



86 Doctors, 7 Dentists Take Physicians' Oath At 37th Induction

A total of 86 new Medical Doctors and 7 Dental Surgeons trained by the College of Health Sciences were inducted into the profession by the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) as a major highlight of the 37th Swearing-in Ceremony held last Monday at the Ebitimi Ranigbo Auditorium, reports Mercy Adeniji.

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Professor Samuel Ejiofe of the Department of Civil Engineering delivers the 125th Inaugural Lecture this Tuesday. Details next week. *-Editor*



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Korean Envoy Declares Nigeria Africa's Future At UniPort Lecture



By Chibana Nwedin

Despite the current socio-economic and political challenges bedeviling the country, Nigeria still remains the future and worthy role model for the rest of Africa. The country would require the combined effort of all citizens and valued assistance from foreign partners to unleash its huge potentials on the global stage. This was the submission of the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Nigeria, His Excellency, Ryu Nah Duk, at a well-attended

Public Lecture and Interactive Session with senior academics and students of the University of Port Harcourt at the Ebitimi Ranigbo Auditorium, last Tuesday. Ambassador Duk, whose hour-long PowerPoint presentation was entitled: *Korea/Nigeria Relationship* at 35, said that his belief on the future of Nigeria influenced his choice to serve his country here for the second time, pointing out that the rest of Africa had so much to learn from Nigeria on many fronts. "If Nigeria succeeds, it means that Africa as a continent would succeed

and it is, therefore, important to ensure that students are given priority to prepare them for their future role as leaders with the right kind of focus." Ambassador Duk said that "as the future of Africa, University students in Nigeria have to be properly equipped with the right skills that would prepare them to square up to the challenges of nation-building." The Envoy gave a historical background of the Republic of Korea and highlighted the steps taken by his country to attain her

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As Konya Hands Over Graduate School Today

Professor Roseline Konya assumed the Deanship of the School of Graduate Studies (SGS) from Professor Rose Willie Akley in March, 2011 and presided over the successful restructuring of the School into a thriving College. As Professor Konya hands over the Deanship position to Professor Regina Ogal today, she will go down on record as the only holder of the position to first function as Dean, then a Provost and again as Dean before relinquishing the office. The College has, over more, reverted to its former status as a School, following the decision of Senate to scrap the college system.

On assumption of office, Professor Konya had this to say: "I have never been a routine person, so I hope to leave tangible imprints that will be used to remember my service here when I am done. I will try to ensure that both staff and students will feel satisfied that they are part of a success story. We will not relent in taking research and development to greater heights on my watch. There shall be remarkable institutions that will stand out as premier landmarks of my tenure, and I believe God will assist us to achieve them."

In a handover brief printed in a pamphlet entitled: *New Heights of Service Delivery*, Professor Konya expressed satisfaction that she and her team had worked assiduously to achieve new heights of service delivery in the creche College, and by extension, the University.

"When we came on board, we took a census of students on graduate programmes with a view to ascertaining the number of those who were actually pursuing their studies. This was in a bid to determine candidates who abandoned their programmes for one reason or the other, only to come back on a later date to claim studentship," she remarked, explaining that after obtaining proper information on such students, it was gathered that a large number of them formed the habit of not paying fees which contributed to the abandonment of programme at will.

This cavalier attitude with graduate programmes, according to Konya, informed the policy of *No Fees No Admission Letter* to change the tide, thus compelling the students to commit themselves to paying fees after purchasing the graduate studies form.

"The retention policy which was approved by the Senate and now in full force provided timelines for students on graduate programme, such that a Postgraduate Diploma student who stays beyond three years is deemed to have overstayed, likewise, those on the Master's degree programme and Doctoral candidates, who stay for five and seven years, respectively. With the policy in place, candidates, who stayed beyond an extra two-year grace period from the statutory residency period, will be automatically withdrawn from such programmes. He or she will either start afresh or forfeit the programme of study altogether," the outgoing Professor Konya said, pointing out that the policy boosted the internally-generated revenue drive of the University and received commendation from authorities of the University.

Also, aware that part of the reasons that resulted in delayed completion of programme was financial constraint, Professor Konya initiated a scholarship scheme by mobilizing alumni of the School to contribute to a special fund. No fewer than 16 indigent students have, so far, benefited from the scheme which is now in its fourth year and still ongoing.

To ensure that students engaged in standard research activities, the Management of the College incorporated the National Universities Commission Standard Minimum Benchmark into its prospectus, engaged the services of accomplished scholars and professional industry

On March 19, 2011 when Professor Roseline Konya of the Department of Animal and Environmental Biology assumed office as Dean of the School of Graduate Studies (SGS), she unfolded big plans to transform the School in a two-page interview published in the *Unique UniPort* magazine. Correspondent, OTIKOR SAMUEL, who closely monitored her tenure filed in this exit report.

players from within and outside the country to deliver lectures in the College, deployed the *Tutoria* software and other measures to ensure that graduate students engage in original research that was devoid of plagiarism and copy right violation.

