

CDRMDS Mobilises Stakeholders On Disaster Risk Response Measures

Issues bordering on modalities for disaster risk reduction, response mechanisms, vulnerability and risk management formed the main thrust of the maiden edition of the Regional Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction organised by the Centre for Disaster Risk Management and Development Studies (CDRMDS) in the University of Port Harcourt, reports Obinna Nwodin.

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The Cardinal Rex Jim Lawson Chair of Music held the 2nd International Highlife Music Conference and Festival to honour the Highlife Legend last Thursday. Details Next Week

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Mgt Makes Strong Case For Harmonisation Of Accreditation Bodies

By Otiakor Samuel

In order to save cost, energy and time invested in hosting various accreditation teams to Nigerian tertiary institutions all year round as is currently the practice, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of Administration, Professor Anthony Ibe, has made a strong case for professional bodies to harmonise their teams with that of the National Universities Commission for a joint visit to the universities. "I believe that collapsing the various professional accreditation bodies with those constituted by the NUC would end the current duplication of efforts, waste of resources and dissipation of energy in the system," Professor Ibe told the latest delegation from the Pharmacists Council of Nigeria (PCN).

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor made the observation last Monday when he stood in for the Vice-Chancellor to receive a high-powered delegation from the PCN that was in the University to assess the state of facilities and personnel necessary to secure full accreditation for the Faculty of

Pharmaceutical Sciences.

"My position is that rather than raising multiple teams to evaluate different programmes offered by each university, the professional bodies can harmonise their accreditation teams with that of the

NUC so that university administrations would not spend the whole academic session receiving separate teams, just to secure accreditation for a single programme," Professor Ibe told the delegation.

"If the various professional bodies agree to embark on a joint accreditation visit with the NUC teams, each of such teams would

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Ugiomoh To Partner German, Cameroonian Scholars On African Fashion Studies

By Williams Wodi

Professor Frank Ugiomoh of the Department of Fine Arts and Design in the Faculty of Humanities is to partner his colleagues in Germany and Cameroon on a transactional empirical research on fashion and urbanity in Africa, as well as on its arts, histories and media.

Working in concert with Professor Kerstin Pinther from Germany, Basile Ndjio from Cameroon and Kelechi Ohi from Lagos, Nigeria, Professor Ugiomoh hopes to explore the historical, ethnographic and sociological tools that would enable the collaborating partners set up a databank on the imagery of postcolonial fashion and art histories.

The project is expected to focus on Art History, Fashion and Textile Studies, Urban Studies, Cultural Anthropology and Postcolonial Studies, amongst others. A letter conveying the approval of the joint proposal and signed by Professor Pinther on behalf of the sponsors, the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, München, Germany, congratulated Professor Ugiomoh and Dr. Ndjio for the quality of their proposal.

Professor Ugiomoh is a specialist in Art History and Theory and his publications focus on the subject of historiography and methods in African Art History, Postcolonial Art History, Contemporary Photography and Fashion Trends in Nigeria. In 2010, he served as Curator at a well-received art exhibition entitled: *Niger Delta Photos*. Together with Drs. Annette Schmelz, Heidrun Meizer and Michael Oberhofer, Ugiomoh focused on Textile Fashion and Textile Studies, Urban and

Visual Culture Studies in Africa, amongst others. According to Professor Pinther, the latest project is being supported on account of its contemporaneity and international significance of the proposed areas of research, as well as the promising excellent transnational team of scholars from Germany, Nigeria and Cameroon.

"Three little workshops are projected to discuss specific aims and bring together results. Significantly, each case study has its own work plan, empirical microcosm, individual output as two monographs with nice publishers and essays in not further specified peer-reviewed journals. Besides, the collective work would be present at a final conference/anthology and the fascinating long-term vision of an international traveling exhibition at the Rieberg Museum in Munich and Lagos, respectively," the award letter read in part.

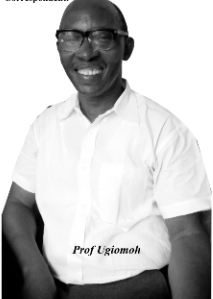
Professor Pinther further disclosed that the proposed project would be significant for the international transdisciplinary research, explaining that its impact would be located in Art History, African Studies, Cultural Anthropology and Postcolonial Studies.

In the proposal, the collaborating scholars submit that "cultures of fashion, dress and urbanity in Africa and its diaspora are of hybrid transnational and transcultural processes. The project's bibliography and explanation offer a very good overview of the state of fashion and cultural research on the African continent."

The sponsors decided to foster the working environment of the project because it promises to enrich its overall goal of engendering cooperation with fashion researchers in so-called 'developing

countries'.

