AVU Launches ODeL Centre In UniPort

It was all clinking of glasses and back-slapping as the African Virtual University (AVU) finally launched its long-awaited Open, Distance and e-Learning (ODeL) Centre at the expansive premises of the University of Port Harcourt Business School located along Chinua Woro Drive in GRA Phase II, Port Harcourt on Tuesday, July 28, 2015, reports Humphrey Ogu.

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Agu Lists Pathways To High Animal Production In Nigeria

By Humphrey Ogu

Professor Gabriel Agu of the Department of Animal and Environmental Biology in the Faculty of Biological Sciences, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, has suggested ways of boosting animal production and attracting young people to agriculture in Nigeria.

Delivering the 122nd Inaugural Lecture of the University at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium last Thursday, Agu, whose lecture was entitled, A Tribute to the Corpus Luteum: An Ephermal Organ of Mammalian Reproduction, explained that “the Corpus Luteum may be regarded not only as a reproductive organ, but as a tool for agricultural advancement and nutritional benefit of man because it is a driving force in animal husbandry.”

Agu who noted that “the knowledge of the Corpus Luteum functions to improve farm animal production, especially dairy and beef cow production, said: “We need to apply reproductive technology to improve our dairy output,” explaining that “reproductive technology involves the application of human technology to reproduction that aims at improving the More on p6
V-C Calls For Support, Pledges To Carry Unions Along

By Obinina Nwoadi

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Nwosu Lale, has expressed the willingness of his administration to cooperate with the Unions on campus to improve the fortunes of the University. Professor Lale made the pledge when he received a delegation of the University of Port Harcourt Branch of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) led by the Chairman, Professor Anthony Okechengwugo, in his office, last Monday.

Professor Lale, who assured them that the use of funds accruing to the University, said that as a unionist himself, he would continue to be union-friendly as Vice-Chancellor. "I have always been a unionist and union-friendly and I will continue to remain union-friendly, even as Vice-Chancellor," he told the delegation, adding that while contesting for the position, he had a wonderful reception from the Unions, which was indicative of his favourable disposition towards the interest of staff at all levels. He said that his greatest desire was to accelerate the growth of the University through best operational practices.

Professor Lale also advised union leaders to always verify all information, particularly when they are making demands, respecting that most times, staff peddled unfounded rumours about enrollments that were yet to be received by the University without properly confirming the accuracy of such information. He assured the Union that his administration would not hesitate to promptly pay whatever monies that were due staff once such allocations were received. Professor Lale who stated that he looked forward to a wonderful working relationship with ASUU, assured the delegation that he would abide strictly due process as he seeks to enhance the rating of the University.

Earlier, in her speech, Chairman of the UniPort Branch of ASUU, Professor Okechengwugo, had told the Vice-Chancellor that the visit was a routine exercise aimed at welcoming him into office, adding that it was important because Professor Lale had been ASUU-friendly as an active member of the Union. She advised him to continue his friendly disposition, promising that the Union would stand by his administration at all times to move the University to greater heights. "ASUU would do everything possible to cooperate with you to move the University forward. If there is anything we can do to ensure that the University attains greater heights, please do not hesitate to let us know. We are very happy to have an ASUU-friendly Vice-Chancellor on the saddle and you can count on us to give you all the necessary support you need. The University and your vision." She also promised that the Union would advise its members to adopt a positive attitude that would ensure that the University continued on its upward trajectory.

Also present at the visit were Dr. Gospel Kppee, Vice-Chairman, Dr. Tochukwu Okonkwo, Assistant Secretary, Dr. Lester Ekechi, Financial Secretary, Dr. Adegbesede Gbenso, Investment Secretary, as well as Dr. Faith Ken-Aminko, Internal Auditor.

Investing In Peer Review To Strengthen African Science

By Muhammad Mahmood-Ul-Hassan and Jan De Leeuw

Capacity in science has two key dimensions: the competency to undertake credible research, and the skill to review and assess research for its scientific merit and authenticity. The latter—peer review—is at the heart of the scientific enterprise because it can increase both the salience and legitimacy of research. But many scientists, and this is especially true in Africa, lack the capacity to conduct credible peer review. This is a critical skill gap that needs to be addressed. Roots of the problem: It is easy to identify the roots of the problem: students and scientists receive little, if any, formal training in peer review, and donors have paid no attention to the problem.

