

V-C Tasks Executive MBA, PGD Students On Academic Discipline

Students undergoing the Executive Masters of Business Administration (MBA) and Postgraduate Diploma (PGD) programmes of the University of Port Harcourt Business School (UPBS) have been advised to take the programme seriously to enable them improve themselves, academically, despite their very busy schedules, reports **Obinna Nwodin**.

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Centre for Gas Refining & Petrochemicals, IPS, UniPort in collaboration with Indorama Eleme Petrochemical, holds its 2nd Int'l Confab on Petroleum Refining and Petrochemicals this Wednesday and Thursday at Hotel Presidential. Details next week -Editor

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UniPort To Establish Songhai Farm

I am leaving with a dream. That dream is to have a Songhai UniPort Farm established. No matter how small", he said, stressing that such a project would contribute towards the sustenance of the economy in future.

The Vice-Chancellor, who also commended the Management of the Farm for the quality training given to students of the University undergoing their internship

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By Obinna Nwodin

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, has disclosed plans by his administration to set up a mini Songhai farm in the University. Professor Ajienka made the disclosure penultimate Thursday when he led a Team of

Management and Senior Officers of the University to the Rivers State Songhai Farm located in Tai Local Government Area of Rivers State. Professor Ajienka, who was visibly impressed with the project, lauded the bold steps of the Rivers State Government in establishing the Farm. "From what I have seen here today,

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Egypt Which Way, And What Next? (1)

For a country very steeped in ancient history, Egypt has seen a lot of modern history since the overthrow of Hosni Mubarak in 2011 and the election of President Mohamed Morsi in June 2012. Mubarak's ouster would not have happened as quickly as it did without the intervention of the military. The Generals read the political indicators correctly and sensed that there was as stopping the tide of mass uprising. It came out apparently to support the people and avert an end that could have possibly been bloodier than was the case. But in doing this, the military acted to protect its interest and that of the segment of the ruling class that had been beneficiaries of Mubarak's autocracy. So called support for the mass uprising was a good camouflage for this parochial motive. After all this was the same military that had been behind Mubarak's long rule in Egypt and of which he and his predecessors, as far back as Gamal Abdul Nasser, had been a part. Later events, beginning from his efforts ensure the entrenchment of its privileges before Morsi climbed the saddle, were to clarify the military's position. Thus the immediate post-Mubarak period already incubated its own contradiction.

The emergence of Mohammed Morsi of the Freedom and Justice Party (the political arm of the Muslim Brotherhood) as President in a process that appeared democratic masked this contradiction. But it did so only very poorly. The military, as was evident, tried to water down, if not abort, whatever revolutionary-democratic content there was in the Morsi presidency. This period was further obscured by the kind of forces that threw up a Morsi. He had been a leader of the Muslim

By Ene Ekeke, PhD
Brotherhood, the best organized and coherent political opposition force from the Mubarak days. Because the other entities that participated in the election - Tamarad, the youth movement; the various non-Islamist parties, and those representing the Sanaa - had lost out narrowly, there was some presumption that the superior political power of the Brotherhood had enthroned Morsi. But that was not really the case. Quite a sizeable number of the Morsi votes were "protest" votes from non Brotherhood groups they went to Morsi as a means of ensuring the defeat of sympathizers of the hated Mubarak regime. Events in the dying days of the Morsi presidency highlighted this point.

On taking over power, Morsi made two critical political mistakes. These soon came to haunt and bound him out of power. He believed he was leading a revolution. But he had no clear, broad-based ideology for a revolution, something that would catch the popular imagination. All he had was the handbook of the Brotherhood. Still, as a would-be revolutionary, he tried to restructure the state. The police and the intelligence forces witnessed some drastic changes. The restructuring here was inept and incomplete. Worse, the military was left with virtually all its power and privileges. Similar changes were tried in the judiciary but the judges fought back fairly effectively. Thus the restructuring here was also incomplete.

It is possible there was little Morsi could have done about the military, given the great influence in Egypt of the military since the days of Nasser. In the event, it would always be the bull in the china shop of Egyptian state and if it was not tamed it would do great damage. The Egyptian military, especially given its links with the United States which provided it finance and equipment, has virtually become a state-within-a-state.

