



EEI Hosts National Petroleum, Power Policy Forum

Seasoned experts from the academia and industry have ended a brainstorming session in the University of Port Harcourt on ways of repositioning the Petroleum and Power sectors of the Nigerian economy. The high impact conference took place under the National Petroleum and Power Policy Forum at the Emmanuel Egbogah Auditorium, Emerald Energy Institute for Energy Economics, Policy and Strategy (EEI) from Monday, June 29 to Tuesday, June 30, 2015, reports **Humphrey Ogu**.

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Representative of the Integrated Breeding Platform, an organisation supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in Mexico, was in UniPort to assess the progress made in the Rice Breeding Programme.

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Oshiohmole Tasks NLC On Economic Policies

By Obinna Nwodin

Edo State Governor, Comrade Adams Oshiohmole, has challenged the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC) to articulate pragmatic economic policies that would bring about the much-needed changes that would

benefit the Nigerian citizenry. Oshiohmole gave the advice while speaking as Chairman of a Public Lecture organized by the Claude Ake Professorial Chair of Political Economy at the Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, last Thursday. Describing the late Professor Ake as one of Nigeria's academics who

identified with the organized labour, Oshiohmole said that in fashioning public policies, they must conform to the character of the State, pointing out that there was no one size fits-for-all model in addressing the serious economic problems facing the countries.

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UDSS Board Presents Portrait To V-C As Farewell Gesture

By Otikor Samuel

Ahead of the official termination of tenure of Professor Joseph Ajenka as the 7th Vice-Chancellor of the University, the Board of Governors and Management of the University Demonstration Secondary School (UDSS), have paid glowing tribute to him for his achievements in office. The delegation also handed over a progress report of activities in the School in the past four years at the Committee Room on Friday, June 26, 2015.

In a report jointly signed by Chairman of the UDSS Board of Governors, Professor John Ikimalo and Principal, Mr. Anele Ogechi, the Board and Management of the School disclosed that the visit was meant to brief the Vice-Chancellor on developments that had occurred under his watch.

The Board Chairman pointed out that "in his resolve to take the University of Port Harcourt to an enviable height, Professor Ajenka constituted a Committee of five persons, chaired by Dr. Ngozi Odu to review a five-year (2015-2020) *Strategic Plan* for the development of the University Demonstration Schools (Nursery, Primary and Secondary). The Vice-Chancellor's leadership and administrative style was treasured in his quest for quality assurance and control, financial prudence and accountability, prompt attention to correspondences, fairness in appointments, amongst other popular actions that endeared his administration to stakeholders in the affairs of the University."

Professor Ikimalo, who averred that the Vice-Chancellor carefully appointed men and women of proven track record of administrative, academic and entrepreneurial abilities to realize the objectives of his administration, praised the numerous developmental strides of the Ajenka administration.

The Board Chairmen commended his predecessors and the dedicated team led by the current Principal, Mr. Ogechi for giving UDSS purposeful leadership that led to its rapid rejuvenation.

He listed past Chairmen of the Board within Professor Ajenka's tenure as Professors Lawrence Igwe (2011-



V-C, Prof Ajenka (Centre) flanked on the right by DV-C (Admin), Prof Anthony Ibe, UDSS Principal, Mr Ogechi and on the left by Prof Ikimalo, Dean, Faculty of Education, Prof Lawrence Igwe

2012), John Otaigbe (2012-2013) and himself from 2013 till date, enumerating their contributions to the growth of the School, which included donation of their sitting allowances for the purchase of equipment for the Computer Laboratory and Scholarship to some students from the host communities.

On infrastructural development, the Board Chairman revealed that 26 classrooms and verandas were tiled, wooden windows replaced with GMP windows in all the classrooms and offices, executive flush doors installed in all the classrooms, leaking roofs fixed, asbestos replaced with long-span aluminium and PVC ceilings fixed in the Senior Secondary classrooms.

"The Biology and Chemistry Laboratories were also renovated. A new laboratory block to house Physics, Introductory Technology, Home Economics and Computer is under construction and is 50% completed. It will be ready for use in the next session," part of the report read. On the Library block which was one of the most dilapidated buildings in the School, the Board Chairman said that the block has been completely renovated to a modern building which also houses the offices of the Vice-Principals and Counselling Unit.

"The boys' dormitories were completely fenced; a new large multi-purpose hall (for Prep, Dining and Chapel) was built, equipped and commissioned during the period under review. The Sick Bay has been renovated by the Parent-Teacher-Association (PTA). The School's performance in external examinations has impressively hovered between 80%

and 100%. Over 95% of our products have successfully gained admission into universities within and outside the country, especially with the introduction of the post-JAMB test," he added.