This is in fact a global problem, but the situation is particularly acute in Africa. The continent’s capacity in peer review resembles a typical developing country age pyramid, with many inexperienced researchers at the bottom and a few experienced scientists who are capable of reviewing at the top.

There is no single textbook aimed at guiding the novice on how to perform peer review, although some guidelines on how to deal with reviews do exist. A systematic review of peer review (Jefferson et al 2002) concluded that the current "practice of peer review is based on built-in its effects, rather than on facts." Sense About Science (2009) found that 56% of surveyed peer reviewers felt that there was a general lack of guidance on peer review, and 49% thought that formal training would help improve their reviewing skills.

Tackling the lacuna: A group of scientists at the World Agroforestry Centre recently discussed the issue of how to address this lacuna in high quality peer review in African climate sciences.

The group concluded that capacity development in peer review deserves as much attention as skills training for conducting and reporting research. Short trainings have little impact on improving the quality of peer review, which is not surprising given the various competencies required to distinguish excellent from mediocre science.

Formal teaching, embedded in established curricula, is critical. One approach would be to design, test and adapt curricula that aim to develop competency in peer review for the staff and students of tertiary education institutions.

Once successfully tested and adapted, these courses could be institutionalized in higher education curricula in the developing world, including Africa, through tertiary education networks.

Ideally, education in peer review should become mandatory for doctoral students and optional for masters students. The African Academy of Sciences, and its funders, are best placed to develop and disseminate such educational programmes to enhance peer review capacity on the continent.

The advantages of accreditation: A complementary approach would be to develop a global accreditation system that registers researchers who are skilled in peer review. Such a system would include facilities to (i) assess aspirants’ reviewing capabilities, advise on and make available training, and offer a certification test; (ii) national or regional academic societies of science such as the African Academy of Sciences, are best placed to develop and house such an accreditation system. If accreditation were obligatory for those seeking a career in science, then it might be possible to run the system commercially. Accreditation in peer review has many advantages. Researchers would benefit from developing their capacity and gaining recognition for their competency, with possible spin-offs for greater personal research efficiency. Employers in research would benefit from the assessment of a core competency among their staff and could consider using it in selection procedures and performance evaluations.

Scientific journals would benefit from better peer review through certified peer reviewers; indeed, having a higher proportion of certified reviewers could also enhance a journal’s reputation.

Strengthening African scientists’ capacity to conduct credible peer review is just one small step to improving the quality of the continent’s science and building the skills of the continent’s scientists.

But both of these things are key to helping the continent develop its own climate research agenda — and ultimately helping African farmers to meet the many climate-related challenges that lie ahead.

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ACGG Appoints UniPort Staff Coordinator

By Williams Wodi

Dr. Follashade Ajayi of the Department of Animal Science, University of Benin, has been appointed as the National Project Coordinator for the African Chicken Genetic Gain (ACGG) project.

As the National Project Coordinator, Dr. Ajayi is responsible for the implementation of the project in Benin, the country of origin of the ACGG programme.

A letter signed by the National Project Coordinator of ACGG, Mr. Uche Anyanwu, expressed hope that the project will achieve its goal of improving the national poultry sector.

The ACGG project is aimed at improving the productivity and quality of chicken in Nigeria.
Senate Approves Results, Sets Up Ad-Hoc Committee On Abolition Of Pass Degree

By Obiana Nwodim

Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Chemistry, Clinical Pharmacy and Management, Restorative Dentistry, as well as Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Other approvals made by Senate were applications for temporary withdrawal from studies, application to write examinations as first attempt, as well as notification of resumption of studies as presented by Dean of the Faculty of Humanities. The August body also considered applications for temporary withdrawal from studies and correction of results as presented by Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences as well as an application for temporary withdrawal from studies in the School of Science Laboratory Technology as presented by Provost of the College of Natural and Applied Sciences.

Yet another application for reinstatement to academic programme in the Department of Environmental Science was presented by Provost of the College of Engineering, amongst others, was also considered and approved by Senate.

Senators in Session

UDPS Graduates 21 Pupils For 2014/2015 Session

By Mercy Adeniji

Graduating pupils of the University Demonstration Primary School (UDPS) have been advised to exhibit the good qualities imbibed into them by their teachers during their study period in the School.

