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Ways of mitigating the adverse effects of human activities on the environment and making it safe and habitable for plants, animals and humans formed the main focus of the 123rd Inaugural Lecture delivered by Professor Roseline Konya at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, last Thursday. Delivering the Lecture entitled: Searching the Soul of the Environment, Who Dare? Territorians or Subduers? Professor Konya of the Department of Animal and Environmental Biology in the Faculty of Biological Sciences, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, bemoaned the level of environmental degradation and the resultant health hazards caused by unregulated human activities on the fragile ecosystem, noting that “it is important that humans help to take good care of the environment to protect themselves and animals, as destruction of the habitat can lead to the extinction of some animal species.

“Animals protect their immediate environment (territories) with all they have, and will not tolerate an intruder, no matter how friendly they may seem. This is the reason for referring to them as territorians,” Konya explained, adding that humans exploit their immediate environment for their benefit without minding the harmful effects of their activities on the environment or themselves, hence the name subduers.

“Humans bring the environment and all that is in it under their control, and by so doing their activities threaten biodiversity, pollute the environment and destroy the

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INRES Gets More DTCA Fund Pledge

By Otokar Samuel

Satisfied with its prudent management of an initial US$ 111,632.00 grant from the Nigerian Technical Cooperation Fund for the training of eight African students at the Institute of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (INRES), the Directorate of Technical Cooperation in Africa (DTCA), under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Abuja, has pledged to secure more funding to the Institute to ensure more international visibility.

Acting Director of DTCA, Shuabu Suleiman, who made the pledge during a courtesy visit on the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ndowa Lale in the Committee Room last Wednesday, promised continued support for INRES by initiating additional programmes to build more capacity to bridge the widening gap between Africa and the rest of the world.

"Part of our agreement in the Memorandum of Understanding is to build capacity, so we want to initiate additional programmes with INRES in line with our mission statement which 'aims to enhance Africa's development by creating the enabling environment and opportunity for Nigerian professionals and indeed those of African descent to invest their immense intellect, expertise and skills in the economics of Africa; with the aim of bridging the widening economic and scientific gaps between Africa and the rest of the world.' We want INRES to be a strong manpower development centre on the African continent that would enable us to actualize part of our mandate through it," Suleiman disclosed.

The Acting Director stated that his team was in the University to interact with staff and students of the Institute, particularly those on the DTCA scholarship scheme, with a view to monitoring and evaluating the progress of the programme so far.

"Though we are here to monitor and evaluate how the resources were expended and how the programme has been impacting on the students, it is not a witch-hunt exercise, but part of our earlier agreement to keep a close tab on the project to ensure strict adherence to due process. The initial grant was like an experiment; we now have more strong grounds to encourage INRES to secure more grants from the Nigerian Technical Cooperation Fund (NTCF) to enable the Institute build more capacity for the benefit of the African continent," he added.

Suleiman, who recalled that DTCA was attracted to the University of Port Harcourt by the immediate past Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, conveyed his goodwill message to the new Vice-Chancellor, Professor Lale, expressing optimism that the new administration would also cooperate with the Directorate to sustain the mutually beneficial partnership.

In his response, Deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of Academic matters, Professor Igho Joe, who stood in for the Vice-Chancellor, praised the Directorate for making the grant for the sponsorship of the African students in the Institute, which has contributed in internationalizing INRES at home. He pledged the commitment of the University towards additional collaboration with the Directorate.

Earlier, Director of INRES, Professor Entrie Akpokodje, disclosed that the team was in the University to monitor and evaluate activities of the Institute, with particular reference to the grant provided for the training of eight foreign students now undergoing training at INRES. He thanked the Directorate for continued support, which he said was now transforming INRES from a regional to a continental Centre of Excellence in natural resources and environmental studies, expressing his commitment to continue to partner the Directorate to give INRES more visibility.

Other officials of DTCA on the visit were: Deputy Director, Sandra Ishah, Assistant Director, Garba Mohammed, Principal Legal Officer, Lawan Aji and Programme Officer, Eniola Olusil.
Host Communities Pledge Support For New V-C

The pledge of renewed support came on the heel of the 8th Vice-Chancellor’s swinging tour of some of the University’s host communities to officially introduce himself and acquaint them with the vision of his new administration for owners of the land on which the University is located.