On human capital development, Professor Ikimalo said the Faculty of Education was developing an annual teaching update programme for the teaching staff, adding that UDSS currently had a staff strength of 104, including 51 non-teaching and 53 teaching staff and a student population which rose from 1,000 in 2011 to 1,398 in 2015.

The delegation later presented a copy of the report and a portrait of the Vice-Chancellor to Professor Ajenka.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, who expressed gratitude to the Board and its Chairman, Professor Ikimalo for the accelerated infrastructural development that took place in the School, also commended past Chairmen for their achievements, including the donation of their allowances to set up a Computer Laboratory.

"We need to do a lot more to return the School to a time when it was number one in the entire Rivers State. UDSS has an attractive brand name; we should gradually be thinking of putting decent buildings in place to attract those parents that took their children away from the School. I will pass the message to my successor to improve on the efforts already put in place so that the School will continue to grow from strength to strength under the new dispensation," the Vice-Chancellor assured the delegation.

Doctoral Candidates Donate To Human Kinetics Dept

By Mercy Adeniji

As part of efforts aimed at supporting the smooth-running of the Department of Human Kinetics and Health Education in the Faculty of Education, some doctorate degree candidates in the Department have donated a power generating set to

improve electricity supply aimed at enhancing productivity.

Receiving the donation from the students in his office on Wednesday, June 17, 2015, Acting Head of Department, Dr. Johnson Okpako, lavished praises on the candidates for their generous gesture and support for the Department and Faculty,

commending their laudable effort to their counterparts in other Departments and Faculties to ensure accelerated development of the University.

Dr. Okpako, who assumed duty on March 24, 2014, revealed that there were challenges here and there in the Department; one of them being acute power outage that does not conduce for efficiency in the Department. "I met with all the students from the first degree to Ph.D to acquaint them with the felt need for certain facilities in the Department and I am very gratified to note that they have started responding positively," he said, revealing that a group of six doctoral candidates visited the office to seek information on what they could do to alleviate our plight. Before I knew it, I saw a giant FIRMAN electricity generating plant to assist in the provision of an alternative power supply to the Department.

Dr. Okpako, who doubles as the Academic Adviser to Team UniPort, said that in a bid to encourage other donors, he decided to write to the Management of the University to officially thank the student donors for their philanthropic gesture, calling on others to emulate the good gesture of the students.



Dr Okpako (arrowed) receiving the power-generating set from the donors, while others watch

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EEL Hosts National Petroleum, Power Policy Forum

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The event, which was organised by EEL in collaboration with the Nigerian Association for Energy Economics (NAEE), Centre for Petroleum, Energy Economics, Law and Policy (CPEEL), University of Ibadan and the International Institute for Petroleum Energy Law and Policy (IPELP), had *Oil, Gas and Power Economics: Policy Issues, Prospects and Strategic Options for Nigeria in the New Era*, as its central theme.

The Forum featured paper presentations and panel discussions on how to tackle the numerous challenges bordering on disjointed policy direction, perennial petroleum crises and poor electricity supply in Nigeria that results from low generation and distribution networks.

Welcoming guests to the University, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, who stressed the importance of partnerships between the academia and industry, noted that Triple Helix *plus* approach—University-Industry-Government collaboration, was the most sensible way to go in a knowledge economy. He added that with such mutually-beneficial tripartite partnerships, the bureaucracy and civil service mentality associated with public universities would be drastically curtailed.

"I am happy that experts with the requisite insight and exposure to global best practices on oil and gas policy are at this very important Forum to proffer workable solutions to Nigeria's perennial problems in this strategic sector. I urge us not to be discouraged if our voices are not heard by policy makers and those with vested pecuniary interest in perpetuating inefficiency and corruption in the system. We must articulate our views very clearly and push such views to policy makers on oil and gas, including the critical power sector," he said, commending the participants for realising that universities are expected to solve their own problems and those of society if they hoped to remain relevant.

In his opening remarks, Director of the Emerald Energy



V-C, Prof Ajienka (arrowed) flanked on the right by Engr. Olorunsola and on the left by Dr Amaefule and other participants at the Forum

Institute, Professor Wumi Iledare, noted that "no nation can develop and sustain its economic growth and development purely on the abundance of energy production for income purposes with minimal power consumption to produce work. It is also important to note that a nation that treats the development of its energy resources purely for purposes of earning income rather than as a source of energy to produce final goods and services, suffers significant social welfare."

Iledare, who is the Chirota and Emmanuel Egbogah Distinguished Professor said: "The primary purpose of this Forum is to provide a platform for energy professionals and policy practitioners in the academia, industry, and government network, to offer perspectives on contemporary petroleum and power policy issues and problems in Nigeria and proffer strategic options to address these policy shortcomings in the vital sector."

