

FG To Build N800m Research Library In UniPort

Library Research activities in the University of Port Harcourt would receive a major boost with the imminent establishment of a state-of-the-art research library worth eight hundred million naira by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) as part of the Federal Government's massive intervention in the tertiary education sector, reports, Obinna Nwodin.

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IPTTO secures patent rights for three research teams in the University, issued one certificate last Thursday. Details next week.

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By Humphrey Ogu

Drilling cost management has been described as a major problem in the Nigerian oil and gas industry. This is because wells drilled in Nigeria represent some of the most

expensive in the world, resulting in reduced profitability and in many cases environmental problems that arise from radioactive materials abandoned in abortive wells.

A distinguished Professor of Petroleum Engineering in the Faculty of Process and Energy

Systems Engineering, Adewale Dosunmu, who made the disclosure while delivering the 115th Inaugural Lecture entitled: "Gamblers' Ruin—The Driller's Albatross" at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium last Thursday, said that the Shell Arct

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142 Doctors, 5 Dental Surgeons Take Physicians' Oath

By Obinna Nwodin

A total of 142 new Medical Doctors trained by the College of Health Sciences, took the *Physicians' Oath* at the 35th Induction ceremony of the College which held at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, University Park, last Thursday. Also, the third batch of Five Dental Surgeons was inducted at the same ceremony.

Administering the Physicians' Oath on the new doctors on behalf of the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN), Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Professor Chris Akani, advised them to always abide by the ethics of the profession. He urged them to show total commitment to patient care through selfless service as the only way to be successful in practice, disclosing that the College will continue to monitor their progress in the profession.

In his address, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, who congratulated the new doctors for passing through the rigorous training process in the College, observed that they have been well trained to achieve the best in the medical profession. "By your training, you are required to conduct yourselves properly in order to excel in the discipline. Technology is changing and so you must adapt to such changes if you hope to remain relevant in a very competitive profession that has no place for mere routine practitioners," Professor Ajienka advised the new doctors.

The Vice-Chancellor, who stressed the need to train more doctors to serve the health needs of the country, decried the huge gap in the doctor to patient ratio in Nigeria, attributing the worrisome trend to the brain drain syndrome. "The World Health Organization recommends that there should be one doctor to five hundred patients; but the situation in Nigeria is one doctor to three thousand patients which is hardly adequate for effective healthcare delivery," he lamented.

Professor Ajienka advised the new doctors not to follow in the footsteps of some of their older colleagues, who preferred to practise outside the country on account of the many frustrations they faced at home, thus further depleting the parlous healthcare delivery system.

The Vice-Chancellor advised them to engage in continuous professional training in order to make the best of their chosen areas of specialization. He congratulated the College and the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital (UPTH) for their efforts in producing the new doctors to strengthen health care delivery in Nigeria.

Admonishing the new doctors, Chief Medical



Some of the newly-inducted Medical Doctors and Dental Surgeons taking the Oath

Director of UPTH, Professor Aaron Ojule, advised them to strictly abide by the *Physicians' Oath*, urging them to place the patient at the centre of their practice. "Your life and activities as a medical doctor should revolve around the patient, whose wellbeing must be your utmost priority at all times," he told them. The CMD advised the new doctors to practise the profession in such a manner that would regain the confidence of their patients and the larger society. In his speech, Medical Elder of the Day, Dr. Ayibatonye Owei, advised the doctors to always serve humanity, noting that the profession required total dedication and selfless service. Dr. Owei, who is the Bayelsa State Commissioner of Health, further said that commitment to the profession would enable the new doctors excel in the profession. He charged them to always derive the greatest satisfaction in knowing that they have rendered selfless service to humanity without counting the cost.

Earlier in his welcome address, Provost of the College, Professor Akani, called on individuals and corporate organizations to support the growth of the College and University. "You can institute prizes, grants, endow chairs and award scholarships to encourage academic excellence in the University. You can immortalize the names of your dear ones or even yourself as is done in other parts of the world and you can also be rest assured that future generations will

always remember you," he told the parked audience at the Induction ceremony.

In a goodwill message, Managing Director of Access Bank, Dr. Herbert Wigwe, who spoke through the Executive Director in charge of Operations and Information Technology, Mrs. Ojini Olaghere, pledged the commitment of the Bank to support medical education in the country. He announced the donation of two buses to the College, laboratory coats and thermometers to all the new doctors.

In their separate speeches, Best Graduating Student in Medicine, Dr. Nkechi Shedrack and her counterpart in Dentistry, Dr. Addoh Evi, thanked authorities of the University and UPTH for providing them the enabling environment to successfully pass through the process, pledging their resolve to be good ambassadors of the University.

