

V-C Pledges Support for ICPC-ACTU

Authorities of the University have reiterated their support for the anti-corruption drive in order to strengthen the system for better service delivery. Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, gave the assurance when he received a delegation from the Independent Corrupt Practices and other related offences Commission (ICPC) in his office, last Monday, reports **Obinna Nwodin**.

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Emerald Energy Institute held the 3rd edition of its Port Harcourt Petroleum Mini-Roundtable at the Institute of Petroleum Studies, (IPS) last Friday. Details next week.
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MDCN Inducts 124 Medical Doctors, Dental Surgeons

By Humphrey Ogu

As Nigeria strives to meet the healthcare needs of its citizens, the College of Health Sciences (CHS), University of Port Harcourt, has again given the health sector a boost with the induction of 120 Medical Doctors and four Dental Surgeons, last Wednesday.

Administering the Physicians' Oaths on the newly-qualified Medical and Dental Doctors, Registrar, Medical and Dental Council of

Nigeria (MDCN) represented by Dr Victor Gbenro, stressed the need for the inductees to strictly adhere to the Oaths.

Earlier in his welcome address, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, charged the new Doctors to maintain the best professional practices at all times. "I charge you to engage in continual professional training to bring your practice up-to-date with global benchmarks which defines the knowledge-based society that has no room for stagnation," he stated.

"It is also important that you take your knowledge of Medicine beyond general practice. I advise you to specialise in any branch of Medicine that interests you. That way, you would have justified the huge resources expended on you by the University and your parents as you prepare to render selfless service to mankind," the Vice-Chancellor said.

In his speech, Provost, CHS, Professor Chris Akani observed that "the fresh Doctors, who

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Artsville Debuts In Nollywood With Educational Movie

...Launches Maiden Journal

The edutainment repertoire of the Nigerian Movie

Industry—Nollywood received a boost with the production of an educational film, which was premiered at the capacity-filled new Arts Theatre, University Park, penultimate Thursday. The film titled: *"Who is Afraid of Job Interview?"* written by the Director of Institute of Arts and Culture (IAC), Professor Julie Okoh, and directed by popular Nollywood Filmmaker and distinguished UNIPORT Alumnus, Lancelot Imasuen, has been previously staged at the University Arts Theatre—the CRAB at various times.

Welcoming guests to the event, which also featured the presentation of the maiden edition of *OJA: Journal of Arts and Culture*, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, who described the occasion as "a very significant milestone towards our march to being an entrepreneurial University," noted that "the Institute of Arts and Culture (Arts Village), UNIPORT, has blazed the trail in the production of an educational video film, *'Who is Afraid of Job Interview?'*"

In her speech, the author of the movie script and Director, IAC, Professor Okoh, described the premiere as the Institute's maiden attempt to make its mark in the educational film industry, disclosing that other screenplays are ready for production. She listed Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS) and College of Continuing Education (CCE) as some of the benefactors of the Institute.

The Director solicited the support of corporate bodies, well-meaning Alumni, public-spirited individuals in the Institute's bid to enrich the Nigerian Movie Industry

with high quality made-in-UNIPORT video films. "We have the manpower, we have the skill, but we don't have the wherewithal to use the manpower and skills to actualise our dreams. Together we can do it. And if we make up our mind to do it, we shall succeed in keeping our jobless graduates out of the streets," she remarked.

The event, which drew guests from all walks of life, paraded the likes of: Poet Laureate and Writer-in-Residence, Gabriel Okara; renowned novelist, playwright and Writer-in-Residence, Elechi Amadi; Professors Charles Nnolim, Molar Ogundipe, also had in attendance Principal Officers of the University, including Professors Ethelbert Nduka, Igbo Joe, Bene

Willie-Abbey, Deputy Vice-Chancellors Administration, Academic

and Research & Development respectively, among others.

Also present were the Rivers State Coordinator National Directorate for Employment (NDE), Chief Napoleon Amachree; Director-General Rivers State Tourism Board, Sam Dede; the Producer of the Film, Lancelot Imasuen; Chief Executive Officer, Trend Media City, Engr Uzo Udemba, represented by Mr Kalada Wilson, who pledged the firm's willingness to support the Institute, among other guests drawn from the academia, media and industry.

Highlights of the event, which was preceded by a press briefing, included unveiling and launching of the Journal, Video CD and the script of the screenplay.