On his part, Chairman of the Forum, Dr. Jude Amaefule, observed that lack of continuity culture in governance in Nigeria was a major factor militating against proper implementation of some well thought-out policies that did not see the light of the day due to frequent changes in government policies and

knowledgeable personnel.

Amaefule, who is Vice-Chairman and CEO of the Emerald Energy Resources Limited, which is the benefactor of the EEI, identified poor maintenance and planning, inadequate funding, vandalism of pipelines and generation facilities and gross indiscipline as major challenges militating against effective power generation and distribution in Nigeria.

Delivering a lecture entitled: *Managing Petroleum Resources Maximising National Economy: Challenges, Constraints and Prospects for Nigeria*, former Director of the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR), Engineer Osten Olorunsola, who noted that "we cannot run away from skilled and competent manpower in running the complex oil and gas sector," called for a licensing policy that favours technically competent manpower. He stressed the need to save adequately for the future as was being done by other oil-producing nations that have invested heavily in the Sovereign Wealth Fund (SWF) as a means of diversifying their economies away from oil revenue.

The two-day event also featured panel discussions and lively interactive sessions by professionals from the academia and captains of industry.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, last Wednesday commissioned the Mina Long-John Nursing Demonstration Laboratory at the Faculty of Clinical Sciences site, University Park. The building is named after a foremost Nurse and Caregiver, Mina Long-John, who contributed immensely to the advancement of the humanitarian profession in Rivers State and the rest of Nigeria.

Performing the commissioning ceremony, Professor Ajienka, commended Dr. Joachim Odigie of the Department of Pharmacology, who is also an Alumnus of the University for facilitating and donating the Demonstration Laboratory for Student Nurses as a legacy project to the Department of Nursing Science in honour of the great woman.

"What Dr. Odigie has done is very remarkable and exemplary for the rest of us. The lesson is that we all must

V-C Commissions Nursing Lab

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

be involved in the development of the University through philanthropic gestures like the one exhibited by Dr. Odigie. We all know people who can be of immense assistance to the institution and we should work towards attracting resources and legacy projects to the University from such persons. I am even surprised that the donor of this very important project does not even want his commendable philanthropic gesture to be publicised," the Vice-Chancellor remarked.

Disclosing that the donation would facilitate accreditation of the Nursing programme by the Nursing

and Midwifery Council Of Nigeria, a visibly delighted Acting Head of Department, Dr. Abigail Horsfall, expressed satisfaction at the actualization of the project, which she described as a felt need in the Department. "We are facing an accreditation exercise and this project will go a long way in addressing one of the major requirements by the Council for accreditation purposes," she disclosed.

Earlier in their separate addresses, immediate past Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Professor Chris Akani and Acting Executive Director of the University of Port Harcourt Foundation, Dr. Ngozi Odu, noted that the College and Department were beneficiaries of the increasing awareness of the need for well-meaning Nigerians to give back something to society.

Giving a background to the project, Professor Akani said that Dr. Odigie approached him with a proposal to do something for the College of Health Sciences. "I realized that the Department of Nursing was in dire need of a demonstration facility such as the one being commissioned today. So, we agreed on this project and I am very pleased to note that he promptly mobilized resources to deliver it to us," the former Provost told the Vice-Chancellor.

Calling on other staff, students and alumni to emulate the kind gesture of Dr. Odigie, Dr. Odu described the donation as a standard practice globally for successful alumni to identify with their *alma mater* with cash endowments and legacy projects that facilitate institutional growth.

In his response, an elated Dr. Odigie, who described the project as part of his contribution to the development of the Department of Nursing Science, noted that the Demonstration Laboratory was also part of his personal effort to contribute to the numerous achievements recorded by the Professor Akani-led Management in the College of Health Sciences.



V-C, Prof Ajienka cutting the tape, while immediate past Provost, CHS, Prof Akani, his successor, Prof Christie Mato and others watch on

Pol Science Dept Fetes Ibodje On His Retirement From UniPort

By Obinna Nwodin

In appreciation of his contributions to the growth and development of the Department, staff and students of the Department of Political and Administrative Studies in the Faculty of Social Sciences, formally bade farewell to one of their founding fathers, Professor Samuel Ibodje, who retired from the services of the University, last May. The event which attracted friends, colleagues and former students of Professor Ibodje, took place at the International Students' Centre, University Park, on Wednesday, June 17, 2015.

Speaking at the event, Chairman of the occasion, Professor Eme Ekekwe, described Professor Ibodje as not only a distinguished scholar, but a fine gentleman who touched many lives in the line of duty, praising him for helping to ensure the survival of the Department during the rough times.

According to him, when things went sour and most academic staff in the Department left for greener pastures, Professor Ibodje remained steadfast and resolute in ensuring that the Department survived, adding that his unparalleled act of solidarity demonstrated a mark of commitment that enabled the Department become what it is today.

