



## Ibe Assumes Duty As DV-C Admin

Following the expiration of his tenure as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Ethelbert Nduka handed over the instruments of office to his successor, Professor Anthony Ibe of the Department of Electrical/Electronic Engineering in a modest ceremony last Monday, reports *Ethel Timi-Johnson*.

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Registry Department  
kicks-off 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
with Awareness Rally  
this morning.  
Details next week.  
~Editor



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Out As  
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## Emeriti Professors, Odia Spice Up CHS Celebrations With Lectures

By Otokor Samuel

The College of Health Sciences took its turn to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the University last week with a series of activities that ended with three high profile lectures. Two former Vice-Chancellors, Emeriti Professors

Kelsey Harrison and Nimi Briggs, joined their younger colleagues, staff, students and stakeholders in the affairs of the College to temporarily hang up their stethoscopes as they focused attention on the expansive Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium—venue of the lectures, panel discussions on divers health matters and a medical

outreach.

Emeriti Professors Harrison and Briggs, who coincidentally are specialists in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, served the University as 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Vice-Chancellors, respectively. Harrison was Keynote Speaker last Monday, Briggs was Guest Speaker on Tuesday, while

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# UN-SSEA Partners NESDRA On Earth Day Celebration

By Ethel Timi-Johnson  
and Obubelebara Wokoma

Students of the University under the auspices of the United Nations Students for Sustainable Energy for All (UN-SSEA) in partnership with the National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA), held an elaborate celebration on April 22, 2015, to mark the International Mother Earth Day.

As part of activities that marked the Day, which had Green Walk For Mother Earth as its theme, the student earth activists held processions at the three Parks of the University, picking up waste as a way of encouraging the University Community to imbibe proper environmental stewardship.

Speaking after the exercise, Associate Dean (Female) of the Student Affairs Department, Dr. Adekunle Oyunsu, who commended the effort of the students aimed at returning the earth to its pristine clean and green state, charged them to mobilize more students towards the drive to preserve the environment.

"This is a good initiative and shows a high sense of responsibility among students of this University which deserves to be encouraged by all those who care about a healthy environment. I urge you to continue with this laudable campaign aimed at encouraging the University community to dispose and recycle wastes, while you keep thinking of creative ways to generate useful things from wastes with available technology,"



Dr. Onyeaso (arrowed) flanked by NESDRA officials and the students after the exercise

she advised the students.

Declaring his Agency's willingness to partner diverse sectors in a bid to actualize its mandate of ensuring a cleaner and healthier environment, NESREA Administrative Officer 1, Mr. Delinna Ibiagolika, disclosed that the day's event centred on tree planting as a way of checking climate change and beautifying the environment, urging staff and students of the University to join the exercise. "By planting trees and cleaning up our environment, we will gradually restore the earth to its original green and clean nature as against the emerging brown earth that has resulted

in a polluted and degraded environment," he remarked.

In his contribution, President of UniPort UN-SSEA, Boris Nwachukwu, who noted that the event was put together to commemorate the global Earth Day which holds on April 22 every year as directed by the United Nations, noted that sustaining the environment aids better health and provides many benefits to mankind. Other NESREA officers at the event included Information Officers: David Mark and Mrs Keimein Setimo-Benebo, Administrative Officers: Josiah Imghbi and Mrs. Omorowa Adejo.

## UniPort Student Emerges NURSS National President

By Mercy Adeniji

Following a successful election held on Saturday, March 21, 2015, at the Rivers State College of Arts and Science, Vincent Dan-Jumbo of the Faculty of Dentistry, has emerged as the new President of the National Union of Rivers State Students (NURSS). In line with the Constitution of the Union, the new President will be at the helm of affairs of NURSS for the next one year.

Exchanging views with *UniPort Weekly* on his vision for the Union, after the inauguration held on Friday, April 24, 2015, Mr. Dan-Jumbo disclosed that his primary mandate would be to protect the interest of Rivers State students and make sure that their welfare is not neglected.

According to the new NURSS National President, Student "Unionism fosters harmonious relationship among students, gives us a greater voice in matter pertaining to our welfare and also enhances the

welfare of students academically and socially."

Speaking on the modalities for the election, he explained that the Presidency usually rotates between the Riverine and Upland areas of Rivers State.

Assuring Rivers State students of his willingness to serve, Mr. Dan-Jumbo said: "I will need the collective efforts of all Rivers State students to succeed in office," adding that "It is our passion and desire to lift NURSS to an enviable height against all odds and with God on our side, we know that we will succeed. It is only the Union that makes us stronger and guarantees that our collective voice is heard."

