More than 20 years after his demise, former students and associates of late Professor Kenneth Diete-Koki convened to share fond memories and extol the legacy of the distinguished medical educator at a Memorial Lecture in his honour, reports Humphrey Ogu.

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V-C Hails World Bank Partnership On UniPort ACE

By Obinna Nwodim

The authorities of the University of Port Harcourt have pledged full commitment to the sustainable development of the World Bank/African Centre of Excellence programme in Oilfield Chemicals Research in the Institution.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, gave the assurance when he received a World Bank/ACE Video team in his office, last Monday.

Professor Ajienka, who said that it was a thing of pride that the University was chosen amongst numerous tertiary institutions in Africa that applied for the programme, stated that “this designation is an important encouragement to us to put in our best, and that is why all relevant organs of the University are on board towards the development of the Centre along the lines prescribed by the World Bank.”

He commended the pioneer Director of the ACE, Professor Ogbonnah Joel, for his leadership and enthusiasm in striving towards the stated aims and objectives of the programme.

The Vice-Chancellor reiterated that apart from training, the Centre also engages in research for the enhancement of drilling processes through local production of oilfield chemicals. “We need oilfield...” Cont’d on p6
Smoking’s Toll On Health Is Even Worse Than Previously Thought, A Study Finds

By DENISE GRADY

H owever bad you thought smoking was, it’s even worse. A new study adds at least five diseases and 60,000 deaths a year to the toll taken by tobacco in the United States. Before the study, smoking was already blamed for nearly half a million deaths a year in this country from 21 diseases, including 12 types of cancer.

The new findings are based on health data from nearly a million people who were followed for 10 years. In addition to the well-known hazards of lung cancer, artery disease, heart attacks, chronic lung disease and stroke, the researchers found that smoking was linked to significantly increased risks of infection, kidney disease, intestinal disease caused by inadequate blood flow, and heart and lung ailments not previously attributed to tobacco.

Even though people are already barraged with messages about the dangers of smoking, researchers say it is important to let the public know that there is yet more bad news.

“The smoking epidemic is still ongoing, and there is a need to evaluate how smoking is hurting us as a society, to support clinicians and policy making in public health,” said Brian D. Carter, an epidemiologist at the American Cancer Society and the first author of an article about the study, which appears in The New England Journal of Medicine.

“It’s not a done story.”

In an editorial accompanying the article, Dr. Graham A. Colditz, from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, said the new findings showed that officials in the United States had substantially underestimated the effect smoking has on public health.

He said smokers, particularly those who depend on Medicaid, had not been receiving enough help to quit.

About 42 million Americans smoke—15 percent of women and 21 percent of men — according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Research has shown that their death rates are two to three times higher than those of people who have never smoked, and that on average, they die more than a decade before nonsmokers. Smokers are more than 20 times as likely as nonsmokers to die of lung cancer. Poor people and those with less formal education are the most likely to smoke.

Mr. Carter said he had been inspired to dig deeper into the causes of death in smokers after taking an initial look at data from five large health surveys being conducted by other researchers. The participants were 421,378 men and 532,651 women 55 and older, including nearly 89,000 current smokers.

As expected, death rates were higher among the smokers. But diseases known to be caused by tobacco accounted for only 83 percent of the excess deaths in people who smoked.

“I thought, ‘Wow, that’s really low,’” Mr. Carter said.

“We have this huge cohort. Let’s get into the weeds, cast a wide net and see what is killing smokers that we don’t already know.”

The research was paid for by the American Cancer Society and Mr. Carter worked with scientists from four universities and the National Cancer Institute.

The study was observational, meaning that it looked at people’s habits, like smoking, and noted statistical correlations between their behavior and their health outcomes. Correlation does not prove a cause-and-effect relationship, so this kind of research is not considered as strong as experiments in which participants are assigned to either carry out or refrain from a behavior, and then compared. But people cannot ethically be instructed to smoke for a study, so a lot of the data on smoking’s effects come from observational studies.