Declaring open the 2014/2015 End-of-Year Graduation/Presentation Ceremony held at the Convocation Arena on Thursday, July 23, 2015, Chairman of the occasion, Professor Omolola Ayalogun, congratulated the pupils for exhibiting outstanding qualities while in school, urging them to go out and prove themselves worthy Alumni of UDPS at the next phase of their education.

"We congratulate you for getting to this height and urge you to work hard to continue to excel in all your future endeavours. You must always remember your Alma Mater wherever you are and wherever you may find yourself as you prepare to commence the next phase of their educational career." Professor Ayalogun told the former pupils, expressing gratitude to God for guiding and protecting them all through their stay in the School.

The Chairman commended the teachers for building confidence in the pupils and also congratulated their parents for encouraging them to succeed in the foundational phase of their study. "We are very hopeful that the 21 pupils that are passing out today would turn out to become high academic flyers that can bring honour to their families and the UDPS. They will still need our guidance to progress on the academic ladder and it is our collective responsibility to direct them on the right path to success in a society where many people believe in cutting corners to succeed in life," Professor Ayalogun said.

In his address, new Headmaster of the School, Mr. Simon Esanu, congratulated the graduating pupils, charging them to continue to represent their Alma Mater wherever they may be. "Our gathering today in your honour is a testimony that you have been found worthy in character and learning to pass out from UDPS to the next level. You owe your parents and this University a duty to do the right thing at the right time always in line with the UDPS Prayer. You must put in your best, be confident and remain focused in whatever you do.

"We are commending the 21 pupils who have proved themselves worthy of this honour today. UDPS is well-known breeding ground for academic excellence. In the academic year under review, many of our pupils in Primaries Five and Six classes sat for the National Common Entrance Examination and passed into various Federal Government Colleges, and over 90 per cent of the pupils in lower classes earned their promotion to new classes for the 2015/2016 session," the Headmaster told the gathering.

Mr. Esanu expressed gratitude to the Management of the University for the recent development strides in UDPS, appealing for a lasting cure to enable the School tackle some observed deficiencies.

Also speaking, Chaplain of The Chapel of The Annunciation, Reverend Fr. Dr. Bartholomew Akpan, charged the pupils to always imbibe the values passed down to them by their teachers and parents, stressing the need for them to pursue success through hard work and continue to make their families proud.

As parents, no matter what we do, our civic duty is to spare quality time for the children. Do not forget to teach them what it means to have the fear of God and always try to introduce to them what is good so that they would not depart from it. It is also our duty to be interested in what they are doing both inside and outside the classroom," he advised the parents.

Presenting his Valedictory Speech, the Best Graduating Student (BCS) for the 2014/2015 academic session, Master Chiduhem Asuquo, expressed satisfaction with the quality of teaching they received while in School.

"Our hearts are filled with joy because we have successfully completed our primary education. We the graduands are grateful to God for granting us good health and for making it possible for us to have all that we needed throughout the period we were in the School," he said, expressing gratitude to their parents, teachers and Management of the University for their support and for providing them with the necessary materials needed for quality learning. He also paid glowing tribute to the immediate past Administrator of UDPS, Dr. Bifiontie Kosemai, for her hard work, promising that they would continue to remain good ambassadors wherever they may find themselves.

The event featured launching of the fifth edition of the School’s Year Book, cultural display, choreography, and drama entitled: Can a Fool be Wise, written by Some of the graduating pupils receiving farewell prayer from Chaplain, Rev. Fr Akpan.
Impressed with the performance of the University in the study of natural resources and environmental sustainability, the African Development Bank has expressed a desire to strengthen the already existing partnership with the Institute of Natural Resources and Sustainability (INRES). Country Director of the Bank, Dr. Ousmane Dore, gave the assurance when he paid a courtesy visit on the Vice-Chancellor, Professor V. C. E. Lale, in his office, to reassure him of the Bank’s continued support in efforts aimed at harnessing environmental resources by INRES. Last Monday, Dr. Dore, who said that “the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the University had opened an avenue for the African development Bank to partner with the University of Port Harcourt on critical areas of institutional collaboration,” said that the Bank has been partnering with the Directorate for Technical Cooperation in Africa (DTCA) in the provision of grant support for the Institute of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability. He assured the Vice-Chancellor that the Bank would continue to support the partnership into the next phase. In his response, Professor Lale, who said that the collaboration with the African Development Bank has given the University a huge impetus through hosting students from other African countries, noted that the programme has helped internationalise programmes offered by INRES. The Vice-Chancellor stated that his administration looked forward to continued institutional partnership with the Bank in the years ahead and it is my hope that you would generously extend the sponsorship duration of this important programme that would enable us train more students from other African countries.” Earlier in his address, Director of INRES, Professor Enwue Akpokodje, who said that the visit of the Country Director was part of the evaluation and monitoring process of the Institute’s activities, disclosed that INRES was currently developing a research programme for the movement and management of spillsages African. He expressed gratitude to ADB for extending institutional support to INRES that has enabled it to expand its scope of activities on the continent, promising that the Institute would continue to deliver quality programmes that can attract both sponsorship and talented students from all over the world.