Mr. Dan-Jumbo, who was a one-time Public Relations Officer of the National Union of Bouay Students and former Provost of the Port Harcourt University Medical Students Association (PUMSA), expressed gratitude to the immediate past National President, Mr. Chukwuladi Masi and his entire Executive members for taking the Union to an enviable height despite the very challenges that they encountered.

Corroborating the view of the President, newly-elected Vice-President of the Union, who was also the immediate past Vice-President of the Student Union Executive of UniPort, Miss Obhelebarbara Wokoma, stressed the need for oneness among Rivers State students, charging them to support the Union and also disregard instigations from other sources that would mar the team spirit that is the hallmark of student organizations.

Other members of the newly-elected NURSS Executive are: Everest Dike (Vice-President, West), Brenda Ijeoma (Vice President, East), Festus Ukaliye (Secretary General), Kingsley Bokome (Assistant Secretary General, West), Gift Kienwa (Treasurer), Tamunomichi Ngo-Tamuno (Financial Secretary), Titi Mbaba (Public Relations Officer), and Solomon Granville (Provost).



Immediate past NURSS President, Mr. Masi handing over documents to his successor, Dan Jumbo

## Stop Press Abolition Of 50% Surcharge

Following the decision of Senate of the University at its 405<sup>th</sup> Meeting (Extraordinary) on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 abolishing 50% surcharge on Undergraduate fees, effective from the 2014/2015 academic session, students who are yet to register online and print their Course Registration Forms at the beginning of the session are advised to do so immediately and submit three copies of the forms to their respective Departments. A statement dated April 23, 2015 and signed on behalf of the Registrar by the Director of Academic Affairs, Mrs. Dorcas Otto, said only students who comply with the directive would be treated as *bona fide* students of the University.

"Students who fail to register at the beginning of each session shall roll over to the next session and such students will be required to apply for 'Temporary Withdrawal from Study' the statement warned, explaining that application for 'Temporary Withdrawal from Study' is for one year in the first instance and renewable for another year, subject to compliance with the maximum length of time allowed for the programme of study as stipulated in the Statement of Academic Policies of the University. Mrs. Otto advised Departments to ensure they forward a copy of each form to the Faculty Officers and Office of the Director, Academic Affairs, warning that appropriate sanctions would be levied against staff found guilty of any form of complicity in breach of the procedure by students.

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Speaking shortly after the handover, Professor Nduku, expressed satisfaction at the emergence of a worthy successor with vast experience in University Administration, expressing hope that Professor Ibe would hit the ground running on account of his prolonged experience in academic and administrative affairs of the University. "I am happy that my successor would not find it difficult to grapple with the onerous responsibilities of the office, having served in various capacities in the University as a top Management staff over the years," he added, appealing to staff and students to extend the hand of fellowship to enable Professor Ibe succeed in office.

Recounting his experience as Deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of Administration in four unbroken years, Professor Nduku, who disclosed that he worked hard to realize the vision and mission of the University in the line of duty, added that he enjoyed a very cordial working relationship with Principal Officers of the University and other cadres in the University.

"I wish to express gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajeke, for nominating me to serve as Deputy Vice-Chancellor; I also wish to thank my immediate staff for their loyalty and commitment to duty while I was in charge here. It is my hope that they would encourage and support my successor in the discharge of his challenging mandate in that position," the outgoing

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Deputy Vice-Chancellor told our Correspondent, promising to continue to be a good advocate for the office wherever and in whatever capacity that he may find himself in the future. In his response, a visibly elated Professor Ibe expressed joy at the smooth



Prof Nduku (right) handing over to his successor Prof Ibe

change of haton, showering encomiums on Professor Nduku for working so hard to discharge his mandate, noting that his predecessor had set a high standard that must be upheld. "My election as DV-C is a clear manifestation of the trust of the Senate of the University in my capacity to work with the rest of the Management

team to move the University to the next level. I will not let Senate or the rest of the University community down in the discharge of my duty schedule. I promise to serve the University with all my strength and heart to uplift the quality of administration," he said.

## ...As New DV-C Charges Staff On Integrity

By Humphrey Ogu

New Deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of Administration, Professor Anthony Ibe, has charged staff of the Information and Communication Technology Centre (ICTC) to make



Immediate past Director, ICTC and new DV-C (Admin), Prof Ibe (arrowed) flanked by ICTC Officer, Mrs. Kate Onyiah (2nd right), Deputy Registrar (Information), Williams Wodi (left) and staff of the Centre

Integrity their watchword.

Speaking at a Send-Off Party organised in his honour by staff of ICTC, at the Centre on Friday, April 24, 2015, Ibe, who is the immediate past Director of the ICTC, recounted his experience at various stages in his career before his new appointment, stressing the importance of

hard work, self-discipline and honest in discharging of official duties.