The event which featured presentation of awards to best subject prize winners, presentation of a cash prize of N25, 000 each to the Best Graduating Students in both Medicine and Surgery by Healthline Limited, also attracted a former Provost of the College, Professor Christian Anah; Chief Medical Director of the Niger Delta University Teaching Hospital, Professor Oyayi Kuna-Olowu; Solicitor-General of Rivers State, Mr. Rufus Godwin and Rector of Federal Polytechnic, Nekede, Owerri, Dr. Cele Njoku, amongst others.

TETFund Sponsors Book Publication By UniPort Staff

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

As part of its core mandate to facilitate research and publishing in tertiary institutions, the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has published a text book written by a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Management, Faculty of Management Sciences, Dr. Edwinah Amah.

Dr. Amah's work entitled, *Corporate Culture and Organizational Effectiveness: A Study of the Banking Industry in Nigeria*, was published as a specialized textbook under the TETFund Book Development Fund.

Briefing UniPort Weekly on the development, a visibly elated Dr. Amah remarked that the selection process was rigorous with several criteria used for the exercise.

"Out of about 150 Doctoral thesis that were selected from various universities across the country for the first phase screening in 2010, I was lucky to be among six scholars whose manuscripts were finally published as textbook by TETFund," she disclosed,

describing the development as a major milestone that ought to be celebrated.

Describing the publication as a landmark achievement for the Department of Management, the Faculty and University, Dr. Amah noted that UniPort was the only institution in the South-South that had a manuscript included for publication by TETFund. "It is on record that my Doctoral Dissertation was adjudged one of the best in the country and was accordingly published as a textbook," a visibly delighted Dr. Amah told our Correspondent, adding that the quality training she received during the Doctoral programme would enable her guide others on research and paper writing. The book focuses on the use of culture to successfully manage organizations.



Dr Amah

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This cheering news was disclosed by the Minister of Education, Mallam Ibrahim Shekarau at an interactive session with stakeholders at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium as part of his Impact Assessment Tour of tertiary institutions across the country, last Tuesday.

Mallam Shekarau, who said that final documentation for commencement of the mega project has reached advanced stages, stated that "any moment from now the document will be made available to authorities of the University preparatory for the commencement of the project." The Minister described research as very important in the University system, urging scholars to accord utmost importance to research in the scheme of things. He said that there would be no university without research, advising stakeholders to reciprocate the efforts of the Federal Government in developing the University system in line with its Transformation Agenda.

Mallam Shekarau assured stakeholders that the Federal Government under President Goodluck Jonathan was fully committed to improving the quality of education in the country, stressing that the TETFund was established to prop up tertiary education in the country. He said that "the new innovation is what has brought in the massive intervention that is evident in tertiary institutions in the country," expressing delight that the "the University of Port Harcourt is one of the major beneficiaries of the massive infusion of funds by the intervention agency."

The Minister noted that the tertiary educational sub-sector has never had it so good since the TETFund was introduced with the core mandate of saving higher education in the country. He noted that laboratories, lecture theatres, workshops and office blocks, have been constructed, while various categories of staff have

UniPort To Get Research Library



R-L: Univ. Librarian, Dr Obiageli Nwodo, Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof Okojie, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, Dr Nwaobiola, Minister of Education, Mallam Shekarau, V-C, Prof Ajenka, Executive Sec, TETFund, Prof Bogoro and DV-C (Acad), Prof Igbo Joe

been sponsored on further training through funding made available by the TETFund.

Mallam Shekarau, who commended authorities of the University for their

giant strides in infrastructural development and quality education, expressed hope that the University would continue to advance the frontiers of human knowledge aimed at solving societal problem.

Also speaking, Executive Secretary of the TETFund, Professor Elias Bogoro, commended the Vice-Chancellor for his entrepreneurial vision which emphasized application, rather than theory of knowledge, noting that all nations looked up to Universities for leadership. He further disclosed that the Agency had committed over N3 billion to infrastructural development in the University, adding that it is an indication that UniPort was being led by a serious-minded administration.

Earlier in his presentation, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, acknowledged that the University had

benefitted from TETFund intervention projects pointing out that without the Agency, the University system would not be where it is today. The Vice-Chancellor, who noted that the University had evolved to become a Centre of Excellence in Petroleum and Energy Studies, Sports, Arts, amongst others, identified land encroachment as a major challenge facing the University. He described the problem as far worse than any University in Nigeria on account of massive encroachment by the host communities protesting non-payment of compensation.

Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, Dr. MacJohn Nwaobiola and Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Julius Okojie, were among top officials on the Minister's entourage.

The meeting was preceded by a tour of ongoing projects and Foundation-Laying Ceremony for the Faculty of Basic Science Laboratory and the long-anticipated Faculty of Education.

