

## Dean S'Affairs Charges CCSS Students On Skills, Hard Work

The Dean, Student Affairs Department, Professor Henry Bell-Gam, has advised students of Community Comprehensive Secondary School (CCSS), Nonwa Gbam in Tai Local Government Area to study hard to acquire skills that would make them useful to the society as they aspire to get admitted into the University, reports *Mercy Adeniji*.

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Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences holds its 2<sup>nd</sup> Induction ceremony this Thursday at Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium. Details next week. -Editor

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By Obinna Nwodin

Policy failures and non-implementation of research findings on the Niger Delta region have been attributed to corruption, lack of commitment and dishonesty in governance, while demand and advocacy for good leadership by civil society and the intelligentsia have not been well co-ordinated to exert the necessary pressures on the system to drive development.

These were some of the views canvassed by scholars and concerned citizens, who converged

at a Workshop on the Niger Delta organized by the Nigeria Sustainable Development Solutions Network (NSDSN), at the Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS) penultimate Thursday.

Participants also observed that intervention strategies employed in the implementation of research findings and policies in such areas as gas flaring, youth restiveness, gender inequality, unemployment, poverty, HIV/AIDS and other diseases, oil bunkering, voters' right and obligations, education, public awareness and perception of Niger Delta issues, have not

received the necessary attention from policy-makers, while value systems that once guided society have collapsed due to corruption and mediocre leadership, especially in recent times.

Participants identified challenges of sustainable development in the Region in the restoration of the fragile ecosystem aimed at tackling such issues as climate change, socio-economic livelihood, as well as capacity building on community governance, evaluation of previous intervention strategies in the Niger Delta and ways of promoting best

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# HOD, LCS Relives Experience At Int'l Film Festival

By Otikor Samuel

**A**cting Head, Department of Linguistics and Communication Studies, Faculty of Humanities, Dr Walter Ihejirika, has described his experience at the just-concluded Zanzibar International Film festival as very rewarding. Dr Ihejirika was the only Nigerian on the SIGNIS Panel of Jury that evaluated films entered for the Festival. Speaking to *UNIPORT Weekly* last Monday on arrival from the festival in Tanzania, the Acting Head of Department disclosed that the fiesta provided him an opportunity to interact with both African and international filmmakers and appreciate the largest cultural art festival in the East and Central Africa.

Dr Ihejirika, who further revealed that an Anglo-Kenyan film producer, Nick Reding, won the SIGNIS category, while an Iranian film producer emerged overall winner at the Festival, advised Nigerian film producers to identify with international film festivals by

subjecting their works to professional evaluation.

"We should not only celebrate ourselves in the country, we should also celebrate our works at the international level.

festivals for evaluation," the Acting HOD said, disclosing that content, storyline and technicalities were some of the criteria used in evaluating films at the fiesta.



L-R: President of the Jury, Jos Horemans, Pamela Adinda, Dr Guido Huysmans and Dr Ihejirika

## STUDENT WORLD

# Olanrenwaju Tackles Hazards Associated With Solid Mineral Exploration

*Ways of exploring solid mineral resources without compromising the health of individuals and safety of the environment is the main concern of Abiodun Olanrewaju, a Doctoral candidate in the Department of Physics, Faculty of Physical Sciences, College of Natural and Applied Sciences. He shares his experience and research interest with our Correspondents, HUMPHREY OGU and MERCY ADENIJI*

**I**t is generally believed that diversification of Nigeria's economy, through exploration and exploitation of solid mineral resources would positively change the economic fortunes of the country. It would result in more foreign exchange earnings and creation of employment opportunities for the teeming army of unemployed youths. However, turning to solid mineral resources has its own health hazards.

As way of tackling environmental, health and safety challenges occasioned by the exploration of solid mineral resources, Abiodun

Olanrewaju, who obtained the Master of Science degree in the Department of Physics is back to complete his doctoral research in the same field.

Working on a dissertation titled: "Assessment and Anthropogenic Radionuclide in Solid Minerals and soil of Mining Areas of Benue State", Olanrewaju said Nigeria is currently looking at mineral resources as an alternative to petroleum, stating that his research is aimed at tackling health challenges associated with mining.