Ezirim Gets Rave Review At US Confab, As WINS Inducts Kuye

Two papers presented by Dean of the Graduate School of Management, Business and Trade (GSMBT), Professor Chinedu Ezirim at an annual Spring Conference organized by the International Educators Group and International Academy of Business and Public Administration Disciplines held at the Double Tree Hotel, Galaria, Dallas. Over five hundred professors from thirty (30) countries participated in the Meeting and I am happy to inform you that my two papers received the best papers awards,” part of the letter read, adding that he “also presented two papers at the Spring Conference of the International Academy of Business/International Educators Group, which held at Crystal Court Yard Hotel, Washington D.C.” The presentations were entitled: Exchange Rate Policies and Macroeconomic Performance: Post Structural Adjustment Analysis of the Nigerian Experience and Do Insurance Intermediation Operations cause Economic Growth in an Emerging African Economy? Analysis of the Nigerian Experience. The two separate awards dated April 23 and 26, 2015, were jointly signed by the Programme Chair, Abdalla Hagen and Conference Chair, Raja Nasser on behalf of the International Academy of Business and Public Administration Disciplines.

“I use this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor for sponsoring me to participate in the two international conferences. I also thank the Provost of College of Graduate Studies, Professor Roseline Konya, for her encouragement and support,” Professor Ezirim said in a letter notifying the Vice-Chancellor of his award in America. In a related development, Director of the Centre for Nuclear Energy Studies, Professor Ayode Kuye, has been certified as a Member of the World Institute for Nuclear Security (WINS) Academy Alumni Network, following his success in the WINS Academy Certification Examinations which earned him the WINS Academy Certificate in Science and Engineering for Nuclear Security. In a letter dated July 2, 2015 which was addressed to the Vice-Chancellor and obtained by UniPort media, Professor Kuye disclosed that: “WINS is an international organization that promotes discussion and exchange of best security practice in a collaborative atmosphere so that security professionals can learn from one another. It has more than 1,600 members in over 85 countries. Its academy provides managers who are accountable for nuclear security with an opportunity to receive professional development and become certified in their security competence.” In a congratulatory message to Professor Kuye dated May 28, 2015, Executive Director of WINS, Dr. Roger Howsley, pointed out that, “By earning this certificate, you have shown a deep personal commitment to educational excellence and I commend you for your hard work.” Professor Kuye is pioneer Director of the Centre for Nuclear Energy Studies in the University and supervised the education of the pioneer graduate set of wholly Nigerian-trained Nuclear Engineers.
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natural processes already inherent in the biological system.

"This requires the intervention of man in the reproductive process so that the output per period is maximized. This has many advantages, one of which is that animals produce in the form of milk and meat can reach more people, the quality of the meat so produced can be improved, and farmers will get more returns," he added.

Agu, who is a Professor of Reproductive Physiology, described the discipline as "the study of the mechanism, factors controlling, and the application of human technology to the reproduction of animals, both domestic and wild," explaining that the Corpus Luteum refers to "yellow body" which was introduced by Mareeha Malpighi.

The onetime Head of Department of Animal and Environmental Biology recommended that "animal reproduction should also be part of the Secondary School curriculum because it will arouse interest in the young minds in Agriculture as a profession, which the country badly needs."

He stressed the need for a course in animal production and application of reproductive technology to be included in the curriculum of Zoology and Animal Science students to be taught jointly by the two Departments. This is because the critical role of animal reproduction in Agriculture is very important for the improvement of Agriculture in Nigeria.