"I am very concerned about the originality of research titles and their relevance to national development," she told our Correspondent. No wonder her tenure reaped handsomely from the Nigerian Universities' Doctoral Thesis Award Scheme (NUTAS) under the auspices of the National Universities Commission (NUC), which awarded 'best thesis status' to three dissertations from the University authored by Drs. Adaka Nwaeze, Augustine Nwagwu and Chima Chikere, in the Arts, Social and Biological Sciences in a keenly contested competition.

in the growth of the School, Konya also initiated the idea of publishing widely-commended Annual Reports for record purposes.

Newly-admitted students were given direction on how to properly navigate their way as students in the University through annual orientation exercises and public lectures, in addition to regular interactive sessions with students and their leaders. At the Faculty level, Common Rooms were refurbished with state-of-the-art furniture and in-house facilities to enable graduate students have an enabling environment to engage in research.

Professor Konya galvanized available resources to advance the course of highly demanding graduate studies in a relaxed environment without compromising quality. She effectively pulled together scholarly, capital and human resources to pursue the goal she set out for herself on assumption of office in 2011.

It is an irony that on her assumption of office, the School had produced a paltry 468 PhD holders, 6,800 Master's degrees and 4,500 Postgraduate Diploma graduates since its inception in 1982; but in the last Commencement alone, the College harvested a whopping 400 PhDs, 2,600 Master's degrees and 5,328 Postgraduate Diploma holders.

As the formally hands over the School to a new Dean, it is beyond doubt that Professor Konya has indeed actualized her vision to improve on what she met in the School on assumption of office. She has kept in her promise to "leave tangible imprints that will be used to remember my service here" and has used well to the measure "what both staff and students will be satisfied that they are part of a success story."

Professor Konya did not accomplish the magic feat by herself; her team which included: Professors Martin Inezochi, Gregory Aworil, Chinedu Ehirim, Adekunle Desunnon, Graduate Studies Officer, Dr. Agatha Angha, Chief Accountant, Mr. Ogechigwe Akali, Admissions Officer, Mrs. Helen Hmehocha and other subordinate staff who shared in the vision also deserves to be applauded. "I wish to thank the former Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajaka for appointing me and my colleagues to serve in various positions. It is an experience which has further widened our individual academic and public service experiences. We also wish to thank our colleagues for the support given us in the line of duty. Postgraduate students who cooperated with us at all times are not left out. We did not have any unfortunate incident in the College, as God guided and protected us throughout our time of duty and in Him alone be glory and honour," she concluded.



Prof Konya

her plan to internationalize linkages with other institutions yielded fruit as activities on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the University of Birmingham paved way for a Doctoral Candidate in the University, Richard Akpilo to proceed on an exchange programme in Birmingham on a Federal Government scholarship.

To boost the morale of staff for more productivity, the Konya-led School of Graduate Studies complemented the welfare package of the Professor Joseph Ajaka-led administration by also providing staff with bags of rice and vegetable oil at the end of each year, in addition to organizing annual end-of-session party at which deserving staff were rewarded. No fewer than twelve staff were honoured for their outstanding contributions

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86 Doctors, 7 Dentists Take Physicians' Oath



L-R: Dr. C. Adams, Prof. Dr. CMD, CPJH, Prof. Ojo and Dr. Chomere of UNICEN

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Administering the Physicians' Oath on the new Doctors, Registrar of the Council, Dr. Abdulmalik Ibrahim, administered them to always uphold the time-tested medical ethics in their professional practice, which he said were universal and applied to every entrant into the noble calling.

"Council is indeed proud to be associated with the success recorded in the College, especially in ensuring that the standard of training of Medical and Dental graduates conforms to the minimum standard set by the Council. It is very important at this early stage to remind the Medical and Dental graduates of what medical ethics entails, so that they would be well informed and properly guided before taking the Physicians' Oath and proceeding to practice.

"As a regulatory body, we want to ensure proper training and conduct of new entrants into the profession," he told them, warning against the breach of professional code that could lead to litigation and revocation of operational license.

"You must place the welfare of your patients above other personal interests if you hope to excel in the profession. We would expect you to keep abreast of current trends, duties and privileges in the profession and be ready to relate to other professions, the media and society. You must practice according to your specified registration status. We wish to also congratulate the authorities of the University of Port Harcourt for training world class Doctors as a leading medical school in the country," Dr. Ibrahim told the gathering.