"We are looking at radionuclide which is everywhere: it is in the air we breathe and the land we build on. We are interested in such human activities that could spread this radionuclide to find out if it has been embedded in our terrestrial land and rocks. In the course of mining activities, we tend to expose them, thus endangering their health. So we are looking at the effects of such exposure on the environment, and how it has been activated as a result of this anthropogenic effect," he said.

Olanrewaju, who noted that the Federal Ministry of Mineral Resources has more interest in exploring

minerals in Nigeria, said: "If we look at the production aspect of these minerals, we discover that most people, especially the explorers are not paying attention to the effects of the techniques they use on the environment and human health. We are interested in the side effects of these exploration activities."

Citing China as a country that has been able to make so much economic progress without relying on petroleum, Olanrewaju pointed out that Nigeria's oil production is dwindling, necessitating shift of focus to solid mineral resources that abound in some parts of the country.

The Doctoral candidate, who uses the Library regularly, expressed satisfaction with the available collection of books in his field. Disclosing that he faced a lot of challenges in the course of his research, Olanrewaju noted that nothing comes easy as challenges are part of success in life.



Olanrewaju

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# Dean S'Affairs, Charge CCSS Students On Skills, Hard Work



Dean, S'Affairs, Prof Bell-Gam, staff of the Dept, Corps Members and the students

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Professor Bell-Gam gave the advice penultimate Wednesday, when students of the School visited the University on an excursion, as part of a Community Service initiative organised by a Corp Member, Mr Michael Obekpa, who is currently doing his primary assignment in the School.

The Dean stated that the familiarization visit should afford the students an opportunity to choose appropriate careers on the completion of their studies. "When you come into the University, normally you choose a career or discipline that would influence the rest of your life. The Entrepreneurial Centre of the University, for instance, creates an opportunity for you to be creative, acquire skills that would be of help to you and others around. You can learn how to sew, weave, carve, draw and even weld," he said, adding that "apart from the discipline acquired, the Entrepreneurial Centre also affords you an

opportunity to be self-employed and be an employer of labour, rather than a job seeker on graduation from the University."

Professor Bell-Gam lauded the students for the visit, assuring them that the doors of the University would always be open to them, should they choose to study here on the completion of their secondary education.

Acting Director of the Entrepreneurial Centre, Dr Prince Nwakanma, who received the students on behalf of the University, said the Centre is set up to equip students with functional skills that would enable them become employers of labour on graduation. "The future of Africa and Nigeria in particular lies in the hand of young entrepreneurs. We want to reduce unemployment through mentoring and advisory services that are available in this Centre. Entrepreneurs lead the economy of the country. We also identify successful alumni and link our students to learn from them", he

disclosed, explaining that prospective Entrepreneur should be in a position to convert skills to wealth."

Assistant Registrar in the Student Affairs Department, Mr Chinedu Onyige, who took the students round the various Colleges, said the essence of the excursion was to let the students know the right course to choose as they aspire to gain admission into the University.

The Team Leader said the excursion was part of his National Youth Service personal community service platform, aimed at inculcating in the students the essence of education with a view to motivating them to aspire for higher education. He expressed gratitude to Management of the University, Staff of the Student Affairs Department, Colleges and Centres visited for their hospitable disposition.

Highlight of the excursion was a drama by the students titled: "Education is Important".

## Akpoghomeh Heads Rivers FRSC Rating C'ttee

*By Ethel Timi-Johnson*

The Centre for Logistics and Transportation Studies (CELTRAS) and the University of Port Harcourt have recorded another achievement with the appointment of its Director, Professor Osi Akpoghomeh, as Chairman of the Federal Road Safety (FRSC), Rivers Sector Command Annual Rating Technical Committee. Saddled with the responsibility of conducting the annual rating of the State for entrenching road safety and traffic administration, an elated Professor Akpoghomeh said that the appointment

was necessitated by the United Nations (UN) Decade of Action on Road Safety 2011-2020, aimed at mobilizing stakeholders to commit to the reduction of road fatality by 50 per cent by the year 2020.

The Director also pointed out that the partnership arrangement between the FRSC and state governments on reduction of carnages across the country motivated the setting up of a Committee saddled with the responsibility of accessing the level of preparedness of each state towards achieving the goals of the UN Decade of Action and the Accra Declaration of reducing road traffic

crash fatality by 50 per cent in 2015. "This is in addition to the National Economic Blue Print of Vision 20:2020 which was conceived to make Nigerian roads rank in the league of 20 global safest roads by 2020", he added.