"I want to open up the Lagos fashion space by documenting the current trends in the business of that bustling city. We hope to contribute to the revision of the western colonial-biased fashion episteme and lesser known or wrongly documented fashion histories. I shall interact with Mr. Kelechi Ohi who is based in Lagos. We will mount three seminars and workshops and examine the fashion pullouts of *Vanguard*, *Altitude*, *This Day Style* and *Guardian* Life to validate our submission on the Lagos fashion trend," Professor Ugiomoh told our Correspondent.



Prof Ugiomoh

Education Faculty Wins V-C's Trophy At Students' Sports Meet

By Otorik Samuel

Faculty of Education was the proud winner of the Vice-Chancellor's Trophy for the 2015/2016 academic session at the final football match it played against defending champions, the Faculty of Humanities as part of activities marking the Students' Union Week. The match which ended with a lone goal in favour of the new champions was scored during the first half in the male category.

Consolation, however, came the way of Faculty of Humanities after it defeated the Faculty of Education in the female category in a thrilling encounter that ended 4-2.

Announcing the results of other games that featured in the competition, the Union's Director of Sports, Miss Mary Tenu-Michael, disclosed that Michael Anos of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Chimeiso Nwokogbe of the Faculty of Education won the 1,500 metres race for the male and female categories, respectively.

Blessing Oluwayemi (male) and Grace Nwokocha

(female), both of the Faculty of Education, emerged winners at the 100 metres race, while Esoghene Oguma of the Faculty of Management Sciences carried away the male category and Pence Nwaelebi of Education emerged winner in the female category. The Director of Sports further announced that winners of Chess game, Oluwadare Samuel and Perpetual Ogbiyon came from Faculty of Science and School of Science Laboratory Technology (SSLT), respectively. She disclosed that 12 Faculties participated in the competition which was rounded off with the final matches held last Tuesday at the High Performance Centre, University Park.

Speaking to our Correspondent on the side lines of the events, after presenting the trophies to winners of the final football matches, Chairman of the University Sports Complex Management Committee (SCMC), Professor Matthew Wegwu, who spoke on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ndowa Lale, expressed satisfaction over the successful conduct of the competition. He showered praises on the participating

Faculties for their discipline, team spirit, friendship and exemplary conduct throughout the completion. Professor Wegwu also commended the Students' Union Director of Sports, Miss Tenu-Michael for her doggedness in hosting a very successful competition, expressing gratitude to Director of the Sports Institute, Professor Ken Anugweje and other officials of the Sports Complex for making valuable contributions towards the successful hosting of this year's competition.

"The Vice-Chancellor's Cup which has been an age-long competition on the University's sporting calendar is designed to engender healthy inter-faculty rivalry, team spirit and friendship among students through sports. It is also meant to identify talents, encourage physical activities and recreation in the University. The Vice-Chancellor will continue to support all lawful student activities that would result in all-around training of graduates of this University," Professor Wegwu assured the students. He showered praises on winners of the various categories for their hard work, while encouraging losers to redouble effort to win next time.



Chairman of SCMC, Prof Wegwu handing over the trophy to representative of the winning Faculty

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The event which took place last Tuesday at the Amatu Braide Lecture Hall, University Park, with the theme: *Disaster Risk Reduction Strategies and Sustainable Development in the 21st Century*, attracted participants from all walks of life.

Speaking at the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ndowa Lale, described the theme of the conference as timely, commending the organisers for attracting such high quality participation. "Nigeria, particularly, the South-South geopolitical zone of our dear country is currently experiencing increasing occurrences of both natural and anthropogenic disasters with consequent physical, economic and social dislocation of our people in recent times," the Vice-Chancellor said, adding that "the ferocious effects of the 2012 flash floods in parts of the country make a compelling case for policy makers and stakeholders to intensify action on disaster risk reduction on a national scale."

Represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Anthony Ibe, the Vice-Chancellor said: "It is imperative for all stakeholders in this critical specialisation to consider increased capacity building for disaster risk reduction and strengthening our resilience as strategies for sustaining development in this region as a matter of necessity." He assured the

stakeholders that the University administration would continue to support the Centre to make it a reference model in the University and the rest of the country.

Also speaking, Chairman of the occasion, Mr. Augustine Igboke, stated that academic and research institutions have a major role to play in innovative and proactive management of disaster risks, rather than reactive management of such occurrences. He added that components of the environment that made the Niger Delta prone to disasters should be identified through quality research and recommendations from such research agencies as CDRMDS.