Briggs Heads New Sports Institute Board

By Otikor Samuel

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, has inaugurated a new board to oversee sports development in the University. The Board which is headed by the 5th Vice-Chancellor, Emeritus Professor Nimi Briggs, is to be known as the Governing Board of the University of Port Harcourt Sports Institute.

Inaugurating the Board at the Vice-Chancellor's Committee Room last Tuesday, Professor Ajenka, who charged the members to explore all necessary avenues to ensure that the model of the emergent Sports Institute surpasses that of the famous Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS), stressed the need to properly extend the rich sporting potentials of the University to benefit other West African countries through collaborations with other sporting bodies such as the *OlympAfrica* Centre for Grassroots Sports Development, the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) and the African Centre of Excellence in Sports, which according to him is the first

in Nigeria.

The Vice-Chancellor, who recalled the numerous sporting exploits of *Team UniPort* at various championships, including five consecutive victories at the Nigerian University Games Association (NUGA) since 2004, the West African University Games (WAUG) on three consecutive occasions, pointed out that the University was the first to attract a High Performance Centre for English-speaking West Africa and International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), and the African Centre of Excellence in Sports. He disclosed that arrangements have been finalized to establish a Sports Institute to run academies, museum, sports medicine, research, training and related disciplines in support of sports development in the country and the West African sub-Region.

"Ever since we built the Sports Complex in 2004, we have been winning NUGA and WAUG back-to-back; sports is now science so we want the new Board to come up with a strategic plan to convert the Sports Complex into a Sports Institute that will be better than IPS. This will enable us train upcoming athletes and continue to

remain on top in sporting activities in West Africa and beyond," Professor Ajenka charged the Board.

In his acceptance speech, Chairman of the Board, Emeritus Professor Briggs, who was the Vice-Chancellor when *Team UniPort* won NUGA in 2004, praised successive administrations for maintaining the facilities and standards in sports, promising that his Board would live up to its mandate.

"You have given us a tall order to surpass IPS; that means we will be doing a lot of things if we should surpass IPS. We are glad that you inaugurated us with a task to transform the Sports Complex into a viable Institute that would be the envy of others. We will go and strategize on how to attain this onerous feat. The strategic plan is important because it is what orders the development of any establishment. We will strive to live up to expectation," the Board Chairman promised.

Other members of the Board are: President of the Nigeria Olympic Committee; representative of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), Chief Solomon Ogbu, representative of *OlympAfrica*, Dan Ngerem, Mr. Thierno Diack, Professors Mark Anikpo, Bene Willie Abbey, Blessing Didia, Nnenna Frank-Peterside and Dr. Ngozi Odu.



V-C, Prof Ajenka (3rd left) flanked by Chairman of the Board, Emeritus Prof Briggs (2nd left), Registrar, Mrs Matilda Nnodim (2nd right) and other members of the Committee

Unique Choba Cooperative Ends AGM

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

As part of the evaluation process of its activities in the last two years, the Unique Choba Amiable Cooperative,



Some members of the Cooperative at the Annual General Meeting

Investment and Credit Society Limited, held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the International Students' Centre, University Park, last Wednesday.

Speaking at the event, President of the

Cooperative Society, Professor Regina Ogali, reiterated the organization's commitment to the welfare of members through creating appropriate loan facilities to members at reasonable interest rate.

The President said that the Cooperative was aimed at inculcating thrift and saving culture among members and ensuring a comfortable financial security at retirement.

Disclosing that the Cooperative was borne out of a directive from the National Secretariat of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Professor Ogali added that the body has recorded tremendous milestones since its inception in UniPort four years ago. "Our membership strength has grown to 630. We have also improved on our monthly subscription, investments and loan facility and have been able to satisfy requests from members," the President remarked, commending members and the Management Committee for keeping the Cooperative afloat. Highpoints of the well-attended AGM included return of Professor Ogali as President and election of Professor Michael Monanu as Vice-President of a new Management Committee and review of the financial reports for 2012 and 2013.

Leading musical instruments and accessories firm, Orpheus Company Limited has donated a state-of-the-art Church Organ to the Department of Music in the Faculty of Humanities. The donation was received during the 2014 International Organ Music Festival organized by the Department in collaboration with the donor agency at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium on Friday, 21st November, 2014.

Welcoming guests to the landmark event, Head of the Department of Music, Professor Onyee Nwankpa, said: "As we thank the Orpheus Company Limited for making this laudable initiative possible, our appreciation also goes to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, for his passion and unflinching support towards the development of the University of Port Harcourt as a Centre of Excellence in Music.

Nwankpa, who spoke through Dr. AdeOluka Okunade, added: "It is our hope that this Festival will become an annual event in the cultural calendar of the University of Port Harcourt, where performers can have the opportunity to develop their talent and creativity, and compete favourably with their counterparts elsewhere."