In their separate speeches, his colleagues, Professors

Omenihu Nwaorgu and Eme Ndu, who eulogized the sterling qualities of Professor Ibodje, described him as an academic giant and complete gentleman, who ensured that the younger ones grew, expressing hope that he was now fulfilled as he played a major role in mentoring the younger colleagues in the Department. They said that Professor Ibodje never failed to mentor and ensure his younger colleagues went for the best in their academic careers, adding that he would be sorely missed in the Department.

Speaking on behalf of the students and friends of Professor Ibodje in separate tributes, Dr. Tonia Eze and Vice-President of the Rivers State Chapter of Urhobo Progressive Union, Chief Omokri, described Professor Ibodje as a good man with a huge dose of human kindness, adding that he strove hard to bring the best out of those with whom his path crossed. They expressed delight that their mentor was retiring

gracefully from the services of the University and in good health too.

Head of Department, Professor Nna Johnson, who expressed gratitude to Professor Ibodje for all that he did for the Department, said that he would be greatly missed by staff and students as a pillar of strength, appealing to him to always avail the Department of his valuable pool of experience even as he retires from the University.

In his response, Professor Ibodje who recalled with nostalgia how the University commenced in 1975, said that the Department has passed through thick and thin to arrive at its present status. He expressed gladness at the giant strides the Department had recorded over the years, adding that he was pleased to retire at such an auspicious time. The former Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) expressed satisfaction that he was leaving a crop of strong and dedicated academics that would sustain the rising reputation of the Department.

The event featured presentation of gifts by the Department and an award by the University of Port Harcourt Chapter of the National Union of Delta State Students.



Prof Ibodje (arrowed) flanked by Lecturers from the Department

As the newly-elected President, State Governors and Lawmakers settle down to work after the general elections, President of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC), Mr. Samuel Oboh, has charged Nigerian politicians to borrow a leaf from the Architects by making good designs that would guide them in the delivery of good governance.

Oboh, who gave the charge while delivering a public lecture entitled: *Governance in Nigeria: Lessons from Architecture*, organised by the Institute of Niger Delta Studies (INDS) at the International Students' Centre on Wednesday, June 24, 2015, explained that "Architecture goes beyond the art of designing buildings. However, good designs form the backbone of what Architecture should be."

The Lecturer noted that the cost of bad designs was enormous, explaining that apart from wastage in terms of resources, it could lead to collapse of buildings and loss of lives. He added that bad designs in governance are equally dangerous to society, warning against putting square pegs in round holes as has been the case in Nigeria over time.

RAIC President Advises Nigerians On Governance

By Humphrey Ogu

Disclosing that the job of an Architect was defined by the needs of the client, Oboh said that "the goals and policies of any government should be defined not by the politicians, but by the society. It is the needs of the society that informs the quality of life," he reminded the political class, stressing that the needs of the people who hire public officers should always be given priority.

The Lecturer, who noted that Nigeria was not a resource-challenged country, observed that "with the resources at the disposal of this country, there is no reason why we shouldn't have excellence and good quality of life in this region. It is true that Nigeria operates geographical entities put together for