The host communities made the pledge separately through their royal fathers during a familiarization tour by the Vice-Chancellor who led Principal and some Senior Officers of the University to the Monarch of Akpor Kingdom, His Majesty, Eze Aneke Oriegie, (the Nye Nwe Ali Akpor), the Nye New Ali Choba, Eze Raymond Okocha and his counterpart in Alakahia, Eze Ogunodu Ogbonna-Dodo, last Monday.

The Vice-Chancellor, who expressed his unflinching commitment to sustaining the excellent institutional relationships existing between the University and its host communities at every stop, solicited their cooperation to enable him succeed in office. “I know we have enjoyed quite a good relationship with the host communities of the University in the last 40 years, which was made possible due to the friendly disposition of the royal fathers and their various subjects. I will expect that this harmonious relationship would be deepened during my tenure for us to continue to grow together. There is no denying the fact that our host communities have recorded a number of achievements that have put them on the global map due to the presence of the University here,” Professor Lale told the Nye Nwe Ali.

He further expressed gratitude to them for their understanding and cooperation with the University from its inception in 1975, promising to continue to give priority attention in the areas of manpower development and favourable consideration of candidates from the host communities, who meet the minimum entry requirements for admission into the University.

The Vice-Chancellor, however, stated that the award of any category of contract was usually done on the basis of competence of each contractor. He solicited the cooperation of the communities on the ongoing encroachment on the University’s land, advising land speculators to stay clear of the land which was legitimately acquired by the Federal Government through the Rivers State Government for the establishment of the University in 1975.

He regretted the non-payment of compensation to the host communities, which if not for the display of utmost maturity on both sides, would have cost the University the excellent relationship it has been enjoying with its host communities. Professor Lale appealed for continued understanding on the matter, which he said was being vigorously pursued with the relevant government agencies.

While receiving the Vice-Chancellor and his entourage to his palace, the Nye Nwe Ali of Akpor Kingdom, His Majesty, Eze Oriegie, congratulated Professor Lale on his appointment as the 8th Vice-Chancellor of UniPort and also for identifying with the palace as a routine gesture, which his predecessors did either on assumption or exit from office.

“All the past Vice-Chancellors have had good working relationship with the host communities, so I want to urge you to maintain and possibly improve on such relationship. Be free with us and call on us any time for assistance. I am ever ready to work with you to advance the growth of the University that is on Akpor land,” the Akpor monarch promised the Vice-Chancellor.

Eze Ogbonna-Dodo, whose written address was read by Secretary to the Alakahia Council of Chiefs, Chief Daniel Ogbonna, congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on his appointment. The Council pledged its support for the new administration as one of the communities that accommodated students and lecturers, as well as the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital (UPTH). The Council, however, appealed for consideration in terms of admission quota, employment opportunities and award of contracts to indigenes of the community to give them a sense of belonging in the scheme of things.

Nye Nwe Ali Choba, Eze Okocha, who also congratulated Professor Lale on his new position, thanked him for the visit, pledging further cooperation for the new administration. “Already, I have sent a congratulatory letter to you and in that letter the people of Choba have expressed their commitment to work with you for the advancement of the University. You have lived in Choba for a long time and you can attest to our hospitality and willingness to accommodate the University,” the royal father told Professor Lale.

Eze Okocha, who recalled some benefits that the University brought to Choba community, however listed some grey areas which he wished authorities of the University to address.
Mato Promises To Reposition CHS, As Obunge Emerges Deputy Provost

By Mercy Adeniji

 Barely three months into her election as Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Professor Christie Mato of the Department of Anaesthesiology in the Faculty of Clinical Sciences, has started repositioning the College to expand its scope of activities with a view to transforming it into a preferred destination for medical and allied studies.

Speaking during a meeting of the College held at the Main Auditorium of the College, Ofrima building on Friday, July 31, 2015, Professor Mato commended all staff for the confidence reposed in her to emerge as the first female Provost of the College and for also believing in her transformation agenda.

Highlighting her vision, Professor Mato, who stressed the need for team work in order to fulfill her electioneering manifestos, recalled that she was elected as the 9th Provost of the College on March 16, 2015, thus becoming the first female to occupy the exalted position, adding that she assumed duty on April 19, 2015, amidst high expectations.

“A lot has been done in the past three months, including our emergence as the best College during the University-wide celebration of UniPort at 40. We emerged as the best Faculty/College, prompting Management of the University to urge other Colleges and Faculties to use our template for the rest of their programmes. Again, one of us from the College has been appointed Acting Vice-Chancellor of the Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Nkpo,” she disclosed, promising that the College would always set the pace for other Faculties and Colleges to emulate.

