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In furtherance of its ongoing consultations with relevant stakeholders following a recent protests by some persons claiming to be acting in solidarity with students of the University, Management of the University, has briefed parents on the contentious marginal charges introduced to keep the system afloat, reports *Otiakor Samuel*.

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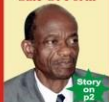
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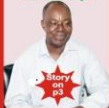
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V-C Lauds Partnership On Nuclear Research

By Obinna Nwodin

Vice-Chancellor of the University of Port Harcourt, Professor Joseph Ajienka, has said that the robust partnership with industry players would provide an opportunity that would strengthen the value of services to society.

Professor Ajienka, made the assertion when he received a Presidential Committee that was in the University to ascertain the optimal utilization of the Centre for Atomic and Nuclear Studies at the Vice-Chancellor's Committee Room, last Wednesday.

The Vice-Chancellor said that such collaborations have yielded high impact results, stating that the success story of the Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS) was one of such partnerships that have become a role model for others to follow. "When we look at the success of our collaboration with the Industry and the opportunity came to establish the Atomic Energy Centre, we decided that it should stand on its own; benefiting from the experience we already have at IPS. We are happy that within the stipulated time we were able to graduate the pioneer set of Nuclear Engineers in the country,"

he stated, disclosing that the Senate has also given a nod to the programme.

He said that the authorities hoped that the Centre would be properly

developed to achieve the purpose for which it was set up by the Federal Government. According to him, the University was pleased

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At an event to make the 70th birthday of the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Port

Harcourt, Emeritus Professor Nimi Briggs, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ibadan, Professor Isaac Adewole, re-echoed the travails of running universities in Nigeria, while speaking as Guest Lecturer. The issues he raised have been highlighted to such an extent that they now sound like a broken record.

Professor Adewole stressed the need for a new charter, with a clarion call for a re-definition of the role of universities in the Nigerian context. According to him, the issue of autonomy has to be clearly weighed as there are no privileges without responsibilities. The Vice-Chancellor, who's Lecture was titled: *The University Administrator and the Magician: The Nigerian Paradox*, bemoaned the difficulties faced by Vice-Chancellors in the attainment of the objectives of the system. This is against the background that we find ourselves in a globalized system where territorial boundaries have gone extinct. In the past, Nigerian universities compared and competed favourably against the best in the world. Today, the competition has become global and more worrisome is that there is no university in Nigeria that is ranked amongst the best 5,000 universities in the world.

The picture Professor Adewole painted exemplified what the situation on ground is. University administrators are expected to perform magic and transform their institutions over night without an enabling environment. While Vice-Chancellors elsewhere are focused on cutting-edge researches, breakthroughs and innovations that add value to their environment and solve problems that arise within their societies, Nigerian university administrators are walking from door to door, hand-in-cap begging for money. As a matter of fact, they have turned corporate beggars. This is appalling in the 21st knowledge-driven society.

In the words of Professor Adewole, "now is the time to chart a new course for our universities. The role of education in knowledge generation, economic development and production of a healthy workforce must be articulated." Indeed, education is the pivot on which the development of any nation revolves. A nation is as developed as its educational system. No doubt, tertiary educational system determines the

University Administrators As Magicians

By Obinna Nwodin

nature of the development of a country.

Stakeholders should not shy away from this very important sector of national development. A total revolution of the system has to be initiated for our universities to be truly global institutions. In recent times, we have seen pockets of unrests from some universities over marginal increase in non-statutory charges. This has become worrisome as stakeholders must understand the precarious position of university administrators. The difficulties associated with running public universities are obvious as it is known that no public university charges tuition fees for services rendered. Statutory allocations from the Government are grossly inadequate to run the system.

There is this suspicion that is gaining ground that Government may be preparing the public universities for privatization. Proponents of this line of reasoning believe that the primary and secondary

schools went the same way—giving way to private proprietorship. The public schools on offer today are a shell of their former status and can hardly attract parents who can afford to enrol their wards in private schools. Nigeria will be a terrible place if her universities are allowed to suffer the sad faith of primary and secondary schools. For the university system in Nigeria to function effectively, Government and private concerns must be involved in ensuring that the system is kept alive. After all, the universities must fund research, provide electricity in the midst of failure of public power supply, accommodate students and provide other utilities. Laboratories must be maintained, amongst several other demanding responsibilities. In agreement with Professor Adewole, it takes a magician to keep the system afloat under the circumstance Nigerian Vice-Chancellors find themselves today. In the end, our universities would be better off if these concerns are looked into and adequately addressed.