Mr. Igboke, who is also the Environment Manager of the Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC), Port Harcourt added: "It is more cost effective in terms of health, environment, material and economics to avert disasters than to manage them; it has become increasingly obvious to all stakeholders that being agents of sustainable development demands that we challenge negative practices that invite disasters to our doorsteps with far-

reaching implications."

Earlier in his welcome address, Acting Director of the Centre, Dr. Prince Mmon, said that the Centre which is a collaborating unit of the University and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), was established to provide professional training at the postgraduate level in Disaster Risk Management and Development Studies, assist NEMA in training and research in disaster risk management and development, establish baseline information for disaster risk management, as well as work with NEMA to develop research and training programmes to cover the broad spectrum of activities in the Disaster Risk Management Circle.

Dr. Mmon added that the objective of the conference was to bring together stakeholders in the South-South to brainstorm on evolving veritable strategies for reducing disaster risks in the region. He also said that the conference was convened to raise awareness amongst

stakeholders in the South-South region on the consequences of their actions and inactions in aggravating disaster risks in society, amongst other goals.

The event which attracted the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration) from Federal University, Lafia, Professor Martin Ogbu, who delivered a keynote address entitled: *Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss: Major Natural Challenges in the 21st Century*, also featured goodwill messages from Chairman of the Rivers State House of Assembly Committee on Environment, Mr. Christian Abiake, and Director-General of the National Oil Spill Detection and Regulatory Agency (NOSDRA) who was represented by Mr. Ken Aroli.

Over 30 papers on the theme of the conference were presented with the lead paper by NUC LEADS scholar, Professor Vinay Idemiyor of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences.



Group photograph of participants after the Confab

V-C Tasks UniPort Bottling Company On Self-Reliance

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ndowa Lale, has ended a one-day facility tour to the University of Port Harcourt Bottling Company, with a charge to the Management of the Plant to strive towards self-reliance within a specified timeframe to justify the huge investment the University made to keep it afloat. As part of the facility tour, the Vice-Chancellor commissioned two fairly-used delivery trucks purchased by the firm to facilitate its operations.

Speaking after the facility tour which held on Friday, September 30, 2016, Professor Lale described the restructured Plant as an Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) Unit that should rake in enough funds for the University. "This is an IGR Unit that was set up to help grow the finances of the University and I am not expecting anything less from the Administrative Manager and his staff. I expect you to work hard to ensure that this place survives as envisaged by its founding fathers. It is expected that in no distant time, this bottling plant would generate enough funds to pay the staff that work here and also generate returns to the University," the Vice-Chancellor admonished them.

Reiterating the need for the Plant to facilitate maximum productivity, Professor Lale urged the Management of the Bottling Plant to put an effective marketing strategy in place that would enable it maximize profit and become a leading brand within the University and its environs. "It is important to get the IGR Units in the University to function properly and meet their statutory responsibilities. You would need to communicate this position to all your staff so that they can work hard to achieve the high target we have set for the

Plant. It is also important that you promptly disengage any unproductive staff because water bottling is a very competitive business that requires only the best hands to thrive," the Vice-Chancellor told them on the factory floor.

Responding, the Administrative Manager, Mr. Fortune Chujor, expressed gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor for embarking on the inspection visit, which he said would motivate his staff, even as he appealed for the repair of broken down facilities to enable the Plant run at its full installed capacity. He listed some challenges militating against the smooth operation of the Plant, including effective distribution of the finished product to consumers.

"Following my assumption of duty here, we consolidated our efforts to put the Plant on a proper footing. To

facilitate our operations, we purchased two fairly-used vehicles, produce placards and other brand materials to advertise our products. We also made a painful decision to disengage unproductive staff in line with the directive of the University Management that this Plant should be self-financing after one year," he said.

Accompanied by the Supervising Director of the Plant, Mr. Mark Roman and the Accountant, Anelochi Ogboma, the Administrative Manager took the Vice-Chancellor and his entourage round the various sections of the Plant, including the Quality Control Laboratory, Raw Materials, Maintenance, Production Room (Sachet and Bottle Water), Finished Goods Store and Administrative Offices, amongst other sections. The Vice-Chancellor was accompanied on the tour by Principal Officers and some senior staff of the University.