Analyzing deaths among the participants from 2001 to 2011, the researchers found that, compared with people who had never smoked, smokers were about twice as likely to die from infections, kidney disease, respiratory ailments not previously linked to tobacco, and hypertensive heart disease, in which high blood pressure leads to heart failure. Smokers were also six times more likely to die from a rare illness caused by insufficient blood flow to the intestines.


Dr. Abida Bulama
Minister of Science and Technology

Omeni Tackles Effects Of Radionuclide On Solid Mineral Producing Areas

Jude Osmobi is a forward-looking scholar, who obtained a Master of Science degree from the famous Imperial College, London with a groundbreaking research work that elicited acclaim. The work was entitled: Prediction of Net Sand Distribution in Deepwater Turbidite, Bonga. He stated that the research aimed at generating sand map of varying thicknesses that would enable him recommend placement of both production and injection wells. He carried out the study in Petroleum Geoscience and successfully obtained the Master’s degree of Imperial College.

Determined to expand the frontiers of environmental and radiation studies, Osmobi enrolled for another Master’s degree in the Department of Physics in the University of Port Harcourt; this time, specializing in the Environmental Radiation, where he has assessed radionuclide concentration in depth profile in Udi and Ezeezgu Local Government Areas of Enugu State.

The study which basically sought to establish the extent of radionuclide variation with depth found out that geology contributed more to the radiology thereby, resulting in irregularity of radionuclide concentrations.

On his latest research which is an advanced study of his earlier work entitled: Assessment of Radionuclide Concentration and Radiogenic Analysis of Soil, Sediments and Water in Solid Mineral Producing Areas of Enugu State, Nigeria, Osmobi said the study sought to determine the radiation level in the environment as a result of solid mineral production in the State.

The aim, according to him, was to ensure the safety of miners and residents of the environment with respect to the level of radionuclide exposure.

He disclosed that there are numerous mining activities in the State and exposure to the minerals that contain radionuclide (uranium, radium and thorium) are the principal ones. So we want to know the level of safety of the people and the environment regarding mining activities, as well as reducing the radiological burden of the environment at large.

On the progress of the study, he responded: “I have been to the field for background Ionizing Radiation (BIR). I was fortunate to receive positive responses and cooperation from governmental agencies and even the miners who took me to some of the sites.”

In his preliminary findings, Osmobi stated that: “The high radioactivity index of radionuclide sources in solid mineral producing areas of Enugu State, Nigeria is therefore recommended that control mechanism be adopted to safeguard the lives of members of the public that approach the area, as well as to protect the environment. There is a need to adopt careful radiological control measures in mining and mineral processing operations involving radiactive ores, in order to protect those involved and to meet acceptable dose limits. Exposure of workers to naturally occurring radioactive material continues to be an emerging industrial issue.”

The researcher, who is being supervised by Professor Gregory Awasiri, however, listed difficult terrain, fear of harm and desertion of some of the sites as part of the challenges and limitations of the study.

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Diefe-Koki Comes Alive
At Memorial Lecture

V-C, Prof Ajienka (arrowed) flanked by guests and sons of Diefe-Koki displaying a painting of their late father

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Welcoming guests to the First Professor Kenneth Diefe-Koki Memorial Lecture organised by the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences in the College of Health Sciences at the Ehithini Banigo Auditorium on Thursday, February 12, 2015, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, congratulated the founding fathers of the University for attracting best brains such as Diefe-Koki to the University of Port Harcourt at inception.

“We are happy that as we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the University, the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences initiated a programme to honour one of its outstanding teachers. It is even more heartening to know that the Faculty also thought it wise to invite its accomplished Alumni to be part of the celebration in this period when the University is marking 40 years of academic excellence. “I challenge our outstanding Alumni who passed through the College to ensure that the legacy of one of their best teachers is kept alive for others to emulate. We need to work together to build a centre of excellence that everybody would be proud of,” Professor Ajienka stated, charging the Alumni to continue to make the University proud in diverse fields.

