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OLORUNFEMI FAGUNWA**



Foundation Wants Key Yoruba Literatures Reintroduced

LAGOS- An educational NGO — D.O.Fagunwa Foundation — has canvassed the reintroduction of legendary Yoruba literature books into schools' curriculum in the South-West.

The Foundation said at a news conference in Lagos that the writings of the late Fagunwa should be part of the books to be reintroduced.

The Chairman of the Foundation, Mrs. Ibikunade Sijuwola, said the Yoruba language should be embraced by students, particularly in primary and secondary schools, as part of efforts to promote the culture of the Yoruba.

According to her, arrangements are at an advanced stage to secure the approval of the state governments.

She disclosed that the 2nd annual D.O.Fagunwa memorial lecture would hold in Ibadan, on December 5 and would be delivered by Prof. Olaoye Abioye of the the Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun.Sijuwola said the Foundation would also encourage the translation of Fagunwas books into major Nigerian languages and other foreign languages.

She disclosed that a cultural centre and a library were being planned in memory of

Fagunwa. Sijuwola said the Foundation had facilitated the staging of one of his works,

“Ogboju Ode Ninu Igbo Irunmole”, both in Yoruba and English, in partnership with
Chams Plc.

Chief Olu Falomo, Chairman, Coordinating Committee of the Lecture Series, also told
journalists that Fagunwa’s books were being reproduced by his publishers.

Reports say that the late Daniel Olorunfemi Fagunwa, who died 45 years ago, hailed from
Oke Igbo in Ondo State.

He wrote many novels in classical Yoruba language including “Ogboju Ode Ninu Igbo
Irunmole” (1950) — which Prof. Wole Soyinka translated into English and re-titled, “The
forest of a thousand demons”.

Other works of Fagunwa include “Ireke Onibudo” and “Igbo Eledumare”.