"I will plead with to make integrity your watchword so that when you talk people would say, he is not talking because of what will go into his pocket, but in the interest of the people," he urged the ICTC staff.

Ibe, who lauded the staff for their co-operation, charged them to extend their co-operation in the incoming director, noting that "A crop of young people who are forward-looking that is what you find in ICTC and any director who has that privilege of working with you will succeed."

In her opening remarks, ICTC Officer, Dr Kate Onyiah, said we are here to honour our Director, who has been elevated to the position of Deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of Administration in the University. We are here to send him forth, following his victory at the Senate, which was due to hard work and integrity that made his colleagues to vote overwhelmingly for him."

Others, who paid glowing tributes to Professor Ibe included Deputy Registrar in charge of Information, Williams Wodi; Training Officer, ICTC, Mrs Elizabeth Okey-Wali; Chief Programmer Analyst and Head of Hardware Services and Maintenance, Bola Lawal.

The Send-Off Party, which could best be described as a harvest of encomiums for Professor Ibe, featured a presentation of gift to the former Director by Mrs Vivian Emeisibi.

Immediate past Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Professor Chris Akani, has disclosed that the past four years of his headship witnessed verifiable milestone achievements, including the impending establishment of a new Faculty of Allied Medical Sciences, which has received approval from the Senate of the University for commencement of programmes in Physiotherapy, Radiography, Nutrition and Dietetics. Speaking to a UniPort Weekly Correspondent shortly after handing over to his successor, on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, Professor Akani, expressed delight that the College successfully gained accreditation and recommendation for increased admission quota from the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) on his watch.

He pointed out that new Postgraduate programmes commenced during the period under review, while concerted efforts are on to commence more programmes in line with the expanding carrying capacity of the College. "The Master's degree programme in Sports Medicine and Immunology are on track, while the proposed Master's degree programme in Surgery and the School of Public Health are yet to take off," he said.

On projects, Professor Akani listed the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, Animal House/Teaching Laboratory and the Nursing Demonstration Laboratory Block, as completed projects during his tenure, while the main College and Department of Anatomy buildings, are at various stages of completion. "The University has approved a new research building for the College and has graciously approved the handing over of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) building to house a Faculty in the College," Professor Akani revealed.

Commending the efforts of Alumni of the College for their achievements and sustained support for their Alma Mater,

## Akani Bows Out As CHS Provost

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

The immediate past Provost described the Chair instituted for safe motherhood, donation of two brand new buses by Access Bank Plc., a proposed four-year research study on safe birth access project, College Auditorium and sponsorship scheme for indigent students in the College, as good gestures from distinguished Alumni on his watch that should be sustained by his successor, Professor Christie Masta.

"The Institute of Maternal and Child Health, Centre for Health and Development, Centre for Malaria Research, Centre for Medical Research and Training, have shown strong evidences of quality research activities and collaborations with both national and international organizations," Professor Akani told our Correspondent, hoping that the heads of these Centres would intensify efforts aimed at making them more responsive to the health needs of the people.

Akani, who noted that the College also received a parcel of land and a building from Obasuna Community in Degema Local Government Area for the training of students of the Department of Nursing Science, added that the College has operational collaborations with the University of Bloemfontein in South Africa, University of Leicester in the United Kingdom and All Saints' University in the Dominican Republic on Nuclear Medicine, University of Toronto, Canada on Health Development, Liverpool Institute School of Hygiene and Tropical Studies, Maternal Health Studies/Research and Exchange and Linkages programmes, respectively.

As Professor Akani bows out of office in a blaze of glory on account of his numerous achievements as Provost, it is hoped that he would continue to avail the College and University of his wealth of experience as a consummate administrator and knowledgeable medical educator. The College will continue to remember him as a great innovator, mentor and manager of human and material resources.



Prof Akani, immediate past Provost, CHS

# Okoh, Koko Appraise Education Faculty At UniPort 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

By Otiok Samuel

**F**oremost education, Professor Joseph Okoh, has advocated the restructuring of the present Faculty of Education into a College with the Faculties of Teacher Education, Vocational/Technical and Entrepreneurial Education and General Studies, in addition to the Institute of Education.

Professor Okoh, who made the recommendation while speaking on the topic: *Faculty of Education: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*, to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the University, recalled the institutional development of the Faculty from the School System between 1975 and 1981 to the current Faculty System that commenced in 1982.