Delivering a lecture entitled: “University-Industry Partnerships in Advancing Knowledge,” a distinguished Alumnus of the Faculty, Dr. Kudjo Soroh, who described university as a universal problem solving centre, said that a university would become irrelevant the moment it stops solving problems. He said that “universities can increase their attractiveness to industry by making partnerships with the industry a top priority and developing a core of academics who have industry experience.”

He observed that industries were no longer interested in making donations, but in investing in mutually-beneficial partnerships with universities. “It is D and M managers view collaborations with universities and other academic institutions as beneficial only to the degree to which that collaboration advances the company towards its goals,” pointing out that “University-industry collaborations usually comprise four components: research support, cooperative research, knowledge transfer and technology transfer.”

Soroh, who is the Nigeria/East African Region Medical Director of Pfizer Specialties Limited, stressed the need for the University to be known for something, stating that the University Management needed to assess the major academic strengths of the University and the core research competences of a company to identify promising opportunities for collaboration.

“Our University should, therefore, develop plans for long-term strategic partnership that focuses on the University’s creativity and talent that will give rise to innovations that are marketable by industry and deliver benefits to society within five to 10 years,” the Alumnus advised.

Also speaking, Chairman of the occasion and Executive Vice-President of Moni Pulo Nigeria Limited, Mrs. Seinye Lulu-Briggs, who was represented by Julia Jacks, restated her family’s commitment to continue support for the University in its developmental drive, citing the C. R. Lulu-Briggs Health Centre and the Professorial Chair in Petroleum Geosciences as evidence of the company’s enduring institutional relationship with the University. Earlier in their separate speeches, Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Professor Chris Akani and Dean of the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, Professor Iyeyun Siminialayi, explained the role of Professor Diefe-Koki in the development of a world-class Basic Medical programme in the University.

Others, who spoke passionately on the legacy of late Professor Diefe-Koki, included Emeritus Professor Nimi Briggs, Professors Blessing Didia, John Oguruntai, and Antooye Oviah. The event, which was attended by the Special Adviser to the President on Millennium Development Goals, Dr. Precious Gbemol, Commissioners of Health in Rivers and Bayelsa States respectively, Dr. Samson Parker and Aicton Owei, as well as members of Professor Diefe-Koki’s family, also featured presentation of award to deserving Alumni of the College.

Rivers NUJ To Inaugurate UniPort Chapel Thursday

By Otigor Samuel

Arrangements have been concluded to inaugurate the University of Port Harcourt Chapel of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) this Thursday. The move is essentially aimed at building a symbiotic relationship between Lecturers and students of the Department of Linguistics and Communication Studies and their counterparts in the field.

Chairman of the emerging UniPort Chapel, Dr. Aniekwe Obiobi, who made the disclosure when he led other members of the newly-elected Executive on a visit to the Editor of UniPort Weekly, Williams Wodi in his office, last Monday, revealed that the Chapel would be formally inaugurated by the leadership of the Rivers State Council of the NUJ at the Seminar Room of the Department on Thursday, 26th February, 2015.

Dr. Obiobi stressed the need for the Editor and his crew to join the new UniPort Chapel of the Union to bring their practical experience in the publication of UniPort Weekly newspaper and Unique UniPort magazine to bear in the development of the Chapel, pointing out that the input of the IPPR Unit would serve as a valuable template that would lubricate the existing institutional relationship between the UniPort Chapel and other Chapels that make up the NUJ.

“We are here to partner your Unit to strengthen the new UniPort Chapel that will be inaugurated on February 26. The idea is to keep our colleagues in the field refreshed to fine-tune their professional practice. We hope to do this by engaging them in conferences and workshops that would be mutually beneficial. We are also at the verge of publishing a new Journal of Media Practice and Research, to be edited by the immediate past Acting Head of the Department, Dr. Walter Ibegbika. So, we are doing all that is within our reach to partner the Rivers State Council of the Union to ensure responsible media practice,” Dr. Udougo said.