R-L: Drs Okara, Amadi, V-C, Prof Ajienka, Mr Kalada, Director, Prof Okoh and Ag HOD, Theatre Arts, Dr Julie Umokoro, unveiling the Journal and the screenplay

As AIESEC UNIPORT, an international student organization continues its campaign against breast, cervical and prostate cancers tagged *Project Pink*, an intern from the National Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu, Taiwan, has lauded the University on its layout, hospitality and friendly disposition of students.

Denny Ching-Hsuan Lin who is a student of Biomedical Engineering and Environmental Science, said he hopes to spend about three weeks in UNIPORT. He described the Institution as very large and beautiful environment with friendly students. While in the University he

Taiwanese Intern Lauds UNIPORT On Hospitality

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

would be part of the train-the-trainer sessions for volunteers participating in the campaign, disclosing that since his visit, he has enjoyed so much hospitality and locally-made dishes. Commending the Department of Fine Arts and Design for the breathtaking arts and sculptures displayed by the students, Ching-Hsuan Lin disclosed that he would also work with the University of Calabar AIESEC team on an upcoming national Conference in August. "I

would also tour the State and other parts of the country before my return to Taiwan", he said.

"Presently I have taken the *Project Pink* campaign to some secondary schools in Rivers State. I also hope to join the team and the Rivers State Chapter of the Medical Women Association of Nigeria to selected communities and Local Government Areas in the State. It is my desire to help the team realize the objective of *Project Pink* which is a massive campaign against cancer", he added.

It would be recalled that training sessions for the *Project Pink* volunteers are already holding in selected Units in the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital (UPTH), the Preventive Healthcare Initiative and the Martins Waobikeze Prostate Cancer Foundation, Port Harcourt. The Project is expected to last till the end of the year.



Taiwanese intern, Ching-Hsuan Lin (middle) flanked by AIESEC UNIPORT members

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V-C, Prof. Ajenka (middle), members of ICPC-ACTU and some Senior Officers of the University

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Professor Ajenka stated that the University has several committees that deal with ethical issues in order to ensure that both staff and students conform to the rules that would guide their conduct in the discharge of their duties. "In this University, we have various Units and Committees such as Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QAQC), SERVICOM Unit, Professional Ethics Committee. These are statutory Committees which ensure that things are done properly so that the system can survive", he said expressing confidence that members of the ICPC-Anti-Corruption and Transparency

Monitoring Unit (ACTU) would discharge their duties creditably.

He noted that it was an important body that should be given adequate attention, stating that "there must be transparency and accountability so that the system must survive and on our own part, we will do everything to ensure that their work is done properly".

Earlier in his address, Head, ICPC, Rivers State Office, Prince Ndu Okparaibe, said that they were in the University to present the members of ICPC-ACTU who were successful in the screening for the important assignment. He said that the Commission which was established in 2000 was mandated to receive corruption-related petitions, study a system, review it and make

(NERDC), to enable them inculcate the culture of probity at an early stage. He said that ACTU is a branch of ICPC with full powers except that of prosecution.

In his speech, Chairman, ACTU-UNIPORT, Professor Chris Ejizu, who thanked the Commission for helping them ensure that the University operates at the highest ethical standards said that "We are determined to ensure that the University plays its role in the fight to rid the country of corrupt practices."

Also present at the visit were: Barrister Agada Akogwu, Deputy Superintendent (Prosecution); Manshep Lafah, Administrative Officer II and Peter Aveyiwa, Public Enlightenment Officer.

Members of the ICPC-ACTU are: Dr Abiodun Ogunkunle; Dr Chikwuogwu Paul, Dr Joy Ollisa, Mrs Selina Inko-Tariah, Professor John Otaigbe; Lt. Col Reginald Isiguzo (rtd), while Mrs Flora Iyagba is Secretary.

Ways of ensuring proper dental care for optimum oral hygiene of an individual formed the main thrust of the Public Lecture to mark the maiden Health Week of the Port Harcourt University Dental Students Association (PUDSA) at the International Students Centre, University Park, last Tuesday.

In separate Paper Presentations on the theme: "Optimum Oral Hygiene and Healthy Living," Senior Lecturer and Consultant in Community Dentistry at the University of Benin, Edo State, Dr Sunny Okeigbemen and Consultant Paedodontist, University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital (UPTH), Dr Odegwa Eigbobo, who averred that the mouth is the gateway to the body, called for proper care of the teeth right from infancy to adulthood, disclosing that improper care of the teeth could lead to dental diseases such as caries, periodontal and oral cancer which interfere with aesthetics of the teeth.