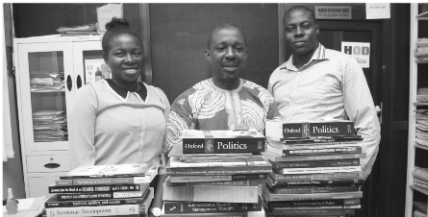
V-C, Prof Lale (4th right) flanked by Registrar, Mrs. Dorcas Otu, Ruzan, Mr. Ekele Aliji, S-40-C, Mr. Kingsley Wogwu (right), DV-Cs (Admin), Prof Ibe, (Academic), Prof Fawehinmi, Deputy Registrar (Info), Williams Wodi and Admin Manager, Mr. Chujor (left)

Okoko Enriches Political Science Dept Library With 1,000 Volume Book Donation

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

for the development of the Department and University

A retired Professor in the Department of Political and Administrative Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Kinse Okoko, has donated over 100 volumes of books to the Departmental Library aimed at facilitating research by staff and students. Briefing a *UniPort Weekly* Correspondent on the donation last Tuesday, Head of the Department, Professor Johnson Naa expressed gratitude to the donor for contributing to the development of the Department in diverse ways. "This is a legacy donation to posterity by one of our intellectual mentors and elder statesman, who has not been far from us since he retired from this Department. Generations of students to be enrolled in this Department would use these valuable books for research and learning," Professor Naa said, calling on other retirees and alumni of the Department to also emulate the kind gesture aimed at facilitating the advancement of quality research work. Disclosing that the books cut across topics in Political Science, especially Political Theory and Public Administration, the Head of Department commended Professor Okoko for his continued support and passion



HoD, Prof Naa (middle) flanked by staff of the Department displaying the books

Stakeholders Brainstorm On Nigeria's Rebirth At HSN Confab

By Otok Samuel

As Nigeria continues to wrestle with the multiple challenges ranging from economic recession, violence, political volatility and endemic corruption, some stakeholders, including political and community leaders and scholars, converged on the University to proffer solutions to the manifold problems under the platform of the Historical Society of Nigeria (HSN) as part of its 61st Annual Conference held between Monday, 10 and Thursday, 13 October, 2016 with the theme: *Nigeria Counts: Issues of National Rebirth*. Rivers State Governor, Chief Ezebuwo Nyesom Wike, represented by Commissioner of Education, Professor Kaniye Ebeku and Dr. Ifeanyi Ekenasi who stood in for the Deputy Governor of Imo State, Prince Eze Madumere, both emphasised the need to tackle the challenges facing the country by learning from past mistakes and applying the lessons in the present situation. The Rivers State Governor pledged his commitment to ongoing effort aimed at reintroducing the teaching and learning of history in schools, while the Deputy Governor of Imo State noted that: "As a course of study, there is no discipline that is more encompassing as history; because you need to know the background to such a discipline before you can do well in it." They both agreed that for Nigeria to move forward,

the ethnic groups must regularly sit down to appraise the history of the country in order to strengthen areas of strength and learn from past mistakes.

Delivering the keynote address entitled: *A Society under Pressure: Thoughts on Leadership, Followership and the Re-invention of the Nigerian State*, foundation Vice-Chancellor of Osun State University, Osofbo, Professor Sola Akinrinade, identified the fractious relationship between the leadership class and followership as central to Nigeria's developmental crisis.

"Simplicity and disharmony are not good historical tools because they never accurately capture social reality, and because they tend to impose the kind of helplessness we are all too aware of as Nigerians. The main duty of a professional historian is to harmonise the complexities of social reality into an analytical whole," the keynote speaker said, arguing that ethnicity or tribalism, crime, corruption and economic recession are manifestations and not necessarily the root of problems bedeviling the country.

The root I argue is really an intellectual one—better posed, it is in our failure to kick-off and sustain an indigenous intellectual project. An indigenous intellectual project must be inward looking, does not need external verification; it must value every single Nigerian over every single non-Nigerian. It cannot be comparative even if it is not unaware of developments elsewhere. Its terms,

concepts and aspirations must be locally meaningful, and must not be measured against foreign and deeply implicated theories," Professor Akinrinade said. He further explained that intellectuals must forge unity out of diversity, equality out of privilege, vigilance against lawlessness, democratic inclusions over social exclusions, governmental legitimacy and respect for collective humanity.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ndowa Lale, who spoke through the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Anthony Ibe, congratulated the Society for successfully organising its 61st Annual Conference in the University, expressing optimism that the event would contribute towards the socio-economic transformation of the country.

"Let me seize this opportunity to congratulate your association on the cheering news of the restoration of History as a distinct subject in the Primary and Secondary School syllabi. It must be emphasized that every privilege attracts a commensurate responsibility. The onus, therefore, lies on the leadership of the Historical Society of Nigeria (HSN) to mobilise historians across the nation to reciprocate the kind gesture of the Federal Government in restoring the subject. We look forward to a speedy historical reconstruction of the various ethnic nationalities and deployment of the historical craftsmanship to solve our teething national problems," Professor Ibe told the gathering.

