



## V-C Receives Ghanaian Students On Exchange Programme

The third batch of staff and students of University of Mines and Technology (UMaT), Tarkwa, Ghana on a five-year exchange programme was formally received by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajiienka, at the International Students' Centre, last Monday with a charge to fully utilize the two-week programme to gain from the concise theoretical lectures and hands-on training in practical demonstrations and field trips by experts in the academia and industry, reports **Otikor Samuel**.

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The 33<sup>rd</sup> Induction Ceremony of the College of Health Sciences holds this Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2013 at Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium. Details next week. -Editor



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## UNIPORT Signs MoU With DTCA As INRES Receives More Donations



Barely three weeks after it received donation of a brand new Toyota Hilux Van, the activities of the Institute of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (INRES) received another boost with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Directorate of Technical Cooperation in Africa (DTCA), last

By Obinna Nwodin

Monday, at the Governing Council Chambers. The Institute also received donations from some members of INRES Governing Board. Speaking at the event, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajiienka, said that the University was driving an entrepreneurial

vision which makes it imperative to forge closer ties with other bodies to achieve set objectives, stating that the University cannot grow without mutually-beneficial collaborations.

"The University can only grow on the basis of research. We must move from theoretical approach to practical application of technological innovations for development. We are willing and ready to work with you for the benefit of the oil and gas industry and the environment," the Vice-Chancellor stated. He commended the National Universities Commission (NUC) for introducing the Linkages with Expert in Academics in the Diaspora Scheme (LEADS), disclosing that as a result of the importance attached to cross-fertilization of knowledge to meet global best practices, the Governing Council of the University has approved the Brain-Gain policy. Professor

Ajiienka also thanked the NUC Distinguished Scholar in Diaspora, Professor Chidi Ibe, for his contributions not only in adding value to the intellectual capacity, but also deploying his network for the benefit of the University.

In his speech, Acting Director of DTCA, Mr Suleiman Shuaibu, said that the Agency was

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# Health Education Dept Sensitizes UDSS Students On Hygiene

By Otikor Samuel

**D**octoral Candidates in the Health Education and Promotion Unit, Department of Health Education and Human Kinetics in the Faculty of Education, embarked on an awareness campaign on hand hygiene practices with a visit to the University Demonstration Secondary School (UDSS), last Wednesday.

Speaking to *UNIPORT Weekly* after an interactive session with the students, Dr Mferekemfon Inyang, who coordinated the one-day exercise, said the intervention programme with the objective of creating awareness on proper care for the hands to prevent disease transmission was an essential component of the course requirements for graduation.

"We want to impact on the immediate community, especially on the lives of the young ones because good health is very important in achieving bright prospect in life. Prevention is not only better than cure; it is also cheaper than treatment. Our focus is on hand hygiene. According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), hand washing is the single most effective means of preventing infection; it is more effective than vaccine and medicine intervention," Dr Inyang said, stressing the need for regular washing of hands for at least twenty seconds each time one touches an object, uses the toilet or before eating.

In his reaction, Principal of the School, Mr Ogechi Anele, who described the awareness exercise as commendable, said the visit was not only timely, but also appropriate given the ages of the target group and

the epidemic of typhoid and malaria which are largely caused by unhygienic conditions. "On behalf of Management of the School, I appreciate the facilitator, Dr Inyang and the PhD Candidates for the very important exercise. Enlightenment programmes such as this should be regular," Mr Anele added. Responding on behalf of the students, Head Boy, Elema Godspower and Hostel Prefect (Girls), Orji Precious,

promised to put into regular practice what they were taught and remain hygienic both in the hostels and at home, commending the guests for not only creating the awareness, but also providing some sanitary items to them. The Doctoral Candidates were Braimoh Bashiru, Akpan Ubong, Christy Chukumati, Ikemike Olaitari, Blessing Jonathan and Walker Doubrapade.



Dr Inyang (standing) sensitizing some of the students.  
Inset: Head Boy, Godspower and Hostel Prefect (Girls), Miss Precious

## STUDENT WORLD

# Drama Is A Veritable Tool For Better Society ~Azunwo, MA Student

*Emenike Azunwo, a Master of Arts Student in the Department of Theatre Arts, is a budding scholar with a passion to make a positive impact on his society. This, he hopes to achieve through his chosen career-Dramaturgy. To Azunwo, who specialises on playwriting, drama remains a veritable weapon for fighting various ills in society. Azunwo, who spoke on his research interest, lets our Correspondent, HUMPHREYOGU, into his world. The report:*

**T**o many persons, drama is merely a source of entertainment. But to Emenike Azunwo, it is much more than that. He believes that drama is not only a tool for reorientation and social change, but also a weapon with which to fight social vices. It was for this reason, he chose to specialise in playwriting.