Prof Adewole



NUC Scribe, Prof Julius Okojie

OTI Announces Sale Of Form

The Offshore Technology Institute, University of Port Harcourt (OTI-UniPort) has announced sale of application form for the 2014/2015 session into the Master of Science Degree

By Celestina Ogoni

programme. A statement signed by the Registrar, Mrs Matilda Nnodim and obtained by *UniPort Weekly*, disclosed that the programme offers educational support and direction to oil and gas industry through the development and delivery of leadership, management and technical education specifically relevant to the offshore oil and gas industry.

"The environment in the institute is conducive to learning, students have access to virtual library and internet facilities, and our students would undergo three months internship in relevant companies, under-water training such as BOSIET/HUET and field visits," the statement added.

The statement further disclosed that on completion of the programme, graduates will among other skills be able to work methodologically and logically to solve real-life problems in the face of conflicting requirements, evaluate, explore and manage offshore oil and gas fields, design, construct and install multiphase flow pipeline and risers, carry out BOSIET/HUET and participate effectively in deep water issues of oil and gas exploitation, field review and development among others, adding that students would be jointly taught by Lecturers from Nigerian universities, professional institutions, as well as experts from the industry.

"Candidates must possess a minimum of Bachelor's degree, Second Class Honours, (Upper Division) in any branch of Engineering and should have

completed their NYSC before October, 2014. Consideration may be given to sponsored company staff with a minimum of 5-year relevant experience with a minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 3.0 on a scale of 5.0," the Registrar stated, adding that the programme would last for 12 calendar months of intensive full-time study.

The statement further directed prospective candidates to pay a non-refundable fee of Twenty Thousand Naira in certified bank draft made payable to the offshore Technology Institute, completed forms along with the Bank should be returned to the Director, Offshore Technology Institute (OTI), TET Fund Gas Engineering Building, University Park on or before Friday 11th July, 2014, disclosing that aptitude test would hold on Friday, 25th July, 2014, while date for oral interview for short-listed candidates shall be displayed on the University's website. Academic activities are expected to commence in November, 2014.



Prof John Okoli, Centre Director

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Addressing the parents at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, last Monday, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, explained that the University needed a minimum of N100 million monthly to power the electricity generation plants for the offices and quarters and payment of salaries of security personnel and cleaners working under the Campus Environmental Beautification and Sanitation (CEBAS) Unit.

"Let parents know that there is no fee increment, the marginal increase was just N5, 000 for statutory and non-statutory charges. There is no way we can run the University without funds. All the Internally-Generated Revenue go to service security, diesel and payment of CEBAS Unit, so the situation leaves us with so much debts," the Vice-Chancellor said, pointing out that the Federal Government only pays salaries in addition to about N10 million monthly grant which he said, was received only twice this year.

Professor Ajenka, who stated that the consultation was crucial to properly inform relevant stakeholders on the development, said the University is committed to addressing issues arising from the refusal of students to pay the marginal charges, to prevent it from turning into full-blown crisis. He decried the paucity of funds to properly run the University, stating that: "If nothing is done, I can assure you that in

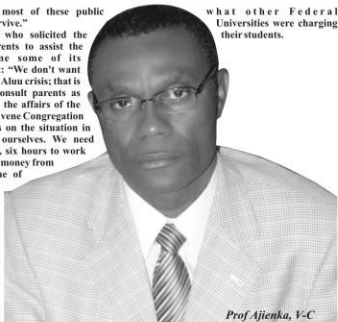
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the next ten years, most of these public universities will not survive."