Chairman of the occasion, Professor Godwin Tasi, who also commended the Federal Government on the move to return the study of History to the School syllabus at the Junior and Secondary School levels, called for the establishment of Archival Studies in Nigerian universities to document the nation's past and present developments.

Goodwill messages were presented by Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Professor Femi Shaka, Amanyano of Opobo, King Dandison Jaja, and Paramount Ruler of Alesa Eleme, King Nkpe Nkpe II.

The opening ceremony which also coincided with the birthday of the President of the Society, Professor Christopher Ogbogbo featured the presentation of awards to some dignitaries, including Emeritus Professor Ebighieri Alagon and Professor Sylvanus Cooky.



Keynote speaker, Prof Akinrinade (3rd right) and other guests after the event

Niger Delta Environment Is A Nightmarish Tale Of Woes, Laments Elenwo

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

and the rest of the country.

As stakeholders continue to draw attention to the endangered state of the Niger Delta environment, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Geography and Environmental Management, Faculty of Social Sciences, Dr. Ephraim Elenwo, has described the degradation as unquantifiable, depicting it as a nightmarish tale of woes that needed to be tackled very urgently before it became too late for all concerned.

Dr. Elenwo, who is a specialist in Disaster Risks Management, regretted that the inhabitants of the Niger Delta region had long been exposed to the dangers of environmental degradation on a daily basis, stressing the need for greater awareness and sensitization of the younger generation to safeguard the forefront of efforts aimed at urgent environmental remediation. "Environmental issues should be everybody's business because we are all affected by the degradation that is causing numerous health-related problems in the area. The state of the Niger Delta is deplorable and needs urgent attention by the government, stakeholders and inhabitants of the area themselves" he noted, disclosing that waste could be sorted out and recycled to create wealth and employment for the youths.

"The level of pollution of the environment is so grave that we cannot clearly ascertain whether the seafood or cultivated food chain are safe for human consumption anymore. The food grown in the region is planted on abandoned dump sites that have not been remedied or properly disposed in the approved sites. This is a major cause of illness and reduced life span in the country, especially in the

Niger Delta region where environmental protection measures are flouted by multinational companies and their collaborators in government," he submitted, asserting that his involvement in both regional and local Environmental Impact Assessments were aimed at identifying positive and negative impacts of major public projects on the people.

"In the course of assessment, if the negative impact outweighs the positive, we usually recommend that such projects should be discontinued, because they would not be beneficial to the people," Dr. Elenwo said, adding that the EIA was backed up by decree 86 of 1992, which was currently undergoing review for possible amendment.

Pointing out that the EIA legislation made provision for categorization of projects, he noted that Environmental Impact Assessment was usually undertaken by the Federal Ministry of Environment as approved by the National Environmental Standards Regulatory Agency. With over 15 years of industry experience in Health, Safety and Environment (HSE), Dr. Elenwo expressed optimism that his passion to train students on health, safety and environment would impact positively on the Niger Delta environment



Dr. Elenwo

NOT A LAUGHING MATTER

Recession Hits Even Witches

In these desperate and hard times, nobody—not even witches and wizards—are immune to the biting effects of recession under *Buharinomics*. Quite unarguably, there is a collusion of cultural altars on the celestial sphere where mere mortals are consigned to the spectator stand. In a bizarre twist of cyber logic, it is becoming increasingly obvious that the once commodious cooking pots of Nigerian witches and wizards no longer boil in the dreamland. You wonder where all this is going? Patience please; recall that people used to give testimonies in church about how they ate sundry three course meals generously prepared by witches with sadistic relish.

"Praise the Lord," the testimony goes in the roadside churches: "I ate a sumptuous meal prepared by a witch and woke up sweating and shouting blood of Jesus." That was, of course, before the lean times set into our dear country.

When last did you hear such weird testimonies about hungry people eating in their dreams? Well, we hear that such testimonies of free meals in the dreamland are rare in churches these days. Reports reaching us from cyberspace indicate that even witches are suffering inflationary bubble burst and have consequently slammed a ban on free feeding of their earthly victims. So, if you have not heard a testimony about people eating in their dreams in recent times, then don't blame the witches; just blame it on *Buharinomics* that has moderated the generosity these bubbling fiends.

A sober and sane solution to this celestial *impassé* is for President Muhammad Buhari and his eagle Finance Minister, Kemi Adesun to urgently regenerate the prostrate economy—especially before Christmas—before hungry citizens are compelled to turn the National Anthem into... *Rice, O Compatriots...* Honestly speaking, witches must return to their duty post to serve Nigerians free food in their dreams if they can no longer eat one decent meal here on planet earth. This is not a laughing matter ooo!