Dr Okeigbemen stated that halitosis, tooth discoloration and sensitivity, oral ulcers and malocclusion could result from improper care of the teeth, disclosing that "Poor oral health has been linked to systemic diseases such as diabetes in people of all ages and respiratory diseases, particularly, among elderly people." The Community Dentistry Consultant recommended appropriate dietary habits, routine dental check-up and brushing of teeth at least twice daily with fluoridated paste.

Similarly, Dr Eigbobo, who noted that oral health is integral to general health, urged mothers to clean the mouth of their babies with damp wash cloth or face towel, advising that even if an infant falls asleep while feeding, the teeth should be cleaned before placing the child in bed.

As a form of perinatal care, the Lecturer and Consultant Paedodontist further advised pregnant women to undergo oral evaluation and seek advice on proper oral hygiene for preventive and therapeutic oral health care, stressing the need to reduce the consumption of snacks and refined sugar, rinse the mouth after taking snacks and eat more fruits and vegetables.

Experts Advocate Proper Dental Care At Maiden PUDSA Week

By Otikor Samuel

Earlier in her remarks, Chairman of the occasion and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Development), Professor Bene Willie-Abbey, who was represented by Mr William Iroh, praised the students for bringing academics together for such inspiring and educating lectures, advising participants to utilize the opportunity provided by the students to reorientate their minds by applying what they learnt for improved health.

In their goodwill messages, Provost, College of Health Sciences, Professor Chris Akani and Dean, Faculty of Dentistry, Professor Chukwudi Onyeaso, represented by Associate Dean, Dr Omitola

Olufemi, commended the students for successfully organizing the weekend programme. Professor Onyeaso, who recalled the achievements so far recorded in the Faculty since its inception in 2004, expressed gratitude to the

University for contributing towards the accreditation for both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes and induction of pioneer set of students, commending his predecessors, Professors Frank Okosor and Ambrose Obiechina for setting the pace for the growth of the Faculty.

PUDSA President, Mr Chinonso Odiajunwa, said the programme was aimed at creating dental awareness within and outside the University Community, praising donors and participants for their contributions towards making the programme successful. Rally, sports, awards and thanksgiving service were some of the activities that formed part of the programme.



Dental students at the rally. Inset: Drs Okeigbemen (L) and Eigbobo (R)

Ajienka's Administration At Three

We Look Forward To Greater Achievements

On the 12th of July 2010, Professor Joseph Ajienka mounted the saddle as Vice-Chancellor of this unique Institution. The University was agog with expectations that bright Monday morning, knowing full well that the incoming Vice-Chancellor was a focused and seasoned administrator, who had not only proved his mettle, but also determined to transform UNIPORT into a world-class Entrepreneurial University. Three years down the line, how far has he gone in actualizing his stated vision? OBINANWODIM and MERCYADENLI spoke with him on the journey so far...

~Ajienka

How do you feel about your three years in Office?

Well, I feel extremely grateful to the Almighty for His guidance and the grace we have enjoyed thus far. I would like to thank my colleagues—staff and students, who have done so much for the University. There are many people who work selflessly and these are the people I would like to thank. Let me express my gratitude to all those, who have worked selflessly to enhance the good image of this University. Knowing that we have done three years, one would simply say that it is by His grace. Despite the several challenges, we have done well and there have been some modest improvements, I must say. I would also like to thank Senate in particular. There are so many people, some retired, worthy of mention: such as former Deputy Vice-Chancellors, Professors Joseph Okoh, Mark Anikpo, Anthony Arinze. These people and many others have helped the system. We need that kind of effort otherwise the system would not survive, so I thank them.

There have been so many Chairmen of Committees who have worked selflessly for the welfare and common good of the University. Some people come to work punctually, while others don't. It is a matter of conscience. The transformation we are talking about in the country is not just about infrastructure, even if you have the best buildings, and the individuals don't feel inwardly committed to building the system, there would never be any enduring transformation. So for the individual workers,

cleaners, messengers, lecturers, who have worked selflessly and put in their best for the sustenance of the system, I give gratitude to the Almighty, despite the challenges. So that is the way I feel about our three years in office. One can also say that the prayer is that the Almighty should guide us in the future, so that we can recognise people who have the genuine longing to build and take over from us.