Responding, the Editor, who expressed gratitude to the new Executive for the visit, described the founding of a UniPort Chapel of the NUJ as a noble idea in the university system geared towards bridging the theoretical and practical aspects of journalism.

“The inauguration of the UniPort Chapel would bring those of us in the academia closer to professionals in the field. On our part as a Unit, we promise to do whatever it would take to facilitate the inauguration of the chapel and make it functional within the shortest possible timeframe. Bringing an NUJ Chapel to the University is a good pioneering effort that would hopefully be emulated by other tertiary institutions that offer Mass Communication in the country.

“Be rest assured that qualified staff of the IPPR Unit will be encouraged to integrate themselves into the operational structure of the new Chapel in the University,” Wodi, who is also Head of the Unit promised his guests, recalling the contribution of the Unit to the training of some students of the Department on Industrial Attachment.

Other members of the new Executive on the entourage were: the Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Inauguration Committee, Dr. Christy Omeguo; Secretary, Mr. Sunday Ehirum; Treasurer, Mrs. Titi Osagw and Financial Secretary, Mr. Samuel Joshua.

Chairman, NUJ UniPort Chapel, Dr. Udougo (middle front row) flanked by Vice-Chairman, Dr. Omeguo, (’left), Secretary, Mr. Ehirum (right), Fin Sec, Mr Joshua, Assist Sec, Mrs Ire, Treasurer, Mrs. Osagw and Editor, UniPort Weekly, Wodi (behind)
New IARD Director Poised To Reposition Institute

By Humphrey Ogu

Repositioning the University as a leading institution in agricultural research, training and information in Nigeria is one of the cardinal goals of the newly-appointed Acting Director of the Institute of Agricultural Research and Development (IARD), Dr. Babatunde Nuga. Exchanging views with a UniPort Weekly Correspondent in his office last Tuesday, Nuga disclosed plans to anchor his tenure on developing new techniques to improve crop variety, livestock production and natural resource management, international collaborations, professionalism, customer-focused and result-orientated programmes.

“To achieve our goals, we would ensure that the Institute remains a key collaborator and active partner of national and international agricultural research systems with a view to bridging the gap between researchers and end-users, especially farmers,” he promised, stressing that the new research focus should not only be driven by the quest to gain academic promotion, but aimed at tackling real-life problems that would benefit end-users.

The acting Director, who disclosed IARD’s plan to initiate Small Plots Adaptive Techniques (SPAT), explained that the “technique is such that the trials will be demonstrated in the farmer’s field, rather than in the laboratory. With such a practical approach, the farmer will witness the development of research and its results and he will then be in a position to compare the new technique and existing ones at his disposal and make an informed choice.”

He also revealed plans by the Institute to initiate a Farmers’ Day in which real farmers and other stakeholders in agriculture would interact on a common platform to evaluate the new innovations, including ongoing researches and technologies developed by the Institute, adding that the move would be in line with the Professor Joseph Ajienka-led partnership initiative with the private sector.

Nuga, who acknowledged what he described as the unlimited potentials for agricultural activities in the Niger Delta, promised that IARD will contribute to stimulating sustainable rural economic growth through the development of new crop varieties and technologies in animal and fish production value addition, which will be anchored on processing and packaging to meet consumer needs.

“The new Director said that the Institute plans to build a business incubation centre in collaboration with the Faculty of Agriculture, to provide a platform for start-up businesses in the sector. “Our graduates should be able to produce, package and market their own products given the right kind of operational environment. We will give them the necessary support by midwifing agro-enterprise in the Institute. We are collaborating with a partner known as Food Development Centre in Manitoba, Canada” he revealed, citing the Students’ Entrepreneurship Competition of the Faculty of Agriculture as a good place to stimulate students’ interest in commercial agriculture.

The former Head of Department of Crop and Soil Science, who is also in partnership with Manitoba Crop Diversification Centre on Ethnic Vegetable Project, disclosed that Nigerian vegetables were already growing in Canada through the partnership, promised to move the existing relationship to the next level.