Briefing *UNIORT Weekly* after his inauguration last Monday, Professor Akpoghomeh noted that the Committee comprises of State Chairmen of the Nigerian Bar Association, Nigerian Medical Association, the Nigeria Union of Journalists, the National Union of Road Transport Workers, representatives of the Sector Commander of FRSC and the State Government. "Our job is to access the level of road safety preparedness of the State", he explained.

It would be recalled that the Centre which was established in 2012 is mandated to promote study of the science and art of logistics and transportation, provide educational programmes through research and examination leading to postgraduate degrees in logistics and transport, provide opportunity for in-service training for staff of logistics and transport and related institutions and organizations and assist in the development and improvement of transport through research, amongst other objectives.



From L-R: Pst Q.D. Kalango (NURTW), O. Hamilton (ACC), Dr Ibitokoku Faye (NMA), Prof Osi Akpoghomeh (Chairman), C.H. Ezichi (ACC), Opaka Dokubo (NUJ), Engr Mark Derefaku (NSE)



Taiwanese Interns, Denny Ching-Hsuan Lin and Kuochao Chin (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> left) with Inimgba and Umunnakwe (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> left)

## Another Intern Joins AIESEC Cancer Project Pink Campaign

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

Hospital (UPTH), would embark on free screening of prostate cancer for individuals who visit the Centre during the period of the campaign. "This would be on a first come, first serve basis", they added.

Commending the efforts of the Project Pink media partners which includes: *Nigeria Television Authority (NTA)*, *African Independent Television (AIT)*, *Radio Port Harcourt*, *The Tide Newspapers*, and *Nigeria Info*, the duo appealed to Management of the University to assist the organization ease transportation challenges to and from selected communities and Local Government Areas in the State targeted for the awareness campaign.

Stressing that the campaign was still open to new volunteers, the Project Director and Vice-President-elect, advised interested persons to reach AIESEC Desk Officers on the following mobile phone numbers: 08132716533, 07066195171.

**T**aiwanese Intern, Charles Kuochao Chin, from Tsing Hua University in Hsingzu City, Taiwan, arrived the University last week, in furtherance of the Project Pink campaign initiative under the auspices of UNIPORT chapter of AIESEC. While in the University, Kuochao Chin, who is a Second Grade student of Engineering and System Science (ESS), would be responsible for creating learning modules for training community volunteers. He would also participate in the Project Pink Cancer Campaign with the first community outreach

slated to hold in Itu, Emohua Local Government Area of Rivers State. "I would be part of the train-the-trainer sessions. Those we hope to train would in return train others as part of our aim of creating a formidable team that would raise awareness of the cancer scourge in the Niger Delta region", he added. Project Director, Nestor Inimgba and Vice-President-elect, Henry Umunnakwe, who spoke on the achievements already recorded by the AIESEC team, disclosed that relevant personnel at the Cancer Screening Centre of the University of Port Harcourt Teaching

## Expert Urges Govt To Tackle Naira Fall

By Obinna Nwodin

**F**ollowing the continued slide in the value of the Naira, a monetary expert in the Department of Economics, Faculty of Social Sciences, Dr Hycienth Ajie, has advised the Federal Government to take urgent economic measures to check the trend; warning of a lull in business activities which could result in unemployment, poverty and other social ills if the trend was allowed to persist.

Dr Ajie, who made the assertion in an interview with *UNIPORT Weekly* in his office, stated that government can save the Naira through application of several economic measures, as well as rebuilding the local economy. According to him, the Federal Government should intervene by supplying more dollars to the market or take other measures necessary that would stabilize the value of the Naira.

"The Government can ensure that the rate at which the dollar exchanges for the Naira is controlled, instead of allowing market forces to determine it" he stated, adding

that if Government is capable of fixing the rate of the Naira against the dollar, it should do so to stabilize its value. He stressed the importance of ensuring that the productive capacity of the economy is improved upon in order to enhance the earning capacity of individuals.

