



Google Apps Beneficial To Staff, Students ~Otiti

As the waves of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) continue to sweep across different aspects of human endeavours, Google Student Ambassador in the University, Kemkanma Otiti, has urged staff and students of UniPort to embrace the use of Google Applications to enable them enjoy full benefits of the emergent e-world, reports **Humphrey Ogu**.

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The foundation-laying ceremony for UniPort Bakery holds this morning at 11.00am at Choba Park. Details next week -Editor



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Authorities of the University of Port Harcourt have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Rivers State Sustainable Development Agency (RSSDA) to train students of the Faculty of Agriculture through internship at its Songhai Farm in Tai Local Government Area of Rivers State.

By Obinna Nwodin

Speaking at the event, which took place at the office of the Agency last Tuesday, Executive Director, Mr Noble Pepple, who described the University as a model for higher learning in Nigeria, stated that the Agency was pleased with the impressive achievements of the Institution over the years. "We have always hoped that a day will come when we shall have a common ground, with an institution like yours, to improve the lives and well-being of citizens in our society. Today is the realization of such dream", he stated, adding that "we believe that having an Institution like the University of Port Harcourt working with us creates the intellectual backbone we



UniPort, RSSDA Sign MoU On Agric Training

need to achieve our mandates". The Executive Director, who disclosed that the focus of the Agency is basically on human capital development, agriculture,

job creation and sustainable development, stated that "the opportunity to use the Songhai Farm to train students of the

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Udeala Now Fellow, Academy of Pharmacy

By Obinna Nwodin

Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Professor Oleka Udeala, has been appointed Fellow of the Academy of Pharmacy. A letter signed by President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN), Olumide Akintayo, and made available to *UNIPORT Weekly*, indicated that Professor Udeala's nomination as a Founding Fellow of the Academy was a measure to strengthen the society for effective service delivery. He expressed hope that Professor Udeala would join other patriots in the profession in the quest to build structures of the

greatest possibilities in our collective resolve to take Pharmacy practices to great heights in Nigeria.

"The Academy of Pharmacy shall be mobilized to provide thought and opinion leadership in the practice of Pharmacy with the purpose of enabling the profession fulfil its larger mission to society. It will also be packaged to serve as a lobby platform to influence state policy, as well as provide a framework for enduring mentoring of pharmacists in addition to the conventional responsibilities of professional and power development", the letter read in part.



Prof Udeala

STUDENT WORLD

Nwankwo Tackles Terrorism In Nigeria

Donna-Carine Nwankwo, Master of Science student in the Department of Political and Administrative Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, is finding solution to the menace of terrorism in Nigeria. Our Correspondent, HUMPHREY YOGU reports

Cognisant of the importance of education, Donna-Carine Nwankwo, began journey into the academic world with a Bachelor of Education degree in Adult and Non-Formal Education (English option) in the University of Port Harcourt, where she later obtained a Postgraduate Diploma in International Affairs programme in the Department of Political and Administrative Studies.

Determined to contribute to attainment of peace and development in the country, Nwankwo returned to her alma mater, where she is currently concluding an MSc degree in International Relations.

Nwankwo, who is desirous of a world devoid of internal and external crises, disclosed that she is working on a thesis titled "*Terrorism and National Development: The Case of Boko Haram and Ansaru*" explaining that the research aims to investigate the causes and rise of such militia groups, with a view to tackling the terrorism and place the country on the fast-lane of development.

Nwankwo observed

"terrorism, which is a major challenge to development, could have historical, cultural, political, social, psychological, economic, or religious background or any combination of the above-mentioned causes," stressing the need to prioritise education in the country as a way of check the menace, which, she said, often stem from ignorance and illiteracy.

"Terrorism has emerged as a global threat that attacks national and international security and territorial integrity which retards the development and economic growth of nations" she said citing the dreaded Islamic sect, *Boko Haram: Jamáa Ahl al-Sunnah Lidda 'awati wal-Jihad*, which means Western education is sinful and *Ansaru: Jama'atu Ansarul Muslimina Fi Biladis Sudan*, which means Vanguard for the protection of Muslims in Black Africa as terrorist groups that have wreaked havoc on the Nigerian nation, leaving in its trail heavy developmental setback.

Calling on government to focus on dialogue, speedy trial of suspects, tackling unemployment and corruption, building a strong educational structure, Nwankwo stressed the need for the citizenry to embrace peace, tolerance and patriotism.

"Nigerians should bear in mind that effecting positive changes in the country requires the input of citizens. Individuals need to change from

tribalism, social vices and strive to contribute towards peace and development of the country, rather wait for government to do everything for them," she added.

Nwankwo, who noted that every segment of society has a role to play in checking terrorism, said: "Parents should inculcate in their children the norms and values of the society. Government at all levels should tackle the insecurity challenges in the country, rather than focussing on the 2015 elections. Religious leaders should guide their followers rightly to curb fanaticism, which culminates in religious crises," urging Nigerians to learn lessons from Afghanistan and other countries that have been devastated by terrorism.