Pointing out the importance of studying animal reproduction, the Inaugural Lecturer said it was to raise animals for food, improve their genetic quality and preservation, many of which may be endangered, adding that with a good knowledge of animal reproduction, man would be in a position to provide food for himself without wandering about in his hunt for game. He also said that the practice would improve the genetic quality of animals through cross-breeding, provide more milk, become more prolific, turn feed into leaner meat with less fat, a mangust other benefits.

On his contributions to knowledge in the area of Reproductive Physiology, Agu noted that abnormal Corpus Luteum (CL) occurs when it fails to produce the level of progesterone required to support gestation with a longer or shorter lifespan.

He further disclosed that in response to previous reports on the two cell types in pigs separately and in the presence of the substances required by the cells to produce progesterone. The role played by LH in prednisolone-secreting cell types is more than that of LH in pig in vitro as it may also have been performed, presented at a conference and published," he disclosed, adding: "I was the first to report that prednisolone is unable to inhibit the neurotransmitter dopamine in the ferret and that progesterone is required by ferret corpus luteum to synthesize and secrete progesterone."

In his remarks, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Nduka Uke, who spoke through the Deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of Academic Matters, Professor Ifite Anie, thanked the Inaugural Lecturer for dedicating himself to quality research aimed at boosting animal production and providing a source of protein in the country.

"The knowledge shared by the Lecturer can be used to increase yields in animal protein. We congratulate Professor Agu for his commitment to animal science on such a scale and hope that students and younger academics will benefit from his mentorship. We hope that those in reproductive physiology will find the lecture very useful and be inspired to consult and collaborate with him to meet the protein needs of Nigeria," he said.

UN Centre Ends W'shop Against Illicit Drugs At UPTH

By Otiror Samuel

Worried by the prevalence of illicit drugs and their devastating effects on the lives of users, particularly among youths, participants at a four-day capacity building training workshop organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) through the UNODC Model Drug Treatment Centre, have called for stiffer legislation, vigorous awareness campaign, community outreach and establishment of viable centres to contain rising cases of drug abuse in the country.

The participants who made the call at the closing ceremony of a training workshop at the Main Auditorium of the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital (UPTH) last Friday, pointed out the dangers associated with the use of illicit drugs and their link to rising criminal activities in the South-South region and the country in general, expressing readiness to put in extra effort to curb the menace.

In his opening remarks, National Project Officer of UNODC, Dr. Akandonda Obong, who disclosed that the workshop was mounted to train more hands on preventive measures against the rise in the use of illicit drugs which contributes to the pervasive criminal activities in society, praised the UPTH for being one of only two teaching hospitals in Nigeria to be designated as drug treatment centres by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

Dr. Obongu used the opportunity to express gratitude to the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), the Federal Ministry of Health, the Nigeria Police Service (NPS) and other agencies for partnering with the Office on the fight against the use of illicit drugs. He praised the European Union for providing funding for the project and UPTH for hosting one of the two UNODC Model Drug Treatment Centres in the country.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Nduka Uke, deprecated the rising cases of criminal activities as a result of the consumption of illicit drugs, expressing the willingness of the University to contribute to the rehabilitation of youth who are caught into criminal activities.

The Vice-Chancellor, who spoke through the Provost, College of Health Sciences, Professor Christie Mate, promised to assist the Centre to deliver its mandate by leveraging the contributions of specialists in the University to nurture the emergent Centre to succeed in its mission of ridding the society of illicit drugs that encourage criminal tendencies.

Chief Medical Director of the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital, Professor Aaron Ojue, who was represented by Chairman of the Medical Advisory Council (CMAC), Dr. Charles Tobin-West, also praised the relevance of the treatment Centre to the South-South region, which he said witnessed various degrees of crimes occasioned by the consumption of illicit drugs.

"We will provide all necessary facilities to assist the Centre to enable it succeed as intended by those who set it up. Even though it is always difficult to employ more hands for now, we will do all that is in our power to ensure the clinic provides a service to the community. The Centre has been called the new Centre," the CMD promised.

Earlier, the Focal Officer in charge of Training, Professor Ernest Osomudiamen, assured participants to fully utilize what they have learnt from the workshop to contribute in the war against the use of illicit drugs. "We have just begun a process and participants are now fully empowered to tackle the scourge of illicit drugs. Therefore, urge you to take this task seriously by starting the crusade from your homes and ensuring that your wards and relatives are not involved in the use of illicit drugs and crime," the Focal Officer said.