Presenting the organ to the Department, the Director of Operations of Orpheus Company Limited, Mr. Chijioke Nwamara, observed that "Orpheus is proud to partner the Department of Music as the University strives to become a Centre of Excellence in Music. UniPort is the first university in Nigeria to receive a church organ donation from us; this development is in recognition of the fact that the University of Port Harcourt has become a pacesetter in music education and development."

Also speaking, representative of the manufacturers of the organ, Dieter Schuster, who is the International Business Development Manager of Rodgers Instruments Corporation, Oregon, USA, said that Rodgers is a member of Roland Corporation—a leading manufacturer and distributor of electronic musical instruments, adding that Roland and Rodgers can best be described as two excellent brands of one company.

"Roland is known for production of smaller organs, while Rodgers is associated with bigger ones. Roland builds Church and classical music organs. The organ we donated to the Department wears Roland's name and the Organist, Michael

Music Dept Gets Organ Donation From Orpheus ...Marks Int'l Organ Music Festival

By Humphrey Ogu

Koenig, is one of the best in Europe. Nigeria has a huge need for Church Organists. From now on, organ music will be part of music education in the University of Port Harcourt. It is our hope that many more Organists would be trained in this University," Schuster said.

Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Professor John Enemugwem, commended Orpheus for the donation, describing the organ as king of musical instruments. "We thank Orpheus for this donation and we also thank the UniPort Concert Chorus for their outstanding performances that attracted the donation," he said, recalling that the Department has been in existence for just a few years.

On his part, Deputy Provost, College of Health Science, Professor Owunari Georgewill, who also represented the Vice-Chancellor, Professor

Joseph Ajienka, said: "We wish to thank our benefactor, Orpheus Company Limited for the partnership. We hope that this partnership will continue to yield mutual benefits to both parties. We are also grateful to the Choir and our guest Organist, Michael Koenig for thrilling us."

In their separate remarks, pioneer Head of Department of Music and immediate past Dean of Students Affair, Professor Henry Bell-Gam and Visiting Scholar, Professor Vincent Idemiyor, heaped encomiums on UniPort Concert Chorus and the Visiting Organist for entertaining the audience.

The Festival featured organ recitals by award-winning Austria-born Concert Organist, Michael Koenig, trumpet accompaniment of the organ by Tuoyo Esimagbele, performances by UniPort Concert Chorus, solo by ace Tenor Soloist, Precious Omuku, who also did a duet with rising Soprano, Ihechi Achom.



A Lecturer in the Dept, Precious Omuku, conducting UniPort Concert Chorus with Austria-born Concert Organist, Koenig on the Organ

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), has formally inaugurated the University of Port Harcourt branch of the Anti-Corruption and Transparency Monitoring Unit, ACTU with a mandate to carry out preventive and educational responsibilities aimed at containing corrupt practices in the University. Giving the mandate at the formal inauguration of ACTU-UniPort at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, last Wednesday, Chairman of ICPC, Mr. Ekpo Nta, who was represented by the Director, Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation of ICPC, Mr. Barnabas Gaji, said the directive to establish ACTU was conveyed to Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), through a circular dated 2nd October, 2001 and issued from the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation.

"ACTU, if properly deployed here, has the capacity of making your University a model in corruption prevention in line with the mandate of ICPC," the ICPC Chairman said, advising members of ACTU-UniPort to enlighten the public on the need to stay free from corrupt practices.

"On our part, ICPC is more than ready to partner you to make the Nigerian Public Service, especially in the University of Port Harcourt the pride of our nation," he

ICPC Inaugurates Anti-Corruption Unit In UniPort

By Otiakor Samuel

pledged, promising to strengthen the relationship between the Commission and the University.

The Chairman, who also presented a Paper entitled: "Understanding Corruption and the Role of ACTU, Individuals, Civil Society Organizations and MDAs in Promoting Transparency and Accountability," read out the institutional profile of ICPC, pointing out that every individual and group need to join the fight against corruption to enable the Unit actualize its mandate.

"I appeal to you to stand up against corruption. Do not let it become a part of your spirit and conscience. No form of corruption is acceptable whether large or small. Make up your mind against corruption, it has never paid anybody; it is not paying and it will never pay," he charged the University Community.

In his acceptance speech, Chairman of ACTU-UniPort, Professor Christopher Ejizu, who acknowledged the event as the formal inauguration of the Unit in the University, said that the present inauguration was the

second set of ACTU-UniPort with the first set inaugurated in 2009.

"We are determined to transmit to successive generations the ideals and ideas upon which our society was built. We shall apply ourselves diligently to serve the University to ensure that we are ranked among the very best in the nation," Professor Ejizu promised.

Earlier in his opening remarks, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, who praised members of the Unit for accepting what he described as a challenging assignment, charged them to give of their best in service to the University and fatherland.