"Terrorism against religious groups and politically-motivated expressions of violence in the present democratic era has threatened development, democratic governance, economic activities, education, the political image of Nigeria in Africa and globally. The achievements of growth and development have been challenged as a result of insecurity," she observed, citing the numerous bombing of churches, Police station and United Nations Building in Abuja, all of which resulted in colossal loss of lives and invaluable property. She expressed fear that until the terrorist related challenges posed by Boko Haram and Ansaru are tackled, the attainment of the much-talked about Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015 and Vision 20:2020 will elude the country.

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Speaking with *UNIPORT Weekly*, last Monday, Otiti, who is a Fourth Year student in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering, noted that Google has a lot of products that would be of great benefit to the University community. "Both staff and students have a lot to benefit from Google Applications such as Google Maps, Google Calendar, You Tube Google Plus and Google Mail(Gmail)," he said.

Stressing the need for the members of the University community to avail themselves of the services provided by Google, Otiti explained that "anyone, who uses a good android phone, which by the way, is a Google product, will be able to access Google Map. If you are new in an environment, the map will serve as a reliable guide," adding that emailing and video conferencing are possible with the use of Google Plus and Google Mail, which come in handy in facilitating healthy social interaction and business networking among people across the world.

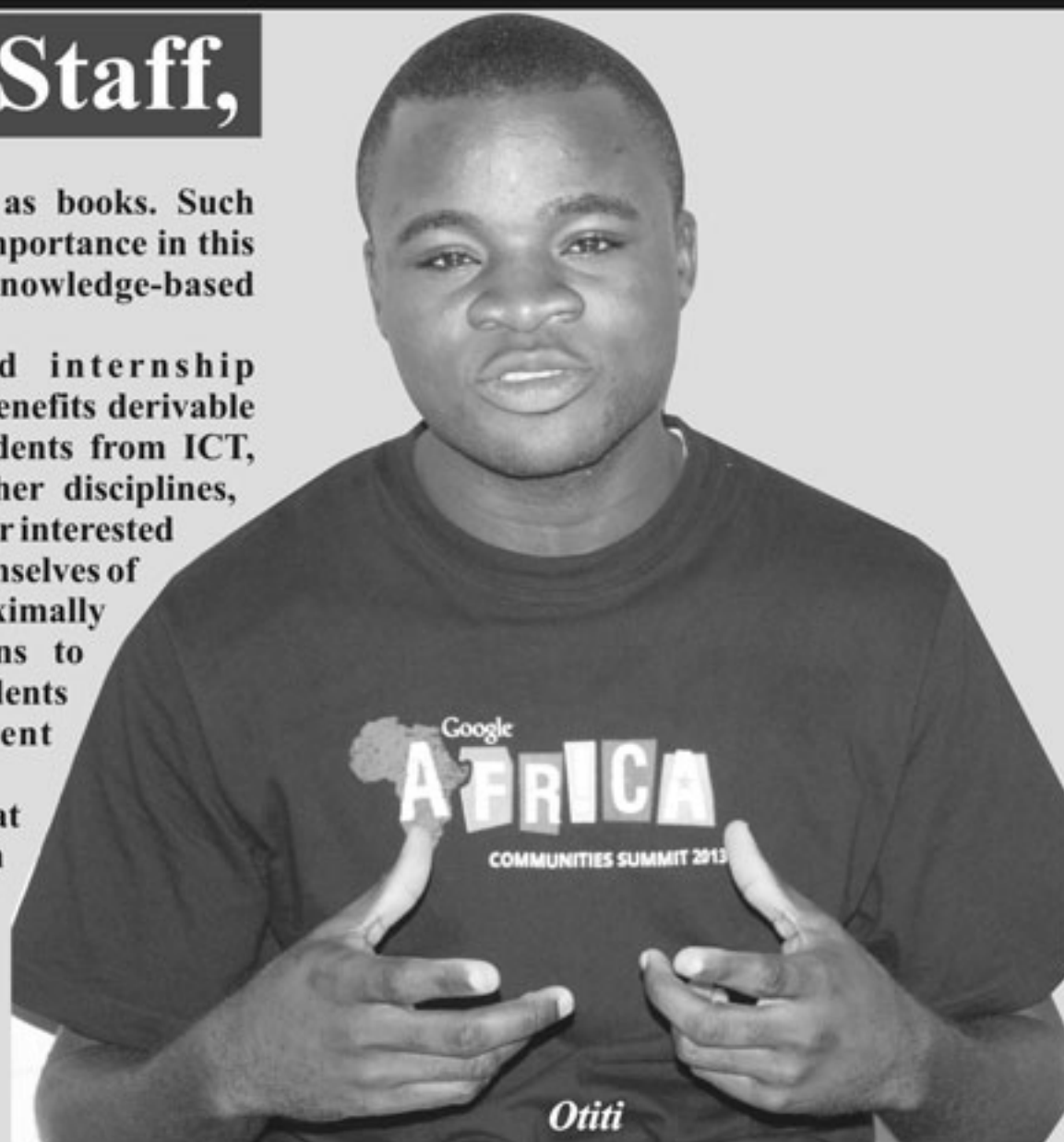
The Student Ambassador, who disclosed plans of hosting a *Google Week*, aimed at training staff and students soon, said that "with Google applications students, staff and other researchers can access information that could aid them in their research as well as providing online publishing opportunities of their findings

either as journal articles or as books. Such online exposure is of critical importance in this era of globalisation and knowledge-based economy."