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LOST BUT FOUND CERTIFICATE

Original copy of the First School Leaving Certificate belonging to Kponu Somesome has been found and deposited in the IPPR Unit. The owner should contact the Information, Publications and Public Relations (IPPR) Unit, Senate Building, University Park with proof of ownership, before collection.

IITD PUBLIC LECTURE

The Institute of International Trade and Development (IITD) holds a one-day Public Lecture on Friday, October 21, 2016 at the NLNG Centre for Gas, Refining and Petrochemicals, IPS Park. With the topic: *The Fundamentals of Trade Negotiations and Implications for Africa*, the Lecture will be delivered by Dr. Olumuyiwa Alaba, a Consultant with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) at 10:00am. The University community and interested members of the public are invited to attend.

Contact: Director of the Institute, Professor Augustus Ghosi, 08057875446.

NYVC BATCH 'B' MOBILISATION

Sequel to the approval of only 1,789 graduates for mobilization for the 2016 Batch 'B' in the current Service Year, the University has decided to mobilise only graduates with Matriculation Number from U95 upwards. A statement dated October 10, 2016 and signed on behalf of the Registrar by the Director of Personnel Affairs, Dr. Dakoru Charles-Granville, said the reduction of the number of graduates for the NYVC was predicated on the tight budgetary allocation to the Scheme in 2016. "While the Management of NYVC and the University Management regret the inconvenience this may cause prospective Corps Members, please be rest assured that the outstanding graduates will be accorded priority in the next mobilisation exercise in 2017 Batch A," the statement promised.

PATRONISING UNIPORT WATER

Management has directed all Institutes, Centres, Faculties, Departments and Units, including staff to serve only *UniPort Table Water* at functions of the University. A statement dated September 29, 2016 and signed by the Director of Personnel Affairs, Dr. Dakoru Charles-Granville on behalf of the Registrar, Mrs. Dorcas Otto, requested all staff to comply accordingly with the directive.

CHANGE OF NAME

MRS. CHISA VICTOR NNYECHE, Former Miss Chisa Ebulu of the Exams and Records Unit, Registry Department, now wishes to be known, called and addressed as Mrs. Chisa Victor Nnyeché with effect from October 5, 2016. All documents bearing her former name remain valid.

Harmonise Accreditation Bodies ~UniPort Mgt



DV-C (Admin), Prof Ibekwe (arrowed) flanked by leader of the team, Prof Ibrahim (right), Registrar, PCN, Mr. Mohammed (left) and other members of the delegation and some Senior Officers

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have the same opportunity to evaluate its area of specialisation, thus, ending the dissipation of energy, time and cost to allow all stakeholders in the system to concentrate on their core mandates," the Deputy Vice-Chancellor said.

He welcomed the delegation to the University for another phase of assessment for full accreditation of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, commending the leader of the team, Professor Yakubu Ibrahim from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria and Registrar of PCN, Mr. Elijah Mohammed for the valuable observations they made towards improving the quality of the programme in the University of Port Harcourt. Professor Ibekwe assured them that the authorities would do everything within their powers to meet the expectations of PCN in furtherance of a culture of academic excellence for which UniPort is well known.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor apologized to the Council for the repeated postponement of the accreditation visit, the latest of which was scheduled for last April, attributing the delays to

the protest by students that disrupted academic activities and led to the closure of the University for over two months.

In his speech, leader of the accreditation team, Professor Ibrahim, who served as a member of the Board of the National Universities Commission between 2008 and 2011, agreed with the Deputy Vice-Chancellor on the need to harmonise the various accreditation teams to Nigerian universities. He disclosed that as a Board member of the NUC, he was aware of moves to sanitise the accreditation modalities, which he agreed would be very rewarding to all stakeholders in the system.

The team leader also disclosed that the visit was aimed at ensuring quality control in the teaching of pharmaceutical sciences in the University, stating that the Council had observed noticeable progress on its previous visits and was on ground to ascertain the extent of implementation of the observations made then.

"In our profession, we witness new developments everyday; so we need to confirm that the Faculty has implemented our earlier

observations and if it is complying with current developments in the profession," Professor Ibrahim said.

Registrar of the Council, Mr. Mohammed, restated the need to produce about 85,000 Pharmacists annually to cater for the teeming populace in line with the patient-pharmacist ratio recommended by the World Health Organisation (WHO). He disclosed that the PCN was determined to enforce standards in the training of graduates that are turned out from the 17 accredited institutions running pharmacy programmes in the country.

"We are not here to witch-hunt the University, but to rub minds on how we can maintain excellence in the programme. I also wish to emphasise the need for universities to retain their outstanding graduates to promote academic excellence and mentorship," the Council Registrar added.