"The cardinal thing about ACTU is getting rid of corruption therefore; you must investigate every complaint properly to stand the test of the law. Usually, if there is an offence or misdemeanor, staff would face

Professional Ethics Committee, the Senior or Junior Staff Disciplinary Committee as the case may be, while students face Students' Disciplinary Committee. ACTU is an additional body to monitor misconduct," the Vice-Chancellor said, adding that the Service Compact (SERVICOM Unit) which was established by the Federal Government was also aimed at ensuring quality service delivery.

"If we deliver service well, then there would be no need for punishment," Professor Ajienka said, charging staff and students to abide by the provisions of the extant rules and regulations of the University.

Other members of ICPC included the Head of the Rivers State Office, Mr. Ndu Okparaibea; Principal Superintendent, Imo State Office, Mr. Oluwa Adeniyi; Messrs Aveyina Peter and Eke Onyemachi of the Port Harcourt Office. Newly-inaugurated members of ACTU-UniPort are: Professor John Otaigbe, Mrs. Felicia Ayuw, Chikwuogwo Paul, Abiodun Ogunkunle, Joy Olaya, Mrs. Selina Inko-Tariah, while Mrs. Flora Iyagba will serve as Secretary.



V-C, Prof. Ajienka (3rd left seated) flanked by Registrar, Mrs. Matilda Nnodim, Director, Corruption Monitoring & Evaluation, ICPC, Mr. Gaji, Dr. Felicia Ayuno (3rd, 2nd and 1st right) and Head of RS Office, Mr. Okparaibea, Chairman, ACTU-UniPort, Prof. Ejizu (2nd and 1st left) and other members of ACTU-UniPort and ICPC officials

NEPAD, Health Centre, Others Mount HIV Awareness Campaign In UniPort

By Humphrey Ogu

The University of Port Harcourt joined the rest of the world to mark the 2014 edition of World AIDS Day (WAD), last Monday, with HIV Awareness campaign and free testing mounted by the Rivers State branch of New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD).

The awareness campaign, which was carried out in collaboration with the University of Port Harcourt Chapter of the Nigerian Universities Nursing Students Association (NUNSA) and their counterparts from the Department of Microbiology, was coordinated by the Health Services Department of the University.

Briefing UniPort Weekly on the event, Director of the Health Services Department, Dr. Ken Anugweje, who noted that the Department usually marked World AIDS Day every year to keep the dreaded pandemic in the limelight, said such activities usually involved sensitization and mobilization campaigns, counseling and voluntary testing of staff and students, disclosing that "in this year's edition, we got a surprise package from NEPAD and some student bodies that volunteered to join forces with us to intensify awareness on the disease."

Our role this year was concentrated on coordinating the entire programme aimed at ensuring that people do not drop their guards on the issue of taking precautionary measures that would protect them from contracting HIV/AIDS."

Anugweje disclosed that "In a letter to the Vice-Chancellor, NEPAD indicated interest in funding and organizing the activities to mark World AIDS Day 2014. We readily accepted the offer and recommended it for approval. In addition, our students did not only show

interest in participating in activities marking this year's event; the Nigerian Universities Nursing Students Association and their counterparts in the Department of Microbiology indicated interest to participate in the sensitization and mobilization activities at their own cost. We commend these students for their heightened awareness of the disease and their excellent mobilization effort to contain HIV/AIDS on Campus." Also speaking, a representative of NEPAD, Dr. Maureen Maduagwu, who explained that the theme for the WAD 2014 was: Closing the Gap, said: "The best way to prevent the Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome is to

strictly adhere to the ABCD of HIV prevention, stressing the need for abstinence from casual sex, being faithful to one's partner, correct and consistent use of condom, desisting from sharing sharp objects and non-stigmatization of HIV/AIDS patients.

"Everyone should know his or her HIV status as starting point. You can get free voluntary testing, counseling and treatment from the Rivers State Government-owned Health Centres in every part of the State," Dr. Maduagwu said, urging the public to avail themselves of available free medical services to enable them ascertain their HIV statuses and stay healthy.

On their parts, NUNSA President, Obinna Eze, Speaker, Waribo Ubani and Chairman of the HIV/AIDS Screening Committee, Lazarus Wokne-Eze, restated the determination of their various platforms to intensify the battle against HIV/AIDS. They advised staff and students of the University to take necessary steps to protect themselves from contracting the disease which still has no known cure.



Some participants displaying placards pose for a group photograph with the Director, Health Services Dept, Dr. Ken Anugweje at the awareness rally

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Dosunmu Tackles Petroleum Drilling Challenges In Nigeria

Adams Research Chair in Petroleum Engineering in the University under his portfolio has successfully developed a Wellbore Stability Management Software that has already been deployed by the Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) to tackle the challenge.