The Registrar, who was represented by the Assistant Registrar and Head of Registration, Dr. Victor Ghomere,

warned the new Doctors against negligence and malpractice that could lead to adverse consequences.

In his welcome address, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ndaba Labe, said the main purpose of the gathering was to induct successful graduates, who have met the stringent conditions specified by the Senate of the University for admission into the profession that thrives on high ethical standards. "The ceremony offers us a rare opportunity to appraise the progress made so far in implementing the policies of the University in medical education," he said, urging the new Doctors to be good ambassadors of the University.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Anthony Dike, charged the Inductees "to strive to live the ideals of diligence and excellence in service to humanity; ensuring that the best professional practices are maintained at all times in the line of duty. That way, you would have justified the huge resources expended on you by the University and your parents as you prepare to prove your skills in the world," Professor Labe said, congratulating the parents of the new Inductees for supporting them during their stay in the Medical School.

Administering the new Doctors, Chief Medical Director of the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital (UPTH), Professor Aaron Ojo, congratulated and welcomed them into the noble profession. "As Doctors, your patients must remain your foremost consideration in all your practice. Medicine is not just a profession or vocation, it is a calling which is by natural selection. It is service to humanity and if you are not prepared to serve humanity, then you have no business being in the profession. Again, another area where we are fast losing track is in respect for our elders and teachers," he

lamented, stressing, however, that despite the daunting challenges, the University and Hospital have fulfilled their statutory mandate of training quality manpower for the health sector. "I also commend the graduating class for building a walkway at the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital," he added.

Delivering his address, President of the College of Health Sciences, Professor Christie Mamo, commended Management of the University and the Teaching Hospital for providing an enabling environment for the training of Doctors by the College. She congratulated parents and guardians for their efforts in ensuring that their children succeeded in their medical training. "I feel proud that you are my first set of graduates. I have smiled you when you misbehaved; I have also pulled you close, guided and prayed for you. I stood rejoicing when I signed and released your results and your screams of joy rent the air around the College, but I also wept for those who did not find their names on the pass list. I present you to the world with confidence that you have been well-trained."

In his contribution, Acting Vice-Chancellor, Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Nkpori and Medical Elder for the 37th Induction, Professor Blending Dibia, congratulated the Inductees for their patience and hard work during their medical training in the University. He urged them to always remain respectful and be conversant with the ethics of the profession. He commended his colleagues for their perseverance in the training of the new Doctors. "In this University, medical training has grown, while the College has remained the eye of the University and we will continue to move forward until we are number one in Africa. It is time for us to have our new College building so that we can compete with other medical schools," Professor Dibia said.

In their separate speeches, the Vice-Chancellor for the NERES, Dr. Goodness Okeye and her counterpart in the BEN programme, Dr. Adedokun Bello, expressed satisfaction with the quality of training they received from the College, promising that they would represent the University as thorough-going professionals wherever they may be.

"We learnt that our teachers' discipline was ultimately for our own good and all the stress we were made to go through was to mould our character and build tenacity for the challenges ahead of the class of 2014/2015, PMM 2014/2015, the name which stands for first. It is at all known locations on hills or high places" Dr. Okeye said, charging their colleagues not to forget that the society would use them as humanoids and vulnerable. Other highlights of the event were the commissioning of a walkway built by the graduating class at the UPTH and presentation of the Port Harcourt Medical Journal.

Recruited Leadership and Mentorship Consultant, Ugochukwu Onogwu, has promised students adopt one student of the University for Mentorship, with a promise to return the lucky beneficiary as a multi-millionaire in one year!

Onogwu announced the cheering news at a one-day seminar held for students and staff of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the Faculty Seminar Room on Monday, September 14, 2015. Hundreds of curious students, who attended the venue of the motivational talkshow, were full of eager anticipation as the entrepreneurship guru redressed the dos and don'ts of a successful post-school life.

The event which held under the auspices of the Claude Ake School of Government had the theme: Entrepreneurship as a Means to Wealth Creation. In his incisive presentation, the United States-based Accredited Graduate of Akins State University, challenged the students to develop passion for an impactful life through the acquisition of requisite knowledge that would influence their future career choices on graduation. He identified the willingness to learn and adapt to new challenges and team spirit as necessary variables for the measurement of an individual's reception to knowledge in the new learning environment.

"Any individual who is teachable has an opportunity to become great in life; most people do not practice what they learn in school," Onogwu told his audience, advising students to keep an open mind to be able to absorb new developments in and outside their specializations. Identifying the three levels of knowledge as

Omeogu, Leadership Guru Grills UniPort Students on Wealth Creation

By Obinna Nwodin

revolutionary, theoretical and experiential, Onogwu described learning as a process of increasing capacity to take successful action that would enable the individual secure desired outcomes in professional and personal life, adding that the only way to grow that learning has taken place was the exhibition of improved behaviour that can result in developing team spirit and self-motivation.