The Vice-Chancellor, who solicited the understanding of parents to assist the University overcome some of its challenges, stated that: "We don't want another crisis after the Aluu crisis; that is why we decided to consult parents as major stakeholders in the affairs of the University. We will convene Congregation to also brief members on the situation in which we now find ourselves. We need electricity for, at least, six hours to work and we cannot borrow money from banks to service some of these municipal services which yield no returns."

He stated that comparatively, the University was not charging much more than most other universities, challenging the students to carry out a detailed survey of

what other Federal Universities were charging their students.



Prof. Ajenka, V-C

Ejizu Outlines Vision For RCS Dept

Barely one month into his tenure as Head, Department of Religious and Cultural Studies, Faculty of Humanities, Professor Christopher Ejizu has disclosed plans to reposition the Department in an effort aimed at sustaining quality service delivery.

Professor Ejizu made this known in an interview with *UniPort Weekly* in his office, last Monday, noting that he assumed office specifically on the 19th May, 2014. "I have been Head of Department way back in 1989 and I was one of the founding Heads of the Department and watching almost helplessly things being done anyhow, I

By Mercy Adeniji

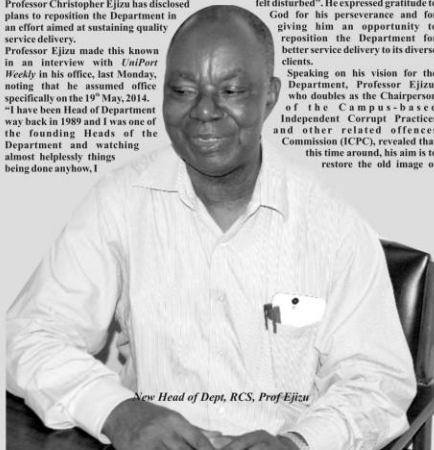
felt disturbed". He expressed gratitude to God for his perseverance and for giving him an opportunity to reposition the Department for better service delivery to its diverse clients.

Speaking on his vision for the Department, Professor Ejizu, who doubles as the Chairperson of the Campus-based Independent Corrupt Practices and other related offences Commission (ICPC), revealed that this time around, his aim is to restore the old image of

the Department, promising that he would bring his wealth of experience to bear helping the Department recover the vision of its founding members.

Professor Ejizu said that as one of the founding Heads of the Department, "I know what one would call the philosophy of the Department of Religious and Cultural Studies and also the mission it set out to accomplish", recalling that when he assumed duty at the University of Port Harcourt from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka in 1989, all the Department had was a Bachelor's degree programme, while was also merged with the Department of Philosophy, as at then, the staff strength was not more than 15. Professor Ejizu expressed satisfaction that today; the Department has developed considerably, particularly in terms of its staff strength. "We have many Master's degree students and about 15 Doctoral Candidates. Our Department is one of the best diverse in terms of staff blending ratio and mix. We have four Professors, six Senior Lecturers and nine Lecturers I and II. The Department is also fairly developed in terms of its programmes," the new Head of Department said with some measure of satisfaction.

"In all modesty, I travel round as an external examiner and this Department is among the very best in the country in terms of production, it ranks as one of the very best in the country", he said, stating that the Department can proudly boast of the most balanced programme of religious studies in the country. "The National Universities Commission (NUC) makes it very clear that Religious Studies Department in the secular universities should not be confused with offering theological studies. NUC states that the Seminaries run by church groups should run the theological faculties, while the state universities run the religious aspects. Our Department clearly took the advice of NUC very seriously and so we now graduate students purely in B.A Religious Studies," he disclosed.



New Head of Dept, RCS, Prof. Ejizu

UniPort Receives Hi-Tech Equipment For ODeL Centre

By Otiokor Samuel

In pursuit of its mandate to increase access to quality education and training through innovative use of information and communication technology for its members, a not-for-profit Intergovernmental Organization, the African Virtual University (AVU), has donated a range of ICT gadgets packaged in 184 boxes to the University.

Acknowledging receipt of the equipment in a statement dated 27th May, 2014 and obtained by *UniPort Weekly*, Director, Open, Distance and e-Learning (ODeL) Centre in the University, Professor Hyacinth Dike, disclosed that items supplied by AVU included computers, accessories, furniture and audio-visual equipment and Internet facilities.