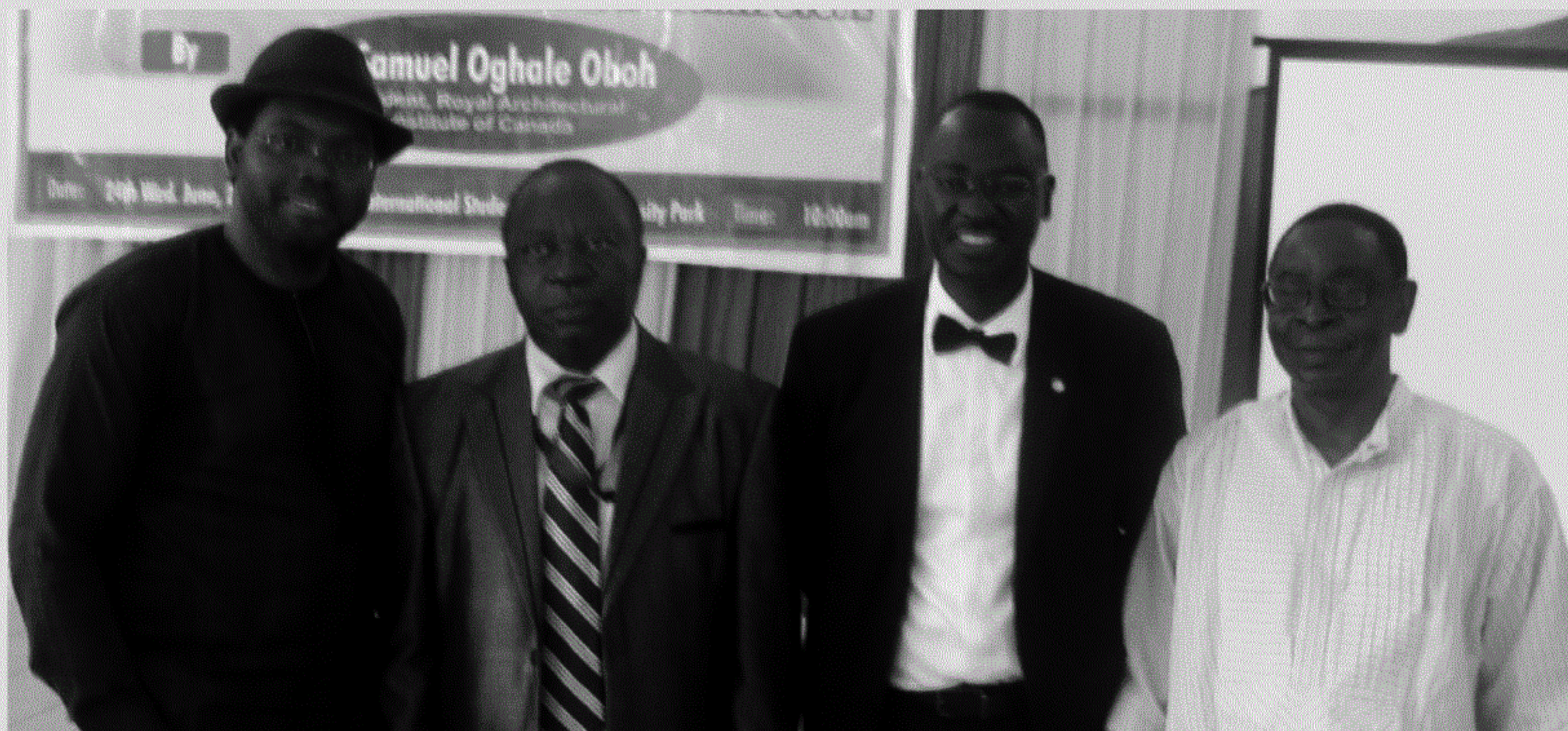
administrative convenience, but we should know that there is no country in the world that did not go through colonialism, war or famine."

Oboh noted that those who attribute the inability of government to provide good governance to the populace on the size of Nigeria, do not know the population and size of China, Japan or Malaysia, pointing out that "when we give population as an excuse for poor governance, we are doing that because we see population as a consuming factor; if we challenge our mind and see population as a production factor, we will think differently."

Recommending nudging as a way of spurring people into action, Oboh pointed out that the act of nudging people to take decision is subtle, but if well managed, its result would be massive, stressing the need for government to nudge the citizens to get things done as is the case in other advanced countries of the world.

In his speech, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, noted that it was exciting to see the connection between architecture and governance. Speaking through the Deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of Administration, Professor Anthony Ibe, Professor Ajenka noted that he would have attended the lecture in his personal capacity because of its exciting topic, adding: "Architects provide good designs for people. We have seen that architecture is influenced by the culture and environment in which it is practised. When you travel around the world, you would see different types of architectural designs. We need good design also in our governance. After the designs, there are other factors. That is where nudging comes in. Nigeria is a country that needs a large dose of nudging to make us change the way we think and do things."

On his part, Director of the Institute, Professor Abi Derefaka, commended Professor Ibe for staying throughout the lecture. He also thanked the Lecturer and other guests comprising staff and students from different departments for gracing the event.



R-L ;Director INDS, Prof Derefaka, Guest Lecturer, Mr Oboh, DV-C (Admin), Prof Ibe and Visiting Scholar, Dr Temitope Oriola of the University of Alberta, Canada

Outgoing V-C Praises *UniPort Weekly* Editorial Team

By Williams Wodi

Outgoing Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, has showered praises on the Editorial Team of *UniPort Weekly* and *Unique UniPort* magazine for sustaining the publications throughout his five-year tenure, describing the feat as very commendable for a public service initiative.

"The newspaper and magazine are very important professional publications that confirm the experience of the team behind them and I am very satisfied with your level of productivity," he said, stressing the need for continuity under his successor, Professor Ndowa Lale.

Professor Ajienka made the commendation at an interactive forum with a three-man delegation in his office, headed by Chairman of the Editorial Board, Professor Eme Ekekwe, last Monday. "I want to express immense gratitude to the Editorial Advisers and staff of the Unit for the effective publicity you gave to my administration in the last five years," he said.

The *UniPort Weekly* gave a real chronicle of events that took place in the University in the last five years, while *Unique UniPort* magazine consolidated information on a quarterly basis that was circulated far beyond the University. The Information, Publications and Public Relations Unit enabled my administration to reach out to diverse stakeholders that came to better appreciate of developments in the University.