On how the trend affects the local economy, Dr Ajie said that producers would not produce more because of the high cost of production materials. This, he

said, would in turn result in high cost of goods and services, which would also affect sales, adding that the overall economy, will be affected by the adverse development. The expert added that the decline in the value of the Naira would



Dr Ajie

increase the price of imported goods, stressing that since the economy is largely dependent on massive imports, the continued downward slide of the Naira would have adverse effect on the economy of Nigeria.



# New Doctors, Parents, Speak On Induction

Becoming a Medical Doctor is one of the lifelong dreams of most pupils during their primary and secondary school days. Only a few are able to realise that lofty dream. Our Correspondent, HUMPHREYOGU, spoke with some of the privileged few whose dreams were fulfilled as they took the Physicians' Oath, early this month.



Dr Ossai

**D**r Kelechi Naomi Ossai was not only one of those whose dream of being a medical practitioner came true, she also emerged as the Best Graduating Student (BGS). What does she think of her training in UNIPOST? "The training offered by the University of Port Harcourt makes you dogged, resilient and able to compete with your counterparts, globally. It brings out the best in you, because of the rigours of sitting down for many hours, doing ward rounds, theatre sessions, attending lectures, which are not done by proxy. The lecturers are great, they bring out the best in you," she observes. Identifying time constraint as a major challenge, the BGS, notes: "If you want to learn all you also need to learn at your own pace, you won't be able to make it. You have to increase your space to beat the time and you need to read to understand and really know, not just to pass exams; because as a medical doctor you don't have to keep referring to your books each time you see a patient. You need to have knowledge and skills as part of you."

Dr David Briggs-Otto is the immediate past President of Port Harcourt University Medical Students Association (PUMSA), who in addition to being sworn as medical doctor, was honoured as an Ambassador of the University by the Vice-Chancellor. "The induction is a wonderful



Dr Briggs-Otto and mother, Madam Veronica

ceremony; it's a day we have been looking forward to for so long. I came in 2006, when I started my Basic Studies programme, went through year one, up to year six and now I'm here as a Doctor," he observes.

"The training is of the highest standards, we were drilled, academically, professionally and even as human beings. In course of our training, we were also groomed to be successful in whatever area we find ourselves. We received education from diverse aspects of medicine—Pre-Clinical, Clinical and Rural Posting, where we did community medicine and met the people in their homes," he says, adding that if he had another opportunity to start all over, he would still like to study medicine in UNIPOST.

Expressing joy over his investiture as University Ambassador, Dr Briggs-Otto says: "I remain grateful to the University for recognising my services as a student leader; it is one of the best awards I've received in my life. I hope to remain a worthy Ambassador of the University. "Stay focused, don't just pass through the system, allow the system to pass through you, benefit from other activities on Campus and strive for excellence, despite the challenges along the way," he urges his younger colleagues.

On her part, his mother, Madam Veronica Edward-Otto, says: "I feel fulfilled, and I give all thanks and glory to the Most High, who made it possible. It takes the fear of God, diligence and when you train disciplined children; all other factors would fall into place."

"It is extremely wonderful and exciting that after about seven years, we have concluded successfully," says Dr Catherine Makwe, adding that "the training was very tedious, demanding, but it was fun at the end,

because now that we have taken the Oath, it looks like just yesterday." Given the opportunity, would she like to go all over the process again? "After all I went through, I don't think I will ever wish to study medicine if I have another opportunity, I would rather go for Political Science or Mass Communication, to sharpen my leadership skills and prepare me for politics," she adds, advising younger colleagues not to give up, but work harder by going the extra mile and burning the midnight candles, as there is always time to enjoy enough sleep after graduation.

"I feel honoured that I'm able to scale the hurdles. It takes a lot of courage to continue when you write the first MB exams. It was a long journey, with all the

strikes, coupled with heavy workloads and all that,"

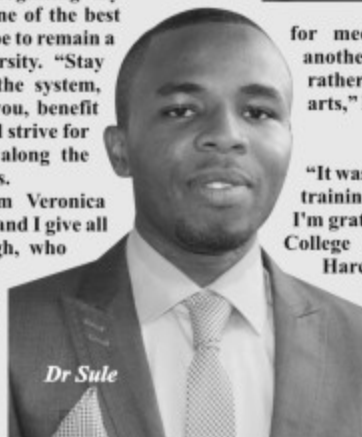
Dr Ugochukwu Akani recounts, disclosing that he would have studied Music or Theatre Arts, if he didn't go for Medicine. "Frankly, speaking, I doubt if I would like to go



Dr Akani

for medicine again, if I have another opportunity; I would rather go for music or theatre arts," he adds.

