

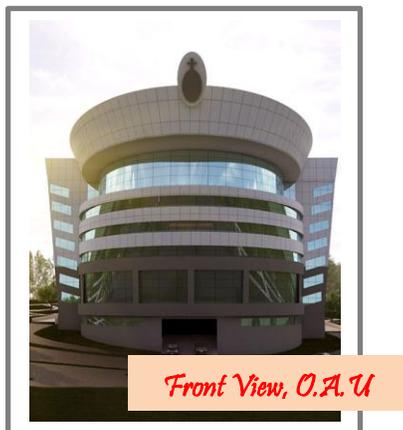
O.A.U SENATE BUILDING

CONCEPT

AD Consulting was commissioned to design the O.A.U senate building in celebration of the university's 50th Anniversary. Obafemi Awolowo University is situated in Ile-Ife, Osun State, Nigeria. Inspiration for the design of the university's senate building was drawn from the Ife bronze known as the "Ori Olokun", a symbol that represents the rich cultural heritage of Ile Ife, the traditional cradle of the Yoruba race. This building is a contemporary interpretation of this ancient cultural symbol.



In the spirit of the jubilee, the old dispensation gives rise to a new era leading to a new interpretation of its ancient heritage. The glass veil at the entrance portrays the veil of the beaded crown a Yoruba King, The roof and its form is redolent of the *Ori Olokun's* crown.



THE TECHNOLOGY; Low Energy, Low Maintenance

The skillful blend of glass and steel materials in buildings is the language of 21st Century architecture. The building is suffused with natural day light. This approach was steered by the idea of light being a symbol of knowledge and learning. In view of that the building by design was flooded with natural light as a symbol of what represents the flagship building of a center for knowledge and learning.



The edifice is a low energy and low maintenance building because of its primary dependence on natural lighting and ventilation to light and cool and building. The courtyards are environmentally efficient features borrowed from Yoruba traditional architecture, apt for a building situated in Ile-Ife, the cradle of Yoruba race. The warm air inside the building is less dense than cooler air outside, rises and exits from the lower roof openings, and the cooler denser air enters through the windows in a process known as stack effect.