Expressing gratitude to his predecessor, Dr. Ibissime Etefa, for taking the Institute to its present status, Nuga said students admitted into short refresher courses would soon commence the programme to be domiciled in the College of Continuing Education (CCE). He listed lack of office space and well-equipped laboratory, inadequate land for research, absence of a project vehicle and poor funding, as major challenges facing the Institute.

Students Relive Examination Experience,
Look Forward To Next Session

As students prepare to round-off their Second Semester Examination which started about a fortnight ago, UniPort Weekly Correspondent, ETHEL TIMI-JOHNSON, spoke to some of them on their experiences and plans for the coming session.

Raymond Wokoma, First Year, Dept. of History and Diplomatic Studies

Although one can never prepare adequately for an examination, especially in the Social Sciences, where measurement is not precise as it deals with the study of men and his interaction with the environment, I did my very best and I am expecting good results. Because I had ample time to prepare for the examination, my expectations are high and I have to ensure that I graduate with the best results.

Ibinau Harry, Fourth Year, Dept. of Sociology

Following postponement of the initial commencement date for the examination, I had ample time to prepare myself.

Dr. Nuga

It was an awesome experience writing the Second Semester examination. I prepared adequately for the examination and I had enough time to study so I am expecting better results this time around, giving my level of commitment to my studies. I am proud to be a UniPort student studying the course of my dream. I have plans to put in more effort that would enable me excel in my studies and graduate with excellent grades at the end of my stay here.

Paul Akachuku, Third Year, Department of Management

The fact that the examination time-table was made available to us two weeks before the commencement date afforded me enough time to prepare well for the exercise. If I have to rate my level of preparation for the examination, then it will be 90 per cent. I plan to take out time to rest adequately before resuming academic activities for my final year in the University.

Esther Chima, First Year, Dept. of Biochemistry

Hill Prince, Final Year, Dept. of Geology

The examination was okay and I studied very well for it. In my Department, one must study very well to pass. In my personal evaluation, I think my preparation level was 70 per cent for the examination and I have plans to continue work on my Project research and Seminar presentation as my final countdown in the University.
Foreign Students Extol UniPort On Quality Education

Six students drawn from several African countries are currently undertaking a graduate programme in 'Natural Resources and Environmental Management' at the Institute of Natural Resources, Environment and Sustainable Development (INRES), University of Port Harcourt. In this interview with UniPort Weekly Correspondent, ETHEL TIMI-JOHNSON, the students spoke on their motivation for choosing the programme and anticipated benefits for them and their countries.

Ernest Karangwa from the National University of Rwanda
I made the right choice as this programme corresponds with my undergraduate studies in Soil Science and Environmental Management and my working experience at the Rwanda Natural Resources Authority. This programme will boost my career and enhance my efficiency in discharging my daily responsibilities in my place of work. I would describe staff and students of the University as friendly and welcoming. I am excited about discovering a new place and new people. It is an amazing experience. After the training, I will go back to my country as a competent professional, who will help my home government to achieve some of the goals related to this field of study. Unlike my former institution, the University of Port Harcourt has more Faculties and Departments.

Cheikh Koulibaly from Cheikh Anta Diop University, Dakar, Senegal
I would describe the INRES programme as a very intensive and comprehensive one with plenty of lectures and assignments to attend to. I already have a Masters degree in West Africa Coast Management. This on-going programme in the University of Port Harcourt will enhance my knowledge of natural resources and enable me learn more of the Nigerian perspective on the subject matter. It will enable me to do a comparative study of Senegal and Nigeria in terms of managing natural resources and environment. I am also interested in Water Resources in the Delta regions of Africa. I was very excited about the big welcome party and orientation programme put together by the Director with many guests in attendance. I hope to use the knowledge acquired to help solve problems relating to Water Resources Management, using the Nigerian experience as a case study.