The Guest Lecturer disclosed that the School of Educational Studies was established alongside other Schools such as those of Humanities, Social Sciences, Biological Sciences, Chemical Sciences and Physical Sciences, revealing that Professors Ben Ekeazu, John Eneanwa, Andrew Iwu and Martin Kasekwa, who were then Graduate Assistants formed part of the founding staff of the School which was initially headed by Emeritus Professor Ebiegherhi Alagwu as Acting Dean.

"Following the Governing Council's approval at the Senate Ad-hoc Committee Report on 25/5/82, the School System was abolished on July 29, 1982. From the new academic session that commenced on October, 1982, the Faculty of Education as it is known today was born along with several other faculties, including the Institute of Health Sciences and the then School of Graduate Studies, which is now a full-fledged College," Okoh said, adding that the Faculty was restructured into the Departments of Educational Foundations; Educational Management; Curriculum Development; Educational Technology; Educational Psychology; Guidance and Counselling; Physical and Health Education which later renamed Human Kinetics and Health Education; Division of Adult and Non-formal Education, which is now a Department; the Post-ACE Programme Unit (now moribund); Post-NCE Degree and M.Ed. Sandwich Programme Units and the Institute of Education.

"The Faculty of Education imparted knowledge across all ethnic and religious boundaries to teachers, inculcated requisite knowledge through well-articulated curricula which captured every aspect of human development. The Faculty has churned out generations of quintessential professional teachers and individuals for all walks of life. From the statistics available at the Registry, the Faculty admits the second largest number of students every year (second only to the College of Natural and Applied Sciences), at the first degree level, the second largest

number of graduands at every Convocation, graduates the highest number of M.Ed. and Ph.D every year since 1984, and the highest number of Postgraduate Diploma. With academic staff strength of 17 in the 1982/83 session, the Faculty now has a staff strength of 209; of this number, 36



Dean of Faculty, Prof Igwe (arrowed), Prof Koko (2<sup>nd</sup> right), Prof Okoh (5<sup>th</sup> left), former Deans and senior academics cutting the Anniversary Cake

are professors," he disclosed.

Professor Okoh, who further expressed happiness that the Faculty has produced two Vice-Chancellors, six Provosts, Colleges of Educations, three Deputy Vice-Chancellors, regretted however, that the Faculty is still housed in old buildings at Choba Park after 40 years of the establishment of the University.

He called on Management to expedite action on the Faculty Building under construction to give the Faculty a deserving facility and enabling environment where staff would conveniently discharge their core mandate in the line of duty.

In her Lecture entitled: *Harnessing Opportunities in Entrepreneurial Education*, Director of Academic Planning and Statistics Unit of the Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Professor Maureen Koko, advocated entrepreneurial education as a sure option towards reducing unemployment and poverty, while increasing the number of self-reliant graduates capable of creating rather than seeking non-existent white collar jobs.

"Entrepreneurial opportunities do not exhibit themselves on the streets of the city. There must be conscious efforts by interested persons to identify the potentials of a given opportunity and make attempt to tap them.

Entrepreneurship is indeed, a sure way towards poverty reduction and increase in the number of self-reliant citizens capable of being job creators rather than job seekers," Professor Koko, who is also an Alumna of the Faculty, said. In his remarks at the procession, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Igbo Joe, who stood in for the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenika, praised the Faculty for turning out so many quality graduates, who are doing

exceptionally well in diverse fields of human endeavour. The Vice-Chancellor assured staff and students of the Faculty that they would soon be relocated from Choba Park to their new building at the University Park after completion of ongoing construction work.

Chairman of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, Professor Tony Arinze, commended the large crowd of staff and students who converged at the expansive Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium for the celebration, describing it as the largest crowd so far to turn out at one venue since the celebration commenced in January.

Earlier, Dean of the Faculty, Professor Lawrence Igwe, had enumerated some of the landmark achievements of the Faculty to include capacity building, resource mobilization for the University, training and retraining of teachers. Highlights of the celebration included dance drama by a troupe from the Department of Theatre and Film Studies, cutting of the Anniversary Cake and presentation of awards, while goodwill messages were presented by some former Deans of the Faculty, such as Professors Ehi Ilo Awotule-Efelo, Benjamin Ekeazu and Reginald Ukwujir; including a visibly enthused President of the UniPort Chapter of the Nigerian Universities Education Students Association, Mr. Emmanuel Emmanuel.

# CGS Hands Over PG Common Rooms To CHS, Faculties

By Mercy Adeniji and Obubekere Wakoma

**A**s part of activities lined up for the celebration of University of Port Harcourt at 40, the College of Graduate Studies handed over Postgraduate Common Rooms to the College of Natural and Applied Sciences, College of Health Sciences, Faculties of Humanities, Management Sciences and Social Sciences to be used for seminars, lectures, reading and relaxation by students.