Mr. Onogwu stated that the greatest obstacle to success was an insurmountable ignorance, but blessed with knowledge, highlighting a number of levels which he said were necessary for the attainment of competence in the competitive business environment of today. He identified entrepreneurship as committing an individual's vision into wealth, explaining that an entrepreneur was someone who determined the financial value of his vision.

Also speaking, Director of the Claude Ake School of Government, Professor Ene Ekekeke, expressed gratitude to Mr. Onogwu for what he described as the insightful exposure of the students to a new level of thinking, adding that the presentation was such an invaluable exercise that could take the students to the pinnacle of their future career choices.



Director, Claude Ake School of Gov't, Prof. Ekekeke (right) and Lead Speaker, Mr. Onogwu

Inductees, Parents Speak On Medical Training

Newly-inducted Medical Doctors and Dental Surgeons, including their parents, spoke to UniPort Weekly Correspondent, ETHEL TUMI-JOHNSON, on the sidelines of the 3rd Induction Ceremony of the College of Health Sciences which took place last Monday.

DR. GOODNESS OKOYE

Best Graduating Student (BACHELOR OF MEDICINE, BACHELOR OF SURGERY)

"I feel accomplished,

humbled and very

grateful to God and

everyone who

contributed to our

success. I believe I got

the best training

because my teachers

gave their very best.

They were willing

to give us their

best and we promise

to always make

them proud."

Dr. Okoye also

emerged as Best

Graduating Student in Anatomy, Pathology and

Internal Medicine.



graduated as a Doctor. I

feel so much fulfilled and

happy. I will rate my

training high, but there is

need for improvement of

available facilities to

deepen the training

programme. The

highlight of my stay in

the University was

successfully

combining student

politics with my

studies. At one point, I

was the President and Public Relations Officer of

the Port Harcourt University Dental Students'

Association (PUDSA), Vice-President and

Assistant Secretary General of the Nigerian

Association of Dental Students. Involvement in

these activities opened my eyes to many more

things that I did not originally anticipate as a

student in this University."



DR. ADEBOWALE BELLO, Best Graduating Student (BACHELOR OF DENTAL SURGERY)

"I feel awesome being inducted into the Medical

and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN). The joy

will never cease as I have a lot of reasons to

celebrate after all the struggle

to scale through the hurdle

of becoming a Dental

Surgeon. On a scale of 10, I

will rate the training I

received here as seven per

cent. The highlight of my

training was the clinical

postings which exposed me

to the practical

aspects of dental

education." Dr.

Bello also

emerged as Best

Graduating Student in

Prosthodontics.

Restorative Dentistry and Preventive Dentistry.

Dr. Enyinnaya Ukaegbe, Graduate

"I feel excited and honoured having finally



DR. MICHELLE EDJE, GRADUATE

"I am happy to be

inducted as a full-

fledged Doctor today

and I'm so glad it came

to a beautiful climax. I

wish to thank my

parents and

siblings for

being so

supportive. I

would rate my

training as 80

per cent." Dr. Edje is the Best Graduating Student

in Child Health, Science of Dental Material and

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

PROFESSOR EMEHIKE WAMI, PARENT

NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE NIGERIAN

SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS

It is a thing of joy for parents to see their children

graduating after the stress and sleepless nights.

The students have done the University and their

parents proud and we will all join them to

celebrate their tenacity of purpose. I am very happy that this phase of my daughter's training has finally come to an end. Another chapter has begun in her professional career. We wish all the graduating Doctors the best in life.



ENGINEER AND MRS. WILLIAMS, PARENTS

"We feel great to be alive to witness today. It is our

happiest day. The Induction Ceremony was well

organized. We are grateful to God. UniPort is truly

unique and we can attest to the high quality

training our son received from the Medical School

here. It is our hope that our children who were

owned in today would go out to the world and

prove themselves worthy of the honour that we

witnessed here today."



SIR AUSTIN ANUSIEM, PARENT

"Today is a joyful day in my life. I thank God for

keeping me alive to see my daughter being

inducted as a Medical

Doctor. I owe

appreciation to the

Lecturers and the

University

Management for

leading them to the right

point of their

professional career. I

pray they continue to

keep the flag flying

to the glory of God

and advancement

of the Medical

profession."



V-C Appoints Worlu UIL MD

By Williams Widi

Following his successful tenure as pioneer

Manager of the then Choba/UniPort

Community Bank, which later

transformed into the U&C Microfinance Bank,

Dr. Paul Worlu of the Department of Educational

Management and Planning has been appointed

Acting Managing Director of the University of

Port Harcourt Investments Limited (UIL).