"One of the benefits of Platinum Membership is that AVU will set up and furnish an ODeL Centre in UniPort. I am glad to announce that the AVU equipment for UniPort's ODeL Centre have been cleared awaiting installation," Professor Dike revealed, adding that the University became a Platinum Member of AVU since 2012.

According to the Director, a team of technicians from the African Virtual University would arrive the University of Port Harcourt between 21st and 29th July, 2014 to install the equipment and train some staff on how to effectively manage them. Some staff of the Information and Communication Technology Centre (ICTC)



Some of the equipment donated by the African Virtual University

would partner the visiting team for the installation and training, the statement added.

Continuing, the Director said that: "The African Virtual University (AVU) in her multinational Project I developed 73 modules for Teacher Education Science undergraduates. These modules were adopted by the Senates of the 12 participating universities in Africa and are being accessed by staff and students in other parts of the world. In May 2013, UniPort

actively participated in the AVU Curriculum Harmonization Workshop in which these 73 modules were reviewed by subject-matter experts from 27 participating universities in Anglophone, Francophone and Lusophone zones of Africa.

Meanwhile, Lecturers who teach some specified Science subjects in the College of Natural and Applied Sciences were trained on AVU modules from Monday through Friday last week.

CPG Shines At NAPE Confab



Ag Director, CPG, Dr Beka (3rd from left) and the students

In a bid to fully explore opportunities in Petroleum Geosciences, some students from the Centre for Petroleum Geosciences (CPG), in the famous Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS), attended the Nigerian Association of Petroleum Explorationist (NAPE) 7th Mini-Conference for Tertiary Institution and excelled above their peers.

Acting Director of the Centre, Dr Francis Beka, made this known to *UniPort Weekly* in a letter, stating that the mini-conference was held between 5th - 8th June, 2014. "The conference was held by NAPE (an affiliate of the American Association of Petroleum

Okonkon, Chinazom Elioji and Vivian Amakwe. These students were awarded NAPE Certificates as the first, third, fourth and fifth best paper presenters respectively, as over one hundred technical papers were presented by several universities across the country.

Dr Beka added that CPG landmark papers covered diverse realms of petroleum Geosciences, including Geosciences Modelling and Basinal Evaluation, Integrated Petrophysics and

Petroleum Hydraulics, Reservoir Characterization and Management.

According to the Acting Director, the growing level of excellence attained by CPG is a testimony of the quality of teaching and research orientation imparted on the students by a select team of international and home-based resource persons and mentors, both in the academia and the petroleum industry, expressing optimism, as CPG looks forward to excelling in upcoming conferences to be held in Lagos this November. He commended the growing support of UniPort, MacArthur Foundation and other institutional collaborators for supporting the Centre.

By Mercy Adeniji

Geologists (AAPG) in association with the Department of Geology, Faculty of Physical Science and Information Technology, College of Applied and Natural Sciences, had its theme as: "Enhancing Geosciences Education to meet Future energy Demands."

The Director disclosed that the Centre for Petroleum Geosciences (CPG) made an impressive representation and assessors were highly pleased with the technical content, contribution to knowledge and presentation mode of the students. "We had four students from the Centre namely: Michael Ige, Rose

Graduates of the University of Port Harcourt, who completed their prescribed course of study from inception of the Par-Time programme right up to 2001, have been notified that the Institution is currently in the process of clearing the backlog of outstanding NYSC Exemption Certificates. A statement from the Registry directed graduates from inception of the programme to 2001 session, who are yet to pick up their Exemption Letters to report to the Student Affairs Department, Choba Park, on or before July, 2014 to update their records, warning that the exercise will not be extended after Tuesday, 15th July, 2014. Those affected have been advised to comply with the new directive in their own interest.

In another development, the College of Continuing Education has reopened sale of admission form for the 2014/2015 academic session. In line with the new schedule, sale of form have now been extended to the close of work on Monday, 30th June, 2014.

A statement signed by the Registrar, Mrs. Matilda Nnodim, directed prospective candidates to obtain the form on payment of a non-refundable fee of N15, 000.00, which includes bank charges at First Bank Plc, Fidelity Bank and U&C Micro-Finance Bank at Choba Park.