If we look at what is happening, one Vice-Chancellor comes, giving the resources available to him, puts in his best and another person takes over, so every time we must build up, that is why I use the word Up-building. We must continue to build from where others stopped. Right from the time of Professor Nimi Briggs, we had sporting facilities and were able to build on it. We must continue to build up; otherwise we would not be able to achieve the little we have done. So we must continue to build in such a way that the University takes its pride of place in the comity of higher institutions. We must also recognise that there is competition everywhere. Universities are competing for space, ranking,

research grants, resources, the best partnerships and so on, so we must position ourselves for success. No Vice-Chancellor can do it alone, I can't do it alone. I feel very happy and grateful that we have come this far.

Sir, what are your challenges within these three years in office?

The challenges have always been there right from the beginning. We have always had the challenge of power, carrying capacity and funding. You cannot say because you have

funding challenges, you would not do some maintenance work to give you Accreditation. So power is the greatest challenge in the University. Productivity will not improve, if there is no power as people would not feel comfortable working in their offices and the laboratories. We need to buy good generators, diesel. Funding is limited. We also have to make sure we have the right carrying capacity, so that when students come they would sit down in classrooms and study, instead of standing outside to receive lectures. So I think these are the major challenges we faced.

I can also look at some of the things done. I did a critical review of my inaugural speech which has to do with increase in student population, carrying capacity, under-funding, poor research culture, poor harvest of graduates, lack of maintenance culture, poor ethics culture, lack of enthusiasm to learn and teach. We had to increase staff welfare, improve meeting culture, library services, improve relationship with host communities and power supply. On the side of the students, we need to build a befitting students centre, improve on registration and admission processes to be acceptable to the time of certificate verification. So these are things I mentioned from the beginning.

You may then ask how we have dealt with them. Let me take power supply for instance, we were able to set up a Committee. As a University, we do not have the resources to build our own independent power plant. You would also remember that during the 2011 Convocation, Federal Government re-assured us that power would soon be a thing of the past, which has not come to be. The Committee we set up has evaluated different service-providers who were willing to be of help but at the end of the day, we found out we could not afford it, the only way was that if a service provider is able to generate power using gas, bio-fuel or any other means then we buy. That is where we are now and no one has been able to bridge that gap. Recently, we received a letter from a service-provider that if we have access to fund, he would be able to generate power, so we and the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital (UPTH), have agreed that we are going to buy power.

You remember, we lost Accreditation of our MBBS Programme, because we exceeded our carrying-capacity, we have rectified that. The same thing with the College of Continuing Education. We have admitted only 20 percent of the regular programme. NUC has asked us to stop, so we have been adjusting to ensure we adhere to our carrying-capacity. In Engineering, for instance, we have cut down drastically to carrying-capacity. So we hope that everyone would become conscious of this in such a way that we have the right carrying-capacity and then provide classrooms that will accommodate students to study properly.

Under-funding is also a major problem. What we have been trying to do is to apply for grants for research. There are grants everywhere. Within two years, we received two MacArthur Foundation grants with which we established the Centre for Petroleum Geosciences (CPG) and the Institute of Natural Resources, Environment and Sustainability (INRES). We are also encouraging staff to form research teams to get grants. We also went out to ask for professional

chairs.

Then right from Professors Nimi Briggs to Don Beridom, there was an effort to set up a University of Port Harcourt Foundation (UPHF). So we looked at what they did and we were able to convince the last Governing Council which approved the establishment of that Foundation. It will take over from the University Advancement Centre (UAC). That Foundation is the first University Foundation in the country. So we must thank the last Council for approving this to enable us generate funds, using the experts. The UAC would now transform to UPHF, working with alumni to grow funds for the University.

Of course you know that when it comes to research, we took a bold step to create the office of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Development), which is also the first in the country. The reason is that research is an enterprise. Research brings money, opportunities for employment and businesses. It is not only in Science and Engineering. Take for instance, the people in Humanities; you are aware we have produced a film, *Who is Afraid of Job Interview?* We are now trying to set up a company that will begin to produce films to educate students, films that would help students adjust to everyday life. Once you have that kind of film, it would create jobs for a lot of people, the same thing for the Department of Music, they can do music that will sell and so, we are trying to set up a studio that will handle this and with this we can begin to create awareness for raising funds for the University. This is why research is important. We need to go into partnerships with industries like the pilot paint plant, try to produce oil field chemicals through research. We make them available to people in the industry and they give us a little share of the profit. All these will help generate funds for the University and the new Chairman of Governing Council is keen on this. He has also identified consultants that will help us raise funds.