Professor Mato recalled that during her campaign for the job, she went round the Departments to assure staff of her capacity to lead the College in a new direction.

“My vision is anchored on a tripartite objective of making the College a preferred destination for young people who want to study Medicine and other allied specialties; creating a veritable platform for younger academics seeking opportunities in the Medical profession; and opening up avenues for beneficial international partnerships in line with best global practices in medical research.”

Recalling that the founding fathers laid a solid foundation for the College at inception of academic activities, the Provost assured stakeholders that her policies would be in line with the 2015 Strategic Plan of the College.

Professor Mato, who was the immediate past Chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee (CMAC) at the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital (UPTH), promised to raise the bar higher through regular consultations with staff and students of the College. “We would raise a visitation team to K-Dere and B-Dere communities in Gokana Local Government Area, where our students go for their rural posting. We would also work hard to ensure that already existing partnerships are sustained to enable us deliver on our electioneering promises. We plan to enter into new partnerships with counterpart organisations in provide quality services to stakeholders in the affairs of the College,” she promised, appealing to authorities of the University to assist the College transform into a preferred destination for Health Sciences education in the country.

In a related development, the College has elected a new Deputy Provost. He is Professor Ovikomaha Obunge of the Department of Medical Microbiology in the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences. The newly-elected Deputy Provost took over from Professor Owunari Georgewill, who has successfully ended his tenure in that capacity. In his acceptance speech, Professor Obunge thanked the Provost and other colleagues for believing in him, promising to do his best to reposition the College to achieve the dream of the founding fathers. He appealed to public-spirited individuals and groups to support the College in its determined bid to attain greater heights.

Oriola, Carnegie Fellow, Lauds UniPort On Robust Diaspora Programme

By Humphrey Ogu

In his contribution, Director of the Institute, Professor Derefaka, commended the impactful activities of Dr. Oriola, who recently rounded off a three-month Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship at INDS, citing the INDS Workshop Series, where Dr. Oriola trained lecturers and graduate students from the Departments of History and Diplomatic Studies and English Studies in the Faculty of Humanities and Sociology in the Faculty of Social Sciences on the intricacies of academic writing. The Director said that the Visiting Scholar also developed a course curriculum for the proposed Security and Intelligence Studies programme in the Institute.

“Dr. Oriola’s three-month stint with us impacted greatly on the Institute of Niger Delta Studies and other Departments in the University. We were very happy when the application to bring him here succeeded,” the Director recalled, expressing hope that the multiplier effect of the workshop series would be felt in the University in due course.

“In my assessment, Dr. Oriola achieved the goals of the programme by about 90 per cent, which is a very commendable performance rating. We are very happy to have had him here and we think that the University benefitted a lot from his stay with us. We are not wishing to lose goodbyes, we are telling him to go and come again.

As a member of the Editorial Board, he played a major role in not just reviewing articles for publication in the Journal of Niger Delta Studies, but he is also helping us to transit from print to online journal which is the norm in today’s research environment,” he noted.

Director, INDS, Prof Derefaka (left) and Dr. Oriola during an interview with UniPort Weekly Correspondent
AIESEC Plans Career Fair, Leadership Summit For Sept

By Mercy Adeniji

The University of Port Harcourt Chapter of AIESEC has disclosed plans to organise a Career Fair and Leadership Summit in the institution next month.

A statement made available to UniPort Weekly by the Chapter President, Anthony Oliwa, disclosed that “in line with the mission to make a positive difference in our environment, AIESEC Port Harcourt will organise high-impact youth-driven programmes to engage and develop young leaders to enable them gain practical leadership experience. The first in the series of such a Career Fair and Leadership Summit took place in 2013.”

Mr. Oliwa explained that the two-day event will be hosted by the University of Port Harcourt Chapter of AIESEC at the Ethimbi Banigo Auditorium. “The event is aimed at bringing prospective employers and employees together through an informal, but interactive process that would be mutually beneficial to partners. Through this event, a large number of companies would be brought together in one location where students can explore multiple career options, while companies would impact on the society by building a responsible enterprise image through smart investment in Nigerian youths.”