If indeed there was nothing he could have done then his presidency was doomed from the beginning?

It would be fair to suggest that Morsi misadvised brought him to power. In trying to feist an agenda as may have had swept Worse, he that at a time country was parlous state.



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President Morsi

STUDENT WORLD

Chukwuike Seeks Solution To Corrosion

Corrosion is a major challenge in the petroleum and allied industries. Ways of tackling the challenge of corrosion of metals, especially oil pipelines is the main concern of Vitalis Chukwuike, a Master of Science student in the Department of Pure & Industrial Chemistry, College of Natural and Applied Sciences. He spoke with our correspondent, HUMPHREY OGU, on his research experience.

After obtaining a Bachelor's Degree in Pure Chemistry from the University of Jos, Plateau State, Vitalis Chukwuike decided to take a Master's degree in Pure and Industrial Chemistry. To fulfill this desire, he proceeded to the University of Port Harcourt, where, according to him, there are very capable hands to help him attain great heights in his chosen field.

Currently concluding a thesis titled: "Synthesis, Characterization and Corrosion Inhibition of Schiff Bases", Chukwuike described Schiff Base as an organic compound, which is a kind of interface between organic and inorganic chemistry, explaining that "in using Schiff base to inhibit corrosion, we actually synthesized the Schiff base and injected it into an acid environment, because acid comes in contact with metals, such as iron, which is called a process in solution is injected into

a pipeline to remove blockages, such as clogging by cement, clay soil or any formation that can obstruct the free flow of crude oil in the pipeline. Injection of acid facilitates free flow of the crude oil in the pipeline," he pointed out, adding that "at the end of the day, this acid causes the corrosion of the pipeline. This, eventually, weakens the pipeline and could cause leaks and even total breakdown of the oil facilities. This has a great impact on oil production activities.

"Mild steel, which is a material commonly used in construction of oil pipelines and other facilities used in industries, can be attacked by corrosion. Over the years, paint has been used to coat metals used in construction of oil pipelines with a view to preventing corrosion. However, when such oil pipelines come in contact with acid, the coating would wear out, making room for corrosion. Therefore, painting cannot be a solution to the problem of corrosion," Chukwuike said, disclosing that "what we are now trying to achieve in the research is to devise a means of getting another reagent or chemical that can be used to protect pipelines. When chemicals, such as Schiff Base are, injected into the pipeline, they get adsorbed on the metals used in building the pipeline; this inhibits corrosion.

"Although the corrosion may still occur, but it will be very minimal. Our aim is to minimize corrosion to a manageable extent. We also checked the lifespan of the inhibitors to ascertain how long they can protect the pipeline," Chukwuike pointed out, disclosing that he has concluded his research and is now at the stage of reporting the findings.

Chukwuike, who revealed that some mild steel coupons were dipped in 2M solution of Hydrochloric Acid (HCl) and Sulphuric acid specifically prepared for experiment said: "we discovered that the mild steel coupons were wearing away in the acid solution. Then we

injected the Schiff Base, monitored the solution and discovered that the corrosion process was slowed considerably, to the extent that it takes a long time to notice its effect."

He observed that other researchers have attempted to synthesize Schiff base for corrosion inhibition in the past, but failed, because the Schiff Bases could not resist high temperature. "We have been able to synthesize a Schiff Base that has high inhibition efficiency with increase in temperature in HCl medium, through manipulation of 4-aminoazobenzene and 3, 4-Dimethoxybenzaldehyde," Chukwuike said with an air of satisfaction.

Commending his Supervisor, Professor Nicholas Olorika, for his guidance and support, Chukwuike regretted that some of the equipment needed in carrying out the research were not available. "After synthesizing, you have to characterize to confirm the result and ensure that there is no error. Unfortunately, we do not have some of the equipment used in characterizing Schiff base in the Department. We had to go as far as I do the characterization," he said, stressing the need to have Proton and Carbon Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR), Fourier Transform Infra-red Spectroscopy (FTIR), and Ultra-Violet Visible (UV) Spectroscopy machines in the University to aid other researchers in future.