Other members of the team included Professors Jones Moody, Emmanuel Ehor, Umar Pateh, Bola Aina, Dr. Ibrahim Oreagba, Mr. Anthony Idoko and Jibrin Tafida.

V-C Restates Mgt's Commitment To Students' Welfare

By Obinna Nwodin

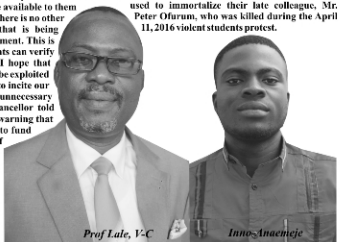
The authorities of the University have restated their commitment to the welfare of students, pledging to give them a free hand to run their own affairs in line with extant rules governing students' unionism. Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ndowa Lale gave the assurance when he met with the Union Executive Committee, Stakeholders and Faculty Representatives led by the Student Union President, Mr. Ephraim Inno-Anaemeje at the Committee Room on Friday, October 7, 2016.

Professor Lale stated that the administration had always approved requests made by students to carry out their activities, describing the move to be in line with Management's policy to allow students run their own affairs without let or hindrance. "We have no difficulty in providing our students with the enabling environment to celebrate their Week which is provided on the academic calendar of the University. I would, however, advise that they should carry out their activities within the limits of the resources

available to them, and they must be prudent in the use of scarce resources, especially in these lean times. All monies collected by the University on behalf of students have been duly made available to them at their request and there is no other source of funding that is being withheld by Management. This is something the students can verify for themselves and I hope that the situation will not be exploited by mischief makers to incite our students to foment unnecessary crisis," the Vice-Chancellor told the student leaders, warning that it would be difficult to fund the Students' Week if the Union leadership have exhausted the monies in their account.

Earlier in his remarks, President of the Students' Union, Mr. Inno-Anaemeje, said that

they were in the Vice-Chancellor's Office to interact with him as a listening father on the issue of funding their 2016 Week. "We are here to appeal to the Vice-Chancellor for funds to run our Students' Union Week for the current academic session. They appealed for financial support towards the celebration of the 2016 Students' Week, which he said would be partly used to immortalize their late colleague, Mr. Peter Ofurum, who was killed during the April 11, 2016 violent students protest.



Prof Lale, V-C

Inno-Anaemeje

GUIDE POST

BRIEFS FROM OTHER VARSITIES

APPOINTMENT

Dr. Ganiyu Adedokun, Department of Adult and Non-Farm Education, Faculty of Education, appointed **Chairman, Degree Results Verification Committee (DRVC)**. The appointment which takes immediate effect will last until further notice. Other members of the Committee are: **Drs. Benson Ebuomwan, C.N. Ehirim, Patrick Iwuanyanwu, C.M. Onojake, Loveday Oghenemawo, Fortune Amah-Tariah, C.N. Nwankwo, O.A. Achugasim, Goodness Orluwene; Messrs Okochukwu Adizua, Adekunle Sofolabo and Mrs. E.N. Nwadiaro.**

Dr. Rosemary Ogu, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, appointed **Chairman, Youth-Friendly Centre**. The two-year appointment which takes immediate effect will terminate on September 1, 2018.

RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENT

Dr. S.G. Kaegon, Department of Animal Science, Faculty of Agriculture, granted a one-year **Renewal of Contract Appointment**, effective January 27, 2017 to January 26, 2018.

END OF APPOINTMENT

Professor J.K. Onoh, Department of Finance and Banking, Faculty of Management Sciences, concluded **Adjunct Appointment** on ground of age.

Dr. Francis Beka, Department of Geology, Faculty of Science, concluded **Adjunct Appointment** on ground of age.

REVIEW OF STATUS

Dr. Fabura Eghono, Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Science, granted **Review of Status from Lecturer II to Lecturer I**, effective May 2, 2013.

Dr. Pereware Adowei, Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry, Faculty of Science, granted **Review of Status from Assistant Lecturer to Lecturer II**, effective March 30, 2016.

REVIEW OF APPOINTMENT

Mr. Chizi Jusi, Department of Physical Planning and Development, granted **Review of Status from Principal Engineer to Chief Engineer**, effective September 7, 2016.

STUDY LEAVE

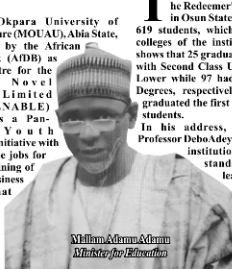
Mr. Samuel Anyanwu, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, proceeded on a four-year **Study Leave with Pay** to enable him pursue a Doctoral degree programme in Mechanical Engineering at Tianjin University, School of International Education, China, effective September 5, 2016 to September 4, 2020.