"Right from my undergraduate days, I have always been very passionate about writing, and so I chose to build my career around playwriting. My reason for going into writing was to correct societal ills, because most persons are actually silent about social vices," Azunwo disclosed, adding that most people hold those who fight against social ills in disdain.

"So far, I have about eight unpublished plays, including, *Hubris*, *Apogee—The Academic Seat of Glory*, *Ululation*

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*Altercation*  
*, among*  
*others.*  
*These*  
*plays*  
*and my*  
*thesis*



Azunwo

entitled: *"The Last Resort: a Drama of Victimization in Nigerian Universities"*, supervised by Professor Julie Okoh, are all attempts to fight societal ills. If what I have written so far are published and staged, I believe that I would be able to change people's orientation and fight injustice and social ills," he said, listing Drs Francis Minima, Ben Ejiofor as his other academic mentors, beside his supervisor.

Azunwo noted that his Thesis, which aims to rid the Nigerian tertiary education system of various social ills and injustice against staff and students, recommended "a sanitized method of recruiting academic staff into the university system and a reorientation of staff and students in the universities to create a more humane atmosphere that would engender quality learning and development," stressing the need for good student-lecturer relationship.

Azunwo, who is currently a Graduate Assistant in the Department, where he teaches courses in playwriting, observed that writing could either stem from an inborn talent or acquired in classroom, citing foremost novelist and playwright, Dr Elechi Amadi as a born writer, who did not study creative writing.

"Those who are born writers could go into writing freely and write very well without necessarily going through writing classes, while those who are not so gifted, but have interest in it could acquire the skills in classrooms and possibly do better than those who are born writers. For me, I'm not a born writer, I only have interest in writing and went ahead to study it," he pointed out.

Regretting that despite the position of College of Graduate Studies on students, who stay beyond

the stipulated duration of their programmes, most students have overstayed due to no fault of theirs, Azunwo said: "I and some of my colleagues, who were admitted in 2009, have completed our Thesis since February, 2011 and we have seen our results; I don't know why we are still on the programme up till now. This is June 2013; we are yet to present our Thesis.

"The Management of the College need to monitor the way graduate programmes are run in various Departments. It is very important to call for quarterly reports from the Departments and also open a desk for students to drop their complaints on challenges they are facing in their programmes," Azunwo advocated, adding that with regular interactions between Management of the College and students some of the challenges that lead to students' overstay on their programmes would be nipped in the bud.

Azunwo, who described Library as the heart of research, said he uses the Library regularly, stressing the need for the provision of more books and other materials to boost research, teaching and learning.

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# V-C Receives Ghanaian Students On Exchange Programme



V-C's representative, Prof Appah (in bowler hat), Director, ELP, Prof Otaigbe, Profs Ogbonna Joel, Elijah Iyagba, (right) some Senior Officers of the University and the guests after the reception

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Speaking at a Cocktail Reception for the visiting guests, Professor Ajenka, who was represented by the Provost, College of Engineering, Professor Dulu Appah, advised the students to justify the essence of the exchange programme by making excellent use of the opportunity to build their career, reiterating that the University of Port Harcourt is a leading Institution in the oil and gas sector in the country and beyond.

"The University of Port Harcourt is foremost in Petroleum Engineering in Nigeria and one of the best in the oil and gas training in the world," the Vice-Chancellor said, assuring the visiting staff and students that the University would continue to provide the best for its students and clientele. He further stated that the restructuring of the

defunct Faculty of Engineering into a College with three Faculties and experienced Lecturers would enhance service delivery in the new College.

Professor Ajenka, who conveyed the goodwill message from authorities of the University to UMaT, urged them to strengthen the collaboration through the mentorship offered by the University in the last three years.

Also speaking, Director, Exchange and Linkage Programmes Unit (ELPU), Professor John Otaigbe, reassured the guests that the University would continue to do its best to deliver on the terms of Memorandum of Understanding as signed by the two institutions, expressing delight that the programme was running for the third year now.