"It was wonderful. It was the best training I could ever ask for, and I'm grateful to Management of the College and University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital for making it possible for us to get quality training," says Dr Lawrence Sule. Also speaking, his guardian, Mr Johnson Sule says: "It wasn't easy, but it is a thing of joy that the investment yielded dividends at the end of the day."



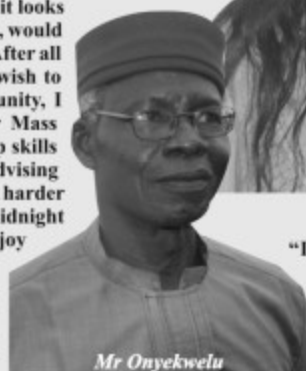
Dr Sule

"This is Unique UNIPOST, I got the best and unique training available in this part of the world," says Dr Chioma Anthonia Ofoeze, asserting that if she gets another opportunity, she will still like to study Medicine in UNIPOST.



Dr Ofoeze

"I cannot describe how happy I am over the induction of my son as a medical doctor," says Mr Thompson Onyekwelu.



Mr Onyekwelu

# Stakeholders Chart Pathways To Development Of N'Delta



Prof Onyido addressing participants at the Workshop

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operational practices in the oil and gas industry to benefit majority of Nigerians. In his welcome address, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajiienka, charged the organization to mobilize the academia, business, civil society, and other development organizations to promote problem-solving approaches that would proffer practical solutions to the challenges of sustainable development, expressing hope that Nigerian universities would occupy strategic positions in sustainable development of the nation as is the

case in other countries".

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by Deputy Vice-Chancellor, (Research and Development), Professor Bene Willie Abbey, stated that "the University being a major source of knowledge and innovation, needs to drive sustainable development, because they have the capacity to address the developmental challenges facing the country for the benefit of her citizens", he said.

Also speaking, Director of the Network, Professor Ikenna Onyido, said that the Workshop was aimed at reviewing and

contextualizing the Niger Delta problem, with a view to properly defining pathways to its development, adding that it was the first in the series of steps by the NSDSN to chart a development roadmap for the Region. Professor Onyido told the gathering that his organization was working in concert with various stakeholders in driving socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable development of the Niger Delta through adoption of a holistic approach with definitive

deliverables.

In a Keynote Address, National Universities Commission (NUC) Scholar in Diaspora, Professor Chidi Ibe, stressed the need for a coherent *Action Plan* that is driven by a consortium of universities to be led by the University of Port Harcourt through its Institute for Natural Resources, Environment and Sustainable Development (INRES). Professor Ibe, whose address was titled: "From Hocus Pocus to Divination: A Search for an Enduring Development Paradigm for the Niger Delta", stated that readily available data would form sufficient basis for assessing the developmental needs of the area, with a view to reducing the time necessary for a functional *Action Plan* that would integrate the big picture. Earlier at a courtesy call, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajiienka, who was represented by Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Ethelbert Nduka, noted that the NSDSN consists of eminent scholars, who have distinguished themselves in their various fields of specialization, expressing willingness of authorities of the University to assist the organization achieve its objectives.

## Artsville: So Far, So Good

On assumption of office as Vice-Chancellor in July 2010, Professor Joseph Ajiienka promised to establish an Arts Village, aimed at promoting arts and culture. Our Correspondent, HUMPHREY OGU, examines the journey so far...

"There would be a calendar of arts and culture events—Concerts & Conferences, Exhibitions, Festivals & Fairs, Museums & Monuments—to promote educational tourism. Performing companies will be established. We shall encourage creativity and grow a pool of talented creative artists, writers and practitioners. We shall have Writers-in-Residence, Poets-in-Residence and Artists-in-Residence. There would be Professional Art Schools to train local talents," Professor Joseph Ajiienka pledged during his inaugural address.

The Institute, Professor Ajiienka said, would also run short courses and offer courses leading to award of Master of Fine Arts (MFA) Degree in Theatre Arts, Visual Arts, Music, Film and Media Studies and Creative Writing to produce experts in the various disciplines.

