

**AN ADDRESS BY THE PRINCIPAL OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GIRLS' COLLEGE,  
LANGTANG, M.S. ALI (MRS), AT THE MAIDEN EDITION OF FEDERAL LANGTANG OLD  
GIRLS' ASSOCIATION (FLOGA) RE-UNION 2011. ON 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER  
AT THE HAVEN, 6A LASALE CLOSE, MAITAMA – ABUJA**

I feel highly honoured to address you at this epoch-making event, the maiden edition of Federal Langtang Old Girls' Association (FLOGA) re-union.

It is a very unique day as history has been recorded in the life of your 33 year –old alma-mater, Federal Government Girls' College, Langtang. My joy today knows no bounds as this event is taking place during my tenure as the Principal of the college. This re-union is timely and an answer to my prayers. For when I assumed duty at the college I saw the need to bring the old students closer to their alma-mater.

As you are all aware that the role of the alumni of any institution cannot be over-emphasized as its members are major stake holders.

Your alma-mater, a Federal Unity College established with the purpose of national unity and academic excellence should have a formidable association to achieve this aim and contribute positively to educational development and national integration. You are from different parts of the country but today you are meeting as sisters of the same mother, Federal Government Girls' College, Langtang, with the same culture, reminiscing the old school days. Also the nostalgic efforts that prompted the convening of this meeting today confirm that Federal Government College, Langtang has achieved the aims of its founding fathers. I therefore urge you to keep the flag flying so that you become a force to reckon with. Remember as the saying goes; the end is better than the beginning.

The college which is older than some of you here, like any human establishment is not void of challenges. Out of the five substantive Principals, two died on active service and one after her retirement. May their souls rest in perfect peace. Though death is a natural phenomenon but their exit affected the college. The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the college which was in the pipeline was not celebrated due to the demise of the erstwhile Principal, Late Mrs. M.A. Rotshak.

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The Federal Ministry of Education has been doing a lot so also the Parent Teachers Association (PTA) and the School Based Management Committee (SBMC) to make the environment teaching and learning friendly. But education as you know needs a lot of resources more than any human endeavour. There is a lot you too could do not only material and financial assistance but with value orientation of the young ones by organizing periodical talks to them. Also as mothers in your homes and at work places, be good ambassadors of Federal Government Girls' College, Langtang. We the older generation will soon hand over the affairs of the society to you.

I commend the organisers of this re-union for a very good start, I know it has not been easy to come this far, I employ you all to join hands and make this association active. I will also wish to use this medium to appreciate some of your members who had shown interest in the college by their visits and contributions. Some members of the Plateau state chapter of the alumni made the graduating cake for 2010/2011 set. Three of your colleagues came and spent a week-end in the college, donated some sanitary items and participated in the week-end cleaning.

We will long to see you schedule your meeting in the college in the near future to enable you assess existing condition and plan your intervention.

Thank you for inviting your long serving teachers and myself. This shows that you value us.

I wish you all a successful re-union and God's blessings in your endeavours.

Thank you.