Responding, Head, Department of Petroleum, Dr

Peter Eshun, who commended UNIPORT for the superlative training of students of UMaT, disclosed that 25 students and four Lecturers accompanied them on the visit, expressing satisfaction with the choice of the University of Port Harcourt in view of the numerous partnerships with other institution aimed at delivering robust teaching, research and quality service.

Other staff present at the event included: Dean, Faculty of Process and Energy Systems Engineering, Professor Elijah Iyagba, Acting Head, Department of Petroleum Engineering, Dr Sunday Ikiensikimama, Chairman, UMaT Committee, Dr Oriji Boniface and Erci Broni-Bechako, Shaibu Mohammed and Miss Ohenewa Dankwa, who are Lecturers from UMaT.

## UAC Tasks Library Staff On Good Conduct

Acting Director, University Advancement Centre (UAC), Dr Ngozi Odu, has advised staff on the need to be more polite and friendly to students when they visit the library or any office for assistance.

Dr Odu gave the advice during an interactive session organised by the Centre for Library staff, at the Library Conference Room, last Tuesday, stressing the need for all categories of staff to share warm disposition while relating with students. She disclosed that the way we relate to the students while in school affects the response from them outside the University environment to give back to their *Alma Mater*.

Recalling her experience during her days as a Doctoral student in the University, the Acting Director said, she was glad to come back to the University, because she had an exciting time in the institution, she added that she also felt good coming back to the Department and the department felt good to receive her. "We need to establish friendliness in our conduct with students, take time to listen and explain things to them when they come to you for assistance," she advised.

Dr Odu, who noted that "We need the students for growth, development, sustainability, favourable policies, to raise funds and for collaboration", said staff of the University owe the students the responsibility to be friendly by establishing meaningful relationship with them. "It would cost us nothing to be courteous and polite when we interact with people. We should discipline ourselves and show concern for the needs of our students

By Mercy Adeniji

because some of them would graduate tomorrow to become distinguished personalities in the society like President Goodluck Jonathan, Dr Alex Otti, among other great alumni," revealing that UAC is out to relate with the alumni and in the process cultivate them to donate to the university.

Speaking earlier, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, who was represented by University Librarian, Dr Obiageli Nwodo, commended the University Advancement Centre (UAC) for building a synergy between staff and alumni of the

University. "UAC is an arm of the Vice-Chancellor's Office that is responsible for our relationship with alumni and other organisations, especially the public and private sector. They are the image makers of the University, when it comes to raising of funds that will help to augment what the Federal Government is giving us."

She lauded the Centre for organising such interactive session with members of the University, stating that with the good working relationship, UAC can help to produce the needed result that would generate enough funds to achieve the University's strategic goals.

"We are aware that the Library is a service provider for the University and our relationship with students will produce better alumni tomorrow. So when UAC staff go knocking at the doors of our alumni, the services we render to the students today may be the motivation that would open doors for us when it comes to giving back to the University," she noted.



Univ. Librarian, Dr Nwodo (centre), Ag Director, UAC, Dr Odu, Dr Susan Umeozor, (right) Godbless Okede and Dr Otukunfor



# ODL Kick-Starts Online Programme

By Mercy Adeniji

**D**irector, Open and Distance Learning Centre (ODLC), Professor Hyacinth Dike, has unveiled plans by the National Universities Commission (NUC) to kick-start its online mode of programme delivery.

Speaking with UNIPORT Weekly last Tuesday, Professor Dike disclosed that as part of NUC's policy, universities should adopt a dual mode of course-delivery system, which include face-to-face plus online delivery mode.

"There is only one uni-mode University in the country, the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), which is authorized by law to deliver courses online and NUC, an agency of the Federal Ministry of Education, is in the process of overseeing the establishment of seven dual mode universities in the country and has suspended admission to many outreach programmes until they convert to the dual mode model, University of Port Harcourt is among these seven dual mode institutions", the Director said, adding that "NUC also insists that the University begins on a small scale, develop course modules in one Department and learn from experiences instead of starting with the several Departments at once, so we started with the Department of Political and Administrative Studies".

On current happenings at the Centre, which is located along Abacha Road in Port Harcourt, the Director said they have been able to create an ODL course development team, course structure and template, as well as apportion spaces for servers, and learning support team. "We also have a space for a Virtual Library and ICT room; we are in the process of wiring the place, so that the equipment can now be installed," he disclosed.