Commissioning the refurbished Postgraduate Common Rooms last Monday, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenika, who was represented by the Chairman of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee, Professor Tony Arinze, commended the College of Graduate Studies for

the gesture, which he said would go a long way to provide an enabling environment for graduate studies research, adding: "We are grateful for all the laudable initiatives and innovations the College team has so far introduced as part of efforts aimed at streamlining academic and administrative activities in the College and we urge you to keep it up."

Professor Arinze revealed that for some time now, the Management of the University has been keeping record of positive developments in the College. "We are very pleased with what you have been doing to ensure that our University meets global best practices in what we do. It is gratifying to note that the College of Graduate Studies has been championing the drive for excellence under its present structure and dynamic Provost," Professor Arinze disclosed.

Handing over the facilities to the end users, Provost of the College, Professor Roseline Konyia, disclosed that "Management of the College agreed that we should create Common Rooms where our students can come and read, do their assignments and hold seminars without distractions and today, we are handing over the keys to enable you put them to immediate use. We believe the Common Rooms would be put to proper use and with expectation for regular electricity supply, we believe that these facilities would contribute to quality Postgraduate education in this University. It is our hope that students would take care of these facilities that are designed to facilitate their activities. We have provided chairs, in focus and screens, venetian blinds; we have also installed air-conditioners to make the Rooms conducive for Postgraduate students."

Responding, Provost of the College of Natural and Applied Sciences, Professor Nneoma Frank-Peterside, Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Professor Christine Main, represented by the Acting Head, Department of Human Anatomy, Dr. Joy Olorot, Dean, Faculty of Humanities, Professor John Enemgwem; Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, Professor Emeke Okereke and Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Professor Henry Alapiki, who was represented by Acting Head of the Department of Economics, Dr. Ijeoma Kaku, expressed gratitude to Management of the College of Graduate Studies for refurbishing and handing over the Common Rooms, promising to put them to good use.

"It is a thing of joy for us and to our graduate students; this you can be rest assured that these Common Rooms are in good hands and we promise to take care of this place as our own," Professor Frank-Peterside pledged on behalf of the other beneficiaries of the facilities.



Provost CGS, Prof Konyia (arrowed), Deans of the College and Senior staff during the hand-over of the PG Common Rooms

# Senate Approves New Programmes, Outstanding Results

By Obinna Nwodin

Senate of the University has approved the establishment of four new programmes. The decision was taken at the 406<sup>th</sup> Meeting held at the Senate Chambers, last Wednesday. The programmes were approved after Chairman of the Senate Committee on Academic Programmes and Policies (SCAPP) and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Igbo Joe, made a presentation on the new programmes, which he said had been thoroughly scrutinized by the Committee and met the criteria set by Senate for the purpose. The programmes are: Bachelors Degree in Medical Radiography; BIT Degree in Physiotherapy; Community Development and Social Welfare, as well as Early Childhood and Primary Education. Senate, however, stood down a proposal to commence the Doctorate degree in Nuclear Engineering, requesting that a detailed proposal on the issue be made at the next Senate Meeting.

A proposal to establish the Bachelor in Education programme in Environmental Adult Education Science in the Department of Adult and Non-Formal Education was also deferred by Senate. It deliberated on the nomenclature ascribed to the new programme, stating that there was need to be cautious in giving names to new programmes in line with the regulations stipulated by the National Universities Commission (NUC).

Senate also took a presentation on the Benefit of Anti-Plagiarism Exercise by Dr. Robinson Briggs of the Intellectual Property Technology Transfer Office (IPPTO), which called on members to be part of the anti-plagiarism crusade amongst staff and students. Senate also considered the Report on Investigation of Leakage of THA 313.2 (Acting, Speech, Costume and Make-up) Question Paper from the Professional Ethics Committee, as presented by its Chairman, Professor Abdulrazzak Kilani. It recommended that the Lecturer and Student concerned should be arraigned before the

## Disciplinary Committee

Earlier in his address, Chairman of Senate, Professor Joseph Ajenka, had expressed gratitude to the entire University Community over the way the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the University was being celebrated. "Every Faculty or College is celebrating the event in its own unique way; the celebrations are affording the University a rare opportunity to assess the development of our Colleges and Faculties, as well as setting the agenda for the future. He also congratulated the College of Graduate Studies for handing over refurbished Common Rooms to the various Faculties, pointing out that such facilities would go a long way in providing an enabling atmosphere for learning.

Professor Ajenka also disclosed that the Report of the 2014 Accreditation Exercises of academic programmes in the University have been received, stating that all the programmes presented for accreditation secured either the "Full" or "Interim" status. He commended the Academic Planning Unit and the University-wide Local Accreditation Committee for working relentlessly to ensure the success of the exercise. The Vice-Chancellor, however, advised Departments that got "Interim Accreditation" to start early enough to remedy the observed deficiencies in time for the next exercise that would be due in two years time.