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Chukwuike

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Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, gave the advice at the maiden Orientation Exercise for newly admitted students of the School.

Represented by Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Development), Professor Bene Willie Abbey, Professor Ajenka charged them to endeavour to seek clarifications whenever the need arises, rather than act ignorantly, warning that the University's degree are awarded to only those who work hard to earn them. He assured them of the authorities' readiness to provide a conducive learning environment.

Addressing the students on academic matters, National Universities Commission (NUC) Leads Scholar to the University, Dr Emma Nwokolo, informed the students that the programmes are designed in line with global best practices of business schools, pointing out that the School which runs 12-months intensive MBA and PGD programmes has met all the requirements for effective service delivery.

Earlier in his address, Acting Director of the School, Dr Clifford Offurum, said that the Exercise is designed to acquaint students of policies of the School, as well as what is expected of them, adding that as an intensive programme, they should be disciplined and take their studies seriously. He warned that

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Management of the School would not condone unethical practices, advising them to dedicate the next 12 months of their stay to academics and endeavour to cut down on activities that could distract them from their studies.

The event which featured an interactive session had a goodwill message from the Divisional Police Officer in charge of the Abacha Road Divisional

Headquarters, Mr David Osuani.

The UPBS offers Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Accounting, Management, Finance and Banking, Marketing, Security Management and Healthcare Management. PGD Programmes are also offered in Management, Hotel and Tourism Management, Security Management and Healthcare Management.



Cross section of students at the exercise

UniPort, SPDC Host PG Overseas Scholarship Beneficiaries

Ten students indigenous to Niger Delta region drawn from University of Benin, Rivers State University of Science and Technology, University of Lagos, University of Ghana, Delta State University and University of Ibadan, are beneficiaries of this year's Shell Petroleum Development Corporation (SPDC) Niger Delta Postgraduate Scholarship Scheme. The beneficiaries are: Ebruga Moses, Monday Saul Awaji-ikekinyem, Ogbé Stephanie Omasan, Obibi Cynthia Oghale, Osimobi Jude Chukwuemeka, Nwabueze Chuks Oghochukwu, Onyemali Nkem Irene, Ejairu Ovomani Kingsley, Fregene Susan Omayemi and Oruambo Tamunomiete Jeffery. They are to proceed to three prestigious universities in the United Kingdom; Imperial College London, University College London and University of Leeds.

In their separate speeches at the Award and Farewell Ceremony at Ebittini Banigo Auditorium, University Park, SPDC's Director, Human Resources, Mr Charles Ghandi; Head, Community Content, Mr

By Otiok Samuel

Camillus Umoh and Head, Nigerian Content Development (NCD), Mr Olusegun Adebayo, said the scheme which is basically for students of Niger Delta origin is open to those with a minimum of Second Class Upper Division in Engineering, Geosciences and other oil and gas related disciplines. The training which is the fourth in the series, according to the representatives of SPDC, is aimed at developing manpower and increase indigenous participation in the oil and gas sector in line with the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act of 2010.

"We are in the University of Port Harcourt for the first time to enlighten students, in the College of Engineering and Faculty of Physical Science, about the scheme. We had earlier taken the campaign to Niger Delta University, Bayelsa State, Rivers State University of Science and Technology and Delta State," said the Director of Human Resources. Also speaking, Mr Adebayo recalled that almost all the 30 beneficiaries of the scheme in the past have secured employment within and outside the country, adding that the selection process is transparent with no

interference from SPDC.

In his welcome remarks, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, who was represented by the Dean, Student Affairs Department, Professor Henry Bell-Gam, commended SPDC for the initiative, describing it as one of the major interventions in its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) that is targeted towards manpower development in the critical oil and gas sector.

The Vice-Chancellor, who also praised the oil company for taking the step of visiting the University with a view to creating more awareness about the scheme, urged the beneficiaries to fully utilize the opportunity to enable them contribute effectively to the sector after their studies.

Goodwill messages were presented by Chairmen of Andoni and Degema Local Government Areas; Mr Orom Nte Ereforokuma and Mr Ibigoni Daddy Pokima, represented by Leader, Andoni Legislative Assembly, Hon Atasi Charity Wellington and Chief of Staff, Degema Council, Mr Ikroma Samuel, respectively. Highpoints of the ceremony were presentation of award to the beneficiaries and interactive session with students of the University.