He takes over from Mr. Isiah Enoch, who has

been sent on 'Compulsory Leave' from his duty

post, following what the administration described as

lapses in the management structure of the

company on his watch. He will remain on Leave

until the Committee set up to investigate the

activities of the company submits its report to the

Vice-Chancellor.

A statement personally signed by the Vice-

Chancellor, Professor Nwagwu Late, directed Dr.

Worlu to take over the day-to-day running of the

company till further notice, congratulating him on

his new appointment and hoping that he would

turn around the dwindling fortunes of UIL.

It would be recalled that Dr. Worlu's glittering

record of service took him to the Federal

University of Technology, Otuoke in Bayelsa State,

on the request of the National Universities

Commission. Once at Otuoke, he pioneered a

thriving Audit Department, including training a

highly motivated crop of new staff that took over

from him.

On his return to the University in September,

2013, Management of the University of Port

Harcourt wrote him a commendation letter for

excellently discharging his duty schedule without

compromising his integrity.

Dr. Worlu joined the services of the University of

Port Harcourt as a Senior Clerical Officer in July,

1981 and rose through the ranks in the Audit Unit,

before obtaining the Doctor of Philosophy degree

in 2006. He joined the academia in 2011 with an

established track record of performance in and

outside the classroom.



Dr. Worlu

Parents, Guardian Speak On UniPort Parents' Forum

Parents who were bombarded with text messages, letters, banners, newspaper and radio announcements by way of invitation, converged on the University of Port Harcourt on Wednesday, September 16, 2015. Most of them had assumed that they were being 'announced' to be told of one infringement or the other committed by their children, and were, then, circumspet as they arrived for the meeting. Some first sought out their wards and subjected them to rigorous interrogations



Raron

before moving to the venue of the meeting. Just to be sure that nothing had gone amiss.

Once the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ndawa Late gave his well-rehearsed State of the University Address, the parents heaved a sigh of relief and regained their composure. You can never be sure of what young people are capable of doing outside the prying eyes of their parents these days. They call it a 'free world'. Parents were filled with eager anticipation as the highly animated Forum progressed at the expensive Ebitimi Banjo Auditorium.

The Forum commenced at 12.00 noon as scheduled with no room for the notorious 'African Time'. Attendance was more than heavy, while the weather initially inclined to agree with the



Oghata

landmark event. A later downpour failed to dampen the spirit of all stakeholders.

Elder Statesman, renowned Journalist and Writer, Lindsay Barrett, who was appointed a Special Advisor to the Interim Executive of the University of Port Harcourt Parents' Forum, described the event as very unique and long overdue. "I taught at the Universities of Ife and Lagos; and I don't remember witnessing such a Forum like the one being covered by the authorities of University of Port Harcourt today with such massive congregations of the University on this commendable and hope that it would parents a veritable

to interact and strategies to move the city forward."

Also speaking, another enthused parent, Mr. Charles Oghata, disclosed that "This Forum is very okay. I am very impressed with Management for bringing parents from far and near to come together on a common platform to dialogue on how we can join hands to move the University forward. I am so pleased by the decision to establish this Forum, which is a wonderful idea that would focus attention on the welfare of our children. I am also very satisfied with the inauguration of an Interim Executive that would prepare the ground for the formal election of a substantive Executive for the Forum."

Another happy parent, Mrs. Patricia Ekefora, said she received the invitation through a text message to grace the event. "It fell okay with the emergence of this Forum. It is most commendable to guide the University on



A representative of the Forum

a proper growth line, the Forum would be justified for coming into being. I hope that all those who are privileged to be nominated to serve in the Interim Executive would help bring the views of parents to Management of the University and democratize the decision-making process so that every parent would feel a sense of membership and ownership of the Forum. I pray that God Almighty would direct the new Vice-Chancellor and Management to achieve all they have set out to do."

Mrs. Edine Akoronye, who was appointed pioneer Treasurer in the Interim Executive of the Forum said: "This is the first of its kind and I am so delighted to be part of it. We believe that subsequent meetings of the Forum would be better organized. My son is a First Year Student and I believe that before he graduates, the Forum would have come up with lofty ideas to make the Management succeed in its stated vision of making UniPort more conducive for learning. I thank the authorities for convening this Forum and I wish them the best as they devise ways to reposition the University for improved service delivery."

On her part, another parent, Mrs. Theresa Umeh, said she received a text message to grace the event. "I welcome this idea by the Vice-Chancellor and I am happy that parents and guardians were able to speak their mind on how they feel and I'm confident that this administration would do its best to improve in the different areas where the University is lagging behind. This Forum that was inaugurated today would be very useful in moving the University forward."