It is not always that stakeholders in our affairs appreciate what we do here as teaching and non-teaching staff. I know that keeping these publication afloat, the Unit was stretched to the limit on weekly basis; it was part of my vision when I took office to float an effective information dissemination organ that was targeted at the various publics the University comes into contact with on a regular basis."

Hoping that the publications can become self-sustaining under his successor, the Vice-Chancellor stressed the need for alternative funding sources to secure their feature on the University's academic



V-C, Prof Ajienka (6th right), DV-C (Admin), Prof Anthony Ibe (5th right) in a group photograph with IPPR Staff, Editorial Adviser, Dr. Sado (7th left), Editor, Wodi (4th right), and some Senior Officers of the University

calendar. "I am only disappointed that we were not able to set up a full-fledged Marketing and Communication component to drive the fundraising and branding components of the University the way I envisaged it from the outset. The Public Service is a very intriguing place to run because it does not allow you to promptly accomplish everything you may wish to do as is the case with the private enterprise," he told the team.

"I know you would need an operational vehicle and other working equipment to enhance your professional efficiency in the line of duty. I had sent a proposal to the Governing Council to transform the Unit into a Directorate System to give the office a proper operational structure, but the proposal was caught up in official bureaucracy which is the bane of the Public Service," he disclosed, assuring the Editorial Board that he would continue to support the Unit even after he may have left office.

Earlier, the Chairman, Professor Ekekwe, told the Vice-Chancellor that the Board members decided to formally bid him farewell as he prepared to leave office, commending him for challenging the staff to produce the weekly newspaper and quarterly magazine. "We thank you for giving the *UniPort Weekly* the priority it deserved and we also wish to commend you for the vision that has elevated UniPort to an Entrepreneurial University that people are now willing to be associated with. We are impressed with

the giant strides your administration has recorded in the last five years and our prayer is that this remarkable trend would continue under your successor. You did not only keep imagination alive, but also translated it into reality for everybody to see. You generated enormous goodwill and favour for the University on the job for which you would be remembered long after you would have left office," the Chairman told the Vice-Chancellor.

Saying that Professor Ajienka established a solid record as Vice-Chancellor, Ekekwe wished him the grace and strength of the Almighty as he prepared to end his tenure on a high note.

Speaking on behalf of the Board at a luncheon given by the Vice-Chancellor, Editorial Adviser, Dr. Austen Sado and Editor, expressed gratitude to the administration for the recognition, stressing that the reward for hard work was more work. He urged Management to provide an enabling environment for enhanced productivity in the Unit.

Also present at the event were the incoming Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ndowa Lale, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Anthony Ibe, Registrar, Mrs. Matilda Nnodim, Editor of *UniPort Weekly*, Williams Wodi, Deputy Registrar in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Kelsey Makele and Special Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Kingsley Wogwu.

STOP PRESS

CERTIFICATE VERIFICATION SCHEDULE

Provosts of Colleges and Deans of Faculty are informed that the 16th Certificate Verification exercise of Secondary School Certificates for Part-Time students is scheduled to commence on Monday, July 6 and end on Tuesday, July 28, 2015.

A statement dated June 15, 2015 and signed by the Director of Academic Affairs, Mrs. Dorcas Otto, advised the students to come along with original copies of their Senior School Certificates, Birth Certificates where date of birth is controvertible and Marriage Certificates for female students who may have changed their names.

The Director requested Heads of Department to make the personal files of affected students available to the Committee on or before 12:00 noon on each of the scheduled dates. Students of the School of Science Laboratory Technology are excluded from the exercise, the stamen further said.

Contact: Director, Academic Affairs, Mrs. Dorcas Otto.

IPS Marks World Environment Day

By Humphrey Ogu

The Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS) joined the rest of the global community to mark the 2015 World Environment Day (WED) at the Emmanuel Chiejina Lecture Hall, IPS Park on Wednesday, June 10, 2015.

Explaining the rationale behind marking the day on June 10, 2015, instead of the actual day set aside for the celebration by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), IPS Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Officer, Sampson Iwuoha, said that "the event was shifted from its original date, Friday June 5, 2015, mainly to enable the PGD and M.Sc students, who were on a field trip to fully participate in the celebration."

In their separate speeches, Director of the Centre for Gas, Refining and Petrochemical (CGRP), Professor Godwin Igwe; Director, Centre for Petroleum Research and Technology (CPRT), Professor

Ogbonna Joel; Director of the Claude Ake School of Government, Professor Eme Ekekwe; Visiting Scholar, Professor Sunny Iyuke and Coordinator of the Postgraduate programme, Dr. Sunday Ikiensikimama, charged the celebrants on the need to sensitise the public on the importance of the environment to sustain the human race in the face of growing industrial activities.