Professor Dike noted that for a start, the level of teaching would focus on undergraduates, explaining that the mode of entry would be School Certificate with five credits. He envisaged that the programme will last between six and eight years, adding that when the programme fully takes off and becomes uni-mode, they would no longer rely on JAMB for admission.

The Director stated that the Centre is run in partnership with other organisations to achieve its objective. "Fidelity Bank Plc has agreed to set up the internet connectivity for us and provide us with some facilities. We are



Prof Dike, Director ODL

also trying to go into partnership with an organisation called Park Associates E-Learning Group, we are drawing up an MoU and plans are on to negotiate with the University on this partnership".

He further disclosed that in the quest to adopt the dual mode instructional delivery model, University of Port Harcourt in 2012 set up the Open and Distance Learning Unit and became a platinum member of the African Virtual University (AVU), explaining that AVU is a Pan African inter-governmental organisation founded by African Development Bank with a mission to increase access to quality higher education and training through the innovative use of Information and Communication Technologies.

Professor Dike said the benefits of UNIPORT being a platinum member is that AVU will establish and equip an Open Distance e-Learning (ODEL) Centre in UNIPORT, stating that in May 2013, AVU organised a curriculum Conceptualization and Harmonization workshop in Nairobi, Kenya in readiness for the implementation of Multinational project II. "The workshop compared the professional education and science curricula across the 27 participating institutions with a view to identifying similarities, gaps and harmonise these curricula. We developed new curriculum for Applied Computer Science after comparing computer science from other 27 participating institution," he disclosed.



R-L: DV-C (Academic), Prof Igho Joe, Mrs Esther Fomsi, Dr Abiodun Ogunkunle and Prof Dike (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> right)



Prof Okeke, Director, PJC-GWDS

## PJC-GWDS Commences Sale Of Application Forms

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

**T**he Patience Jonathan Centre for Gender and Women Development Studies has announced sale of 2013/2014 admission forms for the Master of Arts and Postgraduate Diploma programmes in Gender and Women Development Studies.

A statement issued by the Director of the Centre, Professor Elizabeth Okeke, stated that the programmes are interdisciplinary in nature and focus on gender issues with a view to providing the required knowledge for achieving positive relationship for effective collaboration of human population in diverse environments.

Professor Okeke noted that the programme among other objectives would provide men and women with an in-depth engagement in the revitalization, transmission and continuous delivery of research-based information on gender equity and women development. "While the minimum duration for the MA or PGD Full-Time studies is twelve calendar months, the duration for the Part-Time is twenty-four calendar months", she said.

She further disclosed that interested candidates for the PGD should possess a minimum of Third Class degree or its equivalent with a CGPA of 1.5 points on a 5 point scale, while a minimum grade of merit at Postgraduate Diploma level in Gender and Women Development Studies would also be considered. "For admission into the MA programme, candidates must have a Second Class Honours, Lower Division in Gender and Women Development Studies or a degree in the Social Sciences, Humanities or Education from any recognized university," the Director added.

Professor Okeke stated that completed application forms attached with academic transcripts, two reference letters and other relevant documents should be forwarded to the Centre. "All interested applicants are advised to log on to [www.uniport.edu.ng](http://www.uniport.edu.ng) after payment of a non-refundable fee of N 20,500. Bank Payment Print-out enables prospective candidates to obtain the Application Form online or from the Office of the Director", she explained.

Members of the newly-constituted Professional Ethics Committee have been charged to carry out their duty with all sense of diligence, commitment and cautiousness, given the importance of their assignment. Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajiienka, gave the advice while inaugurating the new Committee, last Wednesday at the Vice-Chancellor's Committee room.

Professor Ajiienka said that the Committee is critical to the overall survival of the system. "If we do not allow important Committees such as this to stand, the system will definitely not survive. As members of a Committee assigned to investigate issues of ethics concerning staff and students, you must be above board and I want to let you know that the selection of members of this Committee is carefully based on credibility", he said, adding "that whatever actions we take, must be done properly". The Vice-Chancellor stated that the aim of setting up the Professional Ethics Committee is to ensure that both staff and students do the right things at all times, adding that, "If people are not afraid of anything, they will act with impunity". Professor Ajiienka advised them to be thorough in their investigations, irrespective of who is involved in any matter, noting that it is only by this way that the system can function effectively. He said that the authorities were confident in the ability of the members of the Committee to justify the confidence reposed in them, adding that matters concerning both staff and students should not only be investigated carefully, but also speedily. In his response, Chairman of the newly-inaugurated Committee, Professor Abdulrazaq Kilani, thanked the Vice-Chancellor for finding members worthy to serve, promising to put in their best in their service to the University. He said that "our survival here as



V-C, Prof Ajiienka (centre) flanked by new Chairman of Ethics C'ttee, Prof Kilani (left), DV-C (R&D), Prof Willie-Abbey (right) and other members

## V-C Inaugurates New Ethics Committee, Commends Outgoing Members

By Obinna Nwodin

academics lies in ethical values", pledging to ensure that the University is ethically-conscious on how best to carry out its statutory activities.

