Confab On 100 Years Of Education In Nigeria Ends In UniPort

Against the backdrop of the nation’s centenary celebration, the Faculty of Education has ended a three-day Conference on 100 Years of Education in Nigeria. The three-day Conference which drew participants from across the country held at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, University Park between 10th and 13th November, 2014, reports Ethel Timi-Johnson.

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By Humphrey Ogu

Thursday, Dapper noted that “there are several tests that if done regularly, preferably annually, will be of immense assistance to your doctors to help you achieve optimum health and prevent serious health problems. Preventive medicine, we say, is better than curative medicine; it is also much less expensive.

“Your blood is also a very fair reflection of your health status and general well-being, this is because almost all toxic and non-toxic products of metabolic and absorptive processes must necessarily find their way into the blood prior to excretion by the kidneys, detoxification by the liver or transport to all parts of the body,” he explained.

Citing notable authorities in the discipline, Dapper, who described Physiology as basically the study of body function and its attempts to explain the physical and chemical factors responsible for the origin, development and progression of life, said: “Physiology

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That Stakeholders Summit On Education

By Obinna Nwodim

Recently, stakeholders in the educational sector comprising the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT), Non-Academic Staff Union of Universities (NASU), as well as the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSSANU), in collaboration with Nigerian students, Federal and State Ministries of Education, Civil Society Organizations, Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, Committee of Pro-Chancellors, Community-Based Organizations and the Nigeria Labour Congress, organized the Nigeria Education Summit in Abuja. The event was a response to the dwindling quality of education in the system, with a view to proffering ways to address them. The Summit which lasted for five days was used to highlight the problems facing the educational sub-sector. That the system needs complete turn-around is no longer news as stakeholders have raised concern over the consequences posed by the situation. We recall the days when graduates from the Nigerian tertiary institutions were compared or even rated better than their counterparts in other parts of the world. This was the golden era of the Nigerian educational system. As time went on, things changed and the system began to fall apart.

Today, it is obvious that the system is in a state of decay. Many have asked when, where and why did the system go wrong. The Summit observed that 54 years after political independence, Nigeria continues to grapple with the challenges of transformation and development whereas other countries in its league have largely overcome the initial problems of transforming their socio-economic and political environments, the Nigerian state appears to be spiraling downhill each day. It is obvious that the quality of our educational system determines, to a large extent, the progress that would be made in the future.

In other words, our greatness lies in developing the important educational sector. This is more important in a highly competitive world where the quest for knowledge has brought about intense competition in science and technology. It is in this regard that there is the need to declare a state of emergency in the education sector with urgent and radical action to address the identified ills. The Conference agreed that the Nigerian education sector must also be re-conceptualized in a manner that would make it capable of performing transformative functions for the nation at large.

The Summit also agreed that the fundamental problems bedeviling the educational system in Nigeria is that it is located within a philosophical and political economic system which emphasizes personal self-enrichment and self-aggrandizement, instead of emphasizing on knowledge acquisition geared towards securing the public good. It is also important to note that the Nigerian educational system and policies have failed to change with the tide of events in the world. Our educational system has the same philosophy and objectives which it had about 50 years ago, while a lot has changed and is still changing.

Countries that have made their educational system conform to the changing times are the ones that have actually made significant progress that the world can see. The Summit also acknowledged that Nigeria's current philosophy of education does not address the realities, entities, values, customs and aspirations of the Nigerian people. Consequently, the Summit further noted that the current educational system is characterized by chronic under-funding, bad leadership, infrastructural decay, poor conditions of learning and service, promotion of mediocrity, shortage of personnel and entrenchment of orthodoxy, parochialism and chauvinism. In view of these, the Summit resolved to produce a Charter on liberating education that will reflect the aspirations, culture, values and realities of the Nigerian people within the context of a dynamic world.

The Charter would be based on a philosophy of education geared towards public good, national development and equity in place of the existing policy which promotes self-enrichment and personal aggrandizement. It also rejected the on-going systemic privatization of education and selling off of public educational institutions, noting that education is a public good and should not be left in the hands of private individuals who are driven solely by profit motives. Furthermore, the Summit resolved that on no account should public funds such as TETFund and PTDF, amongst others, be used to fund private educational institutions and associated enterprises, while condemning corruption, lack of professionalism, poor and opportunistic leadership, unethical conduct and behaviours that impinge on the learning environment and the integrity of teaching and research. It called on all members and branches of unions in the educational sector to rid the Sector of such ills.