Samba Bajie, University of the Gambia
The courses are in line with my expectations. Lecturers are good and up to the task. The University of Port Harcourt is a good university and I have no regrets choosing to do a graduate programme at INRES. Before coming here, I heard a lot about this University and it didn't fall below my expectation on arrival. In terms of quality of programme, there is a good student-lecturer contact. Lectures are very interactive and I have been able to build self confidence. The programme will make me grounded in natural resources and environmental management. I will go back to my country a better informed person, who can contribute to guiding policies on natural resources and environmental management. I will help to impact knowledge to the younger generations on return to my country. My most exciting moments are spent in the classroom because of the interactive nature of the lectures.

Emeber Asiegidew, Addis Abba University, Ethiopia
I hope to benefit tremendously from the quality training offered by INRES. The quality of academic programmes offered in the University is highly commendable. There are plenty knowledgeable professors in this University and I hope to tap from their experience. The programme on Natural Resources and Environmental Management will motive me to pursue higher studies on Climate Change, because developing countries are suffering from the effects of climate change and environmental degradation. After my programme here, I hope to help my country tackle these problems with the new knowledge at my disposal.

Roseline Aba from University Felix Houphouet Boigny of Cote D'Ivoire
It is a good programme for African students. Lecturers are kind and willing to assist students in and out of the classroom. I hope to gain knowledge in environmental management and natural resources to assist Africa in natural resources management and climate change issues. The welcome party and orientation events were my happiest moments. I hope to become a good manager of natural resources and environment on the successful completion of this programme. I am happy to have come here to study.

Joyce Kimani, Kenyatta University
The fact that the programme is a modular course with different Lecturers who have different backgrounds makes it multi-disciplinary in nature. The training would broaden my knowledge on the environment from different perspectives. I love this University because there is ample time to study without distraction. Now that my country has discovered oil and has been exposed to real life situations, I hope to go back as an experienced person, who can assist in solving emergent environmental problems, using Geographic Information System and Remote Sensing technology that I have been exposed to while here.
V-C Hails World Bank Partnership On ACE

Professor Ajenka said that due to the vast experience the Institution has in similar partnerships with the industry, authorities of the University did not hesitate to commence activities in the Centre even before funding came from the World Bank.

“So far, we have admitted over 50 doctoral degree candidates in the programme and we are pleased to disclose that in the forthcoming Conference of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), over 50 abstracts from the Centre have already been accepted. This is an important statement that attests to the quality of work done in this University,” he stated.

In his remarks representative of the National Universities Commission (NUC) World Bank ACE Video, Peter Tborise, said that the mission of the team was to carry out a documentary on the ACE programme with a view to ascertaining its progress, commending authorities of the University for their cooperation in the orderly implementation of the project.

Google UniPort Unveils Boot Camp Initiative

By Mercy Adeniji

organize visitations to some secondary schools and Departments in the University to introduce the Google apps to them with impressive feedbacks.

Joshua stated that the Google Online Marketing Challenge (GOMC) is the latest event. “GOMC is in two phases; the first phase is the Boot Camp, where we tell students about the marketing challenge; while the second phase is the AD Class, where we teach participants what to do with the challenge. The Boot Camp is to hold on Friday, February 27, 2015, The AD Class will hold on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 and it would run for 6 days. The Google Online Marketing Challenge (GOMC) is known to have a significant impact on Students, Lecturers and Universities involved in the project. The challenge is also free and open to student teams regardless of their course major.”

According to the Google Student Ambassador, “GOMC creates an opportunity for student teams to experience and create real online marketing campaigns, using Google AdWords and Google plus, revealing that “Google also provides each student team with a free US$250.00 AdWords advertising budget. Over 50,000 students and lecturers from about 100 countries have already participated in the programme in the last five years. “We have awesome events such as the UX Design, GOMC Boot Camp, Anita Borg Scholarship, Girls in Tech, Computer Science First, Hackathon. The aim of these initiatives is for participants to brainstorm on a common platform to find solutions to identified online problems. Material Design is all about teaching students the application while the Android Students Club, is a study club that would commence in April. We also have the Google Summer of Code which is a global programme that offers some stipends to the students to encourage them write codes for open source projects.”

