

**CITATION ON DR.PIUS NWABUIFO CHARLES OKIGBO
FOR THE NIGERIAN NATIONAL MERIT AWARD 1ST
OCTOBER, 1983**

DR.PIUS NWABUIFO CHARLES OKIGBO C.O.N., a very eminent and dynamic Nigerian economist, was born on 6 February 1924 in Ojoto, near Onitsha. His has been a life of outstanding

Scholarship and public service, a symbol of the single minded pursuit of excellence in his chosen field of economics. He continues to be a source of inspiration to the young, Educated and disciplined minds. He succeeded in reconciling the demands of rigorous scholarship with service to his country. In him the concepts of the man of ideas and the man of action have met in a harmonious synthesis.

2. Pius Okigbo, as he is popularly known, obtain B.A.B.Sc. (Eons.) and LL.B (London) by private study. He then proceeded to North Western University where he got M.A. and

Ph.D.in economics. He was a post-doctoral fellow of the American Philosophical Society in Oxford. His life-time Pursuit of economics was appropriately rewarded in 1982 by the award of Doctor of Science by the University of London.

3. His published works represent constant and consistent effort to break new grounds in the study and practice of the Nigerian economy. His book, Nigerian National Accounts (1962). defined the basic data of the National accounts in Scientific terms e.t.c. It is a classic which is not only relevant but essential in lucidity and style for students Of the Nigerian economy. This was followed by Nigerian Public Finance which defined in rigorous and elegant terms the coming of age of the Nigerian economy as part of modern

world economy. His latest book, Nigerian Financial System (1982) charts the growth of modern Nigerian economy and unravels the complexity of factors that shape it as only a master, can do. His articles in learned and professional journals, listing over 25, constitute an invaluable source of reference for the study of the Nigerian economy •

4. Since 1980, Dr.Aribisala has been the chief consultant of "the National Committee on the Green Revolution carrying out studies and reviews in Agriculture with a view to of "the National Committee on the Green Revolution carrying out studies and reviews in Agriculture with view to achieving self -sufficiency in food production by 1985 and rehabilitation of export produces by 1987.

5. For these unique contributions of wide variety in Agriculture and raising the standard of living of our people, the Board of Trustees of the Nigerian National Merit Award is proud "to present DR. THEOPHILUS SUNDAY BA.BATUNDE ARIBISALA as one of the recipients for the award in 1983.

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