Listing scholarship and internship opportunities as some of the benefits derivable from Google, Otiti urged students from ICT, engineering, sciences, and other disciplines, who are passionate about ICT or interested in Google products to avail themselves of the opportunities to benefit maximally from Google, disclosing plans to form, what he called a G-Students Club, with each Department having a representative.

Otiti was among participants at a Google Summit, which brought together Google Ambassadors from across Africa, trained them on various Google tools and technologies and afforded them an opportunity for intercultural interactions, held at Visa Oshwal Community Centre, Nairobi, Kenya last month. As a Google Student Ambassador his responsibilities include facilitating access to educational resources, training of students and staff on uses and benefits of Google Apps, as well as fostering a mutually beneficial relation between Google and UniPort.

Meanwhile, the Student Ambassador has



disclosed plans by Google Business Group to hold a business conference for businessmen and women, who are desirous of advertising their business online via Google, stating that although attendance to the conference which holds in Port Harcourt is free, but strictly by invitation after registration. Interested participants are advised to register online at www.goo.gl/ydVaa.

Anot her Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for collaboration in space

research has been signed between the authorities of the University of Port Harcourt and the National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA).

Speaking at the event, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, said that the Institution places a lot of emphasis on partnerships with Industry and Agencies that would provide support towards realization of set objectives, adding that it is his administration's strategy to achieving its entrepreneurial policy. "We can only make progress by working with the Industry. This is in realization of part of our core mandate of building an entrepreneurial University. We have seen the benefit of working with the Industry and that is the way to go", he stated.



V-C, Prof Ajienka (left) and D-G, NASRDA, Prof Mohammed signing the MoU

UniPort Partners NASRDA On Space Research

By Obinna Nwodin

Professor Ajienka, who commended the leadership of the Institute of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (INRES) over the progress it has so far made, assured the Agency of the readiness of the University to abide by the Agreement. "The kind of MoU we are signing suggests that the Institute will grow from strength to strength. It also shows the quality of leadership in the Institute," he said.

In his speech, Director-General of the Agency, Professor Seidu Mohammed, who said that the Agency which was established by the Federal Government has as part of its mandate to work

with Nigerian universities to build manpower in Geographic Information

System. He said that there is need to

domesticate space technology, adding that "all over the world, space science is the quickest and fastest means of attaining technological development".

Also speaking, Director, Strategies Space Applications of the Agency, Dr Halilu Ahaba, who commended the leadership of INRES on the level of seriousness attached to the collaboration, said that the Agreement covers joint development of research grant proposals and execution of research projects; participation of the Space Agency staff in graduate degree programmes of INRES as adjunct/part-time lecturers; as well as INRES distinguished Lecture/Seminar Series, professional short courses, conferences, seminars, workshops and related activities.

Also speaking, a member of the INRES Board and National Universities Commission (NUC) Distinguished Scholar in Diaspora, Professor Chidi Ibe, said that he was pleased to be part of the evolving trend in reaching out for the frontiers of knowledge, expressing hope that the partnership would yield desired results, as the Agency has built confidence with its partners.

Other areas of co-operation are: exchange of students and staff members on capacity building programme; exchange of publications, reports and other academic/ technical information. The National Space Research Development Agency is a parastatal in the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology.

The event was followed by a Lecture by Professor Jimmy Adegoke.

More Stakeholders Indicate Interest For UniPort Petroleum Confab

By Humphrey Ogu

As the date for the 2nd International Conference on Petroleum Refining and Petrochemicals draws near, more and more stakeholders in the oil and gas sector have indicated interest in participating in the Conference scheduled to hold at the Hotel Presidential, Port Harcourt from August 28 to 29, 2013.

Briefing *UNIPORT Weekly*, Director of the Centre for Gas, Refining & Petrochemicals (CGRP), Institute of Petroleum Studies, (IPS), Professor Godwin Igwe, noted that the theme of the Conference is "Creating Wealth through Diversification, Transformation, and Development of our Refineries and Petrochemical Industries".