The statement directed interested candidates to visit the University's website at www.uniport.edu.ng for details on online

CCE Sets Date For Part-Time Graduates On Exemption Certificates

By Williams Wodi

application procedures, notifying the general public that the National Universities Commission (NUC) has approved continuation of Part-Time programmes in the University of Port Harcourt.

In a related development, interested candidates have been invited to apply for admission into the various Diploma programmes of the College of Continuing Education for the 2014/2015 academic session.

The application form which is accessible online on the payment of a non-refundable fee of N11, 000.00 is obtainable in the following areas of study: Diploma in Law, Professional Diploma and Executive Short Courses in Drama, Dance, Creative Writing, Photography, Film and Video Production, Colours, Music, Clothing and Fashion Technology, Professional Diploma and Short Courses in various aspects of Agriculture. The Registry Department directed prospective candidates to visit the

UniPort websites at www.uniport.edu.ng for details of online application procedures, adding that sale of application form will close on Monday, 15th July, 2014.



Prof Okodudu, CCE Director

V-C Pledges Support For Unions

Authorities of the University of Port Harcourt have stressed the importance of a symbiotic relationship with the various Unions on Campus in the attainment of the overall objectives of the Institution, pledging total support to each Union as it seeks the welfare of its members and enhances productivity in the University.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, who made the call when he received a delegation from the National Secretariat of the Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU) in his office, last Wednesday, called on the Union leaders to act as stakeholders in the survival of the system.

Represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Ethelbert Nduka,

By Obinna Nwodin

the Vice-Chancellor said that it was in recognition of the importance of each Union that the administration placed premium on a cordial relationship with them, as well as ensured that the welfare of members was paramount in the administration's staff welfare packages. He said that when there were issues in the Unions, Management felt concerned and did everything possible to address them to the satisfaction of all concerned. He thanked the delegation for the effort in addressing the crises rocking the local branch of the Union, adding that their speedy resolution should be documented and passed on to Management.

Earlier in his speech, General Secretary of the

Union, Mr Peters Adeyemi, represented by the Senior Deputy General Secretary, Mr Festus Ajayi, expressed gratitude to Management for the support given the Union in the University, particularly its role in the medical treatment of the ailing Branch Chairman, Mr Benson Young, who narrowly escaped assassination at the hands of unknown persons. "We have come here to say a big thank you for all that you have been doing for our Union. Your support has been of immense help to us because it bothers on the interest of our members," he stated.

Also speaking on behalf of the Branch Chairman, the Treasurer, Mr George Nwobueze, expressed gratitude to Management for the support given the Branch, pledging continued support to the administration as it strives to reposition the University for enhanced productivity.



DV-C, (Admin), Prof Nduka (3rd left front row), Deputy Bursar (Treasury), Dr Felicia Ayuwu (2nd right front row), some staff, national and Branch leaders of NASU



V-C, Prof Ajenka (middle front row), Leader of the delegation, Dr Abah (1st left front row), other team members and some officers of the University

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with the development, hoping that the issue of research would be given more attention in the country to maximise its intellectual potentials. He said that the country was in an era where research had become big business, pointing out that a lot of attention needed to be devoted to it so that the country can benefit from its abundant intellectual property.

Earlier in his address, Leader of the delegation, Dr Joe Abah, said that the Committee which was in the University to examine the management of the atomic energy sector in Nigeria, as it relates to the activities of the Centre, would make recommendations on how Government can

strengthen it.

Dr Abah, who is also the Director-General of the Bureau for Public Service Reforms, said that part of its mandate was to find out the optimal structure and make sure that the Centre is able to function properly. "We would want to explore the relationship between the University, the National Atomic Energy Commission (NAEC) and the Centre," he said, noting that observations made indicated the need to clarify the relationship between the collaborating parties.

Also speaking, Director of the Centre, Professor Ayode Kuye, who expressed gratitude to NAEC for the opportunity given the University to render quality service to the country, expressed hope that

established.