Professor Ajenka also commended the Faculty of Humanities for compiling a list of students on the Dean's List, as well as those on Probation and others on the Withdrawal lists. He advised other Colleges and Faculties to emulate the development so that affected students would know their academic standing in the University.

Senate also observed a minute's silence in honour of students killed in Gwarisa University College, Kenya by the Al Shabaab terrorist group early last month, while raising serious concern about security on university campuses in Africa.

Senate also approved the 2013/2014 First and Second Semester, and outstanding Degree Results in the Faculties of Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, Management Sciences, Agriculture, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Colleges of Natural and Applied Sciences, Engineering, Health Sciences, as well as Graduate Studies.



Senate in session

Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB), Mr Ernest Nwapa, has promised to sustain the growing institutional relationship between the Board and the University of Port Harcourt through the Emerald Energy Institute for Petroleum Economics, Policy and Strategic Studies (EII).

Speaking at the closing ceremony of an eight-week training programme for Chief Officers of NCDMB, which held at the Emmanuel Eghogah Auditorium on Friday, April 24, 2015, the Executive Secretary, expressed satisfaction with the quality of training and organization, commending the Institute for what he described as a wonderful two-month training that is comparable to what was obtainable anywhere in the world.

Nwapa, who was represented at the closing ceremony by the General Manager, Corporate Services and Logistics, Mr. Eugene Ozuola, said: "From what we have seen so far, we won't have any reason not to continue with the partnership with EEL. The Course Participants have reported that the quality of instruction was of global standards, while the Faculty was carefully selected to give them what was paid for by the NCDMB Management," he said.

"While commending you for a job well done, we would recommend that the next batch of trainees be exposed to more group projects to engender team spirit. I also wish to suggest that there should be ample time for recreation and tours to oil and gas installations for participants to better appreciate the operational environment. I give the Institute 80 % on the content and delivery of the course and that is a clear distinction," he said. Earlier in his opening speech, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, expressed hope that the excellent partnership between NCDMB and the Institute would continue to grow, noting that "this University has the highest number of Professors of Petroleum Engineering in Africa and, therefore, has the institutional capacity to deliver world-class training programmes in any branch of hydrocarbon studies. Our Professors have been providing globally-benchmarked trainings in Petroleum Engineering to universities in Ghana and other parts of the world. We will continue to do things that

## NCDMB Pledges Sustainable Partnership With EEL

By Humphrey Ogu

NCDMB will remember us for in the long run.

The Vice-Chancellor, who spoke through the Chairman, Research and Development, Professor Bene Willie Abbey, said: "I wish to thank the NCDMB for the confidence reposed in us. It is not easy to stay back in the country when you have an opportunity to travel out for such training session, especially when we all know that Nigerians love travelling to foreign lands. The question is: if we all travel out, who will be here to fix things in Nigeria?"

In his speech, EEL Director, Professor Wumi Iladere, who congratulated the trainees on successful completion of the training, expressed delight at the impact the Institute had made within its short period of existence, canvassing for more support from stakeholders to enable the Institute deliver more world-class trainings.

"We have all it takes and the personnel to develop requisite manpower here. For us, it is not about

prosperity, it is all about posterity. We are happy that we have been able to equip you with relevant skills to enhance productivity in your workplace. We hope to extend our excellent training facilities to more governmental agencies and private organizations," he stated.

On his part, Dean of the Graduate School of Engineering and Technology, Professor Adeleke Dosunmu, who described the trainees as ambassadors of the EEL and Unifort, said: "We are in a transition period and some of you will be in a position to advise the politicians on how to implement government policies in the face of dwindling oil revenue," charging them to continue to be part of the EEL family.

The event featured presentation of Certificates of Participation to the trainees and awards to the Best Overall Participant, Obinna Osuji, Best Project, Kingdom Unwene, Class Governor, Sonia Nwinkwe. The trainees also sang to celebrate their successful completion of the training, while a representative of the trainees, Obot Uduak, thanked the University for the training.



Director, EEL, Prof Iladere (arrowed), flanked by Deputy Director, EEL, Dr. Chikolike Nwuzi, (right) NCDMB Manager, Learning & Dev. Ada Ohaeri, NCDMB General Manager, Corporate Services, Mr. Eugene Ozuola and the trainees



# GUIDEPOST

## RENEWAL OF CONTRACT APPOINTMENT

**Professor Wey Ananwehale**, Department of Educational Management & Planning, Faculty of Education, granted a one-year *Renewal of Adjunct Appointment* effective, May 13, 2015 to May 12, 2016.