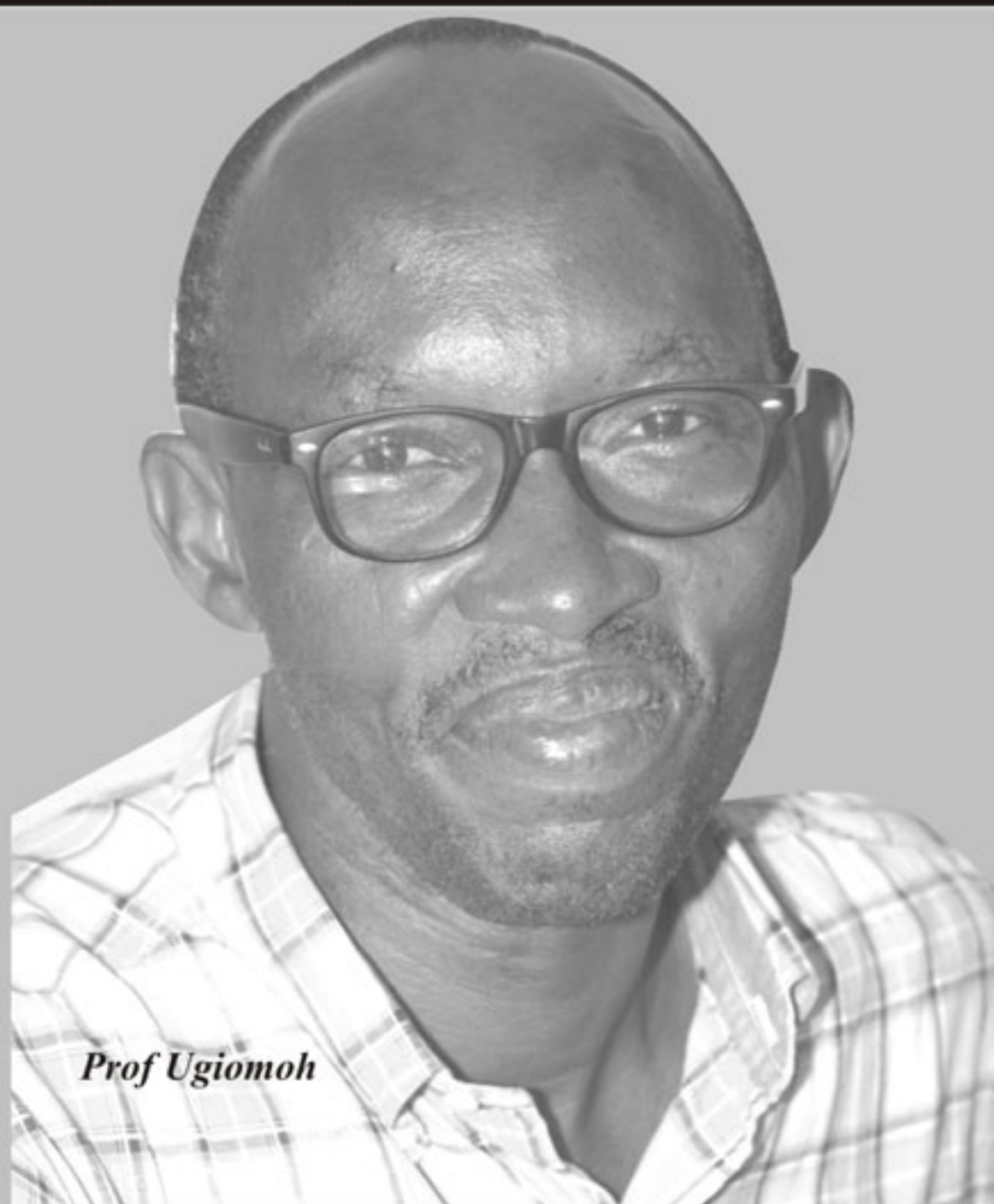
Naming a one-time Group Managing Director (GMD) of NNPC, Dr. T.M. John, as the Keynote Speaker, Igwe said the former GMD will give a historical account of the petrochemical industry, adding that "the immediate past President,

Nigerian Society of Chemical Engineers (NSChE), which is a division of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), Dr N. John Erinne, will present one of the lead papers titled: "Realizing Nigeria's Petrochemicals Potentials".

"Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Indorama Eleme Petrochemicals Limited (IEPL), Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF), and the Petroleum Products Pricing Regulatory Authority (PPPRA) are among organisations that have shown

tremendous interest in the Conference," the Director said.

Organised by the University of Port Harcourt in collaboration with Indorama Eleme Petrochemicals, the international Conference, which has the support of the Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources is expected to attract major stakeholders in the oil and gas sector.



Prof Ugiomoh

Ugiomoh To Serve As Curator At Abuja Arts Festival

One of the foremost Arts Historians in the country and Lecturer in the Department of Fine Arts and Design, Professor Frank Ugiomoh, is among three scholars to feature as Curators for the forthcoming resurrected Abuja Biennale. Others are Professor Tonie Okpe of Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria and an independent Curator, Bisi Silva from Lagos State.

Making the disclosure to *UNIPORT Weekly* penultimate Tuesday, Professor Ugiomoh, who traced the origin of arts festival to Latin America where artists showcase their works for appreciation and evaluation, stated that the first

By Otikor Samuel

biennale was held in Brazil, adding that the Venice Biennale has been very popular since its establishment on 19th April, 1893.