Other members of the delegation were: Mr Idris Bakori, Director of Administration, National Atomic Energy Commission (NAEC); Mr Yusuf Wushishi, Director, Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation; Professor David Peleno, representing the Vice-Chancellor, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife; Ambassador Abdullahi Madaki, Salaries and Wages Commission; Mrs. Olusola Morre, Director (Solicitors) Federal Ministry of Justice; Professor Mathew Agu, National Atomic Energy Commission (NAEC); Mr Abdullahi Bello, Federal Ministry of Justice, as well as Mr. Danladi Othman, Special Adviser to the Head of Service of the Federation.

it would continue to achieve more to justify the purpose for which it was

Ekekwe Occupies Ake Chair

By Otikor Samuel

Professor of Political Science and Chairman, Editorial Board of *UniPort Weekly*, Ene Ekekwe, has been appointed Chair Occupant, *Claude Ake Professorial Chair of Political Economy*. A Letter conveying the appointment dated 12th June, 2014 and signed by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, disclosed that the three-year appointment which takes immediate effect would terminate on 13th June, 2017.

"As Chair Occupant, you will be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor through the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Development) for the day-to-day administration of the Chair. This Chair should be used for Research and Development in Political Economy and for promotion of the University and the Benefactor," part of the Letter of Appointment stated, directing the Occupant to submit annual reports of activities of the Chair to the Vice-Chancellor.

Similarly, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, Dr Sofiri Joab-Peterside, has been appointed Assistant Director, *Claude Ake School of Government*. A Letter signed by the Vice-

Chancellor, Professor Ajenka, disclosed that the appointment which would last for two years will terminate on 13th June, 2016.

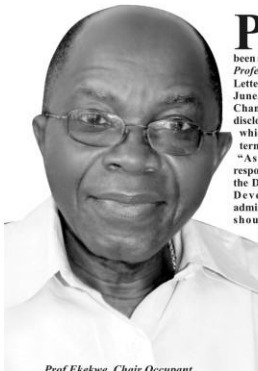
"As the Assistant Director, you will be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor through the Director of the School for providing appropriate academic and administrative leadership in the School," the Letter read in part.

Letter to the Editor

Reopen Our School

I am an undergraduate of this unique citadel of learning. Considering the fact that we are way behind other schools, I believe it is of no significance distorting our academic calendar which obviously in my opinion has taken our great citadel to its nadir. Sir, I believe there are other logical ways to proffer solutions to the dispute rather than initiating a lock-down of the school as reported by our Student Union President. I'd really appreciate a speedy resolution of the problem so that we can all return to school.

Thanks,
PRINCE CHINONSO



Prof Ekekwe, Chair Occupant
Claude Ake Chair of Political Economy

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BRIEFS FROM OTHER VARSITIES

HALL WARDEN APPOINTMENT

Dr Mbalisi Festus, Faculty of Education, appointed Assistant Hall Warden, Nelson Mandela Halls A, B, C, D and Claude Ake Hall C. The two-year appointment which takes immediate effect terminates on 13th May, 2016.

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

Osadebe Anwuli, Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Biological Sciences, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, offered *Temporary Appointment*, effective on assumption of duty.

RENEWAL OF CONTRACT APPOINTMENT

Professor Ogwo Ogwo, Department of Marketing, Faculty of Management Sciences, granted *Renewal of Adjunct Appointment*, effective 7th July, 2014 to 6th July, 2015.

Professor Edna Matthews-Njoku, Department of Agricultural Economics & Extension, granted *Renewal of Adjunct Appointment*, effective 12th May, 2014 to 11th May, 2015.

Dr Christiana Kosemani, Department of Curriculum Studies & Educational Technology, Faculty of Education, granted *Renewal of Contract Appointment*, effective 6th July, 2014 to 5th July, 2015.

Mr Belema Dakoru, Sports Unit, Student Affairs Department, granted *Renewal of Contract Appointment*, effective 25th November, 2014 to 24th November, 2015.

Mr. Paulinus Ugwuanyi, Department of Physics, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, granted *Renewal of Contract Appointment*, effective 9th May, 2014 to 8th May, 2015.

DOCTORAL DEGREE

Dr S.M. Sam, Department of Plant Science & Biotechnology, Faculty of Biological Science, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, completed his *Ph.D Degree* in Plant Physiology and Phytochemistry.