Officials of SPDC, UniPort, LGAs and the beneficiaries



Dr Allen

UPAP, NGSRA, IDRC To Publish Books On Governance, Security

... Call For Papers

By Humphrey Ogu

The United Nations University for Peace Africa Programme (UPAP) in Addis Ababa, Network on Governance and Security Research in Africa (NGSRA) and Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC) have announced plans to publish two books, one on Governance and the other on Security in Africa, inviting papers from seasoned academics.

A Call-for-Paper announcement made available to *UNI-PORT Weekly* via email stated that the first volume will be published in 2014, while the second will be out in 2015, disclosing that Regional coordinators of the project (West, East, Central and Southern Africa), management of UPAP and representative of IDRC met in Addis Ababa on July 10, 2013 to brainstorm on how best to achieve targets set for eventual publication of the two books.

"These publications are part of an effort by the parties involved to make quality contributions to analyses of governance and security issues in Africa," the announcement stated, adding that "as part of the decisions taken on how to proceed on the project, prospective chapter contributors are now being invited to submit abstracts of not more than 500 words for consideration."

The announcement, which stated "all submissions must go through a process of peer-review", listed Elections and Election Management, Corruption, Service Delivery, Poverty and Inequality, Post-conflict Governance, Politics of Exclusion and Inclusion as themes covered by the book on Governance, while Terrorism, Piracy and Armed Robbery, Security Sector Governance, Drug Trafficking, Proliferation of Small Arms, Environmental Security would form the content of the book on Security.

"Authors whose chapters are eventually selected, accepted and published will be paid modest honorarium by UPAP. For the West African region, abstracts should be submitted to the Regional Coordinator of the Network on Governance and Security Research in Africa, Dr Fidelis Allen, Department of Political and Administrative Studies, University of Port Harcourt, Choba, Nigeria, via email at: fidelis.allen@uniport.edu.ng or allidfidels@gmail.com. For more information on the project, please contact Dr Allen on the above email addresses.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, has described the establishment of the University of Port Harcourt Bakery as a milestone achievement that would boost the entrepreneurial drive of the University, noting that it would also serve as a research facility and a Bakers Training Institute when operational.

Performing the Foundation stone-Laying Ceremony at Choba Park last Monday, Professor Ajienka said that the Bakery which would constitute part of the Feeds and Processing Unit would in addition to ensuring diversity of products, permeate knowledge to the society. He commended partners of the project for investing in a worthy cause, expressing hope that the project would be very fruitful.

Director of the Consultancy, Research and Development Centre (CORDEC), Professor Henry Njoku, disclosed that the Project on completion would create a platform for hands-on training for students and research opportunities for academics. "The findings of the Bakery Research group would bring innovation into the process, while enhancing agricultural value-chain through raw material evaluation and substitution," he explained.

Expressing hope that the facility would grow into a Centre of Excellence in Bakery Studies and Production, Professor Njoku, said that the Bakery would inspire a new orientation on the fourth mandate of a university, commending the Project consultants — the Genesis Group for its reputation to commitment to excellence in all its ventures.

Responding, Chief Operating Officer of

V-C Lays Foundation Stone For UniPort Bakery

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

Genesis Group, Mrs Folasade Omole who commended the partnership with the University hoped for more collaboration between the Group and the University. "We are envisaging that UniPort Bakery would become a huge success and the beginning of more collaboration with us", she said.

In their separate speeches, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Development), Professor Bene Willie Abbey and Director, Department of Physical Planning and Development Unit, Mr Collins Amietubodie who said that the Bakery which is in line with the entrepreneurial vision of the University, expressed hope that the Bakery would be completed within nine months. Also speaking, the Project Contractor, Hyacinth Nmecha of Hytech Global Investment Resources Nigeria Limited promised timely completion of the project.