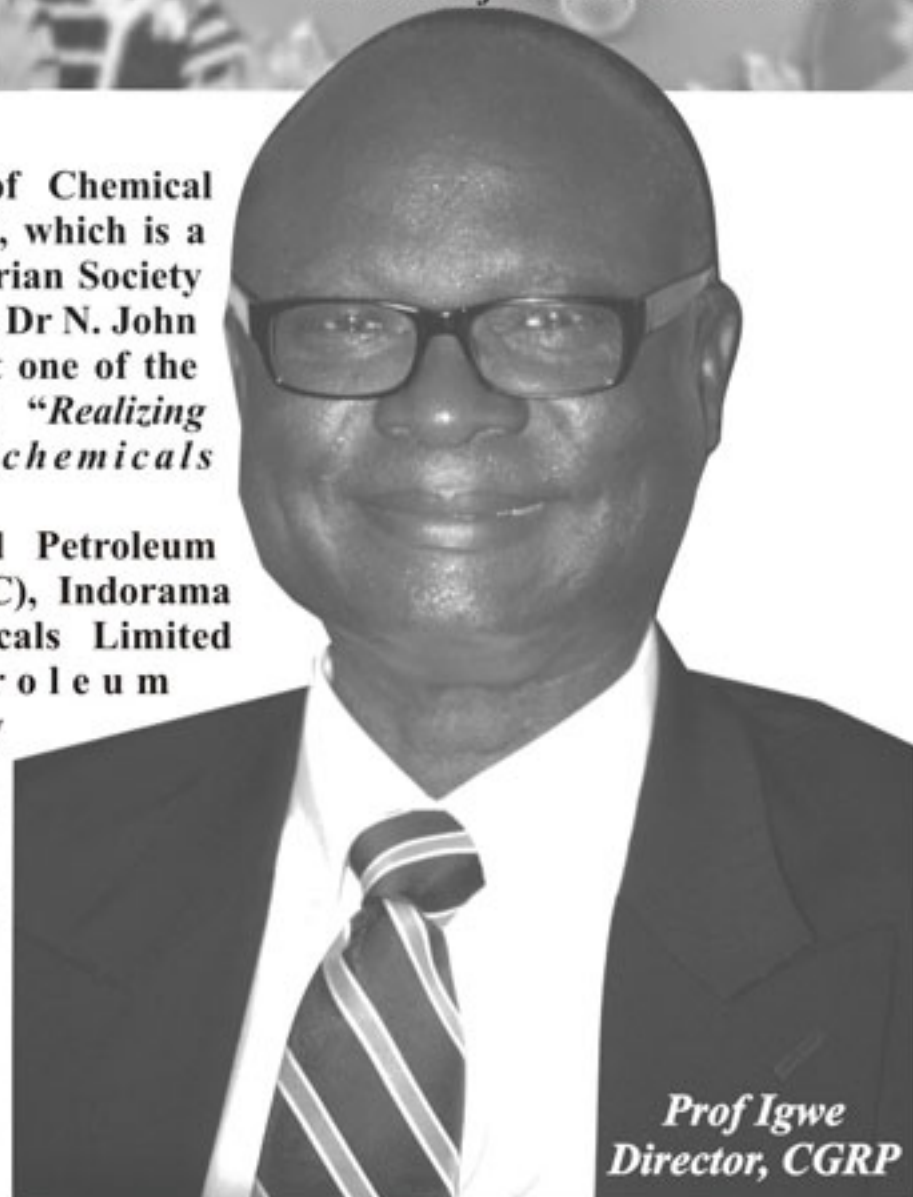
"In Africa, the Dakar Arts Biennale has been very consistent and the eleventh edition will hold next year," Professor Ugiomoh said, recalling that, "about four years ago, Nigeria tried to start a similar event with the introduction of African Regional Summit & Exhibition for Visual Arts (ARESUA). It held twice under the National Gallery of Arts (NGA) before going into extinction. It is the same NGA that is resuscitating ARESUA under a new name, Abuja Biennale."

The Arts Historian, who expressed delight over the resuscitation of the arts festival in Nigeria, said the Abuja Biennale will increase participation of Africans, particularly Nigerian artists, who were denied exposure at international festivals, praising the National Gallery of Arts for recommending his nomination.

On how to handle the responsibility at the forthcoming festival, Professor Ugiomoh said: "I have featured in several international, continental and national exhibitions as a Curator; one of which was on Nigerian Platform at Dakar Biennale and Nigerian Arts for Nigerian Embassy in Israel in 2006," expressing optimism that he would carry out his responsibilities smoothly.



Deziani Allison-Madueke
Minister of Petroleum Resources



Prof Igwe
Director, CGRP

Agric Faculty Announces ACP-EU Funded Scholarship



Prof Akonye
Dean, Fac of Agric

In pursuit of efforts aimed at building indigenous capacity for the Agricultural sector, the Faculty of Agriculture as a partner in an ACP-EU funded project titled: *Sharing Capacity to Build Capacity for Quality Graduate Training in Agriculture in African Universities* (SHARE) has announced three placements for postgraduate training in the 2013/2014 Academic Year.

The programmes include a Doctoral degree programme in Agronomy, Entomology, Genetics (Plant Breeding), Soil Science, Horticulture, Plant Pathology or Viticulture at Stellenbosch University, Master of Science degrees in Food Science and Agricultural Economics at Stellenbosch University and Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique.

A letter made available to *UNI PORT Weekly* by the Dean of the Faculty,

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

Professor Love Akonye, indicated that applicants should be citizens of Nigeria who are working or have obtained a degree from the University of Port Harcourt. "Applicants for the Doctoral programme must have requisite qualifications while those for the Master of Science programme should have a first degree with either a First Class or Second Class Upper Division", the letter read in part.