**Professor Kalu Ogbureke**, Department of Oral Pathology and Oral Biology, Faculty of Dentistry, College of Health Sciences, granted a one-year *Renewal of Appointment as Visiting Professor*, effective January 28, 2015 to January 27, 2016.

**Professor Monima Briggs**, Centre for Information and Telecommunication Engineering, granted a one-year *Renewal of Contract Appointment*, effective April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016.

**Dr. Uriah Etawo**, Department of Surgery, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, granted a one-year *Renewal of Contract Appointment*, effective June 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016.

**Dr. E.M. Didia**, Department of Clinical Pharmacy and Management, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, granted a one-year *Renewal of Contract Appointment*, effective July 2, 2015 to July 1, 2016.

## SABBATICAL LEAVE

**Professor Victory Djenye**, Department of Educational Foundations, Faculty of Education, granted a one-year *Sabbatical Leave*, effective April 22, 2015 to April 21, 2016.

**Professor Abdulrazzaq Kilani**, Department of Religious and Cultural Studies, Faculty of Humanities, granted a one-year *Sabbatical Leave*, effective May 4, 2015 to May 3, 2016.

## CONVERSION

**Dr. Patrick Echebe**, Department of Educational Psychology, Guidance and Counselling, Faculty of Education, converted from *Principal Laboratory Instructor to Lecturer II*, effective March 11, 2015.

## STUDY LEAVE

**Mr. Tamenobelema Solomon**, Department of Crop and Soil Science, Faculty of Agriculture, granted a 24-month *Study Leave with Pay* to pursue a Master's Degree programme in Plant Physiology and Farming Systems at the University of Benin, Edo State, effective April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2017.

## REVIEW OF STATUS

**Dr. Chloma George-Anokwure**, Department of Economics, Faculty of Social Sciences, granted *Review of Status* from Assistant Lecturer to Lecturer II, effective November 26, 2014.

**Miss Hope Nwosu**, Department of Curriculum Studies and Educational Technology, Faculty of Education, granted *Review of Status* from Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer, effective January 28, 2015.

**Miss Rebecca Adesope**, Department of Curriculum Studies and Educational Technology, Faculty of Education, granted *Review of Status* from Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer, effective January 28, 2015.

# I Was Committed To My Duty ~Dr Ikiensikimama

By Mercy Adeniji

**I**mmEDIATE past Acting Head of the Department of Petroleum Engineering, Dr. Sunday Ikiensikimama, has attributed his success on the job to total commitment to duty and co-operation from his colleagues, including students.

Dr. Ikiensikimama, who reviewed the performance of his four-year tenure in his handover report said: "I served for two tenures from September, 2010 to September, 2012 and again from September, 2012 to April, 2014, as Acting Head of the erstwhile Department of Petroleum and Gas Engineering, and later as Acting Head of the demerged Department of Petroleum Engineering from April, 2014 to October, 2014."

Dr. Ikiensikimama explained that the Department of Petroleum and Gas Engineering had operated under one umbrella before the Department of Gas Engineering was carved out of Petroleum Engineering in 2014. "It was only in April, 2014 that the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, finally appointed Mr. Richard Kadana as Acting Head of the

Department of Gas Engineering," the erstwhile Acting HoD told our Correspondent, adding that he thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to serve the University in that capacity, despite the daunting challenges he faced in office.

Dr. Ikiensikimama recalled that when he assumed office, "there was so much backlog of students' results which I had to clear; it was a very exhausting job that had to be done to meet stipulated deadlines. I tried my very best to ensure that I did not keep any document on my table till the next day. I think God helped me to successfully end my tenure, because I hardly woke up any day without reports on diverse issues on academic and personal concerns from students. In all, I succeeded through the grace of God and when I look back now; I wonder how I was able to pull through without falling ill throughout those hectic periods of my headship of the Department."

Dr. Ikiensikimama, who is an Associate Professor, said the Department entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Petroleum Engineering at the University of Mines and Technology, Tarkwa, Ghana as a mentor department for exchange of staff and the training of their students, pointing out that the partnership enhanced the image of the University and also disproved the perception that Nigerian universities were inferior to those in other countries.

"Since the Department was demerged into Petroleum and Gas, we have received donations from alumni, ranging from a semi-silent generator, two in-focus, and photocopies from the Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS), to book donations. We have also graduated students, fabricated and designed a Gas Metering Pipeline System; a Piston-Cylinder Water Boiler was also designed, while Professors from the Department were also appointed into positions of responsibility in the University, among others," he disclosed.