Prof Ajienka laying the foundation stone, while others look on

Demonstration Farm Announces Sales Of Produce

Faculty of Agriculture Demonstration Farm has announced sales of its produce. Products available, according to Chief Farm Officer, Mr Tubotamuno Lawson, include chicken, fingerlings, mushroom, eggs, oil palm seedlings and nursery for both economic and aesthetic uses. He urged members of the University to avail themselves of the opportunity to get quality livestock and farm produce at a comparatively cheap rate.

The South-South Zone of the National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT) has commended authorities of the University for implementing the contentious hazard allowance and ensuring full representation of the Association in various University Committees.

The Zonal Coordinator, Mr Ambrose Ogbegbe made the commendation when he led the Zonal Executive of the Association on a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, as part of activities lined up for its 4th Meeting which held in the University penultimate Friday. The Coordinator, who is also UniPort Branch Chairman of the Association, noted that the Meeting also provided an opportunity for the newly-elected Zonal Executive to familiarise with the University Management, stating that: "We have come to reaffirm our support to your Administration as

NAAT S'outh Zone Lauds V-C On Hazard Allowance, As UniPort Hosts 4th Meeting

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

well as to discuss issues affecting our members". He solicited presentation of the Federal Government/NAAT Agreement to the University's Governing Council for consideration and implementation.

Describing peace and stability as prerequisites for the development of universities, Ogbegbe reiterated the Association's resolve to adopting dialogue and regular consultation to seek better welfare for members. The Coordinator said that NAAT seeks higher productivity, progress and accelerated development of universities in the

Zone, commending the Vice-Chancellor for his commitment to ensuring staff welfare.

Responding, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ajienka represented by Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Ethelbert Ndaka, lauded the leadership of the Association for sustained cordial relationship with Management. Stressing that Unions should strive to make universities better, he assured them that the current administration is welfare-oriented. "This University is ever committed to staff welfare and would always keep to its part of agreement", he promised.

In his contribution, the University of Benin Chairman of the Association, Mr Sunday Momoh, who thanked authorities of the University for the wonderful reception accorded the delegates, pledged continuous support to the University for the achievement of laudable projects and staff welfare.

Other members of the delegation included: Mr Ekepre Dienagha, NAAT Chairman of Niger Delta University (NDU); Mr Sunday Momoh, University of Benin; Joseph Edet, University of Uyo; Mr Ofem Uket, Public Relations Officer of NAAT, Cross River State University of Technology; Mrs Comfort Braimah, Zonal Treasurer and Mr Christopher Ekgo, Zonal Secretary.



D V-C (Admin), Prof Ndaka (5th from right), flanked by Director, Personnel Affairs, Mr Wabali (right), Zonal Coordinator, Mr Ogbegbe and other EXCO members of NAAT

Institute Of Cultural Diplomacy Invites Applications

By Humphrey Ogu

The Institute of Cultural Diplomacy (ICD) is calling for applications to its Certificate Programme for African Engagement in the European Union (EU). An email message signed by Director and Founder of the Institute, Mark Donfried and made available to *UNIORT Weekly* stated that two-week long programme specifically tailored around the needs of African individuals aiming to engage in any academic, professional, commercial and cultural activity within the EU borders.

The message, which stated that the Berlin Summer Programmes are scheduled for September 16th - 27th, 2013, disclosed that "The Certificate Programme for African Engagement in the EU, offered by the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy in Berlin, Germany, is a program of specialized courses designed to provide participants with core knowledge in the different aspects and dynamics characterizing the complex socio-cultural and economic landscape of Europe," adding that

"the programme will combine both theory and practice, making it a unique experience for those interested in immersing themselves in contemporary Europe."

According to the message, the programme would feature lectures, workshops, seminars and participants led by prominent experts in EU-related matters from the fields of academia, politics, diplomacy, business and civil society, adding: "during their time in Berlin, participants will also have the opportunity to take part in cultural and social activities and visit institutions such as the German Foreign Office, the German Parliament, the Berlin City Hall, cultural institutions, private businesses and Berlin-based embassies"

"Participation in the programme is open to governmental & diplomatic officials, academics, artists, journalists, civil society practitioners, private sector representatives, young professionals and students as well as other interested individuals from across the world," the message stated, urging interested participants are to send their enquiries to: academy@culturaldiplomacy.org.