The event featured a presentation on the theme of WED 2015: *Seven billion dreams. One Planet. Consume with Care* by the M.Sc Batch 12 HSE Committee Leader, Prince Ikpeka and signing of the Environmental Pledge Board (EPB) by all participants.

According to the organisers of the event, the group photograph showing participants and the signed Environmental Pledge Board would be uploaded on the UNEP website as a demonstration of solidarity and commitment towards global environmental stewardship sustainability.



Participants at the event

GUIDE POST

PUDSA Inaugurates New Exco

APPOINTMENT

Professor Tambari Leton, Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Infrastructure Systems Engineering, College of Engineering, appointed *Dean of Faculty*. The two-year appointment which takes effect from May 27, 2015 terminates on May 29, 2017.

Professor H.U. Nwosu, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Energy Systems Engineering, College of Engineering, appointed *Dean of Faculty*. The two-year appointment which takes effect from May 27, 2015 terminates May 29, 2017.

Dr. Cecil Maduforo, Department of Radiology, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, appointed *Acting Head of Department*. The two-year appointment which takes effect from June 18, 2015 terminates on June 19, 2017.

Dr. Kingsley Douglas, Department of Preventive and Social Medicine, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, appointed *Coordinator of Department*, effective June 18, 2015 to June 20, 2016.

Professor Obiozor Ayalogu, Department of Medical Biochemistry, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, re-appointed *Head of Department*. The two-year appointment which takes effect from March 24, 2015 terminates on March 27, 2017.

RENEWAL OF ADJUNCT APPOINTMENT

Professor Daniel Ogum, Department of English Studies, Faculty of Humanities, granted a one-year *Renewal of Adjunct Professor*, effective August 12, 2015 to August 11, 2016.

Professor Molara Ogundipe, Department of English Studies, Faculty of Humanities, granted *Renewal of Contract Appointment*, effective May 3, 2015 to May 2, 2016.

Dr. O.F. Uzoh, Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Physical Science and Information Technology, granted *Renewal of Adjunct Appointment as Senior Lecturer*, effective April 30, 2015 to April 29, 2016.

Dr. Iheukwumere Nwede, Department of Management, Faculty of Management Sciences, granted *Renewal of Contract Appointment*, effective January 15, 2015 to January 14, 2016.

RESUMPTION OF DUTY

Dr. O. B. Babatunde, Department of Preventive and Social Medicine, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, reassumes duty from *Secondment to World Health Organisation (WHO)*, effective April 1, 2015.

RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENT

Dr. Gabriel Okwandu, Department of Marketing, Faculty of Management Sciences, granted a one-year *Renewal of Appointment as Associate Professor*, effective March 6, 2015 to March 5, 2016.

Dr. Peter Okoh, Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, granted a one-year *Renewal of Part-Time Teaching Appointment*, effective March 6, 2015 to March 5, 2016.

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

The Port Harcourt University Dental Students' Association (PUDSA) has inaugurated a new Executive to run its affairs for the 2014/2015 academic session. The Association also launched its maiden magazine known as *SMILES*, aimed



Dean, Faculty of Dentistry, Prof Onyeaso flanked on the right by the immediate past EXCO and to the left by the incoming EXCO

at preaching the benefits of oral health to the University Community and the larger society.

Declaring the inauguration open, Dean, Faculty of Dentistry, Professor Chukwudi Onyeaso, stressed the need for the students to sustain the success story so far recorded, including emerging winners of the first National Dental Competition organised by the Nigerian Association of Dental Students (NADS) at the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital in August, 2014.

Commending the immediate past Executive led by Enyinnaya Ukaegbu for its efforts in sustaining the growth of the Association and production of the maiden edition of the magazine, Professor Onyeaso charged the new Executive to remain good ambassadors of the Faculty, the College of Health Sciences and University of Port Harcourt at all times. Representative of the Provost of College of Health Sciences, Professor Augusta Eneh, showered praises on PUDSA for its laudable achievements over the years, urging it to sustain the tempo in the years ahead. "I wish to call on the newly inaugurated Executive to perform even better than its predecessors," she charged the students, commending them on the timely production of the Association's magazine.

In her remarks, newly-elected President, Miss Amarachukwu Okafor, pledged the commitment of her incoming Executive to sustain the successes already recorded by her predecessors. "I wish to thank the University Management and the Provost of College of Health Sciences, Professor Christie Mato for

supporting the Association to attain greater heights. I also wish to commend our hard working Dean for his fatherly guidance and support that lifted us to this enviable pedestal," she stated.