“As the world’s largest student-run organisation present in 240 universities across 127 countries, AIESEC provides a platform for young people to explore and develop their leadership potential,” he disclosed, adding that the event would afford participating students a rare opportunity to build stronger relationships with the corporate sector and also position the University as a top provider of career services to students.

Oliwa disclosed that the event would serve as a platform for 50 companies and government agencies from different sectors of the economy to interface with over 4,000 students of UniPort at all levels. The President disclosed that the eagerly-awaited event would also feature 25 most promising students in UniPort, Youth Speak Forum, CV-writing competition and speed interview, revealing that “while the 2013 Career Fair was a huge success, we promise to make this year’s event even bigger and better.”

Mr. Oliwa heads a new Executive that was recently elected to run the affairs AIESEC for the current service year. Other members of the new Executive are: Mieah Osindoruba, Vice-President; Finance, Legal and Administration, Nweke Chima, Vice-President; Human Resources, Ekeruehe Ishionu, Vice-President; Operation, Conoco Michael; Vice-President; Marketing and Communications, Akara Ada, Alumni Relations Manager; Susan Timothy, Vice-President; International Relations Manager and Vivian Atuchukwu, Vice-President, Business Development.

In a related development, the Association has received more interns who are expected to work on diverse projects that would impact positively on people in their target areas. The new arrivals are: Abalo Sandrine, Sodokin Julius Paolo and Han Hao.

Speaking separately to our Correspondent, AIESEC Team leader in the University of Abomey-Calavi (UC), Benin Republic, Cotonou, Miss Abalo Sandrine and Sodokin Julius Paolo, a team member, disclosed that they are in Nigeria to continue Project Sunshine, which aims at equipping orphans and vulnerable children with the necessary skills to become better citizens. "We would be here for six weeks and during this period, we would teach the children skills, French language and train them on the art of public speaking," Sandrine told our Correspondent.

On his part, Mr. Han Hao from the Tongji University, Shanghai, China, disclosed his intention to do something connected with Education and Charity after graduation. “I can teach English and Chinese Mandarin which is my biggest advantage. I am really interested in research internships, so while I am here, I will arrange curriculum at Education Plus International School, Port Harcourt. I will be here for up to one year to do so many things. I will also teach them Chinese culture and tradition. My major is Computer Science and Technology, I want to do something different, which is why I chose to come to Nigeria.”

A cross-section of participants at the workshop

R-L: New Interns, Sodokin, Han Hao, Abalo and new EXCO members of AIESEC
Konya Calls For Environmental Stewardship In Nigeria

Inaugural Lecturer, Prof Konya (arrowed) with the V.C, Prof Lale (5’ rights), Professors, Deans and some Provosts

Commenting on the Lecture, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ndowa Lale, who agreed that the activities of humans constituted the greatest threat to the environment, stressed the need for the enforcement of existing regulations and more@(Continued from p6)

Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), observed that “pollution, which is the introduction of contaminants into the environment, has been a menace in Nigeria, as oil exploration and pipeline vandalism has contributed to cause pollution of our environment,” pointing out that contaminants can have adverse effects on the entire ecosystem, making life even more difficult for plants, animals and humans. The inaugural Lecturer, who recommended the establishment of an integrated multifaceted Waste Management Complex in Rivers State to handle haulage, treatment and final disposal of waste, called on the Federal Government to enforce its directive to Oil and Gas companies to stop flaring gas into the atmosphere, advising that Nigeria should generate green jobs to help Government and the Private Sector protect the ecosystem.

UPHBS Ends Employee Creativity W'shop

By Williams Wodi

I issues bordering on the appropriate modalities for enhancing employee creativity in a challenging and competitive business environment took centre stage at a three-day workshop that opened under the auspices of the University of Port Harcourt Business School (UPHBS) in the city centre, last Wednesday.

The star-studded workshop attracted seasoned Resource Persons from the three continents, including industry and academic facilitators that exposed participants to emerging global business best practices. The workshop, which took place at the expansive premises of the Business School located at Chinua Wulu Drive, Off Sanl Abacha Road, GRA, was heavily over-subscribed by participants far beyond the expectations of the organizers.

In his welcome address, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Port Harcourt, Professor Ndowa Lale, who spoke through the Deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of Administration, Professor Anthony Ob, congratulated the Management of the University of Port Harcourt Business School for mounting the landmark workshop, describing the School as the University’s bold effort to empower leaders for emerging challenges in a very competitive business environment.