That is the only way we can check poverty of funds, because Government cannot do it alone. Through research, we would use our intellect to generate funds. These are very important steps we have taken and gradually we would get there.

Sir, what do you hope to accomplish in the next 12 Months?

We are reviewing the Strategic Plan which ends this year. It was a 10-year plan from 2003 to 2013, we have set up a Committee for a new strategic plan, we shall also implement the University of Port Harcourt Foundation and ensure that the Foundation is fully established and we can go out to secure funding for the University. We want to build a research culture, have research teams, apply for research, then gradually move the result from the laboratory or wherever to the market. You can imagine that anyone that get the product, movie, drama, for instance, you go to the extent of reaching the wider coverage, expand their

marketplace once you do this, then we are impacting on the society.

We have to bring CORDEC back to its mandate of consultancy, research and development. We are now thinking outside the box. Once this research thing is done, CORDEC will now manage the product of the research, build pilot plants, studio, manage it and think along with the industry. So, once this is done, CORDEC will now fulfil its mandate of consultancy, research and development. It is being repositioned to commercialise research and business incubation. CORDEC would now be in-charge of the Technology Park and Arts Village. These would now yield profit for the University.

Then of course, in the next 12 months, our partnership with the industry would be strengthened. We would build more pilot plants for research. We shall build the Arts Village and also monitor ongoing projects in such a way that in the next 12 months, most projects will be completed. This is because a number of projects are ongoing in the University. So we need to monitor them very closely to ensure that they are completed. In a nutshell, these are some of the things we would like to focus on in the next 12 months.

Another is staff welfare. Thanks to the unions. They know what we have done. What we call Port Harcourt factor, we want to monitor it strictly to ensure that at the end of the day, all of us would be happy if we work hard and create opportunities here and there. For instance, the Business School is a major landmark development. The School is on, new programmes and partnership programmes are running. All these will expand our resource base and help us create opportunities for securing the financial sustainability of the University.

What are your most memorable days in office?

One of my most memorable days was when we won the Nigerian Universities Games Association (NUGA) and West Africa Universities Games (WAUG). Another is what I had earlier said. In 2011, we decided that every staff should go home with a bag of rice. It was a token, but the outpouring of emotions by staff gave me a happy moment. It simply shows that only a man that is happy can give thanks to the Almighty. That gratitude they expressed was genuine. It taught me a lesson, that if we work hard, we will enjoy the University and people would be encouraged to put in their best.

On the other hand, when we were woken up one night to see students destroying things, due to power outage it was very painful, I felt so ashamed and I didn't say anything about it.

Then the climax of that kind of experience was the mob action and the killing of our students in Alau. Due to this, we almost lost the High Performance Centre, because people were saying how can we have such Centre in a place where people are so barbaric. So, whatever we do rubs off on the University. If you say,

memorable, there are so many things to remember. There are both beautiful and painful experiences. All these things help us mature as a University.

What message do you have for staff and students?

First, I would like to thank all who have shown a lot of commitment to the growth of the University. My message is that the University belongs to all of us. If all of us do our best, the University would be a better place and at the end of the day, all of us would benefit. So my appeal is that we should work with love so that the University can grow from strength to strength. We are competing for resources, when we go to talk with the industry, we are competing. The industry people will not just give us fund, because they are looking at other universities too. If those universities run better, they would support them. So then, we must present ourselves in a manner that will attract funds. We must do things that would make us proud, build a University that would stand the test of time.

To the students, they should know they are competing with students from other universities. If they destroy the little they have, they should know that whatever affects the name of the Institution would rub off on them too.

The sports men and women have done us proud. Whenever we talk about sports, we refer to those people who have made us proud. There are many students that have done the University proud and they must continue. They must all know that it is for their own interest to bring pride to the University because our own pride lies in the image of our University and I will like to encourage them to see the University as their own. If it succeeds, their certificate will have good works and they too would be proud they attended the University. Like some people would say, I attended Harvard, Oxford and they are proud. As staff, we must also give the students the opportunity to be happy and make their stay in the University memorable. The students form a very critical part of the University, so we need to treat them very well to make them feel happy during their stay here. When they leave, they become worthy alumni and ambassadors of the University. We have a duty to treat students with so much kindness and consideration. We should make their stay one to remember and it would reflect in the way they support the University on graduation.