Other members of the Committee are: Professor Josephine Ebong; Dr Uwaoma Ironkwe; Professor Iyeopu Siminalayi; Dr Udensi Udensi; Dr O. A. Akadiri; Dr O. Okorie; Dr Ngozi Orzulike; Mrs Elizabeth Ndiokho; Engineer I. E. Iwegbue and Mrs Nwira Mbanefo

In a related development, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ajiienka, has commended the role played by members of the immediate past Professional Ethics Committee. Making the commendation, the Vice-Chancellor noted that "the Committee has helped the University a great deal. I believe that with

the presence of a lawyer in the Ethics Committee, the number of possible litigations reduced", thanking them for the quality of service rendered the University. He told them that by the quality of service they gave, they are now Ambassadors of Ethics in this University, appealing to them to make themselves available whenever they are called for more service.

In his speech, a member of the Committee, Professor Ayoade Kuye, who stood in for the Chairman, Professor Kanu Nkaginieme, thanked the authorities for the support given them while they served, appealing that the same support should be extended to the new Committee. He acknowledged that without the activities of the Committee, the University would have been worse-off.

## ...Tasks CASSON On Trauma Centre

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajiienka, has tasked the Rivers State Chapter of the Counselling Association of Nigeria (CASSON), to work with the Department of Sociology and College of Medicine to establish a Trauma Centre in the University to assist victims of kidnapping and rape.

Professor Ajiienka, who thanked members of the Association for siting the Headquarters of the State Branch in the University when they paid him a courtesy visit last Wednesday, commended them for their human-oriented activities. "The Trauma Centre would enable victims and their families

overcome the psychological and emotional trauma they face after such terrible encounters", he added.

Stressing the importance of guidance and counselling to the society, the Vice-Chancellor told the Association to consider collaboration with the Institute of Arts and Culture on a film documentary to educate newly-admitted students as well as propose a Career Fair in partnership with industry for the benefit of students.

In her address, the Chairperson of the Association, Dr Chinenye Awujo, commended the Vice-Chancellor for the developmental strides recorded so far in the University. "We also wish to commend you for giving counselling a pride of place in your

University through the establishment of a Guidance and Counselling Unit in the Student Affairs Department," Awujo said, describing it as the first of its kind in any tertiary institution in the State.

Referring to the Association as a group of professional Guidance Counsellors with the mandate of facilitating counselling delivery to improve quality of life, the Chairperson said that the Association has successfully undertaken a one-day rehabilitation programme as post-flood assistance to victims of the disaster last year, organised radio and television talk shows to address societal challenges, amongst other activities. "We are equally ready to partner your institution in the areas of guidance and counselling, orientation and social re-engineering", she said.

Member of the delegation, Professor Osita Nwankwo, who stressed the importance of the Trauma Centre to the University, noted that the Association would also assist the University counsel students in the areas of examination failure and values orientation. "We are looking forward to more fulfilling activities for the benefit of our Association and the University", he said.

Secretary-General, Mrs Margaret Kennedy; Treasurer, Dr Betty-Ruth Iruloh; Public Relations Officer, Bright Ikechukwu, Professors Osita Nwankwo, Obi Kemjika and Mrs Chidi Nwankwo accompanied the Chairperson on the visit.



L-R: Mrs Chidi-Nwankwo, Profs Nwankwo, Kemjika, DV-C, (R&D), Prof Willie-Abbey, V-C, Prof Ajiienka, Chairperson, Dr Awujo, Dr Iruloh, Mrs Kennedy, Univ. Librarian, Dr Nwodo and PRO, Mr Bright Ikechukwu



# UNIPOINT Signs MoU With DTCA



V-C, Prof Ajenka (arrowed) with members of DTCA Team and Senior Officers of the University

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established to create a platform for the flow of resources from more endowed countries in Africa to the less endowed ones and to promote issues that will facilitate integration in Africa. "We are interested in projects that cut across borders and believe that there are quite a lot of programmes that we can do together to promote the objectives of INRES", he stated, adding that part of its mandate is also to harness human resources for the benefit of other African countries. "We also have an advocacy programme to ensure that we put something down for the development of Africa. We have a data base of experts from Africa willing to serve in other parts of Africa", he added.

