

Brief History of Otu Odu Society of Onitsha

The Otu Odu Society of Onitsha was inaugurated on March 15, 1959. This was made possible by Chinyelugo, J.U. Etukokwu (MFR), later Etukokwu Odua. who organized the individual Ndi Odu in Onitsha into the prestigious institution that it is today.

Chief J.U. Etukokwu played a pivotal role in the formation and transformation of the Otu Odu society of Onitsha. In 1959, he organized the individual Ndi Odu in Onitsha into a unified group, marking the inception of the Otu Odu society as we know it today.

Prior to Etukokwu's efforts, the Otu Odu was more of a private or individual affair, where only a select few women could afford to participate. However, under his leadership, the society evolved into a prestigious institution with modernized rules and functions.

Etukokwu also introduced the classic white uniform that Ndi Odu members wear today, symbolizing purity and elegance. His contributions have had a lasting impact on the Otu Odu society, elevating its status and significance in Onitsha culture.

The Otu Odu society has since become a prominent socio-political and economic organization, empowering women and promoting cultural heritage in Onitsha and beyond.

Above culled from the book written by Odua Etukokwu. This historical background is educative and good for our knowledge as members of Otu Odu Onitsha.