Dr. Ikiensikimama disclosed that the "Department is top-heavy because we have more Professors than other rank of Lecturers. We have the likes of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka; Professors Mike Onyekonwu, Adewale Dosunmu, Dula Appah, Godwin Igwe, Sunny Iyuke, Elijah Iyagba, Godwin Chukwu, Joel Ogbonna and Wumi Iledare.

"The experience of serving as Acting HoD in such a Department is actually was quite challenging and humbling for me, because you had to lead your senior colleagues; take decisions on their behalf and monitor activities that would bring about the growth of the Department. Managing senior colleagues in such a situation was very daunting exercise that required a lot of balancing, especially when the Professors knew that you were merely holding brief for them; another challenge I faced in office was the enormous pressure on me in terms of admission requests and grading of results in the manner stipulated by Senate of the University. I had to get it right at every turn to avoid sanction," he added.

Dr. Ikiensikimama appealed to staff and students to continue to exhibit passion and team spirit as ways of taking the Department to greater heights under his successor Dr. Boniface Orijio. "Younger academics must seek to have cordial relationship with the Professors and non-teaching staff of the Department, as well as build bridges of understanding. You can only consider yourself successful, only when your successor has succeeded. I will be available to cooperate and help my successor to succeed in the overall interest of the Department," he promised.



Dr. Ikiensikimama

## DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MGT WEATHER OBSERVATORY

### FOR PORT HARCOURT AND ENVIRONS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 03 – SATURDAY MAY 09, 2015.

| DATE                      | TEMPERATURE<br>HI<br>(°C) | TEMPERATURE<br>LO<br>(°C) | HUMIDITY<br>(%) | WIND<br>DIRECTION | RAIN<br>(mm) | SUNSHINE<br>AND<br>SUNSKT<br>(hrs) | SUMMARY   |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|---|
| SUNDAY 03<br>MAY, 2015    | 33.025.0                  | 24.0                      | 67              | NE                | 2.5          | 6:2018:38                          | Thunder storms expected late in the day mostly cloudy expected. |
| MONDAY<br>04 MAY, 2015    | 34.025.0                  | 24.0                      | 62              | NE                | -            | 6:2018:38                          | Partly sunny day expected.                                      |
| TUESDAY<br>05 MAY, 2015   | 33.0                      | 24.0                      | 74              | E                 | 17.5         | 6:2018:38                          | Strong thunder storm expected. Mostly cloudy day forecasted.    |
| WEDNESDAY<br>06 MAY, 2015 | 34.024.0                  | 24.0                      | 63              | NE                | -            | 6:1918:38                          | Partly sunny day expected.                                      |
| THURSDAY<br>07 MAY, 2015  | 34.025.0                  | 24.0                      | 58              | N                 | -            | 6:1918:38                          | Partly sunny day expected.                                      |
| FRIDAY 08<br>MAY, 2015    | 34.025.0                  | 24.0                      | 57              | NE                | -            | 6:1918:38                          | Partly sunny day expected                                       |
| SATURDAY<br>09 MAY, 2015  | 35.024.0                  | 24.0                      | 50              | N                 | -            | 6:1918:38                          | A mixture of sun expected.                                      |

Dr. Gladys Emenike  
Acting HoD

Dr Prince Mmom  
Ag. Director, (CDRMD)

## CELTRAS ORIENTATION

**T**he Centre for Logistics and Transport Studies (CELTRAS), held an Orientation exercise for students admitted for the 2014/2015 academic session at the International Students' Centre on Friday, February 20, 2015. Our Cameraman **HEADMAN ALU** captured highlights of the event as shown below:



V-C, Prof Joseph Ajenka represented by out-going DV-C (Admin), Prof Ethelbert Nduka, making his opening remarks



DV-C (Academic), Prof Igbo Joe, speaking on Academic Policy of the University



Members of the High table



Some Lecturers rise for the National and UniPort Anthems



A cross-section of students rise for the Anthem



Registrar, Mrs. Matilda Nnolim represented by the Director, Academic Affairs, Mrs. Dorcas Ono speaking on University Administration



Director, Centre for Logistics and Transport Studies, Prof Osi Akpogomeh addressing the students



Provost, CGS, Prof Baseline Kanya, giving a brief history of the School of Graduate Studies



University Librarian, Dr. Obiageli Nwodo, speaking through her representative, Dr. Susan Umecor on Use of the Library



Chief Security Officer (CSO), Lieutenant Col. Reginald Isiguzo (rtd) speaking on the Student and Security



Masters' Class, Course Leader, Mr. Thompson Onwuekwa giving his vote of thanks



A cross-section of CELTRAS students



Group photograph of staff and students of CELTRAS after the Orientation