Also speaking, a member of the Governing Board and

NUC Distinguished Scholar in Diaspora, Professor Ibe, expressed optimism that the MoU would not be dormant, stressing that the DTCA Team is known for its high level of competence, tenacity, efficiency and productivity, adding that they have the capacity to translate the provisions of the MoU to realize the objectives of the partnership.

Explaining the provisions of the Agreement, Assistant Director, (Legal) of the Agency, Mr Theodore Sefia, said that the partnership which is for a period of five years would involve collaboration in areas of natural resources, environment, climate and sustainability, especially in relation to human and institutional capacity building, data sharing, experts recruitment and exchange, research and consultancy services, amongst others.

In a goodwill message, MacArthur Foundation of Chicago African Director, who was represented by Hauwa Kazim, expressed delight that its support to the University was yielding fruits, assuring of continued support to the Institution.

The event was also used to receive donations from some members of the INRES Board. Professor Ibe donated over 350 volumes on natural resources management, environmental protection, sustainability and climate change; 250 volumes of Regional Seas Report covering the entire globe, 100 manuals on standardized methodologies covering pollution, erosion, environmental susceptibility and natural resources assessment, over 150 Technical Reports of World Meteorological Organization, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, United Nations International Development Organization, Food And Agriculture Organization, United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization, International Maritime Organisation, series of journals which include the Journal of Aquatic Conservation, Journal of Coastal Research, Journal of Petroleum Geology, Journal of Aquaculture, Journal of the Geological Society of London, as well as over 50 consultancy reports on several aspects of the Niger Delta. Another member of the Board, Mr Lucky Awobasiwu, also donated 50 chairs and tables for the conference room of the Institute. In their separate speeches, the donors said that the gesture was the redemption of pledges made during the inaugural meeting of the Board.

In his remarks, Director of the Institute, Professor Euvie Akpokodje, expressed gratitude to the authorities and members of the Governing Board for the support so far received, assuring that he would endeavour to make the best use of items donated.

Also present at the event were: Mrs Margaret Asoka, Chief Programme Officer, Mr Michael Gana, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, and Ms Zubaida Abubakar, Information Officer II.

**I**t was a harvest of costumes at the Institute of Arts and Culture last Monday, as an Alumna of the University and Lecturer in the Department of Theatre Arts, Mrs Nkechi Bature-Uzor, donated several bags of costumes to the Arts Village to boost dramatic performances. Receiving the donations, Director of the Institute, Professor Julie Okoh, expressed delight stating that "We need costumes for performance, and acquiring them have been a major challenge for us here. Each time, we have a performance we go to Rivers State Council for Arts and Culture and other places outside the state to look for costumes, which we usually hire at a very high price. With these ones donated to us, we would not need to spend so much on hiring costumes."



Staff and Students of Theatre Arts, Artsville trying out some of the costumes

## Artsville Receives Donation From CRABITE

By Humphrey Ogu

Okoh, who was visibly thrilled by the donation made by the former student of the Department of

Theatre Arts, thanked her for the kind gesture, appealing to other alumni to emulate her and help in their areas of specialisation. "We need lighting equipment and even more costumes to boost performances, because the current Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, is very passionate about performances and he has the dream of making the University a one-stop centre for dramatic performances and film production in this country," she observed.

Responding, the Donor, Mrs Bature-Uzor, who proudly described herself as a CRABITE, said: "I'm an artiste made in UNIPOINT. What informed the donation is that we want our students and the University community to make use of the costumes; most times, they go as far as Bayelsa State to look for costumes, if we have a good costumes' room there will be no need to go out to hire. I believe this is just a foundation, so that the Arts Village can build on it. It is the beginning of a greater development in performing arts."

The Donor, who is currently a Lecturer in the Department, where she specialises in Costume and Make-Up, as well as Film Studies, disclosed that she had been in the film industry for over seven years, adding that "I have been working using clothes, discarding them, so when I joined the University, these are the ones left and I felt that there is no better way of utilising them than to donate them to the Arts Village."