“the University of Port Harcourt Business School is a well-thought-out initiative designed to empower a highly-motivated generation of business decision makers to respond to the challenges of operating in a constantly evolving business setting. I have no doubt that the insights and knowledge shared by Resource Persons with global exposure have been invited to interface with the participants will provide a memorable experience for them to take back to their businesses,” the Vice-Chancellor assured participants.

Introducing the workshop content, Director of the School, Professor Clifford Ofurum, explained that it was a continuation of an earlier brainstorming session that took place in Dubai last July, which was facilitated by Professor Chris Enyinda of the Canadian University in the United Arab Emirates, disclosing that the UPHBS Academic Board was determined to create an attractive business brand in the city of Port Harcourt.

“Unfortunately, we could not take all our students along to Dubai to participate in the workshop. We, therefore, decided to invite three other very eminent Resource Persons to join Professor Enyinda in this follow-up workshop in Port Harcourt to enable those students who missed the Dubai experience to benefit from the same experience here. In addition, four facilitators are from the industry; while six others were selected from universities in Nigeria based on their proven record of professional competence. Participants could not have asked for anything better than what we lined up for them here in the Business School,” Professor Ofurum disclosed, urging them to take full advantage of quality workshop facilitators to update their business knowledge.

The three-day workshop covered topics such as Informatics and Employee Creativity (1) by Professor Chris Imadion of Cambridge University, United Kingdom, Supply Chain Management by Professor Chris Enyinda, Strategic Communication in a Changing and Competitive Business Environment by Dr. Austen Sadu of the Department of Linguistics and Communication Studies, University of Port Harcourt, National Security and Employee Creativity by Industry Facilitator, William Park.

Other topics included Enough of Theory, Let’s Go Entreprenurial by Professor Clifford Ofurum of the Department of Accounting, University of Port Harcourt, Organizational Culture as a Driver of Competitive Advantage and Employee Creativity by Industry Facilitator, Dr. Peter Mamedu, The Methodologies of Computing: Trunk to ‘E-This and E-That in Business by Dr. Henry Ozuru of the Department of Management and Managing Change by Dr. Drude Ekebu of the Department Hospitality and Tourism Management both of the University of Port Harcourt.

Another topic, The Psychology of Money was handled by Professor Chinwe Ezirim of Finance and Banking, University of Port Harcourt, Performance Management and Appraisal Raining: An Overview by another Industry Facilitator, Michael Nwachukwu and The Eurozone Crisis by yet another Industry Facilitator, Ebie Bitar.

Day three of the workshop again featured Professor Enyinda, who spoke on Leadership in Organizations: Issues and Challenges, while Professor Balaji Kenna of Sri Ramaswamy Memorial University, Chennai, India, spoke on Financial Modeling Using Excel; the paper on Internship as a Tool for Promoting Employee Creativity was delivered by Taiwo Eniola of the Department of Management, University of Port Harcourt, while Informatics and Employee Creativity (II) was handled by Professor Imadion.

On the whole, a total of 15 high-impact topics were delivered at the workshop which attracted participants from the banking sector, oil and gas industries, and private establishments, amongst others. Certificates were awarded to participants at the end of the workshop.

Other eminent personalities who witnessed the opening ceremony included former Vice-Chancellor of Delta State University, Abraka, Professor Okpakpo Enahoro, Dean of the Faculty of Management Sciences, Professor Emeka Okere and Administrative Secretary of UPHBS, Dr. Ann Brambila.

Participants at the three-day workshop
RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENT
Professor B. A. Fabara, Department of Management, Faculty of Management Sciences, granted Renewal of Contract Appointment, effective June 3, 2015 to June 2, 2016.

Dr. Tukur Chinannah, Department of Human Anatomy, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, granted Renewal of Appointment as Visiting Scholar, effective July 26, 2015 to July 25, 2016.

Dr. C. E. Hekem, Department of Preventive & Social Dentistry, Faculty of Dentistry, College of Health Sciences, granted Renewal of Appointment as Adjunct Lecturer, effective April 1, 2015 to April 2, 2016.

Dr. Segun Aranmolate, Department of Surgery, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, granted Renewal of Contract Appointment, effective August 2, 2015 to August 1, 2016.

Mr. Kenny Ayoka, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Energy Systems Engineering, College of Engineering, elevated from Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer, effective July 7, 2015.