"Application Letter, Academic Transcript, Reference Letters from two Academic Referees, Current Curriculum Vitae (CV) and Letter of Motivation for joining the programme applied for should be submitted to the Dean of the Faculty, on or before 24th August, 2013", the letter stated. Professor Akonye also added that the date was extended from the initial date of 17th August, 2013 to allow for wide participation.

Nigerian University System And ASUU Strike

By Obinna Nwodin

In the last eight weeks, academic activities in Nigerian public universities have been brought to a halt as a result of withdrawal of teaching service by academic staff. The leadership of Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) has accused the Federal Government of insincerity in the implementation of the 2009 Agreement signed with it. The ugly development has raised serious concern from stakeholders in the system - students, parents/guardians, as well as staff. Already, the society has decried the declining quality of our educational system.

In the past, Nigerian graduates were rated even more than their counterparts in some other parts of the world. Today, the opposite is the case as Nigerian graduates are subjected to various forms of tests and screening exercises before they are admitted for Graduate programmes in some foreign universities.

Also, employers of labour have

lamented the poor quality of graduates from the universities. They regret that graduates are not properly equipped for the labour market, as they have to be made to undergo additional training to be ready for the industry. Indeed, it is most disturbing that under this scenario, no Nigerian university is ranked among the top 5000 universities in the world. This situation is appalling and poses great dangers for the country. It is even more worrisome as the country desires to be among the 20 most industrialized counties of the world by the year 2020.

Due to the unemployability of graduates of the Nigerian educational system most parents, who are financially

endowed, prefer to send their children to universities outside Nigeria. Indeed, countries such as Ghana and South Africa have also become destination choices of

Nigerians desirous to acquire quality education.

ASUU in its defence says that its action is aimed at

saving the Nigerian educational system, stating that poor infrastructural development in the country's universities provides an atmosphere that is not conducive for learning. Issues such as inadequate power supply, ill-equipped laboratories, out-dated library stocks, lack of classroom and office spaces, are major features of the Nigerian university system. No doubt, it is impossible for any system bedevilled by these conditions to compete with their better equipped counterparts elsewhere.

It is also important to note that private universities are fast rising in profile and competing favourably with public universities. As time goes on, we would get to a situation where public universities would decline to the state of public primary and secondary schools. The reality is that no parent who desires the best would be prepared to mortgage the future of his or her child.

It is high time stakeholders in the university system acted fast to salvage the situation. In this regard, the Federal Government and ASUU should come to terms in order to save Nigerian universities from total collapse so that the future of the society can be guaranteed.



Professor Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufa'i
Minister of Education



Dr Nasir Fagge
ASUU President

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Group photograph of Senior Officers of the University, RSSDA after signing the MoU

University is appreciated by RSSDA, added that "since the farm was established, we have been able to train 150 persons, and 350 students have passed through the farm on Industrial Training (IT). Mr Pepple hoped for more collaborations that would yield mutual benefits. In his speech, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajiienka, who congratulated the Executive Director and his Team for the wonderful job they have been doing, also expressed gratitude to the Rivers State Government for the initiative. "We realize that

you have the biggest Songhai Farm that is even bigger than that in the Republic of Benin", he stated, describing agriculture as an industry that can absorb great percentage of unemployed youths in the society. He thanked the Agency for having confidence in the Institution by accepting its students for Internship, adding that the partnership would add value to the entrepreneurial posture administration. "We will commit ourselves to this project. This is in line with our efforts to build an Entrepreneurial University. Working

with you, we can create an avenue for agricultural development, looking at the comparative advantage of our environment. We will like to give all our support to this initiative. That is one of the way we can contribute to the development of the State", he stated.

In his remarks, General Manager, Agri/Agro-Allied Services & Business Development, Mr Biedima Oliver, expressed gratitude for the Partnership, hoping that it is the beginning of more fruitful relationships.

Samsung Cup Ends Saturday In UniPort

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

The much-advertised *Samsung Cup* which kicked off in the University on 7th August, 2013 would be rounded off this Saturday at the Sports Complex, University Park. The University Demonstration Secondary School (UDSS) and the Sharp Shooters of Okirika took the opening match in the Under-15 category.

Declaring the game open, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajiienka, said that the event

was put together to groom talents that would also be well-grounded academically to take up responsibilities in the society. Commending Olympafira for hosting the event, Professor Ajiienka urged the youngsters to take their academics seriously.

"As you participate in the maiden edition of this international event, aspire to become sportsmen who would be very knowledgeable and yet able to represent Nigeria in international sporting events like Olympics",

he added.

Describing the University as a Centre of Excellence in sports with resounding

victories in sporting competitions, the Vice-Chancellor advised them to become sports professionals with very good academic background. "You should even aspire to become students of unique UniPort. An ongoing High performance Centre and Football Academy sponsored by the International Association of Athletics Federation and F.C Barcelona, respectively would cater for your sporting and educational needs", Professor Ajiienka noted.

Director of the Olympafira Centre in the University, Dr Chukwuemeka Agi, who said that outstanding records of successful outings in university games attracted the international sports fiesta to the University, reiterated the Centres' commitment to developing young talents through sports and academics. It would be recalled that the event which featured both under 13 and 15 categories, attracted different primary, secondary schools and football clubs in Rivers State.