The position of these stakeholders is a positive step in the right direction, which if logically pursued would yield positive results in the Nigerian educational system. This is against the backdrop that similar ideas and suggestions on the way forward have been made in the past, but nothing has come out of them. If there is one thing that is necessary at this point in time, it is revolutionizing the Nigerian educational system. It is time to act.

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Facility Ends ConFab on 100 Years of Education in Nigeria

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Welcoming dignitaries to the University last Tuesday, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, lauded the Faculty of Education for attracting seasoned Educationists to the University in a bid to re-structuring Nigeria’s educational system as a tool for sustainable development.

Describing the Faculty as the core of the University system, he noted that the Centre for Higher Education Studies and the Open and Distance Learning Centre (OdEL) domiciled in the Faculty were established to advance issues of higher education in the University.

Chairman of the event and former Dean of the Faculty, Professor Ebi Bio Awoturu-Efebo, who noted that the Conference would provide solutions that would enable stakeholders to re-define the nation’s educational system, added that the preference for western education to traditional or indigenous education could be blamed for the drop in the quality of instruction available in the country today.

Also speaking, Dean of the Faculty, Professor Lawrence Igwe, disclosed that the need for educationists to articulate the successes and challenges facing education in Nigeria in the period under review prompted the Faculty to organize the Conference. “Within this period, a number of legislations, policies and commissions were set up to review the development of education in Nigeria. At the end of the Conference, we would be able to review these policies, constitutional provisions as educationists. It is also hoped that the Action Point of the Conference would strengthen the nation’s educational system and national unity,” he remarked.

In a Keynote Address entitled: Righting the Wrongs of the Nation’s Education System, Emeritus Professor Pai Obanya of the Institute of Education, University of Ibadan, posited that the way forward for Nigeria was retracing educational steps in specific directions which include creating and sustaining an enabling environment for educational policy development and ensuring meaningful and equitable access to education.

The International Education Strategists listed enhancement of relevance and quality in the system, provision of quality teachers for quality learning, efficient management of education service delivery and effectively channelling of financial resources to positively impact on the system as strategies for revamping the nation’s educational system. “The idea is for the government to shift from merely spending on education to genuinely investing in education,” he submitted.

Former Nigeria’s Permanent Delegate and Ambassador to UNESCO, Emeritus Professor Michael Omolewa and Pioneer President, History of Education Society of Nigeria, Professor Israel Osokoya, presented Lead Papers on 100 years of Education: Formal and Non-Formal Education and Professionalization of Teacher Education, respectively.

Other lead papers presented at the Conference included 100 Years of Education: Policy Issues; Science, Information and Communication Technology; Colonial and Post-Colonial Education Development; Issues of Reform; Environmental Education; and the Legal Implications of Vice-Chancellor’s Role, A Trend Analysis. Highlights of the Conference were award of service plaques to past and serving Vice-Chancellors and Deans of the Faculty of Education in the University and cutting of a Centenary Cake to mark the development of education in Nigeria.

BBC Donates To UniPort Radio

By Otigor Samuel

Leonard said the donation was in line with an existing partnership understanding with the radio station based on the Global Grant Project, explaining that Radio UniPort partners the BBC Media Action in relaying some of its programmes to the University Community.

“The equipment is being provided to assist your station in producing governance-related programming. It is intended to complement the ongoing training relationship we have with your Radio UniPort,” the Country Director said in a statement read by his representative, disclosing that the Media Action is the international charity arm of the BBC which is funded by several donor agencies, including the Department for International Development (DFID).

Responding to the gesture, Acting Head, Department of Linguistics and Communication Studies, Dr. Virginia Onumajuru, thanked the global media giant for the donation, pointing out that the equipment would enhance radio programming in the station. Dr. Onumajuru, who also stood in for the Chairman, Board of Radio UniPort, Mr. Adiela Onyedibia, expressed optimism that the station which was currently off-air would spring back to life very soon.

In his reaction, a Lecturer in the Department, Mr. Moses Asak, who had been teaching students the rudiments of radio and television production, said the equipment would assist in practical sessions, stressing that practical teaching of programming serves as a template for students to learn how to produce quality radio and television programming. He also commended BBC Media Action for the gesture, promising that the equipment would be put to teaching modern skills required for graduates of Mass Communication to excel in the line of duty.