Umeh

Stakeholders Meet On PTFDF Chair

By Otilor Samuel

Stakeholders under the auspices of the Endowment Management Committee for the Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF) Chair in Petroleum Engineering met on Friday, September 11, 2015, to review the activities of the Chair with a view to mapping out new strategies to actualize its mandate.

Speaking during the quarterly meeting, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ndawa Late, who was represented by Professor Ben Ndakwa, charged the Committee members to foster an inter-disciplinary research strategy and build more capacity around the Chair in line with the goal of endowing it by the PTFDF.

The Vice-Chancellor, who assured PTFDF that the University would judiciously utilize fund allocated to the Chair, commended other members of the Committee for their interest in helping to realize the objectives of the fund.

In his presentation, Chair Occupant, Professor Dain Appah, listed the objectives of the Chair to include: strengthening research collaboration with the industry and government, encouraging and developing interdisciplinary teaching and research in gas technology, as well as exploring new frontiers in gas development in the country.

"The responsibilities of the Endowment Management Committee are to produce an annual budget for maintaining the Chair, receive and manage all funds remitted by PTFDF (Receipts and Accounts of funds), meet not less than four times a year for proper administration of the Chair, provide PTFDF a quarterly Research Report on Chair (Gas Research Group) and provide proper

custody of all capital equipment," Professor Appah disclosed, promising his commitment to the delivery of the objectives of the Chair.

Representatives of PTFDF, Dr. Nwaka Jacob and Kalume Ahmed, who undertook an inspection of equipment for research, recommended repair and replacement of old ones, stressing the need for a strong and effective succession plan to ensure smooth transition from one Chair Occupant to other.



Chair Occupant, Prof Appah (4th left), Prof Ndawa (2nd left), representatives of PTFDF, Dr. Jacob and Mrs. Ahmed (1st and 2nd right), Barrow, Mrs. Uduh (3rd right), Prof. Appah (5th left) and others after the meeting

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 present variable level of development, after gaining independence from imperial Japan in 1945. He was very critical of the non-mongering antics of the country's South Korean neighbour that has retarded the overall development of the two Koreas. Doh stated that relations between Nigeria and Korea Republic which commenced in 1960 after the two countries formally signed bilateral agreements have improved over the years, identifying a number of Korean companies in Nigeria, including efforts

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being made to encourage Nigerian businesses in Korea.

The Ambassador also expressed the willingness of his home government to support the University in many ways, to further strengthen the relationship between Nigeria and Korea Republic. According to him, Korean Nigeria Limited, a Korean company doing business in the country would be willing to

provide internship programmes and employment opportunities for suitably qualified graduates of the University, as part of its corporate social responsibility, while scholarships and exchange programmes would be considered by the Embassy for students from the University. Mr. Doh also promised to link the University with tertiary institutions in Korea for mutually beneficial academic and cultural collaborations.

Earlier in his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Salawa Labe, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Anthony Ibe, expressed gratitude to the Ambassador for the visit, informing him that the University was the biggest tertiary institution in the Niger Delta region of the country with many high impact research initiatives in its credit. He expressed confidence that the interaction with the Ambassador would open more opportunities for closer institutional partnerships between tertiary institutions in both countries.

The Public Lecture which featured a question and answer session also had an interactive session with senior academic staff of the University and Student Union leaders at the NIM Lounge, United Bangs Auditorium.

The Ambassador and his entourage had paid a courtesy visit on the Vice-Chancellor at the Governing Council Chambers, Senate Building on their arrival for the Lecture.

He was accompanied on the visit by the Consul-General, Mr. Dae Lee, Managing Director of Daewoo Nigeria Limited, Mr. Pae Lim, Marketing Director, Mr. Tae Jung, amongst others, while the Director of Establishments Affairs, Mr. Dikane Charles-Greenville represented the Registrar, Mrs. Mariela Nwadike.



Mr. Doh addressing the audience

MDCN Commends UniPort On Quality Medical Training

By Oghina Nwadin

The Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) has showered praise on authorities of the University for meeting what the Council described as "significant improvements in infrastructural development aimed at enhancing the training of quality medical doctors in the College of Health Sciences." The Council also commended Management of the University for maintaining its leadership position in medical education in the country since the inception of its College of Health Sciences.

The commendation was contained in the 10th Report presented to the administration by a member of the facility evaluation team, Professor Bernard Akpan of Iba State University at the Vice-Chancellor's Committee Room, last Tuesday. Professor Akpan said that after thorough inspection of available facilities, his team was convinced that there was enough infrastructure on ground to satisfy the request for improved admission quota to the University.

"We saw, concrete evidence of infrastructural development in the physical vision. The University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital has improved in a number of ways, which is a far cry from what we saw during our last visit there. We congratulate the authorities on the observed improvements and we also identified other areas that would require improvements for the delivery of quality medical education in the College of Health Sciences," Professor Akpan disclosed.