The Donor, Mrs Bature-Uzor (left) and Director Artsville, Prof Okoh (right) displaying some of the costumes

# GUIDE POST

## APPOINTMENT

**Dr H.U. Nwosu**, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Production, Power Systems and Communication Engineering, College of Engineering, appointed *Acting Head of Department*. The appointment, which is for two years, takes effect from June 13, 2013 and terminates on June 15, 2015.

**Dr R. Uhumwangho**, Department of Electrical Engineering, Faculty of Production, Power Systems and Communication Engineering, College of Engineering, appointed *Acting Head of Department*. The appointment, which is for two years, takes effect from June 13, 2013 and terminates on June 15, 2015.

**Dr Tobin Briggs**, Department of Mechatronic Engineering, Faculty of Production, Power Systems and Communication Engineering, College of Engineering, appointed *Co-ordinator of Department*. The appointment, which is for one year, takes effect from June 13, 2013 and terminates on June 16, 2014.

**Dr Ugbebor John**, Department of Environmental Engineering, Faculty of Infrastructural Systems Engineering, College of Engineering, appointed *Co-ordinator of Department*. The appointment, which is for one year, takes effect from June 13, 2013 and terminates on June 16, 2014.

**Dr G. C. Enyi**, Department of Gas Engineering, Faculty of Process and Energy Systems Engineering, College of Engineering, appointed *Co-ordinator of Department*. The appointment, which is for one year, takes effect from June 13, 2013 and terminates on June 16, 2014.

**Nwafor Temple**, Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Infrastructural Systems Engineering, College of Engineering, appointed *Co-ordinator of Department*. The appointment, which is for one year, takes effect from June 13, 2013 and terminates on June 16, 2014.

**O. B. Omije**, Department of Electronic and Computer Engineering, Faculty of Production, Power Systems and Communication Engineering, College of Engineering, appointed *Co-ordinator of Department*. The appointment, which is for one year, takes effect from June 13, 2013 and terminates on June 16, 2014.

## SABBATICAL LEAVE

**Professor Augustine Abia**, Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry, Faculty of Chemical Sciences, granted a 12-month *Sabbatical Leave* to the Department of Chemistry, Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt, effective March 2013 to February 28, 2014.

**Professor Darlington Iwarimie-Jaja**, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, granted a 12-month *Sabbatical Leave* to the Department of Sociology, University of Calabar, effective March 2013 to February 28, 2014.

## CHANGE OF NAME

**MRS NKEM GODSLOVE CHIDI-UKAGU**. Former Miss Nkem Adichie of the Department of Theatre Arts, Faculty of Humanities, now wishes to be known, called and addressed as Mrs Nkem Godslove Chidi-Ukagu. All documents bearing her former name remain valid.

**MRS SOPHIA GODWIN OPUSUNJU**. Former Miss Sophia Simeon Minimah of the Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Biological Sciences, now wishes to be known, called and addressed as Mrs Sophia Godwin Opusunju. All documents bearing her former name remain valid.

## DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MGT OBSERVATORY

### FORECAST FOR PORT HARCOURT AND ENVIRONS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE, 30- SATURDAY, JULY 06, 2013

DATE	TEMPERATURE HI (°C)	TEMPERATURE LO (°C)	HUMIDITY Y (%)	WIND DIRECTION	RAIN (mm)	SUNRISE AND SUNSET (mm)	SUMMARY
SUNDAY, 30 JUNE, 2013	31.0	24.0	76	E	11.9	6:24 6:48	A few thunderstorms expected with partly cloudy and warm day predicted.
MONDAY, 01, JULY, 2013	30.0	24.0	85	E	33.5	6:24 6:48	Heavy rainfall expected. Mostly cloudy and warm day forecasted. Chance of rain is high.
TUESDAY 02 JULY, 2013	31.0	23.0	73	E	96.4	6:24 6:48	Heavy rainfall expected. Mostly cloudy and warm day forecasted. Chance of rain is high.
WEDNESDAY 03 JULY, 2013	29.0	23.0	74	NE	10.2	6:24 6:48	Thunderstorm mostly expected. Cloudy and warm day anticipated.
THURSDAY 04 JULY, 2013	29.0	22.0	75	N	12.5	6:25 6:48	Thunderstorm expected for most of the day. Cloudy and warm day forecasted.
FRIDAY 05 JULY, 2013	28.0	23.0	66	NE	5.0	6:25 6:48	Widely scattered thunderstorm expected. Broken clouds Day is predicted to be mild.
SATURDAY 06 JULY, 2013	28.0	23.0	65	NE	3.0	6:25 6:48	Thunderstorm expected late in the day. Day is forecasted being partly cloudy and warm.