Also on hand to receive the august visitor were the immediate past Acting Head of Department, Dr. Walter Ofireh and staff of the Radio station.
CELTRAS Board Member Redeems Vehicle Pledge

By Otikor Samuel

 Barely two weeks after announcing the donation of an operational vehicle to the Centre for Logistics and Transport Studies (CELTRAS) during inauguration of the Board of Governors of the Centre, Group Managing Director of Delta Marine Shipping Company Ltd, Dr. Austin Odili, has redeemed his promise to donate a brand new vehicle. Handing over a brand new Toyota Hilux to the University in front of the Senate Building last Tuesday, Group Head, Administration and Business Development of Delta Marine Shipping Company Ltd., Mr. Matthew Ossai, who represented the Group Managing Director, said the donation was in fulfillment of his boss’ promise about two weeks ago to the Centre. Mr. Ossai, who disclosed that Delta Marine Shipping Company Ltd. is the parent company of the Delmar Petroleum Company Limited, revealed that the donation was done through Delta Marine Shipping Company. The Group Head of Administration pledged his boss’ continued commitment to instituting the University as it implements its entrepreneurial drive. Receiving the vehicle, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Ethelbert Nduka thanked the group for prompt delivery of the vehicle as promised. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, who stated that universities all over the world are now run with the participation of private sector and industry players, urged the company to continue to identify with the University through its affiliate companies. He assured the donor that the Centre would fully utilize the vehicle for the purpose it was donated.

Director of the Centre, Professor Osi Akpogholem, also expressed gratitude to Dr. Odili and his group for promptly redeeming his promise to the Centre, promising that the vehicle would be used to advancing the work of the Centre.

UniPort Gets Writers' Guild, As Artsville Ends Writing Workshop

By Humphrey Ogu

Okediran, who also delivered a Keynote Address titled: “Creativity and Residency Programmes: The Ebedi Experience,” described “creative writing as an art of sorts—the art of making things up. It is writing done in a way that is not academic or technical, but still attracts an audience. Though the definition is rather loose, creative writing can for most part be considered as any writing that is original and self expressive.” He identified three main types of residency programmes, namely: Self-directed, where Residents work on their own; Instructional or Structured Residency where Residents are exposed to Workshop and Resource Persons and Mixed Residency, where Residents are loosely monitored such as is the case in Ebedi.

Welcoming guests to the two-day event, which had “Tradition and Innovation in Creative Writing” as its theme, Director of the Institute of Arts and Culture, UniPort, Professor Juliana Okah, expressed delight at the realisation of two very important events—Inauguration of UniPort Writers’ Guild and the Creative Writing Workshop, noting that “since the establishment of the Arts Village, the Vice-Chancellor has continued to support writing and other arts-related activities. We wish to thank him for his immense support and we promise to justify the confidence reposed in us.”

Earlier in his Opening Remarks as Chairman of the occasion, Emeritus Professor Nimi Briggs, expressed gratitude to the Institute of Arts and Culture for inviting him to chair the event, pointing out that Writers engage in thinking before converting their thoughts into stories. “I am sure that with this kind of programmes in the University, we are in for a harvest. I think that our students are fortunate enough to have all this happening in their time as students. My advice is that they should keep their eyes open and learn from the established Writers, who I believe are ready to share their vast pool of experience with budding Writers. You might be the next Wole Soyinka, Chinua Achebe or Elechi Amadi,” he told the students, pledging to support the activities of the Institute and the new Guild.

In his Address, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, who conceded that he benefited a lot from the programme, said: “We are happy that this University is gradually becoming a centre of excellence in Creative Writing. I hope that those of us here will draw from the fountain of knowledge of our distinguished Writers such as Dr. Okara and Dr. Okediran,” disclosing that he cherished the sections of his Library that houses books by Writers from the University system.

Also speaking, Special Guest of Honour, Mr. Paul Worika, who described Theatre as one of the best places to find discipline, stated that the University had all it takes to shine like a thousand stars in the creative world. “It is my belief that this would materialise if we remove jealousy and pettiness in our approach to mentoring younger Writers to unleash their creative potentials. Established Writers should mentor the younger ones to guarantee the future of Nigeria’s limitless creative industry,” he advised.