Today, we are proud of our alumni, President, Governors, Senators, Ministers and so on. If they had unpleasant memories of their stay in the University, they would not remember the University today. But, once they are proud of the University, they would give back to it. So my message to staff and students is to be proud of the University, build an Institution that all of us will be proud of and look forward to support.



Prof. Ajienka answering questions during the interview



V-C, Prof. Ajienka

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hitherto could not administer any treatment on patients, can now enjoy the same rights and privileges as their teachers, as they affix the title: 'Doctor' to their names, after now. They were green some six years ago, but today, they are loaded with skills and knowledge with which to beef up our healthcare system."

The Provost, who congratulated the newly-qualified doctors, as well as their parents and guardians, thanked all teaching and non-teaching staff of the College, who contributed in the training of the new doctors, appealing to corporate organisations, and public-spirited individuals to assist the College in its various areas of needs.

Also speaking, Medical Elder of the Day, Dr Tarilla Tebepah, who advised the young Doctors to be dedicated to their duties and strive to become specialists, noted that "the training of medical doctors is such that equips them to fit into different areas of human endeavours. For instance, as a Doctor, if you decide to go into politics, you will do well," citing himself as an Ophthalmologist, who had been in and out of politics.

Dr Tebepah, who is the current Chairman of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Board, however, warned the inductees against quitting the medical profession for politics, stating that politics is not reliable, hence the need to fall back on the medical profession when politics fails. He also approved the construction of a new College of Health Sciences Complex by NDDC, urging the Vice-Chancellor to quickly write to the Commission to formalise the approval.

In their separate speeches, Chief Medical Director of the University of Port Harcourt

Teaching Hospital (UPTH), Professor Aaron Ojule, who spoke through former, Provost, CHS, Professor Osaretin Odi; Chairman, UPTH Management Board, Dr Segun Ogundimu; Dean Faculty of Clinical Sciences, Professor Opubo Da Lilly-Tariah advised the new Doctors on how to become successful medical practitioners, stressing the need for them to be humble and see their senior colleagues, including nurses as their teachers in practice

In her Valedictory speech, Best Graduating Student, Dr Naomi Kelechi Ossai, recounted their journey

through the College, expressing gratitude to all who contributed to their success in the training.

Highlights of the event, which drew dignitaries from all walks of life, including the representative of the Minister of Health on the UPTH Management Board, other members of the Board, proprietress of Bereton Montessori and Primary School, Mrs Victoria Dietspiff, was the administration of Physicians' Oath on the inductees, presentation of *Port Harcourt Medical Journal* and recognition of Best Graduating Students in various subjects.



Provost, CHS, Prof Akani presenting his address

As a way of exposing students to

the operations of the University system and motivate them to strive for excellence, 17 pupils and four Teaching staff of Greenoak International School, Port Harcourt embarked on an educational tour, to the University, penultimate Thursday.

Receiving the pupils at the Senate Building, Director, Academic Affairs, Mrs Dorcas Otto, who was represented by Principal Assistant Registrar, Mr Goodluck Okezie, commended the school for choosing to visit the University, charging them to look around the Institution and identify things that would inspire them. "We look forward to

Greenoak Int'l School Visits UNIPORT

By Mercy Adeniji

seeing you in this great citadel of learning which is the first in sports and a breeding ground for movie stars, as well as distinguished personalities such as Dr Alex Otti, Dr Bolade Igali, among other great Alumni".

Conducting the students round the Faculties of Management Sciences, Humanities, College of Health Sciences, University Library and the Sports Complex, Mr Okezie advised them to make wise decisions by choosing the University after their secondary education. Deans and Heads of

Departments were on hand to receive the students.

The students were enlightened on the use of Library, arrangement of books, how to become good managers of men and resources and opportunities in the arts and industries were highlighted.

Leader of the delegation, Mr John Olusegun, described Greenoak School as an international Institution, stating that they were in the University to motivate the students to aspire for higher education. "We want the students to know about the various disciplines and other career prospects they can venture into and we believe

that the University of Port Harcourt is the best place for us to bring them," Mr Olusegun disclosed, adding that "Management of the School felt that bringing them to an institution of higher learning would build up their interest on their choices of university and with what they see, they would be motivated when they sit for their Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) Examination." Speaking on behalf of the pupils, Sherrif Abouchekeir and Toluwani Olalekan said they were excited with what they saw in the University, stating that the environment is neat, nice and friendly.