Rendering account of his stewardship during the last service year, the immediate past President, Mr. Ukaegbu, recounted "the numerous achievements recorded by his Executive, which included the constitution of Academic and Editorial Boards, mounting of an Annual Health Week and commemoration of the World Oral Health Day. We also embarked on well-patronised community health outreaches tagged Community Dental Education and Health (CODEH). Despite leaving office, we will still be on hand to support our successors to enable them succeed in office."

Other members of the newly-elected Executive include Vivian Unachukwu, Vice-President; Nicky Braimoh, Secretary; Nnaemeka Agwunobi, Assistant Secretary; Babatunde Olasehinde, Treasurer; Idara Adolf, Financial Secretary; Chisome Eke, Director of Welfare; Marshal Wali, Director of Socials; Leh Lekara Bob, Director of Sports; Calistus Obiora, Public Relations Officer and Ifeoma Uduh as Provost.

Novelty Football Match For Ajienka, Lale Holds Thursday

Arrangements have been completed for a novelty football match in honour of the outgoing Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, and his successor, Professor Ndowa Lale, at the refurbished main bowl of the Sports Complex at the University Park. The match is part of the build-up to the final disengagement of Professor Ajienka tomorrow and assumption of office by Professor Lale next Monday.

The novelty match which is organized by the Senior Staff Club, will pitch the Teaching staff against their Non-Teaching staff counterparts of the University. Already, the SSC has donated a Cup to be competed for by club sides in honour of the outgoing and incoming Vice-Chancellors.

A statement by the Sports Secretary of the Club, Mr. Peter Edoziem, disclosed that the Staff Club Team headed by Dr. Edache Ochekwu (Teaching Staff Team), and Mr.

Ozemoya Saibu (Non-Teaching Staff Team), have been training in preparation for the crunch match, advising sports enthusiasts in the University to join the training sessions on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday of every week. Mr. Edoziem invited the University Community and the general public to grace the occasion.



Senior Staff Club Team in soccer mood

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30th Convocation Lecture

Mazi Samuel Ohuabunwa delivered the 30th Convocation Lecture on Thursday, June 11, 2015. Our Cameraman, **HEADMAN ALU** captured highlights of the Lecture:



V-C, Prof Joseph Ajenka, receiving a copy of the Lecture from the Guest Lecturer, Mazi Samuel Ohuabunwa



Prof Bridget Nwanze reading a citation on the Convocation Lecturer



Mazi Ohuabunwa delivering the Lecture



5th V-C, Emeritus Prof Nimi Briggs speaking after the Lecture



Provost, CGS, Prof Roseline Konya in a handshake with Mazi Ohuabunwa, after decorating him with UniPort Muffler



Mazi Ohuabunwa displaying a plaque presented to him by the University



L-R: Emeritus Prof Briggs, Registrar, Mrs. Matilda Nnodim, Prof Bene Willie Abbey, D V-C (Admin), Prof Anthony Ibe & Mazi Ohuabunwa displaying copies of the newly-launched Unique Entrepreneur Magazine



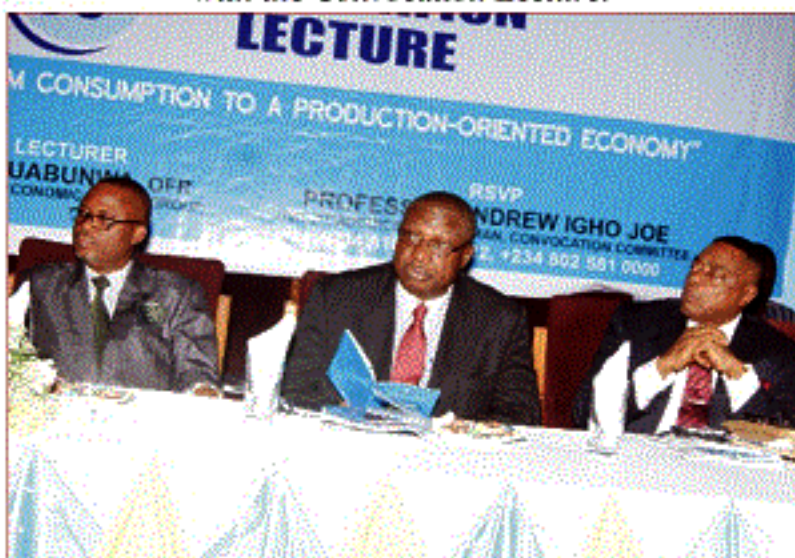
Senior Officials of the University posing with the Convocation Lecturer



Mazi Ohuabunwa & Mrs. Nnodim



Acting Executive Director, UPHF, Dr. Ngozi Odu giving the Vote of Thanks



L-R: Incoming V-C, Prof Ndowa Lale, DV-C (Acad) Prof Igbo Joe & Emeritus Prof Briggs



A cross-section of guests



UniPort Concert Chorus performing