That the University of Port Harcourt is a breeding ground for highflying actors, actresses, producers, comedians and many entertainment industry players is no longer news—UNIPORT-trained actors, actresses, producers, directors, comedians, artists, presenters, among others are there for all to see both in and outside the country.

What still makes news in some quarters is that the University has again, blazed a trail with the production of an educational movie titled, "Who Is Afraid of Job Interview?" geared towards preparing Nigerian graduates for the job market. What's more, this film was completely made in UNIPORT in line with established tradition of excellence in the Arts. The screenplay was written by the Director, Institute of Arts and Culture, Professor Julie Okoh, produced and directed by an

alumnus, Lancelot Imasuen, starring alumni and staff, such as Ovunda Ihunwo, amongst other current and former students. With this success story, part of the dream of the Ajiienka-led administration for the Arts Village has come true in a grand style.

The premiere of the film last month paraded the crème de la crème of society. The academia, literati, Nollywood and industry players were well represented. A visibly-elated Vice-Chancellor said of the premiere: "That is just the beginning. A good market is known in the morning and I think the beginning is very nice there is the prospect of having very good films from the Institute."

Also speaking, UNIPORT Writer-in-Resident, Dr Elechi Amadi, said: "It is a very good film for

jobseekers, it is very instructive and amusing," a position corroborated by another Writer-in-Residence and Poet Laureate, Dr Gabriel Okara, who stressed the need to work on the sound effects.

On her part, Professor Omolara Ogundipe of the Department of English Studies said: "I saw the stage version; it was very funny, though not as funny the screen version is also good. While Rivers State Coordinator National Directorate for Employment (NDE), Chief Napoleon Amachree, who noted that the premiere is fantastic, said: "It would be nice if the film is made available to final year students here and elsewhere, as well as those on National Youth Service, so that they can avoid mistakes that could make them fail interviews."

"It is a good film. Every potential graduate should make effort to see this movie, because we have developed a culture of a crash programme. A lot of people do not see the need to prepare for interviews. If they make conscious efforts to prepare a lot of this will change," Nollywood Star, Theatre Arts Lecturer and Director-General Rivers State Tourism Board, Sam Dede, told our correspondent.

Dramatic performances and musical concerts have become regular features on Campus as it is the case in other distinguished Universities in Europe, America and elsewhere. And now, the Institute has moved from stage to screen to expand its audience. So, art is being practised fully as envisaged by the Vice-Chancellor from assumption of office in July, 2010.

Again, Poet Laureate, Gabriel Okara, foremost writers, Elechi Amadi and Ifeanyi Aniebo have been appointed of Writers-in-Residence, in line with the vision of the Ajiienka-led administration.

However, art enthusiasts, budding and aspiring writers are still waiting to see the commencement of the trail-blazing MFA programmes. Meanwhile, one can as a matter of fact conveniently say: So far, so good!



Director Artsville, Professor Okoh, displaying a copy of the video CD

# GUIDE POST

## APPOINTMENT

**Dr Tobinson Briggs**, Department of Mechatronic Engineering, Faculty of Production, Power Systems & Communication Engineering, College of Engineering, appointed *Assistant Co-ordinator, Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Office (IPTTO)*.

## PROMOTION

**Dr Ambrose Amadioha**, Institute of Education, Faculty of Education, promoted *Lecturer I*, effective 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2012.

## RENEWAL OF CONTRACT APPOINTMENT

**Prof Reginald Ukwuije**, Department of Educational Psychology, Guidance and Counselling, Faculty of Education, granted a one-year *Renewal of Contract Appointment*, effective 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 to 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2014.

**Dr S.E. Ofofiele**, Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry, College of Natural & Applied Sciences, granted a one-year *Renewal of Contract Appointment*, effective 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 to 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.

## AWARD OF HIGHER DEGREE

**Dr Kate Onyige**, Department of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences completed her Doctor of Philosophy Degree programme in Educational Foundations (Sociology of Education), effective 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2013.

**Dr Omorogiwa Eseosa**, College of Engineering, completed his Doctor of Philosophy Degree programme at the University of Benin, Edo State.