The event which featured a Roundtable on Engendering a Viable Residency Programme with Mr. Onyedibia as Moderator, Seiyi Arowo as Rapporteur, Drs. Okara, Okediran, Margret Nautsuko of the Department of English Studies and Mr. Bunna Anele of ANA as discussants, also had a Poetry Reading session by Professor Omolar Ogundipe, Drs. Ben Ejiofor, Julie Unnokoro and Mr. Humphrey Ogu, amongst others.
Onyeoguzoros Wins Students' Entrepreneurship Competition

By Humphrey Ogu

A Third-Year Student of the Department of Forestry and Wildlife Management, Chibuzor Onyeoguzoro, has won the Second Students' Entrepreneurship Competition of the Faculty of Agriculture which took place at the Old Library Complex, Choba Park, penultimate Thursday. Organised by the Intra-Faculty Bio-Enterprise and Agribusiness Committee, the competition featured eleven contestants drawn from various Departments. Contestants prepared proposals detailing their business ideas and made Power Point presentations explaining such proposals to a receptive audience, comprising senior officers of the University, staff and students and members of the Committee, who assessed them to determine the viability of each proposal. With 310 points, Onyeoguzoro beat ten other contenders to emerge overall winner of the competition with a proposal titled: "Foresterpreneurship and Packaging of Vetiveria paradoxo for National Development: Shee Butter Moisturising Cream in Oredo IGA, Benin City, Edo State," winning N50,000 for his effort.

The Second and third positions went to Wesley Omoyibo of the Department of Animal Science and Chinuedu Wall of the Department of Forestry and Wildlife Management, who scored 297 and 282, winning N30,000 and N20,000, respectively, while the other eight contenders went home with consolation prizes. Announcing the winners, Professor Alex Monsi of the Department of Animal Science, who noted that all those that took part in the competition could not emerge winners at once, urged those who did not win to take solace in the fact that they were able to showcase their business ideas at the competition. He also advised participants to work harder to improve on their proposal writing and presentation skills to enable them win in future.

In his remarks, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, who spoke through Professor Bene Willie Abbey, commended the Faculty for promoting entrepreneurship in keeping with the vision of the current administration, stating that in view of the difficulties encountered by graduates in securing white collar jobs, entrepreneurship was the way to go in a knowledge economy.

"As an entrepreneurial University, we are committed to producing graduates, who will not only be self-employed in these days of rising unemployment, but young entrepreneurs who will also be employers of labour," the Vice-Chancellor pointed out, urging students to rise up to the challenge of creating opportunities for self-employment in a competitive environment that required imaginative thinking.

 Welcoming guests to the event, Dean of the Faculty, Professor Ekanem Wokoma, said that the competition was conceived to inculcate the spirit of entrepreneurship amongst students in the Faculty of Agriculture that would enable them become self-reliant on graduation.

Professor Wokoma, who was represented by the Associate Dean of the Faculty, Dr. Oluwemii Aderope, noted that the purpose of the competition was to groom young entrepreneurs who are equipped to recognise the business side of Agriculture.

"In line with the entrepreneurial vision of the Professor Ajienka-led administration, this competition is aimed at producing Agricultural Entrepreneurs who will become employers of labour on graduation. The idea is to give winners starter packs and a token that would enable them engage in any business endeavours of their choice. You will recall that the Faculty held writing workshops aimed at training staff and students on writing viable business proposals that can be capitalised and commercialised to create wealth," the Dean said.

Also speaking, Chairman of the Intra-Faculty Bio-Enterprise and Agribusiness Committee, Dr. Eton Akinoa, expressed gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellors, Directors of Institute of Niger Delta Studies, Centre for Research Management, Institute of Agricultural Resources and Development, Entrepreneurial Centre, Port Harcourt Business School, Deputy Registrar (Information), staff and students of the Faculty for the roles they played in making the event successful.

Certified Geographers End Career Fair In UniPort

By Ethel Tim-Johnson

The South-South Zone of the Institute of Certified Geographers of Nigeria (ICGN) domiciled in the Department of Geography, Faculty of Social Sciences, held a mandatory Geo-professional Career Training for students, penultimate Friday at the Conference Hall of the International Students' Centre, University Park, Calabar.

The training, which had the theme: From Town to Town as a Professional Geographer, featured knowledgeable Guest Speakers from the industry, who spoke on such sub-themes as Geographers' Professional Niche in the Oil and Gas Industry, Public Service, Professional Consultancy, Potential of a Geographer, Professional Relevance of a Geographer and Being Professionally Relevant as a Geographer in the Oil and Gas Industry.

