



**AN ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY, SENATOR
LIYEL IMOKE, GOVERNOR OF CROSS RIVER STATE AT THE
SWEARING-IN OF BARRISTER FIDELIS UGBO AS THE NEW
SECRETARY TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT AT THE CHAMBERS OF
THE STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, CALABAR ON WEDNESDAY 6TH
JUNE, 2007**

Your Excellency, the Deputy Governor of Cross River
State, Barrister Efiok Cobham

Hon. Speaker of the State House of Assembly
Hon. Francis Adah

Hon. Speaker of the State House of Assembly,
Hon. Dominic Aquah Edem

My Lord the State Chief Judge

Hon. Members of the State House of Assembly

Chairmen of Local Government Councils

Secretary to the State Government

Chairmen and Members of Boards and Commissions

Permanent Secretaries,

Distinguished Invited Guests

Gentlemen of the Press

Ladies and Gentlemen

Today marks another epochal beginning as we kick-start a major machinery of government with the swearing-in of the Secretary to the State Government, **Barrister Fidelis Ugbo.**

Great achievements do not just happen. People make them happen. And, we intend to lift this State to even loftier heights than we have found it.

It is for this reason that we would always seek to put our best foot forward, not only in terms of putting round pegs in round holes, but also, in going for committed and tested hands.

Certainly, Barrister Fidelis Ugbo meets that demand. Of course, we equally expect that as Secretary to the State Government, he would

not only give of his best in the service of his fatherland, but would do everything in his power to justify our confidence in him.

We have taken over at a time when the State has assumed a new and enviable status among the comity of states in Nigeria. We must work hard to maintain this new leadership role, even if it means going-the extra mile, most of the time.

And, truly, the task ahead is indeed Herculean. Even so, we must resolve to achieve our targets in spite of any odds. I believe that with today's swearing-in, we have also taken off on a lane that can only lead to one destination – unmitigated success.

Let me therefore formally congratulate you for your well-deserved appointment. I wish you every success and God's guidance as you take on this onerous but noble responsibility to serve the government and people of Cross River State.

I thank you and goodluck.