Mr. Idika Uduoma, Department of Marketing, Faculty of Management Sciences, proceeded on a three-year **Study Leave with Pay** to enable him pursue a Doctoral degree programme in Entrepreneurship at Birkbeck College, University of London, United Kingdom, effective October 3, 2016 to October 2, 2019.

Miss George Awolade, Department of Nursing, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, proceeded on a one-year **Study Leave with Pay** to enable her undertake a Master's degree programme in Nursing at St. Monica American University Buea, Cameroon, effective September 12, 2016 to September 11, 2017.

AFRICAN BANK ADOPTS OKPARA VARSITY

Micheal Okpara University of Agriculture (MOUAV), Abia State, has been adopted by the African Development Bank (AfDB) as an incubation centre for the Empowering Novel Agribusiness Limited Employment (ENABLE) project, which is a Pan-African Youth Entrepreneurship initiative with a mission to provide jobs for youths through training of a new set of Agribusiness entrepreneurs that would work towards ensuring adequate food production and security on the African continent.



William Adams Adams
Minister for Education

RUN GRADUATES 619 STUDENTS

The Redeemer's University (RUN), Ede in Osun State, has graduated a total of 619 students, which cuts across the three colleges of the institution. The breakdown shows that 25 graduated with First Class, 207 with Second Class Upper, 209 Second Class Lower while 97 had Third Class and Pass Degrees, respectively. The University also graduated the first set of its doctoral degree students.

In his address, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Debo Adeyewa, pointed out that the institution has an unbeatable standard in teaching and learning. "The University is not resting on its oars in the field of research. We continue to invest in human, infrastructural and material resources in order to remain at the forefront of research,"

he said.

ABU DEVELOPS MALARIA VACCINE

A team of researchers from the Department of Biochemical Parasitology, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, led by Professor Nasir Shuaibu, has recorded positive outcomes from an ongoing research for malaria vaccine.

Making the disclosure to the *News Agency of Nigeria*, the lead researcher said the content of the malaria vaccine research is called DNA Vaccine. "It is a new technology for the discovery and delivery of vaccine against any infectious disease that was developed in the early to mid-1990s," he said, adding that the result of the research on the new vaccine would soon be out for Nigerians to use in the battle against the malaria scourge.

HALLMARK VARSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Hallmark University, Ijebu-Itele in Ogun State has awarded scholarships to 10 students as part of its contribution to raising the standard of education in the country, and assisting indigent students to actualize their dreams of obtaining quality university education.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, Hallmark University is fully equipped to provide holistic education, intellectual skills, advocacy and social responsibility, adding that the institution was also prepared to extend the frontiers of knowledge by creating a total man, full of resourcefulness and ingenuity to be part of the development of the country and beyond.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
WEATHER OBSERVATORY
WEATHER FORECAST FOR PORT HARCOURT AND SURROUNDING AREAS
FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER, 16 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2016.

DATE	TEMPERATURE HI 1.0 (°C)	HUMIDITY (%)	WIND DIRECTION	RAIN (mm)	SUNRISE AND SUNSET (mm) (hh)	SUMMARY
SUNDAY, 16 OCTOBER, 2016	26.0 25.0	88	SW	-	6:18 6:21	A mostly cloudy outlook expected with minimal chance of rainfall.
MONDAY, 17 OCTOBER, 2016	33.0 25.0	69	SW	4.4	6:18 6:20	Widely scattered thunderstorm accompanied with a mostly cloudy disposition.
TUESDAY, 18 OCTOBER, 2016	32.0 24.0	68	SW	4.2	6:18 6:20	Thunderstorm expected early in the day with the rest of the day predicted to be mostly cloudy.
WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER, 2016	32.0 24.0	57	S	-	6:18 6:19	More cloud than sun expected.
THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER, 2016	31.0 24.0	63	SSW	4	6:18 6:19	Thunderstorm expected early with a combination of broken clouds.
FRIDAY, 21 OCTOBER, 2016	32.0 23.0	70	S	3.2	6:17 6:18	Thunderstorm expected early in the day with the rest of the day predicted to be mostly cloudy.
SATURDAY, 22 OCTOBER, 2016	32.0 24.0	55	SW	6.9	6:17 6:18	Thunderstorm with a mostly cloudy disposition.

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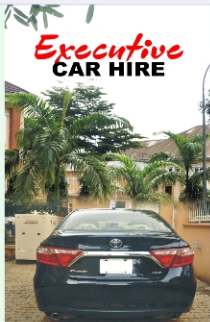
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