as her citation is being read out before receiving the award.



Miss Akhaine Maria receiving her award from Mrs. K. Edokpayi, Chief Inspector of Education, Esan Central LGA, Edo State.



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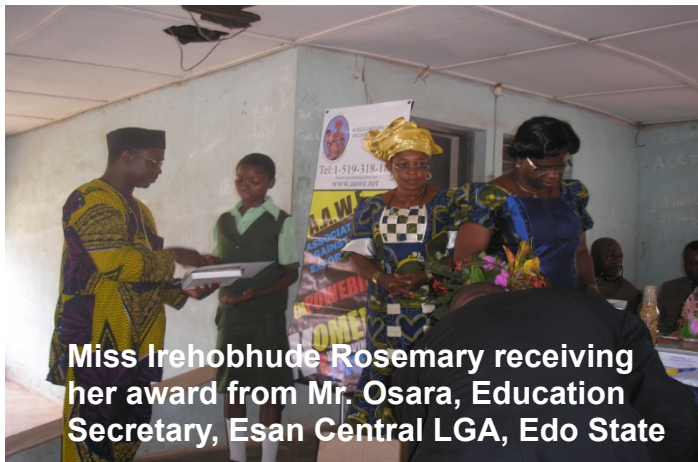


Miss Irehobhude Rosemary at the podium as her citation is being read to the audience

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Miss Irehobhude Rosemary receiving her award from Mr. Osara, Education Secretary, Esan Central LGA, Edo



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Miss Ibhazehiokhonlen Faith receiving her award from Mr. Salami (Chairman), APSHON, Edo State



Miss Irabor Franca receiving her award from Sir Ikidi, Principal, Annunciation Catholic College, ACC, Arrau



Miss Okoh Maris receiving her award from Mr. Mike Osime (Chairman, Association of Esan Professionals)



Miss receiving her award from Mr. Education Secretary, Esan South East LGA, Edo State

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Miss Confidence Erazua delivering her vote of thanks on behalf of the award recipients.



Mr. Mike Osime with a vote of thanks on behalf of the organizers (AAWE)



Award recipients in a group photograph with the Chairman & AAWE members present

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The event, which was chaired by Sir. E. E. Omofuma, a retired Director with the Budget & Planning Office, Abuja, commenced at about 12.25pm with virtually all stakeholders in the education sector of the 5LGAs in Esanland in attendance. These stakeholders included all Chief Inspectors of Education in – charge of the Senior Secondary schools as well as Education Secretaries in-charge of the Primary and Junior Secondary Schools, Principals, Teachers, Exco Members of both ANCOPPS & APSHON, Edo State chapters, Students, Parents, Publishers i.e. a representative of the University Press, Ibadan, NGO (Association of Esan Professionals and members of the AAWE represented by Mother of the President/Founder, Mrs. Phillipa Akpata and Mrs. Abu. It was covered by the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) Irukekpen - Ekpoma.

The Chairman, in his opening remarks thanked the organisers for coming up with such a laudable idea especially targeted at female students in secondary schools with the sole aim of inculcating in them the positive virtues of obedience, good behaviour, intelligence, discipline, honesty, hard work, etc. According to him, such recognition and reward for excellence would help stem the ever rising trend of moral decadence in our society. The drift from rural to urban with the eventual exportation of our young girls will only be curb by events such as this where life's true picture is presented and they allowed to make the choice that will ultimately shape their destiny.



Thereafter, the goodwill message from the President & Founder, Dr. Mrs. Josephine Okosun was read by Mrs. Phillipa Akpata. Mrs. Okosun congratulated the award recipients urging them to continue to improve on the virtues which helped in their nomination by their respective Principals/Teachers in the first instance. This, she said would not only make them successful in life but will to a great extent shape the society for good.

Highlight of the president's message which drew a loud applause from the audience was the Association's intent to increase the numbers of awardees from the present allocation of 12 students to 40 recipients this year scheduled to half in the month of July. To this end, letters addressed to principals were distributed to the CIEs and Education Secretaries for onward distribution to them.

The wife of the former Registrar, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma and Chief Inspector for Education (Esan Central Local Government Area, Irrua), Mrs. K. Edokpayi went down memory lane to recount her family ordeal in an effort by one lady to lure and "export" her and other siblings to the illicit business but was able to overcome due to the family's moral upbringing. She disapproved of the generally held mentality that poverty is the root cause of prostitution, maintaining that though they were of poor background, they were still able to overcome the temptation. It was a touching story and was listened to with rapt attention by all.

Mr. Emman Obinyan, in his remark, recounted his experience while on an official trip to Italy. Practitioners of the trade, mostly young girls of Edo State extraction, he said, are not even happy doing it judging by their open and blunt confession. He was of the opinion that if virtues are recognized and appreciated at the early stages of these young girls' lives, in line with AAWE objectives, we would all be able to salvage the situation for good. He thereafter pledged that his wife would henceforth pick up the bills of *Miss Irabor Franca*, an orphan and student of Our Lady of Lourdes Secondary School, Uromi throughout her Senior Secondary School education. Mr. Osime also pledged to pick up the bills of the student from Emu.

Sir Ikidi , principal of Annunciation Catholic College, Irrua, in his characteristic manner admonished all present, especially the female students to be mindful of their educational career if they ever hope to excel in life.

Highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of certificates, plaques and cash prizes to about eleven (11) female students cut across the 5 LGAs of Esanland by the organizers. The Chief Inspectors of Education, Education Secretaries, Chairman of the occasion, President / Founder' s mother, Association of Esan Professionals' Chairman & Chairman of the Education Committee, etc took turns to present prizes to the recipients.

There were group photographs of the award recipients with both the organizers and the chairman