Xi Jinping, Chinese President

Major Reform As 600 Universities Become Polytechnics In China

By Joyana Sharma

In a bid to reduce the huge number of university graduates with similar academic degrees competing with each other for the same jobs, China has announced that it will turn at least half of its public universities into institutions of applied learning or polytechnics to produce more technically trained graduates.

The radical, wide-ranging move will transform the country's higher education landscape, education experts said.

Lu Xin, a vice-minister in China's Ministry of Education, announced the decision to turn 600 of the country's general universities into polytechnics at a meeting of college and university leaders at the 2014 China Development Forum earlier this year.

She said that in a "gradual transition" to the dual system, the new applied institutions would focus on training engineers, senior technicians and other highly skilled workers rather than pursuing over-academic, highly theoretical studies.

"There is an urgent need to reform our current education system, which has been struggling to provide high quality talents with skills and knowledge that meet demand at the production frontline," Lu said at the forum.

Qiang Zha, an associate professor of

education at York University in Canada, said the policy amounted to a move towards a 'binary' higher education system of academic and applied institutions, similar to the system in Germany with its research universities and high quality technical *fachhochschulen* or polytechnics.

"This is a major change from a system where all higher education institutions are measured against one set of criteria," he said.

Quality In Higher Education Sacrificed For Quantity

By Goolam Mohamed

The recent findings of the Inter-University Council for East Africa regarding the quality of graduates in Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda must be considered a wake-up call for African higher education. Between 51% and 63% of graduates from these countries were found to be 'half-baked' according to the employers. This is, to put it mildly, alarming.

Although the study covered only five countries and robust data on the quality of graduates in other African countries are not available, there is a general feeling that the findings are equally applicable, in varying degrees, to most Sub-Saharan African countries.

Culled from World University News



Nyesom Wike

Supervising Minister of Education

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MGT WEATHER OBSERVATORY

FOR PORT HARCOURT AND ENVIRONS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 22-SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2014

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- Carry your subordinates along;
- Give your subordinates a sense of belonging;
- Give them task to perform and follow with supervision;
- Motivate your staff;
- Reward excellence and honesty;
- Discipline all erring staff;
- Lead by example;
- Be cheerful, firm and decisive in all your actions.

A cheerful worker produces better result! We are still open to complaints at servicom@uniport.edu.ng. You have a right to be served right.

3rd Annual Book Fair And Exhibition

The Donald Ekong Library hosted the 3rd Annual Book Fair and Exhibition of the University at the Foyer of the Library with the opening ceremony on 28th April, 2014. The week-long Book Fair coincided with the commencement of the Port Harcourt World Book Capital. Our Cameraman, **HEADMAN ALU** captured highlights of the event as shown below:



V-C, Prof Joseph Ajenka, leading other Senior Officers of the University to the Foyer of Donald Ekong Library, venue of the Book Fair



V-C signing the Exhibition Register at the mini-museum at Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium



University Curator, Dr Bridget Nwanze (with mic), explaining some of the artworks to the V-C, S' V-C, Emeritus Prof Briggs and some Principal Officers



V-C supported by Emeritus Prof Nimi Briggs (2nd right), Univ Librarian, Dr Obiageli Nwodo and Registrar, Mrs Matilda Nnodim (2nd & 3rd left) cutting the tape



Some of the artworks



Prof Ajenka making a remark at the opening ceremony



Prof Ajenka at one of the Stands



University Librarian, Dr Nwodo, speaking at the Book Fair opening ceremony



R-L: Emeritus Prof Briggs, Dr Nwodo, D1-C (Admin), Prof Ethelbert Nduka, V-C, Prof Ajenka, Prof Oye Nwankpa and a Library staff



Prof Ajenka exchanging pleasantries with a vendor at the Book Stand of Emeritus Prof Briggs



Prof Ajenka commending Chairman, Book Fair Planning C'tee, Dr Philip Azigba



Chairman, Library Board, Prof Rene Willie Abbey, Dr Nwodo, Dr Azigba and other staff and vendors at the closing ceremony



Dept of Music entertaining participants