V-C, Prof Ajiienka, exchanging handshake with the players

GUIDE POST

BRIEFS FROM OTHER VARSITIES

APPOINTMENT

Professor Daniel Ogum, Department of English, Ignatius Ajuru University of Education granted a one-year *Adjunct Appointment* in the Department of English Studies, Faculty of Humanities, effective on assumption of duty.

RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENT

Professor Edna Mathews-Njoku, Department of Agricultural Economics & Extension, Faculty of Agriculture, granted a one-year *Renewal of Adjunct Appointment*, effective 12th May, 2013 to 11th May, 2014.

Dr Gabriel Ugwemorubong, Department of Animal Science & Fisheries, Faculty of Agriculture, granted a one-year *Renewal of Adjunct Appointment*, effective 14th July, 2013 to 13th July, 2014.

Dr Oluseyi Ajayi, Department of Oral Pathology & Biology, Faculty of Dentistry, granted a one-year *Renewal of Adjunct Appointment*, effective 30th May, 2013 to 29th May, 2014.

Dr Oyenoha Chukwumerije, Department of Pharmaceutical & Med. Chemistry, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, granted *Renewal of Contract Appointment*, effective 17th October, 2013 to 16th October, 2014.

REVIEW OF STATUS

Dr Lucky Nziadam, Department of Educational Foundations, Faculty of Education, granted *Review of Status*, from Assistant Lecturer to Lecturer II effective 27th February, 2013.

SABBATICAL APPOINTMENT

Dr Cyril Duruigbo, granted a one-year *Sabbatical Appointment* in the Department of Crop & Soil Science, Faculty of Agriculture, effective on assumption of duty.

NOTIFICATION OF HIGHER DEGREE

Dr Fubara Egbono, Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Physical Sciences & Information Technology, College of Natural & Applied Sciences has successfully completed his Doctoral Degree in Computer Science.

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PH BOOK FESTIVAL 2013

The Port Harcourt Book Festival (PHBF) formerly known as *Garden City Literary Festival* announces this year's festival to be jointly hosted with the University between 21st and 26th October, 2013. A Letter dated 5th July, 2013, addressed to the Vice-Chancellor and signed by the Festival Director, Mrs Koko Kalango, disclosed that the University would host the opening ceremony, where the Department of English Studies and a troupe from the Institute of Arts and Culture would coordinate academic symposium and stage performances, amongst other events.

AUN UNVEILS PROGRAMMES

The American University of Nigeria's School of Graduate Studies, has introduced two new programmes; the Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Postgraduate Diploma in Management (PGDM).

A statement issued by the Institution's Deputy Director of Communications, Mr Innocent Nwobodo, revealed that classes for the new programmes would commence on August 23, 2013. AUN

Dean of Graduate Studies said that the MBA programme is designed to equip aspiring decision-makers

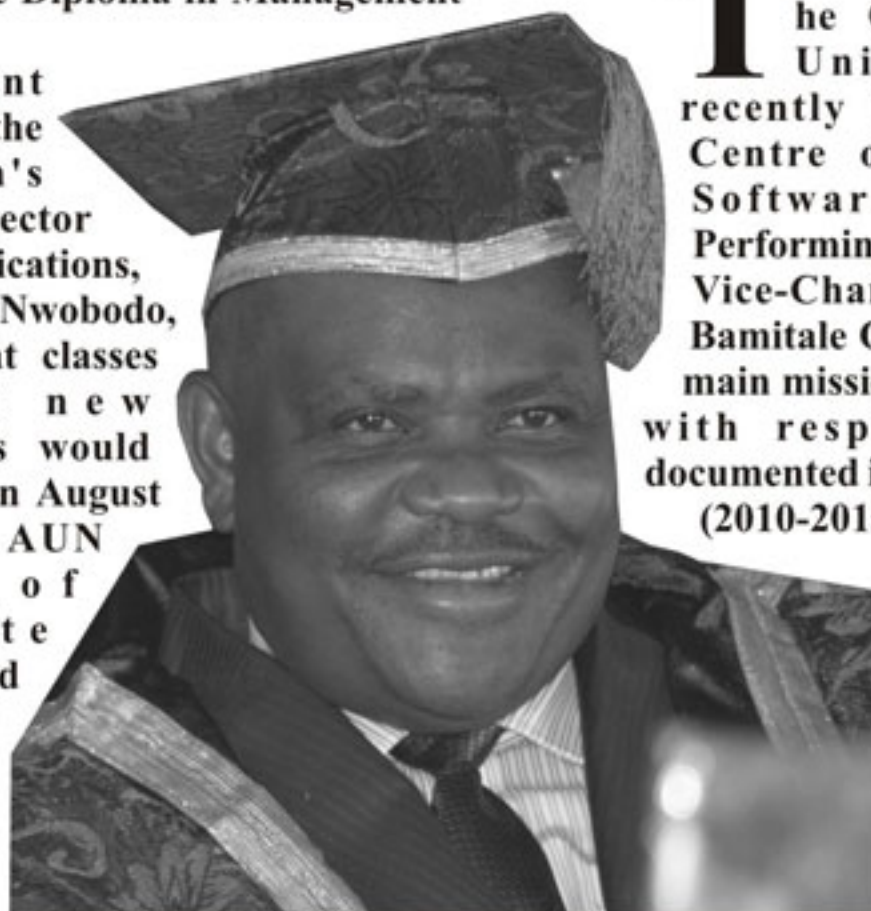
with an America-style education that combines modern academic concepts with cutting-edge technology.