Immediate past Director, Centre for Disaster and Risk Management (CDRM), Professor Samuel Arokoyu, noted that the training provided an avenue for the students to chart a way forward as professional Geographers on graduation, as well as opportunity to be inducted as members of the Institute. "Knowledge is taking a new dimension and to remain relevant in the knowledge-driven economy, you have to distinguish yourself through continuous professional training," he told the students.

Professor Arokoyu disclosed that the Career Training would provide an avenue for students to appreciate the contributions of Geographers to the development of the Nation.

South-South Zonal Coordinator of ICGN, Mr. Victor Sunday, who disclosed that the training provided a platform for interaction between the students and major industry players, added that the Institute was established to promote professionalism among its members by preparing them to take on the emergent challenges in the industry. He encouraged the students to embark on professional networking as a way of enhancing their knowledge of the discipline and keeping abreast with current trends in the broad field of Geography.
Dapper Advocates Regular Blood Test For Healthy Living

Inaugural Lecturer, Prof Dapper (arrowed), V-C, Prof Ajienka (right), some Principal Officers and Professors before the Lecture.

"Our results showed that smokers have higher values of haematoctrit, whole blood relative viscosity and significantly higher values of erythrocyte sedimentation rate of non-smokers, confirming suggestions that combined effects of these changes were enhanced susceptibility to intraocular thrombosis due to possible enhancement of coagulation with higher cardiovascular risk to Nigerian smokers," he explained.

As a way of encouraging scholarship and research in Human Physiology, Dapper, who was a one-time Dean of the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, called for the establishment of a Centre for Blood Research in the University to tackle the many blood-related ailments that bedevil Nigerians today. He also recommended the introduction of a Postdoctoral scheme for junior academics in the University to assist them further master the requisite skills required in the field of Blood Physiology, announcing the endowment of the William Davenport Memorial Prize for Best Graduating Student in Human Physiology.

Commenting on the Lecture, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, who noted that Professors think on behalf of and for the wellbeing of society, lauded Professor Dapper for mounting free blood tests before the Lecture, endowing a prize for the Best Graduating Student in Human Physiology and for his recommendation of a Centre for encouraging a healthy lifestyle amongst the populace.

"In this University, we recommend that staff should go to the Health Centre for medical check-ups on their birthdays, but some staff erroneously assured us that we are using the policy to generate data that would lead to their early retirement from work. The recommendations made by the Inaugural Lecturer have not only justified the policy, but they also confirmed the importance of regular medical check-ups in the maintenance of good health and longevity amongst staff of the University.

Songhail Farm Director Tasks African Leaders On Socio-Economic Dev

By Obinna Nwodim

A s governments in other climes continue to adopt measures to improve the living standards of their citizens, Africa's poverty has been traced to the inability of governments on the continent to internally generate requisite capacity to build the appropriate institutions and structures that will enable them produce the social values, goods and services that will address the needs and desires of their people.

This assertion was made by Director of the Songhai Centre of Excellence, Benin Republic, Dr. Godfrey Nzamujo, while speaking as Guest Lecturer at the 3rd Niger Delta History Week organized by the Institute of Niger Delta Studies in collaboration with the Faculty of Agriculture, last Tuesday.

Dr. Nzamujo, whose Lecture was entitled: The Third Industrial Revolution and the Accompanying Socio-Economic System as an Opportunity for Africa to Leapfrog its Development Process and Tackle the Triple Challenge of Poverty/Food Security, Unemployment and Environmental Degradation: Agriculture as a take-off and an Example in the New Paradigm, stated that "passive consumerism, shallow and piecemeal solutions and the quick adoption of other people's experiences, solutions, systems of production and values have become cheap substitutes for doing the hard work of growing up and developing native competences and processes that would guarantee sustainable, broad-based and inclusive growth on the African continent."

The innovative agriculturist said the most solutions to solving the socio-economic problems in Africa seem to be piecemeal and symptomatic therapies that hardly work, regretting that "we are operating from mechanistic paradigm developed centuries ago. In the best cases, these solutions are simply Band-Aid measures. In most cases however, they end up creating more problems."

The Visiting Professor to the University, who said that the socio-economic situation will get worse if we continue to navigate the same old path, noted that "solutions to our problems today can no longer be found in our present attitude and logic." He highlighted the process and operations of the Songhai Initiative, pointing out the importance of learning how to harness environmental capital that would turn the rural sector around to become productive, efficient and remunerative. According to him, this approach will help tackle the unemployment problem and considerably slow down the massive exodus from rural areas to already over-populated urban regions of the country.