Earlier at a courtesy call on arrival in the University for the exercise, the Registrar of the Council, Dr. Abdulhamid Ibrahim, who was represented by the Head of Medical Education, Dr. Nwanneke Nwanneke, had praised authorities of the University for supporting the College of Health Sciences in its bid to raise quality medical personnel for the country's healthcare sector.

The Registrar, who described MDCN as the apex regulatory body for the practice of Medicine, Dentistry and Alternative Medicine in Nigeria, disclosed that the team was in the University to evaluate the state of infrastructure before Council would consider the University's request to admit more students into the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery programme.

According to him, the Council does not set any Medical School from increased student enrolment, but added that Council's duty was to encourage such institutions to do so in line with global best practice, adding that such stringent regulations were intended to improve the quality of medical training in the country and safeguard the health of its citizens. "We assumed that Nigerian doctors are properly trained to compete with their counterparts in other parts of the world. We make sure that we maintain the established tradition of the medical profession in terms of quality, ethical conduct and service to humanity by new entrants into the noble profession. We try in the midst of all odds to ensure a semblance of minimum standards in a profession that deals directly with human life."

Receiving the delegation, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Anthony Ibe, who represented the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Salawa

Labe, expressed gratitude to MDCN for the facility visit to the University, pledging the total commitment of Management to quality medical training in line with global best practice. He told the team that "the request for improved admission quota was born out of the desire of the University to contribute its efforts aimed at bridging the inequity ratio of medical doctors to the populace as stipulated by the World Health Organization (WHO)." Professor Ibe added that "the authorities of the University were doing everything within their powers to ensure WHO's of the installed capacity of the College of Health Sciences to meet the stringent requirements that would qualify it to admit more students."

In her remarks, President of the College, Professor Christie Muna, who thanked the authorities for supporting quality medical training in the University, expressed hope that the College was on the right track in achieving the desired result. Lauding the poor ratio of doctors to patients in Nigeria, the President urged the regulatory body to answer the prayer of the College by approving increased admission quota for the medical programme.

Also present at the event was another member of the delegation, Professor Ugochima Agbakara from the Obafemi Awolowo University.



Dr. O's (Admin), Prof. Ibe (middle), Akpan, Prof. Ibe (2nd left), University Librarian, Dr. Oghina Nwadin (2nd left), Prof. Ibe, Prof. Ibe (2nd right), members of the accreditation team and senior officers of the College

GUIDEPOST

STADU To Commence Staff Training Oct 6

By Ethel Daniel-Johnson

A s a way of consolidating on Management's resolve to enhance service delivery to the University's growing stakeholders, the Registrar, Mrs Matilda Naudin, through the Staff Training and Development Unit (STADU), has proposed a three-day training programme for various categories of staff.

The training programme which is expected to commence on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, at the Basic Studies Unit, University Park, would target Clerks and Messengers employed from 2010 to 2015. Also, Clerical Officers, Administrative Assistants and Officers and Assistant Registrars employed during the same period would be trained on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th October, respectively.

A letter made available to UniPort Weekly from the STADU Unit and signed by the Staff Training Officer, Mr. Fidelis Ikerehika-Jubba, indicated that the training programme will be mandatory for all affected staff. "Participants are expected to write an appraisal test that would be used to determine their next promotion exercise," the letter read in part, adding that the training programme is in compliance with the vision of the new Vice-Chancellor,

Professor Ndumu Lale, to build organisational citizenship among staff through adopting a bottom-up approach to policy formation and implementation.



Mrs. Naudin, Registrar

CITE Announces Sale Of Form

By Mercy Adeniji

The Centre for Information and Telecommunication Engineering (CITE), has announced sale of form for the Master of Science programme for the 2015/16 session.

A statement signed by the Registrar, Mrs. Matilda Naudin and made available to UniPort Weekly, disclosed that the CITE is designed to be a specialized Information and Communication Centre (ICT) poised to bridging the university-industry gap through result-oriented teaching and practical hands-on based training.

Speaking on the uniqueness of the programme, Mrs Naudin stated that the programme would afford students an opportunity to learn in an enabling environment, following which they would be awarded the Master of Science degree on graduation. "The duration of the programme for full-time students runs for 12 calendar months with intensive training, while the weekend programme is designed to run for a maximum of 180 weekends (Friday afternoons and Saturday full day)," the statement further disclosed.

Mrs. Naudin noted that a minimum of a Bachelor's degree with a minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 2.50 on a scale of 3.00 in any of

the Engineering fields, Computer Science, Mathematics/Statistics, Physics, Physics/Electronics or any other related field would be mandatory conditions for admission, adding that Candidates with a CGPA of 3.00 on a scale of 3.00 with, at least, two years relevant experience would also be considered.