## STUDY LEAVE

**Mr Echebiri Wobiri**, Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Physical Science and Information Technology, College of Natural & Applied Sciences, granted a one-year *Study Leave with Pay* to pursue a Master of Science Degree programme at the University of Manchester, United Kingdom, effective 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 to 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.

## UDPS END OF SESSION CEREMONY

The University Demonstration Primary School (UDPS) holds its End-of-Session Graduation and Prize Giving Ceremony on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2013 at Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium. Time is 9:00 am.

Contact: Administrator, UDPS.



Some of the outgoing students pose for a group photograph with the Principal, Mr Anele (arrowed)

## UDSS Principal Advises Graduating Class On Future Career

By Otiakor Samuel

**O**utgoing Senior Secondary School Three (SSS3) students of the University Demonstration Secondary School (UDSS), have been advised to remain firm in life by consolidating on the good qualities they demonstrated as students of the School to enable them become useful members of society.

Principal of the School, Mr Ogechi Anele, who handed down the advice at a colourful Farewell Party for 108 students at the School Premises penultimate Thursday, following the completion of their Senior School Certificate Examinations (SSCE), praised them for exhibiting outstanding qualities while in School.

"The students set a good record in the school; they were generally disciplined and intelligent, so we felt they should be honoured the little way we did as a show of appreciation," Mr Anele said, disclosing that the valedictory church service at Our Saviour's Chapel and novelty football match between staff and outgoing students were

part of the event.

The Principal thanked parents for not only sending their wards to the School, but also for supporting the Administration to succeed, commending the teachers for their remarkable contributions to the development of the students and School.

In their separate speeches, Head Boy, Iwedi Chikesilem and Head Girl, Expect Chinda, thanked Management of the School for instilling discipline in them, promising to be good ambassadors of their *Alma Mater*. "We particularly wish to thank the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka for giving us audience at our maiden cultural week. We are grateful to our Principal and other staff for encouraging and teaching us to be useful members of society," the Head Boy said.

Highlights of the event included presentation of awards to the students, prefects, best students in various categories and drama on life in tertiary institution, as well as rendition of songs. Miss Chioma Wemjiri emerged both Best Science and Best Graduating Student, among other awards.



Principal, Mr Anele (4th from right) and some staff of the school after the party

## DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MGT OBSERVATORY

### FORECAST FOR PORT HARCOURT AND ENVIRONS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 21- SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2013

DATE	TEMPERATURE HI LO (°C)	HUMIDITY (%)	WIND DIRECTION	RAIN (mm)	SUNRISE AND SUNSET (AM) (PM)	SUMMARY
SUNDAY, 21 JULY, 2013	26.0 23.0	90	NE	11.4	6:28 6:49	Thunderstorm expected for most part of the day. Mostly cloudy and mild day anticipated.
MONDAY, 22 JULY, 2013	31.0 23.0	69	NE	4.0	6:28 6:49	Widely scattered thunderstorm expected late in the day. Mostly cloudy and warm day forecasted.
TUESDAY, 23 JULY, 2013	31.0 22.0	64	NE	3.2	6:28 6:49	Widely scattered thunderstorm expected. Cloudy and warm day predicted.
WEDNESDAY 24 JULY 2013	31.0 22.0	63	NE	1.9	6:28 6:49	Rain showers expected late in the day. More clouds than sun expected. Warm day forecasted.
THURSDAY, 25 JULY, 2013	28.0 22.0	73	NE	2.2	6:28 6:49	Thunderstorm expected early. More clouds than sun. Mild day expected.
FRIDAY, 26 JULY, 2013	28.0 22.0	74	NE	4.1	6:28 6:49	Thunderstorm expected early. Mostly cloudy and warm day anticipated.
SATURDAY, 27 JULY, 2013	28.0 22.0	78	NE	4.6	6:28 6:49	Widely scattered thunderstorm. More clouds than sun. Warm day expected.

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### NIM ZONAL CONFERENCE

The Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM) holds its South South Zonal Management Conference 'Edo 2013' at the Bishop Kelly Pastoral Centre, Airport Road, Benin City between 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2013. With the theme: "The Roadmap to a Transformed Niger Delta," the Conference is expected to be chaired by the President and Chairman of Council, Dr Michael Olawale-Cole. Staff who are members of NIM are encouraged to attend. For more information contact Mr Ekanem Ekanem (Academic Office) 07033205565.