"This tool known as OPTIWELL Model 1.0, has been used successfully to model failure behaviour of subsurface formations as a result of drilling operations. This new technology prevents borehole collapse by predicting adequate drilling mud weight to maintain borehole stability," Dosunmu explained to general applause.

"The result of this effort is that it has positioned the University of Port Harcourt as a centre of excellence in Well Engineering and Wellbore Stability Management not only in the Gulf of Guinea, but also in the whole of Africa. OPTIWELL has resulted in improved profitability through reduction in well construction cost in Nigeria, human capacity building, increased local content participation, domestication of high level technology and better environmental conservation through reduction in abandoned radioactive materials," he pointed out, adding that "The success of OPTIWELL has enhanced the level of trust that the International oil companies place on indigenous research efforts."

The Inaugural Lecturer whose research work has largely focused on Geomechanics and Wellbore Stability Management, disclosed that he had "developed tools currently in use by major operators worldwide and over the last few years, had produced and continue to produce doctorate degree holders in the area of Petroleum Geomechanics. My current work is in the area of expanding the frontiers of knowledge in other critical areas such as drilling through weak bedding planes and drilling depleted and low pressure reservoir."

In view of the critical role of Well Engineers in the business of oil and gas exploration and production, Dosunmu stressed the need to invest in the training of experts in the specialization to meet the needs of the industry. "We need as a country and as an institution to invest in the training of our future generation of Well Engineers. Scholarships and inducements, as well as different allowances can be introduced to encourage more students to earn a degree in Well Engineering. There is need to invest in equipment to train this



Inaugural Lecturer, Prof Dosunmu (arrowed) flanked by V-C, Prof. Ajenka (5th left), Provost, College of Engineering, Prof. Dulu Appah, Registrar, Mrs. Matilda Nnodim (5th and 4th right), some Provosts and Deans

category of personnel; good laboratories, demonstration rigs and other equipment to facilitate first class training are essential," he submitted.

Defining Petroleum Engineering as an evolving discipline that involves surface and subsurface aspects of oil and gas development, the Inaugural Lecturer said: "Experience has shown that Well Engineers continue to be in high demand since over 60 per cent of development costs are expended on drilling and completion of wells," adding that without the oil and gas wells, reservoir and production engineering and indeed downstream operations will be impossible.

Dosunmu noted that "Well Engineers are endangered species not only in Nigeria, but globally. They continue to be in high demand, but the supply is unfortunately unable to match demand and the few good ones are poached by different companies."

He stressed the need to properly equip Nigerian universities to train young people who are desirous of quality education, warning that "sending our students to different parts of the world to obtain sub-standard education cannot be the answer."

Professor Dosunmu advised the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), the Rivers State Sustainable Development Agency (RSSDA) and the Petroleum Technology Development Funds (PTDF) to

develop capacity internally for the training of students they currently send abroad each year at huge cost. According to him, in-country research should be made mandatory as nobody else can solve Nigeria's problems better than Nigerians.

Congratulating Professor Dosunmu for the Lecture, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, recalled that "in 2005, a Professor of Petroleum Engineering ended the Inaugural Lecture series for the year and in 2014, another Professor of Petroleum Engineering has ended the Inaugural Lecture series for this year. He recalled that Professor Dosunmu was among the first set of Nigerian-trained Petroleum Engineers to earn a Bachelor of Science degree. He was also among the pioneer set of Master's and Doctorate degree holders in the subject."

The Vice-Chancellor, who observed that the Inaugural Lecturer began his career as a Water Well Engineer, expressed delight that he ended up as an Oil Well Engineer and a Wellbore Stress Manager. "A good scholar must be known in his profession and by the industry. I am happy that Professor Dosunmu is not only known in the academia, but also in the petroleum industry all over the world," he said, describing the Inaugural Lecturer as a man, who is huge not only in stature, but also in his intellect.

UniPort 40th Anniversary C'ttee Unveils Celebration Time-Table

By Otikor Samuel

Pursuant to its mandate to plan and coordinate landmark events lined up for commemoration of the establishment of the University of Port Harcourt four decades ago, the 40th Anniversary Celebration Committee, has unveiled a time-table and guidelines to mark the event in grand style.

A statement dated 26th November, 2014 and issued from the office of Chairman of the Committee, Professor Tony Arinze, disclosed that the celebration which would centre on *Plans, People, Projects and Publications* (4Ps) would span a period of five months, beginning from February to June, 2015.

On *Plans*, the Committee tasked Provosts and Deans of the various Colleges and Faculties to choose appropriate commemorative events ranging from music, drama, art, science and engineering exhibitions, debates, symposia and public lectures to mark the Anniversary, while 40 Unique Alumni, Lecturers, First Class Graduates and Sports personalities, are to be identified under the category of *People* to be honoured for their contributions to the growth of the University in the last 40 years.