Abouchekeir expressed interest in choosing UNIPOINT after his secondary education.



Mr Okezie (first right), staff and students of the School

GUIDE POST

APPOINTMENT

Professor O.B. Da Lilly-Tariah, Department of Surgery, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, appointed *Dean* of Faculty. The appointment which took effect from 31st May 2013 terminates on 1st June, 2015.

Professor S.A. Uzoigwe, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, appointed *Director*, Centre for Medical Research and Training (CENMERT). The appointment takes immediate effect and terminates on 29th June, 2015.

Dr Chukwuemeka Agi, Department of Radiology, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, appointed *Director*, Olympafric Centre. The appointment takes immediate effect till further notice.

Professor Aduabobo Hart, Department of Animal & Environmental Biology, Faculty of Biological Sciences, appointed *Chair Occupant*, Bruce Powell Chair of Hydrobiology and Fisheries. The appointment takes immediate effect and terminates on 26th June, 2015.

SABBATICAL APPOINTMENT

Dr Jose Oclarit, granted *Sabbatical Appointment* in the Department of Medical Biochemistry, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, effective on assumption of duty.

RENEWAL OF CONTRACT APPOINTMENT

Mrs Ijeoma Ogbuehi, Centre for Malaria Research and Phytomedicine, granted a one-year *Renewal of Contract Appointment*, effective 3rd September, 2013 to 2nd September, 2014.

ADJUNCT APPOINTMENT

Dr A. A. Ibiene, Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Biological Sciences, granted a one-year *Adjunct Appointment* as Senior Lecturer in the Department of Plant Science and Biotechnology.

Dr Aline Noutcha, Department of Animal and Environmental Biology, Faculty of Biological Sciences, granted a one-year *Adjunct Appointment* as Senior Lecturer in the Department of Plant Science and Biotechnology.

STUDY LEAVE

Mrs Amaka Awanye, Department of Pharmaceutical Microbiology, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, granted a three-year *Study Leave With Pay* to pursue a Postgraduate degree at the Sheffield Hallam University, United Kingdom, effective 1st September, 2013 to 31st August, 2016.

NOTIFICATION OF HIGHER DEGREE

Dr John Chikwe, Department of Management, Faculty of Management Sciences, has successfully completed his PhD Degree in Business Policy and Strategy.

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CPG LAUDS VICE-CHANCELLOR ON NAE AWARD

The Management, staff and students of the Centre for Petroleum Geosciences (CPG) have congratulated the Vice-Chancellor; Professor Joseph Ajenka on the conferment of Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Engineering (NAE). In a Letter dated 1st July, 2013 and made available to *UNIORT Weekly*, the Centre described the Vice-Chancellor as an enigma, great Engineer and astute scholar without boundaries.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MGT OBSERVATORY

FORECAST FOR PORT HARCOURT AND ENVIRONS FOR SUNDAY, JULY, 07- SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2013

| DATE | TEMPERATURE HI LO (°C) | HUMIDITY (%) | WIND DIRECTION | RAIN (mm) | SUNRISE AND SUNSET (am) (pm) | SUMMARY |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|---|
| SUNDAY, 07 JULY, 2013 | 31.0 23.0 | 71 | NE | 6.5 | 6:25 6:49 | A few thunderstorm expected with mostly cloudy skies. Warm day predicted. |
| MONDAY, 08 JULY, 2013 | 31.0 24.0 | 72 | NE | 2.5 | 6:25 6:49 | Thunderstorm expected late in the day. Mostly cloudy and warm day forecasted. |
| TUESDAY 09 JULY, 2013 | 28.0 23.0 | 86 | NE | 4.9 | 6:26 6:49 | Thunderstorm expected late. Mostly cloudy and warm day forecasted. |
| WEDNESDAY 10 JULY, 2013 | 28.0 22.0 | 63 | E | 3.3 | 6:26 6:49 | Widely scattered thunderstorm mostly expected. Cloudy and mild day anticipated. |
| THURSDAY 11 JULY, 2013 | 28.0 22.0 | 69 | N | 24.4 | 6:26 6:49 | Strong thunderstorm expected. Mostly cloudy and warm day forecasted. |
| FRIDAY 12 JULY, 2013 | 28.0 22.0 | 79 | NE | 27.9 | 6:26 6:49 | Heavy rains expected. Mostly cloudy and warm day anticipated. |
| SATURDAY 13 JULY, 2013 | 28.0 22.0 | 59 | NE | - | 6:26 6:49 | Day expected to be cloudy and warm. |