In his remarks, Chairman of the occasion and Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Joseph Ajienka, who commended the Institute and Faculty of Agriculture for the collaborative venture, stressed the importance of developing synergy amongst stakeholders in the critical sector to ensure food production. He described agriculture as very important to the development of society and commended the Guest Lecturer for not only theorizing his knowledge, but also applying them for the benefit of society.

In their separate goodwill messages, Special Guest of Honour and member of the University Governing Council, King Amadate Turner, represented by his Special Assistant on Investments, Khahafat Pat Omu, Friend of the University, Chief Seinye Lulu Briggs, represented by Mrs. Jumila Gomina, former Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University of Jos, Professor Godwin Tasie and Special Adviser to the Bayelsa State Governor on Agriculture, Mr. Roger Ohubo, stressed the importance of regard for the development of the economy and pledged support to the organizers.

Also speaking, Director of the Institute, Professor Abi Derefa, who thanked authorities of the University and other stakeholders for their support and encouragement, appealed for more support to the Institute to enable it realize the objective for which it was established.

Major highlights of the event were presentation of the Agriculture Entrepreneurship Awards to 10 outstanding proposals from students of the Faculty of Agriculture by the Dean, Professor Ekhem Wokoma, in addition, launching of the Journal of Niger Delta Studies, Volume 3 No. 2, as well as a symposium on the theme, Paradigm Shift in the Agricultural Sector in the Niger Delta: Poverty Reduction and Youth Development.
Dental Students Hold PUDSA Week

By Otikor Samuel

Dental students under the aegis of Port Harcourt University Dental Students Association (PUDSA) held their Health Week 2014 with a Rally and Awareness Campaign in the University Community on good oral health care between 27th October and 2nd November, 2014. The event which was declared open by the Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Professor Chris Akani, had a Consultant, Community Dentistry at the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital (UPTH), Dr. Bashiru Braimoh, as Keynote Speaker. He spoke on the theme, “Dentistry as a Profession: The Prospects and Challenges.” Briefing UniPort Weekly last Monday after the week-long event, President of PUDSA, Ukaegbu Eninnaya, said the event also afforded PUDSA members an opportunity to celebrate the feat they recorded as overall winners of the first National Dental Competition organized by the National Association of Dental Students (NADS), last August.

PUDSA President, who commended the Provost, Professor Akani for his continued encouragement and support for the Association, restated the commitment of his Executive to sustain community services through outreach programmes, disclosing that the Association had recently carried out dental outreach programme to Markets in Choba and Aluu Communities and the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Camp in Rivers State. “We will continue to create awareness and emphasize the need for good oral hygiene amongst the people, especially rural dwellers. We will do this under the supervision of our Doctors and Consultants,” Eninnaya pledged, soliciting assistance to enable the Association effectively tackle the numerous challenges posed to the populace by poor dental health.

The Health Week which commenced with a Rally, also featured a symposium, public lecture, free dental screening, debate, quiz and essay competition.

PUDSA members at the opening rally

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3RD Registry Day Celebration

The 3rd Registry Day Celebration held on 29th October, 2014 amidst fanfare. It featured a well received Public Lecture Titled: “Professionalism and Effectiveness: A Sine Qua Non for University Administrators in Present-Day Nigeria,” delivered by an astute administrator, Mr. David Suowari and presentation of award to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka. Pictures below as captured by our Cameraman, HEADMAN ALU show highlights of the event.

V-C, Prof Joseph Ajienka making opening remarks
Chairman of the occasion, Emeritus Prof Emmanuel Anosike speaking
Registrar, Mrs. Matilda Nnodim welcoming guests and Registrar Staff to the 3rd Registry Day

5th V-C, Emeritus Prof Imin Briggs giving goodwill message
Senior Ass. Registrar, Mrs. Otami Akahom reading citation on the Keynote Speaker
Keynote Speaker, Mr. Suowari presenting his Paper

Emeritus Prof Anosike in a warm handshake with Mr. Suowari after the presentation
Univ Librarian, Dr. Obiageli Nwodo decorating the Keynote Speaker with customized UniPort Muffler
Dignitaries cutting the Registry Day Cake

Some of the Registrars of sister institutions and their representatives
A group photograph of guests with the Registrar (arrowed)