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A view of the farm



Staff processing feed



V-C, Prof Ajenka (arrowed) addressing the interns

there, advised the students to take their training seriously, to enable them benefit maximally, from their Internship.

Conducting the Vice-Chancellor and his Team round, Operations Co-ordinator, Mr Tumi Jaja, said that the Farm which occupies 314 acres of land is a Public-

Private Partnership (PPP) project of the Rivers State Sustainable Development Agency (RSSDA) in agriculture, aimed at providing employment for the teeming youths and also transfer technical knowledge to rural farmers. He said that the Green Rural City is engaged in agricultural production, as well as eco-

tourism based on zero-waste system, adding that Songhai Rivers is designed to be a centre of excellence in training, production and research in agriculture.

Also speaking, Co-ordinator for Training and Head of Fisheries Department, Mr Godfrey Akalonu, said that there were about 60 students from the University undergoing Industrial Training in the Farm, observing that the students have conducted themselves properly. "They are doing well. We have seen most of them as committed and hardworking students", he stated.

Team Leader of the Interns, Mr Abuta Chigzie, expressed gratitude to authorities of both the University and RSSDA for the opportunity given them to gain practical experience in their discipline, promising to do their best to excel in the practice.

The visit featured a guided tour of various sections and departments of the Farm, including aquaculture, market garden, poultry, feed mill, piggery, industrial park, snailery, fish pond, hatchery, amongst other sections.

It would be recalled that authorities of the University, penultimate week signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with RSSDA to have students in the Faculty of Agriculture undergo internship at the Songhai Farm.

ASUU Strike

Business Operators Count Losses

For the ninth week running, the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), has continued its industrial action to press home the demands for a better conducive of service and conducive environment for academic activities through provision of infrastructural development and earned allowances as agreed in a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with the Federal Government in October 2009. The strike does not only affect students and staff, but also business operators around campuses, reports OTIKOR SAMUEL.

The negative effect of the current strike which has not only obstructed academic activities, but also the economy of host communities has been described as devastating. From food vendors, grocers and transporters, the effect of the strike is felt as the patronage has continued to dwindle due to absence of most teaching staff, students and visitors. Many shop owners have shut down their kiosks, while the ever-busy classrooms and laboratories unfortunately, have become shadows of themselves.

Sciences, Mr Prince UeBari, who recalled that their customers are basically students and staff, lamented that the strike has badly affected their business activities.

"The environment is

so dry that we hardly get transport fare back home. The Federal Government and ASUU should agree and call off the strike without further delay so that those of us who operate our businesses on campus can survive. It is really affecting us; we need money to feed our families and pay rents in this competitive city," he stated.

For the Managing Director, Raza Awoniyi, who has ten employees in his firm, it difficult

to pay the daily and monthly wages. "Our major patronage comes from Lecturers and students, who recharge their mobiles, buy laptop chargers, memory cards and access internet facilities. Customers are no longer coming as expected, but we still retain our workers and have to pay them from our previous savings," Mr Awoniyi said, advising the Federal Government to reach a lasting agreement with ASUU to end incessant strike actions.

"Business activities on Campus have come to a halt and we are worst hit by the strike that gave rise to this. The students are back home, but we do not have the money to even feed them. It is really affecting us," said Nnadozie Chimerie, a Director of UniPort Campus Shuttle. Mr Chimerie, who is also an Alumnus of the University, urged the Federal Government to ensure the full implementation of the Agreement to save the nation's universities from redeemable decay occasioned by years of neglect. "Without education no country can move forward. Education is important to all sectors, so there is urgent need to invest in it," he added.



Chimerie



Awoniyi



UeBari

GUIDEPOST

REAPPOINTMENT

Professor Anthony Arinze, Department of Plant Science & Biotechnology, Faculty of Biological Sciences, College of Natural & Applied Sciences, reappointed *Director, Quality Assurance & Quality Control Unit*, Office of the Vice-Chancellor. The appointment, which is for two years, takes effect from May 27, 2013 and terminates on May 26, 2015.