Colleges and Faculties are further charged to design *Projects* they would wish to embark on during the period, Professor Arinze said, adding that history, photo book, convocation booklets, outstanding breakthroughs

or major contributions to knowledge and profiles of 40 outstanding Alumni of Colleges and Faculty would also be showcased as part of the Anniversary.

According to the time-table, the celebration scheduled to kick-off in February next year would have the Students Union taking the lead from Monday, 2nd to Sunday, the 8th; Faculty of Humanities would follow from Monday, 9th to Sunday, 15th; Faculty of Social Sciences will take its turn on Monday, 16th to Sunday, 22nd while the College of Natural and Applied Sciences is expected to mark its own event from Monday, 23rd to Sunday, 1st March, 2015.

The College of Engineering would take its turn on Monday, 2nd March and round off on Sunday, 8th March; Faculty of Management Sciences is expected to commence on Monday, 9th and end on Sunday, 15th March; the College of Health Sciences will follow suit on Monday, 16th to Sunday, 22nd March, while Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences joins the celebrations on Monday, 23rd to Sunday, 29th March, 2015.

Faculty of Dentistry would flag-off the celebrations as from Monday, 30th March to Sunday, 5th April; Faculty of Agriculture will roll out the red carpet on Monday, 6th to Sunday, 12th April; while the Faculty of Education will join the Anniversary train on Monday, 13th and round off on Sunday, the 19th April; the Faculty of Law will commence its own activities on Monday, 20th to Sunday, 26th April, 2015.

For the month of May, 2015, the College of Graduate Studies is expected to start from Monday, 27th April to Sunday, 3rd May; Registry Department will weigh in between Monday, 4th to Sunday, 10th May; while Bursary Department will take its turn on Monday, 11th to Sunday, 17th May; the Library Department will kick-start its own activities on Monday, 18th to Sunday, 24th May, 2015. The Central Committee would mount the grand finale of the 40th Anniversary Celebration between Monday, 1st and Sunday, 7th June, 2015.



V-C, Prof. Ajenka (centre, front row) with members of the 40th UACC

GUIDEPOST

PROMOTION

Dr. Uzoma Nwogu, Department of Educational Management, Faculty of Education, promoted *Senior Lecturer*, effective 1st October, 2014.

Dr. John Raphael, Department of Surgery, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, promoted *Senior Lecturer*, effective 1st October, 2014.

Dr. Amabura Dodi-Manuel, Department of Surgery, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, promoted *Senior Lecturer*, effective 1st October, 2014.

Dr. Ologhago Adienbo, Department of Physiology, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, promoted *Senior Lecturer*, effective 1st October, 2014.

Dr. Augustine Nwogbo, Department of Surgery, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, promoted *Senior Lecturer*, effective 1st October, 2014.

Dr. Matilda Ibekwe, Department of Surgery, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, promoted *Senior Lecturer*, effective 1st October, 2014.

Dr. Herbert Iruka, Department of Marketing, Faculty of Management Sciences, promoted *Senior Lecturer*, effective 1st October, 2014.

PART-TIME APPOINTMENT

Prof. O.E. Abumere, Department of Physics, Faculty of Physical Sciences and Information Technology, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, granted *Part-Time Appointment* in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

Dr. V.I. Ejiogor, Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Physical Sciences and Information Technology, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, granted *Part-Time Appointment* in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

Dr. L.N. Onyegebu, Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Physical Sciences and Information Technology, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, granted *Part-Time Appointment* in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

Dr. B.O. Eke, Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Physical Sciences and Information Technology, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, granted *Part-Time Appointment* in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

Dr. E. Ogheneovo, Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Physical Sciences and Information Technology, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, granted *Part-Time Appointment* in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

Dr. Chidiebere Ugwu, Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Physical Sciences and Information Technology, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, granted *Part-Time Appointment* in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

Dr. P.O. Asagba, Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Physical Sciences and Information Technology, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, granted *Part-Time Appointment* in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

Mr. Christopher Ejiogor, Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Physical Sciences and Information Technology, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, granted *Part-Time Appointment* in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

Master's Class Donates To Edu Mgt Dept

By Otiakor Samuel

Students on the Master's degree programme for the 2013/14 academic session in the Department of Educational Management, Faculty of Education, have donated a 6.5KVA power generating plant aimed at assuaging the epileptic public power supply being experienced in their Department.

Making the donation last Tuesday, Class Representative, Mr. Shedrack Nwadike, who spoke on behalf of his colleagues, said they were moved to assist the Department with a new power generating plant following the recurring breakdown of the old one.

The Class Representative, who described the relationship with both teaching and non-teaching staff of the Department as very cordial, added that when the issue of assisting the Department with the equipment came up, every member of the class willingly contributed towards realizing it.