"Application forms are available at the Centre for Information and Telecommunication Engineering (CITE), 7th Floor, School of Basic Studies Building, University of Port Harcourt. Online application form can be obtained from the website at www.uniport.edu.ng. The statement directed prospective candidates to forward a non-refundable application fee of fifteen thousand naira (N15,000) in certified bank draft made payable to the Centre for Information and Telecommunication Engineering (CITE).

"Completed application form must be returned to the Director, CITE on or before Wednesday September 30, 2015, while oral interview will be held at 10:00am on Wednesday, October 7, 2015. 2015/2016 session begins on December 7, 2015. For enquiries, candidates are to call +234(0)8037888499, 08175636034. Email: crite@uniport.edu.ng," the statement added.

APPOINTMENT

Professor Regina Ogal, Department of the Pure and Industrial Chemistry, Faculty of Science, appointed Chairman, Committee on Review of Statement of Academic Policy to review the provisions of existing Statement of Academic Policy in the University in line with current realities and to report to the Vice-Chancellor within one month. Other members of the Committee are Professors Kanyi Daka, Frank Ugonnah, Dr. Olu Ekponyong and Mrs. Swira Mfonah of the Legal Unit, who will serve as Secretary.

Dr. Fidelis Allen, Department of Political and Administrative Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, appointed Acting Director, Centre for Ethnic, Gender and Women Development Studies (CEGWS). The two-year appointment which takes immediate effect terminates on September 2, 2017.

Dr. Gladys Nwilo-Nwilo, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, appointed Assistant Director, Centre for Ethnic, Gender and Women Development Studies (CEGWS). The two-year appointment which takes immediate effect terminates on September 2, 2017.

Dr. Desmond Nwite, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities, appointed Assistant Director, School of General Studies. The two-year appointment which takes immediate effect terminates on September 2, 2017.

RESIGNATION OF APPOINTMENT

Dr. Christiana George, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Faculty of Humanities, resigned from the services of the University, effective August 5, 2015.

TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENT

The temporary appointment of Dr. Peters Eamubosa of the Department of Petroleum Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, has been terminated based on the report of the Regularisation Interview Panel for the Faculty, effective July 5, 2015.

SABBATICAL LEAVE

Professor Andrew Efeonisi, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities, proceeded on Sabbatical Leave to Kogi State University, Anyigba, effective September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016.

Professor Paul Eke, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, proceeded on Sabbatical Leave to Niger Delta University, Wilberforce Island, Bayelsa State, effective September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016.

Professor E.O. Oluwasa, Department of Educational Management, Faculty of Education, proceeds on Sabbatical Leave to Abia State University, Uturu, effective October 5, 2015 to October 4, 2016.

Dr. Sample Amadi, Department of Political and Administrative Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, proceeded on Sabbatical Leave to Niger Delta University, Wilberforce Island, Bayelsa State, effective September 14, 2015 to September 13, 2016.

Professor Stephen Emons, Department of Economics, Faculty of Social Sciences, resumed from Sabbatical Leave, effective July 30, 2015.

STUDY LEAVE

Mr. Chikwema Wipre, Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension, Faculty of Agriculture, resumed from Study Leave.

Mr. Samson Anaschi, Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry, Faculty of Science, granted Study Leave with Pay to pursue a Master's degree programme in Oilfield Chemicals (Instrumental Analytical Sciences) at the Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen Scotland, United Kingdom, effective September 2015 to October 2016.

REVIEW OF APPOINTMENT

Dr. Amosio Eze, Faculty Office, Faculty of Education, granted Review of Appointment from Senior Assistant Registrar to Principal Assistant Registrar, effective October 1, 2014.

CGS 4th ORIENTATION EXERCISE

The now defunct College of Graduate Studies held the 4th Orientation exercise for newly-admitted graduate students at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium on Tuesday, August 25, 2015. Our Cameraman, **HEADMAN ALU** captured highlights of the exercise as shown below:



Former President, Prof. Baseline Kanya, welcoming guests to the Orientation



Representation of the V.C., Prof. Tony Idorin making a speech



Former Dean, Graduate School of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Idorale Daramola

Former Dean, Graduate School of Management, Business and Trade, Prof. Chinedu Ebinin



Former Dean, Graduate School of Arts, Education and Social Sciences, Prof. Martin Oluwalanle



Former Dean, Graduate School of Natural, Applied and Medical Sciences, Prof. Gregory Awari



Graduate Studies Officers, Dr. Agatha Anjia making a presentation



Dr. Susan Umeh making a presentation on e-library



A cross-section of participants



Prof. Kanya and Anjia in a chat



A student making a contribution during the interactive session



Dance troupe from the Department of Theatre and Film Studies



Participants pose for a group photograph