Professor Omotayo Ebong, Department of Pharmacology, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, reappointed *Director, Centre for Malaria Research and Phytomedicine*. The appointment, which is for two years, takes effect from April 1, 2013 and terminates on April 2, 2015.

Professor Stephen Okodudu, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, reappointed *Director, College of Continuing Education*. The appointment, which is for two years, takes effect from August 13, 2013 and terminates on August 14, 2015.

Professor Regina Ogali, Department of Pure & Industrial Chemistry, Faculty of Chemical Sciences, College of Natural & Applied Sciences, reappointed *Co-ordinator, Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES)*. The appointment, which is for two years, takes effect from August 9, 2012 and terminates on August 11, 2014.

Professor Samuel Arokoyo, Department of Geography & Environmental Management, Faculty of Social Sciences, reappointed *Director, Centre for Disaster Management & Development Studies*. The appointment, which is for two years, takes effect from September 11, 2012 and terminates on September 12, 2014.

APPOINTMENT

Professor John Agberia, Department of Fine Arts & Design, Faculty of Humanities, appointed *Chair Occupant, Yemisi Shyllon Chair in Fine Arts & Design*. The appointment, which is for two years, takes immediate effect until further notice.

Dr O. A. Ekin, Department of Animal Science & Fisheries, Faculty of Agriculture, appointed *Assistant Director, School of General Studies*. The appointment, which takes immediate effect, terminates on August 14, 2015.

CONTRACT APPOINTMENT

Dr Uriah S. Etawo, Department of Surgery, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, offered Contract Appointment as *Lecturer I* effective on assumption of duty.

STUDY LEAVE

Dr Bliss Moore, Department of Preventive & Social Medicine, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, granted 18 months *Study Leave with Pay*, effective from March 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014.

SPANISH COUNCIL RATES OAU BEST NIGERIAN VARSITY

A world-renowned research council, Cybermetric Lab of Spain, has rated the Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ife-Ife, Osun State, as the best University in Nigeria and the eighth in the latest web metric ranking. Vice-Chancellor of OAU, Professor Bamitale Omoile, said the latest ranking attested to his giant strides recorded in research, administration and technical competence.

UNN TO HONOUR PIONEER STUDENTS

Vice-Chancellor, University of Nigeria Nsukka (UNN), Professor Bartho Okolo, has inaugurated a Committee to put finishing touches to the arrangement for the 50th anniversary of the Institution during which its pioneer graduates (1963 Class) would be honoured. The event would be part of week-long activities to mark this year's Founders' Day. Chairman, Organizing Committee, Dr Okey Ewurum, stressed the need to recognise the pioneer graduates for their active involvement in the development of the University and nation at large.

UNICAL'S BEST LAB SCIENTIST GETS AUTOMATIC EMPLOYMENT
Best Graduating Student of Medical Laboratory Science, University of Calabar (Unical), Mr Jubril Kareem, has been offered automatic teaching appointment as Graduate Assistant, following his brilliant performance. His appointment takes effect on completion of his National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Scheme. Vice-Chancellor, Professor James Epoke, who announced the offer of appointment at the 10th Induction/Oath-taking of newly-inducted Medical Laboratory Scientists, charged the graduands to be worthy ambassadors of the Institution.

UNN GRADUATES 2ND SET OF DENTAL SURGEONS

University of Nigeria Nsukka, has graduated another set of Dental Surgeon at its 2nd Induction/Oath-taking held at the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital (UNTH), Ituku-Ozalla, Enugu State last Tuesday. Dean of the Faculty, Dr Oge Okoye, urged the new Dental Surgeons to set a positive attitude and strong spirit to guarantee success in their medical practice.

TOP VARSITIES EXPECT STUDENTS TO WORK TWICE AS HARD

Students from top universities are often being forced to work twice as hard for a degree as their peers at other institutions, according to research.

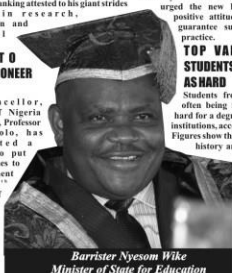
Figures show that undergraduates taking history and philosophy courses at Cambridge can be expected to do almost 45 hours a week of lectures and private study compared with just 20 at Essex University and 19 at Northumbria.