VREMUDIA WEKPE
RESIDENT METEOROLOGIST



Dr Kpolovie, Ag Director, APRCU

Following his appointment as Acting Director of the Academic Planning Research and Control Unit, Dr Peter Kpolovie, has disclosed plans to create a portal dedicated to provision of information on academic programmes among other relevant information about the University.

Speaking during an interview with *UNIORT Weekly* last Friday, Dr Kpolovie disclosed that the portal would also display University policy documents, regular student distribution, staff records, Institutes and Centres reports, admission and graduation information, status of academic programmes, available facilities, research publications, among other relevant information that would aid proper assessment and ranking of the University.

"The focus would be geared towards ensuring academic productivity. We would work with the National Universities Commission (NUC) to ensure accreditation and re-accreditation of academic programmes," the Acting Director said, adding that the Unit would partner the University Press to produce a Pocket

Kpolovie Unveils Plans For Academic Planning Unit

statistics covering three to four academic sessions for the benefit of staff, students and other stakeholders.

"We would also work towards ensuring that academic programmes are designed in such a way that they reflect the entrepreneurial inclination of the University. Programmes would be planned to meet societal needs", Kpolovie stressed, pointing out that the University produces industry-ready graduates.

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

He described recent innovations introduced by the NUC such as the collegiate system as benchmarks and standards that reflect changes in the society. "The essence of the innovation is to ensure that Nigerian students meet current demands of the society. Producing quality graduates would in turn earn the University impressive global ranking among universities", Kpolovie added.

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ENROLMENT FOR NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (NIM)

This is to inform the University Community of the commencement of the Nigerian citizens and legal residents enrolment exercise of the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) for the issuance of the National Identification Number (NIM) to persons aged 16 and above at the National Identity Commission Office, No 238 Aba Road, Port Harcourt. Individuals are requested to enroll with any of the following documents; Birth Certificate, Driver's License, International Passport, Voter's Card, State of Origin Certificate and Federal Government ID Card.

Contact: State Coordinator of NIMC.

REGULARISATION OF ADMISSION OF STUDENTS WITHOUT JAMB LETTERS

Students of the University whose admissions have not been regularized by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and contained in a list with the Student Affairs Department are directed to contact their respective Departments to ensure that their names are forwarded to the Admissions Office for onward transmission to JAMB Office. A Memo signed by the Director, Student Affairs Department, Mrs Bridget Nzimiro, advised the students, particularly prospective Corps Members for Batch 'C' to attach proof of payment of JAMB regularization fee of N4,600.

"We have received a list of students whose admissions have been regularized by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB). The students are to, in due course, use the JAMB Registration Numbers duly assigned to them, to access their admissions letters online," the letter read in part.

PROF SAMUEL AROKOYU
DIRECTOR, (CDRMDS)

UNI^{PORT}, UMaT Exchange Programme

The third batch of staff and students from the University of Mines and Technology (UMaT) was treated to a Cocktail Reception by Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, who was represented by Provost, College of Engineering, Professor Dulu Appah, at the International Students' Centre on Monday, 24th June, 2013. Our Cameraman, **HEADMAN ALUU** captured highlights of the event as shown below:



V-C's representative, Prof Dulu Appah formally welcoming guests to the University



Ag HOD, Petroleum Engineering, UNI^{PORT}, Dr Sunday Ikiensikimama (standing), making remarks



Director, Exchange and Linkage Programmes Unit (ELPU), Prof John Otaigbe, flanked by Profs Appah & Joel



HOD, Petroleum Engineering, UMaT, Dr Peter Eshun making a speech



Guests rise for UNI^{PORT} Anthem



A panoramic view of guests at the Seminar Room



Prof Appah leading guests to the cocktail



Dr Eshun leads the visiting staff and students



Some of the students during the cocktail



Some staff of ELP



Course Rep of visiting students, Dawuda Abdul Waris, giving vote of thanks



Group photograph of staff and students of both universities