VREMUDIA WEKPE  
RESIDENT METEOROLOGIST

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DIRECTOR, (CDRMDS)



AIESEC team during the campaign

## AIESEC UNIORT Launches Campaign Against Cancer

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

The University of Port Harcourt Chapter of an international student organization, AIESEC, has launched its Project Pink campaign against breast, cervical and prostate cancers at the new Conference Room of the Braithwaite Memorial Specialist Hospital (BMSH), Port Harcourt.

At the opening ceremony of the launch last Wednesday, seasoned medical personnel including, Drs Goddy Bassey, Preye Fiebai and Ngozi Ekeke of the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital (UPTH), Dr Vetty Agala and Mrs Tracey Igwe of the Rivers State Ministry of Women Affairs and Martins Waobikeze Prostate Cancer Foundation respectively, spoke on the *Myths and Misconception of Cancers*.

Project Director and Sixth Year Student of College of Medicine, Nestor Iningba, while briefing *UNIORT Weekly* on the event which had in attendance students of the University of Port Harcourt Demonstration Secondary School (UDSS), Port Harcourt University Medical Students Association (PUMSA), volunteers and Board of

Experts of AIESEC, featured an awareness walk from BMSH to Nnamdi Azikiwe Road in Port Harcourt.

Disclosing that training sessions for volunteers had already commenced in selected Units in UPTH, Preventive Health Institute, Garrison, Port Harcourt and the Martins Waobikeze Prostate Cancer Foundation, Iningba said that the team when fully trained would be sent to selected communities in Rivers State.

"We would be screening interested persons in the communities for cervical cancer. There would also be massive campaign against all the above listed cancers which is a terrible killer in Africa. The emphasis would be on prevention", he added, stressing that the awareness campaign would also spread out to Departments and Faculties in the University with a view to attracting more volunteers for the Project.

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### NDUKA RETAINS POSITION ON STATISTICS JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARD

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ethelbert Nduka, has been re-appointed to the Editorial Board of Journal of Nigerian Statistical Association by the Council. A memo made available to *UNIORT Weekly*, disclosed that the Board will be inaugurated at Abuja on Friday, July 5, 2013.

In another development, Professor Nduka has returned from the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference and Exhibition on Biometrics and Biostatistics in Chicago, USA, where a paper entitled: "The Logistic Regression Model with Response Probability in Survival Analysis", which he co-authored with Mrs U. P. Ogoke of UNIORT and Dr M. E. Nja of Federal University, Lafia, was presented.



## The New Governing Council

*Editor's note: In our last edition, names of two persons in the photograph were omitted in the annotation. We regret the error and hereby reproduce the photograph with the corrections.*



L-R: Director, Council Affairs, Dr Dakoru Charles-Granville, Prof Ethelbert Nduka, Mrs Dorcas Otto, Prof Regina Ogali, Dr Nelson Olayinka, Prof Owunari Georgewill, Mrs Olufunmilayo Brown, Prof John Ikimalo, Pro-Chancellor, Engr Gesi Asamaawei, Prof Ebi Bio Avotua-Efebo, Mrs Joyce Broderick-Bozimo, V-C, Prof Joseph Ajenka, Registrar and Secretary to Council, Mrs Matilda Nnodim, Barrister Okechukwu Ajunwa, Alhaji Muhammed Oyigye, Prof Anthony Ibe, King Amalate Turner, Prof Igbo Joe, Mr Vitalis Aliezi, Dr Obiageli Nwodo and Prof Bene Willie-Abbey

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## ENACTUS's Skills For Life Project

**A**s part of its Skills for Life Project, the University of Port Harcourt Chapter of ENACTUS (Entrepreneurs In Action, Us), an international student organisation, formerly known as Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE), trained women from Rumuekpe Community in Emohua LGA on soap-making skills. Photos by HUMPHREY OGU.



Facilitators and participants at the training



A cross section of the trainees with start-off kits



Training in session



A cross section of the trainees and ENACTUS Team after the training



ENACTUS Team Leader, Setutsi Eyo