He applauded the appointment of, at least, five clinical psychologists to provide services in the emergent Centre, commending UNODC for the series of training which started with a set of persons trained as master trainers, train-the-trainers and training of facilitators.

The participants were drawn from the Ministry of Health, Association of Resident Doctors, General Hospitals, O.B. Luwo-Briggs Health Centre, Primary Health Centres, Security Agencies, including the Nigerian Drugs and Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), the Nigerian Army, Navy and Airforce.
Bursary Dept Staff, Fidelis Okwuosa, Gets ACU Fellowship

By Humphrey Ogu

Staff of the Bursary Department, Mr. Fidelis Okwuosa, was among six persons from across the globe and the only African selected for the 2014 Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) Titular Fellowship, which has a six-month duration, spanning April to September, 2015. The Fellowship is tenable at Yale View University, Ghana.

An online publication on the Fellowship obtained by UniPort Weekly stated that “The Worshipful Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales has been awarded to Fidelis Okwuosa at the University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria. His work at Yale View University, Ghana will explore the development of accounts reconciliation solution aimed at improving financial management processes at his home institution.”

Briefing our Correspondent on his Fellowship, Okwuosa, who is a Chief Accountant and Head of Accounts and Reconciliation Unit in the University, said he got the grant based on an application he made through the Research Management Unit in the University, adding that he was the only African and the only non-teaching staff that benefitted from the Fellowship.

I am carrying out a research on the development of bank reconciliation solution aimed at improving financial management processes in Nigerian universities. One of the terms and conditions is to carry out research in one’s home country. I have a collaborator in Yale View University in Ghana, where I am carrying out the research, but I gather facts from Nigerian universities.

On how the Fellowship will benefit the University of Port Harcourt, Okwuosa noted that “there is always a very big challenge in universities without the bank reconciliation system in place. Without it, the integrity or reliability of financial reports will be in doubt as it will be very difficult to ascertain the correctness of such financial reports. So, reconciliation has been a major challenge to universities in Nigeria,” regretting that no one posted to his unit before now had job satisfaction due to lack of passion.

Okwuosa, who noted that he is driven by passion in carrying his official duties, advised other non-teaching staff to avoid becoming active in writing research proposals. He lamented that most non-teaching staff were not confident of themselves even when they have the potential to pull through on the international stage like their counterparts elsewhere.

According to him, administrative and other non-teaching staff often do better in their professions because they are better equipped with practical skills and experience, while their counterparts in the teaching cadre arc most, often than not, only grounded in theories.

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Mr. Okwuosa

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V-C’s Familiarization Tour

On assumption of office as the 8th Vice-Chancellor of the University on Monday, July 13, 2015, Professor Ndoma Lale embarked on a familiarization tour of the University by meeting staff and inspecting facilities on Campus. Highlights of the tour as captured by our Cameraman, HEADMAN ALU are shown below:

V-C In a warm handshake with the Registrar, Mrs. Matilda Nnodim on his first day in office

V-C, Prof Ndoma Lale (centre) flanked by Mrs. Nnodim, Deputy Registrar (Administration), Prof Anthony Obi

V-C and his entourage inspecting facilities behind the Nursing School, University Park

Prof Lale (‘right) at the Faculty of Management Sciences

Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof Henry Akpabio handing over a trophy to V-C, Prof Lale on his visit to the Faculty

A cross-section of staff of the College of Health Sciences at an interactive session with the V-C

Prof Lale, positioned at the left hand side of the honorees, while Prof C. Nwosu, Pro-Chancellor, Professor of Pharmacy, with medical students on V-C’s visit to CAMU

Prof Lale (right), Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Prof Odita Udoechi, Deputy Registrar (Information), Williams Woli after visiting the Faculty

V-C (centre) flanked by Registrar, Mrs. Nnodim (left) being led by Dean, Faculty of Humanities, Prof John Emuze, to the Faculty

Penrose, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, Prof Nwosu (right) welcoming the V-C to the College

V-C (centre) flanked by Registrar, Mrs. Nnodim (right), Dean, Faculty of Law, Prof Samuel Ekpo during the visit to the Faculty

V-C flanked by Registrar, Mrs. Nnodim (right), Provost, College of Graduate Studies, Prof B. Okpara (left), Dean of Graduate Schools and others during the V-C’s visit to the College