Receiving the power plant, Acting Head of Department, Dr. Nath Abraham, who

commended the students for the gesture, said that the equipment was already in use, expressing joy that it had started enhancing job performance in the Department as envisaged by the donors.

"I can only attribute the kind gesture of the students to the excellent relationship they have with staff of the Department at all levels. The students have repeatedly commended the quality teaching and mentoring they have been receiving from staff of the Department and we intend to keep it that way. We encouraged them to attend a Conference of the Nigerian Association for Educational Administration and Planning in Abuja in October and another one on the 100 Years of Education in Nigeria which was hosted by UniPort last November," he said.

Dr. Abraham advised other graduates and students of the University in positions of trust to imbibe the gesture of giving back to the Institution that gave them the head start in life, promising that the Department will always monitor and keep in touch with its Alumni wherever they may be.



Ag HoD, Dr. Abraham (arrowed) flanked on his left by Dr. Uzoma Nwogu, Class Rep., Mr. Shedrack, some Lecturers in the Dept and the Master's students pose for a shot with the generating plant

STOP PRESS
WEARING OF IDENTITY CARD

All Staff and Students of the University have been directed to wear their *Identity Cards* at all times while on Campus, especially during official hours. A memo from the office of the Registrar, dated 28th November, 2014 and signed by Deputy Registrar, Establishments, Mr. Stephen Ekeh, warned that strict adherence to the directive came into effect from Monday, 1st December, 2014.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MGT
WEATHER OBSERVATORY

FOR PORT HARCOURT AND ENVIRONS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 07 TO SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2014

DATE	TEMPERATURE HI LO (°C)	HUMIDITY (%)	WIND DIRECTION	RAIN (mm)	SUNRISE AND SUNSET (am) (pm)	SUMMARY
SUNDAY 07 DEC, 2014	34.0 24.0	62	NE	-	6:28:18.18	More clouds than sun expected. Warm day forecasted
MONDAY, 08 DEC, 2014	33.0 24.0	67	E	3.9	6:28:18.18	Decreasing cloudiness. Warm day expected.
TUESDAY, 09 DEC, 2014	34.0 23.0	55	NE	-	6:29 18:20	Partly cloudy day expected. Hot day anticipated.
WEDNESDAY 10 DEC, 2014	33.0 24.0	40	NE	-	6:28:18.19	More sun than clouds. Hot day expected.
THURSDAY, 11 DEC, 2014	34.0 23.0	68	NE	-	6:28:18.19	Partly cloudy and warm day forecasted.
FRIDAY, 12 DEC 2014	33.0 22.0	69	E	-	6:32:18.23	More sun than clouds. Warm day forecasted
SATURDAY 13 DEC 2014	33.0 22.0	55	N	-	6:30 18:21	More sun than clouds expected. Warm day expected.

DR GLADYS EMEIKE
ACTING HoD

DR PRINCE MMOM
AG. DIRECTOR, (CDRMDS)

SERVICOM CORNER

HANDLING COMPLAINTS

Five (5) Golden Rules to help you become great at handling complaints:

- (1). **The Customer is always right**
Even when you know the customer is wrong, treat him/her patiently; explain how the system works—always with a smile.
- (2). **Listen to the Complainant**
This means: shut up and let the customer speak. Even if he/she is yelling, just sit there and listen. Do not interrupt the yelling. Keep your cool.
- (3). **Offer solutions or redress**
Be ready to offer apology for any mistake you may have made.
- (4). **Be courteous to all who need assistance.**
Be welcoming.
- (5). **Offer further options**
If your solution is seen not to be enough, refer the complainant to higher authorities. This gives the complainant other options and takes the pressure off you.

Inauguration of UniPort Writers' Guild

The Institute of Arts and Culture organised a two-day Creative Writing Workshop and inaugurated UniPort Writers' Guild on Tuesday, 11th and Wednesday, 12th November, 2014. Our Cameraman, **HEADMAN ALU** captured highlights of the event as shown below:



Emeritus Prof Nimi Briggs
delivering Chairman's Opening Speech



Vice-Chancellor, Prof Joseph Ajenka,
making a speech



Director, Institute of Arts & Culture,
Prof Julie Okoh, welcoming guests



Emeritus Prof Briggs (l) exchanging pleasantries
with Writer-in-Residence, Dr Gabriel Okara



Guest of Honour,
Chief Paul Worika, speaking



Seiyifa Koraye, reading the citation
on the Keynote Speaker, Dr Wale Okediran



Keynote Speaker, Dr Okediran,
presenting his address



R-L: Mr Adiele Onyedibia,
Chief Worika & Dr Okara



Members of UniPort Writers' Guild (Standing) and dignitaries after the inauguration



Prof Omalaria Ogundipe
reading a poem



A cross-section of participants