



From left to right: Adedokun, visited in the art lecture on campus after the...
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 ...attempts the educational development in the country of Nigeria.

Nigerian king visits campus

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King Emmanuel Adedokun of the Nigerian kingdom of Ekiti visited a part of the campus to examine the MTSU model in hopes of building a second education program for his kingdom in Nigeria.

Members of the Adam Adedokun Foundation, a nonprofit organization based in Spring Hill, Tenn. that provides humanitarian and educational support to kingdoms in Nigeria, also came with the king. The foundation has partnered with Adedokun to provide the people of the kingdom with scholarships, a library and various forms of educational programs.

"We are prepared to make ourselves available and ready for the development of student programs in Nigeria," Adedokun said. "We want to make Ekiti kingdom a role model for other kingdoms in Nigeria."

Adedokun said that after visit-



Princess Funmi Adedokun, Nigerian princess Funmi Adedokun leads a short university assembly.

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"MTSU would be a great place for us to partner with in education, business development, health and agriculture," Adedokun said. "We would also work with training teachers and leaders in the community."

Adedokun said that one of the foundation's biggest achievements has been the development of the first community library in Ekiti, to be completed in February.

"We have had over 4,000 books donated by people in Tennessee, along with 20 computers that have been donated by a woman," Adedokun said. "It's been amazing to see the number of Tennesseans that have been so kind in giving their books to help."

Adedokun said that after visiting Ekiti with Princess Funmi Adedokun, she said that the two would benefit from a formal partnership.

"A formal partnership...

people go to either on weekends to help and they go with their own agendas and tell them what they think they need," Adedokun said. "King Adedokun shared his vision for the community and we want to build something that is sustainable."

Princess Adedokun, who currently resides in Spring Hill with her husband David, said that when they make their next trip to Nigeria in February, they plan to start a leadership camp.

"In the future, we would like students here in the state to internships and help educate and train the youth of leadership on the north shore," Princess Adedokun said.

David Harrick said he hopes the foundation will reach a milestone point where they can work on multiple projects.

"The foundation is still young and growing, and right now we're building our partnership with them," David Harrick said. "They're doing a lot of small projects and all the things and up to us to help them get to the next level."

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