Joshua explained that Google organizes events that exposes students to skills which they can transfer to others, appealing to Management of the University to include some Google apps into the Institution’s curriculum to enhance teaching and learning.

Joshua disclosed Google has awesome technologies such as Google Cloud Platform, Android, Google Maps, Blogger, Android Studio, Google APIs, Google Search, YouTube, Gmail, Google Glass, Adverse, Google Drive, Google Forms, Google Translate, Google Docs, Google Chrome, Google plus, aimed at equipping staff, students and developers with the latest cutting edge technologies, stressing the need for interested persons to log onto the company’s website at: https://sites.google.com/site/studentuniport/ www.facebook.com/googleuniport E-mail Googleamabassadortuniport@uniport.edu.ng.

Joshua
ENACTUS Mounts In-House Training For Members

By Mercy Adeniji

In response to Professor Joseph Ajanja's entrepreneurial vision for the University, the University of Port Harcourt Chapter of ENACTUS organized an in-house training programme on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at the Ofirima Lecture room, University Park. Briefing UniPort Weekly on the programme, Team Leader of ENACTUS in the University, Precious Ejijere said the training was conceived out of the need to empower members and students of the University in the acquisition of practical skills that would be useful on graduation.

“The training began in the afternoon and recorded not less than thirty students in attendance and it lasted for over three hours,” she disclosed. Ejijere expressed gratitude to Management of the University for affording the group an enabling environment to engage in such entrepreneurial activities aimed at transforming UniPort into an Entrepreneurial University. In line with the present administration’s vision. He further thanked the group’s Human Resource Manager, Adeoke Olutunbosun and Facilitator, Amarachi Okei for accepting to drive the training session.

In her contribution, Facilitator of the training, Miss Olei, who is a Third Year student of the Department of Educational Management (Accounting Option), stressed the need for ENACTUS members to be acquainted with the requisite skills and knowledge that would enable them put what they have learnt into practice.

Miss Olei called on her colleagues to replicate by action the procedure of production, as she listed out the various ingredients required in making household items. Participants were trained on the procedures for making liquid soap, bleach and custard powder.

Team Leader, Ejijere (arrowed), members of ENACTUS and other participants.

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1st Rex Jim Lawson Int’l Highlife Music Conference

Cardinal Rex Jim Lawson Chair in Music organised a two-day International Highlife Music Conference at the Amatu Braide Lecture Hall from Wednesday, January 21 to Friday, January 23, 2015. Our Cameraman, HEADMAN ALU captured pictorial highlights of the event as shown below:

Chairman of the occasion, Emeritus Prof Ebosegheri Alagba, giving his opening remarks
HoD, Music, Prof Onyee Nwankpa, speaking
Keynote Speaker, Mr Benson Idonije, delivering his speech

Lead presenter, Prof Edmund John Collins, presenting his paper
Emeritus Prof Alagba presents Grand Patron of Rex Jim Lawson Award to King (Prof) Theophilus Princewill, Amanyanabo of Kalabari’s representative
DG, Rivers State Tourism Development Board, Dr Sam Dede receives an award of recognition as Patron of Rex Jim Lawson Chair in Music on behalf of Lt Gen Kenneth Minimah

2nd V-C, Prof Sylvanus Cokey (1’ from left) other guests & HoD, Music, Prof Nwankpa
L-R: Governing Council members: Dr Nelson Olaniyi, Barrister Okachukwu Ajuwua, Barr (Mrs.) Joyce Biodikri-Isimera and Alhaji Mohammed Onyigie
L-R: Prof Owumari George Will, a guest & rep of King Princewill, Chief O. Tom Big-Harry

Members of Rex Jim Lawson Memorial Band lead by Octogenarian Conga man, Chief Tony Odili performing some of the maestro’s numbers. Inset: King Sunny Brown singing
King Sunny Brown and wife, Sotonyemie
Highlife maestro, Jerry Deemua performing with members of Rex Jim Lawson Memorial Band

The man is no fool who gives up what he can’t keep to gain what he can’t loose
JIM EHOST

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