AVCNU CALLS FOR CREATION OF MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION

The Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities has urged the Federal Government to establish a Ministry of Higher Education in the country.

According to a statement by the Secretary-General of the Association, Professor Michael Faborode, the proposed Ministry would give the needed attention to the challenges facing the sector.

He added that the call was part of the



Barrister Nyesom Wike
Minister of State for Education

resolutions at its Conference on "Higher Education Policy Dialogue," held in Abuja recently.

OAU COMMISSIONS SOFTWARE ENGINEERING CENTRE

The Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU) recently commissioned a Centre of Excellence in Software Engineering. Performing the ceremony, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Bamitale Omole, said that the main mission of the University with respect to ICT as documented in the Strategic Plan (2010-2015), was to run a cost-effective and efficient academic programmes and institutional management.

The Centre which was supported by Step-B World Bank Grant has an Internet Access

Laboratory, Software Studio, Cloud Computing Centre, Telepresence Hardware Design and Software Engineering Laboratories.

UNNAA ALUMNI ENDS 157th NEC MEETING

The University of Nigeria Alumni Association (UNNAA) has ended its four-day 157th National Executive Council (NEC) meeting in Owerri the Imo State capital with a passionate appeal to the Imo State governor, Chief Rochas Okorocha and other stakeholders to assist the body financially and materially to complete the on-going construction of 1,000 bed-space hall of residence at the new site of the institution.

OSLO VARSITY REJECTS PRISONER'S ADMISSION APPLICATION

Oslo University has rejected an application from Norwegian killer, Anders Behring Breivik for a place, saying he lacks qualifications. News that the man whose attack two years ago had traumatised Norway was now seeking a college admission reportedly caused outrage last month in the country.

The University's Rector, Ole Petter Ottersen told AFP News Agency that he isn't considered sufficiently qualified to start a course in Political Science.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MGT
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FORECAST FOR PORT HARCOURT AND ENVIRONS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 18- SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2013

DATE	TEMPERATURE HI LO (°C)	HUMIDITY (%)	WIND DIRECTION	RAIN (MM)	SUNRISE AND SUNSET (AM) (PM)	SUMMARY
SUNDAY, 04, AUG, 2013	31.0 22.0	63	NE	2.3	6:28 6:44	Rain showers expected late in the day. Morning clouds. Day predicted being warm.
MONDAY, 05, AUG, 2013	32.0 22.0	58	NE	-	6:28 6:44	Clouds expected in the morning. Hot day predicted
TUESDAY 06, AUG, 2013	29.0 22.0	65	NE	2.2	6:28 6:47	Rain showers expected. Partly sunny and warm day anticipated.
WEDNESDAY 07, AUG, 2013	30.0 22.0	66	NE	-	6:28 6:43	Day expected being partly sunny and warm.
THURSDAY 08, AUG, 2013	30.0 22.0	59	NE	-	6:27 6:42	More clouds than sun expected. Day expected being warm.
FRIDAY 09, AUG, 2013	30.0 22.0	56	NE	-	6:27 6:42	Mostly cloudy and warm day expected.
SATURDAY 10, AUG, 2013	30.0 22.0	72	NE	4.7	6:27 6:41	A few rain showers expected. Mostly cloudy and warm day expected.

VREMUDIA WEKPE
RESIDENT METEOROLOGIST

PROF SAMUEL AROKOYU
DIRECTOR, (CDRMDS)

Nursing Induction

The First and Second Batches of new Nurses from the Department of Nursing Sciences were inducted by the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria (NMCN). A total of 79 new Nurses took the Oath at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, University Park. Pictures on display are captured by our Cameraman, HEADMAN ALU.



Provost, College of Health Sciences, Prof Chris Akani, addressing the new Nurses before the event



Ag HOD, Nursing Sciences, Dr Grace Robinson-Bassey, welcoming guests



Prof Akani delivering his welcome address



Vice-Chancellor, Prof Joseph Ajiienka, giving his opening remarks



Ag Registrar, Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria (NMCN), Mrs Eunice Azuikwe, administering the Oath



Registrar, UniPort, Mrs Matilda Nnodim, and V-C, Prof Ajiienka



L-R: V-C, Prof Ajiienka, D V-C (Admin), Prof Ethelbert Nduka and Provost (CHS), Prof Akani



Pioneer Nurses ready for Induction



New Nurses taking the Oath



Cross section of guests at the event



Best Graduating Student (BGS), Miss Oluchi Abraham, delivering her Valedictory Address



Mrs Abraham presenting a copy of her address to the Vice-Chancellor



Prof Ajiienka (arrowed) with Senior Officers of the University, officials of NMCN and the new Nurses