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I want to note that Igala numbering process over the years lack the expected serial order which makes the metric standard appear superior to Igala numeral process. I wish to state boldly that ofofo is the first number rather than Inye. And I want to rule out that inye is a number because inye became an island number or idakpe. If inye is a number, it ought to have moved to the second level at egwa nyi nye, eleven and beyond.

We give multiple names to numbers of the same generation. For example, we regard 20 as ogwu and 30 as ogwu egwa in which serial numeral order has been laid but by the time the 20 family doubles itself at 40, we jump the serial order as we regard 40 as ogbo. The yard stick for measuring numeral process in metric system is zero. Zero family starts at zero, through 10, 30, 40, etc. The mid course number for 10 is 5. Five repeats itself at 15, 25, 35, 45, etc. If we adopt that order, 40 becomes ogwu meji, 50 becomes ogwu meji nyo m'egwa and not oje.

At three digits numbers, we regard one hundred as ogwu melu (100). We need to adopt ogwu melu through out the three digit numbers in which 200 becomes ogwu melu meji to ogwu melu mela (900).

At 4, 5 and 6 digits level, we recommend Owo for thousand family.

At 7, 8 and 9 digits level, we recommend Owowo for million family

At 10, 11 and 12 digits level we recommend Owotowo for billion family.

At 13, 14 and 15 digits level we recommend Iyo for trillion family

At 16, 17 and 18 digits level we recommend Iyoyo for quadrillion family

etc... At 28, 29 and 30 digits level we recommend Ololo for Octillion family

and At 72, 73 and 75 digits level we recommend Ogbekugbeku for numeral family which DIFTON called metricentillion. Udogba Olopu aluka Igala is at least 96% Igala in vocabulary content, hence we did not borrow unnecessarily from elsewhere.

These numeral order above will benefit rather than confuse our teeming youths. If adopted, the unit Igala number will agree with the unit Naira like the dollar and pound.

**THE NATURAL STRUCTURE OF THE METRIC NUMERAL PROCESS INDICATING THE
INSTANT MULTIPLIER EFFECT IN NUMBERS
NUMERAL FAMILY ZERO SUMMARY TABLE**

	<i>Numeral Rank</i>	UNIT TO OCTILLION	<i>Numeral Rank</i>	NOD	NOC	NOC
16	One hundred octillion	100,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Ololo ogwu melu	30	9	3
	Ten octillion	10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Ololo megwa	29	"	-
	One octillion	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Ololo	28	"	-
17	One hundred septillion	100,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Ologologo ogwu melu	27	8	3
	Ten septillion	10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Ologologo megwa	26	"	-
	One septillion	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Ologologo	25	"	-
18	One hundred sextillion	100,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Ogbogo ogwu melu	24	7	3
	Ten sextillion	10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Ogbogo ogwu megwa	23	"	-
	One sextillion	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Ogbogo	22	"	-
19	One hundred quintillion	100,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Ogo ogwu melu	21	6	3
	Ten quintillion	10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Ogo megwa	20	"	-
	One quintillion	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Ogo	19	"	-
20	One hundred quadrillion	100,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Iyoyo ogwu melu	18	5	3
	Ten quadrillion	10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Iyoyo megwa	17	"	-
	One quadrillion	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Iyoyo	16	"	-
21	One hundred trillion	100,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Iyo ogwu melu	15	4	3
	Ten trillion	10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Iyo megwa	14	"	-
	One trillion	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Iyo	13	"	-
22	One hundred billion	100,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Owotowo megwa	12	3	3
	Ten billion	10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Owotowo megwa	11	"	-
	One billion	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Owotowo	10	"	-
23	One hundred million	100,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Owo ogwu melu	9	2	3
	Ten million	10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Owowo	8	"	-
	One million	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Owowo	7	"	-
24	One hundred thousand	100,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Owo ogwu melu	6	1	3
	Ten thousand	10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Owo megwa	5	"	-
	One thousand	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Owo	4	"	-
25	One hundred	100,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Ogwu melu	3	-	3
	Ten	10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Egwa	2	-	-
	One	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	Oka	1	-	-
	Zero	0	Ofofo			3

TOTAL NUMERAL RANK = 10

TOTAL NUMBER OF DIGIT = 10 X 30

NUMERAL RANK SOURCE;

Webster International Dictionary

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