It emerged that one university expected business studies students to work for an average of just under 16 hours a week - the lightest workload of any course.

The disclosure, in research by *Times Higher Education* magazine, will reignite concerns over the comparability of degree courses across Britain.

Many universities are now issuing graduates with "report cards" providing a detailed breakdown of academic achievements, exam results, extra-curricular activities and work placements - in addition to overarching degree classification - to give more information to prospective employers.

Richard Lloyd, executive director of the consumer magazine which, said the discrepancy "raises questions over standards and whether students are being pushed hard enough".



Barrister Nyesom Wike
Minister of State for Education

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MGT OBSERVATORY

FORECAST FOR PORT HARCOURT AND ENVIRONS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 25-SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2013

DATE	TEMPERATURE HI °C	LO	HUMIDITY (%)	WIND DIRECTION	RAIN (mm)	SUNSHINE AND SUNSET (mm)	SUMMARY
SUNDAY, 25 AUG. 2013	31.0	23.0	63	NE	2.6	6:27 6:41	Rain showers expected late in the day. Breaks of sun anticipated late. Warm day predicted.
MONDAY, 26 AUG. 2013	32.0	22.0	58	NE	1.7	6:27 6:40	Thunderstorm expected late in day. Mostly cloudy and warm day anticipated.
TUESDAY 27 AUG. 2013	32.0	23.0	65	E	3.8	6:27 6:40	Widely scattered thunderstorm predicted. Dry anticipated being mostly cloudy and warm.
WEDNESDAY 28 AUG. 2013	29.0	22.0	66	NE	3.8	6:27 6:40	Early showers expected. Dry expected being mostly cloudy and warm.
THURSDAY 29 AUG. 2013	30.0	22.0	76	NE	4.4	6:26 6:39	Thunderstorm expected early. Mostly cloudy and warm day predicted.
FRIDAY 30 AUG. 2013	29.0	22.0	74	NE	3.1	6:26 6:39	A few rain showers anticipated. Mostly cloudy and warm day forecast.
SATURDAY 31 AUG. 2013	29.0	22.0	76	NE	4.1	6:26 6:38	Thunderstorm expected early. Mostly cloudy and warm day predicted.

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STUDENT AFFAIRS DISPLAYS 2013 NYSC BATCH C MASTER LIST

The Student Affairs Department has displayed the preliminary Master List for prospective Corps Member for the 2013 Batch 'C' Service Year on its notice board

A Memo signed by the Director, Student Affairs Department, Mrs Bridget Nzimiro and made available to *UNIPOST Weekly*, disclosed that the list has also been uploaded on the University website, advising all prospective Corps Members to confirm their biodata on the list. Monday, August 26, 2013, the Mem "Request for corrections and other update should be submitted in writing, with all necessary attachments. The deadline for submission is 0 stated.

Council Visit To UPBS

Governing Council of the University met recently to constitute its members into statutory Boards and Committees. The Council also made an assessment visit to the University of Port Harcourt Business School and Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Centre in Port Harcourt. Pictures show highlights of the tour as captured by our Cameraman, MITCHELLEBI-EKIYOR.



Pro-Chancellor, Engr Geri Asamauei, (right) and V-C, Prof Joseph Ajienka, at the Council Chambers



Council in session



Director, College of Continuing Education, Prof Steve Okoduwa, welcoming Registrar, Mrs Matilda Nnodim



V-C, Prof Ajienka, welcoming Pro-Chancellor to the School



Engr Asamauei, taking a look at facilities at the Conference Room



Director, CCE, Prof Okoduwa, explaining a point to the Pro-Chancellor, while other Council Members look on



College Secretary, CCE, Mr Ejikeme Ichendu, Council Member, Prof Owanari Georgewill and Pro-Chancellor



Director, Council Affairs, Dr Dakuru Charles-Granville (left), and Council Member, Mrs Dorcas Otto



Registrar, Mrs Nnodim and Bursar, Mr Vitalis Aiez



Engr Asamauei and other Council Members inspecting the surroundings of the School



Front view of the complex



A view of the Conference Room



One of the seminar rooms