CONVERSION
Mrs. Chinedu Onuora, Department of Educational Psychology, Guidance and Counselling, Faculty of Education, converted from Principal Laboratory Coordinator II to Assistant Lecturer, effective June 26, 2015.

SABBATICAL LEAVE
Professor Anthony Ataga, Department of Plant Science & Biotechnology, Faculty of Biological Sciences, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, proceeded on Sabbatical Leave to Edwin Clark University, Kiagbodo, Delta State, effective July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Professor Omemera Nwaogu, Department of Political & Administration Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, proceeded on Sabbatical Leave to Rede University of Electron and Technology, Benin City, Edo State, effective July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Professor Felix Arene, Department of Animal and Environmental Biology, Faculty of Biological Sciences, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, proceeded on Sabbatical Leave, effective September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016.

STUDY LEAVE
Dr. Sunny Abahikwu, Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Chemical Sciences, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, proceeded on a 12-month Study Leave with Pay, effective August 3, 2015 to August 2, 2016.

Mrs. Elizabeth Odubu, Department of Nursing Science, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, granted a six-month Extension of Study Leave with Pay, effective June 30, 2015 to December 29, 2015.

HIGHER DEGREE
Dr. Ovie Emeremena, Department of Plant Science & Biotechnology, Faculty of Biological Sciences, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, completed his Doctorate degree in Plant Science and Biotechnology (Plant Physiology).

NEWSXTRA
29 Graduate Students Receive CGS Scholarship
By Humphrey Ogul and Mercy Adeniji

No fewer than 29 students on the Master’s and Doctoral degree programmes received scholarship award letters and cheques from the College of Graduate Studies for the 2014/2015 academic session, last Monday.

Speaking at the event which held at the College Boardroom, Provost of the College, Professor Roseline Konya, congratulated the students for being selected to benefit from the award, charging them to take their studies seriously in order to justify their selection.

“You must work hard to ensure that you complete your programmes at the stipulated timeframe so that the money will not be wasted. Payment of your fees should be paramount on your minds, because you cannot be permitted to write any examination without confirmation that you have paid your fees. I need to remind all the beneficiaries that this scholarship will last for only one academic session and you must get it for the next session. So you must ensure that you pay up your fees. Remember, the money is not meant to buy shoes, trousers or jewellery,” she warned the beneficiaries.

Professor Konya reminded the recipients that “the scholarship is funded by the UniPort Alumni Association. It is the project of the Association and the fourth in the series. To sustain the scheme and with the authorization of the Association, graduating students are made to contribute N2,000 naira to support the scheme. Owing to financial constraints in the University, we were able to convince public-spirited individuals and groups to support the scheme and we are happy that it has been sustained.”

Professor Konya expressed gratitude to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee and Dean of the Graduate School of Arts, Education and Social Sciences (GSAESS), Professor Martin Ifeanyi and other members for being consistent with the scheme in the past four years, requesting the Board Members to convey the gratitude of the College to the National and State Chairmen of the Alumni Association for their support.

Speaking earlier, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Professor Ifeanyi charged the students to be serious with their studies, encouraging them to carry out original research and ensure that they complete their programme on time. “We expect that the University would always be in one part of your heart. Remember to come back to Unique UniPort to identify with what we are doing here so that others can also benefit from the scheme. It is a strong chain that links all of us together and we hope that it would not be broken,” he said, commending the immediate past Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajaokuta, for supporting the scheme during his tenure.

In their separate speeches, Dean of the Graduate School of Natural and Applied Medical Sciences (GNAMS), Professor Gregory Asiwari, Dean, Graduate School of Management, Business and Trade (GSMBT), Professor Chinedu Ezirim and College of Engineering (CGE), Dean, Dr. Agba Arata, congratulated beneficiaries of the award, urging them to work hard and regard themselves as part of the College.

Speaking on behalf of the other beneficiaries, Mr. Tamunoemi George of the Department of Electrical Engineering in the College of Engineering, expressed gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ndowa Lale, Provost of the College, Management and Deans of the College for initiating and sustaining the programme. He also urged that they would always identify with the College even after graduation.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MGT
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Evaluation Retreat For Senior Officers

Management of the University held a performance evaluation Retreat for Senior Officers in the Registry, Bursary and Library Departments at the Old IPS Park, Delta Park between Tuesday, June 30 and Thursday, July 2, 2015. Highlights of the event as captured by our Cameraman, HEADMAN ALU and shown below: