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Editorial Suite

Is there a fresh way to spell PROGRESS? The key is always in the actual doing, not just the saying.

In my previous suites, I had tried to bring to the fore the giant strides of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Benjamin Chukwuma Ozumba to place the University of Nigeria in the world map of academics.

In every edition of the Information Bulletin, we try to project the University through the eyes of the Vice-Chancellor striving to make a strong political point of view that nothing can possibly afford greater stability to a popular government than the education of its people.

True to the evolving standards with an unprecedented **19,402 citations** within one year further strengthening a strong hold on the No. 1 spot of Webometric rankings by the University of Nigeria among the Nigeria Universities.

Building a sound mind in a sound body is a short but full description of a happy institution like the University of Nigeria in the comity of Universities.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor B.C. Ozumba, has these attributes manifesting, little more to wish for; and he that wants either of them, will be little the better than anything else.

The University of Nigeria is manifesting a fresh approach and a valuable complement to the already established citadels of learning.

This is a Fresh Way to spell PROGRESS.

Flip through and enjoy!

Happy Reading!

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The Sultan of Sokoto, Muhammadu Sa'ad Abubakar has urged Nigerians to shun all form of sentiments and live together as brothers united under the same country by God. The Sultan made the call at the University of Nigeria during his visit to Enugu state in December 2016. "Nigeria has always lived together as

SULTAN OF SOKOTO SUES FOR PEACE AMONG NIGERIANS

Inya-Agha Egwu

will go to hell if you kill" Alhaji Abubakar, who came in company of the Governor of Enugu state, noted that



The Sultan of Sokoto, Alh. Sa'ad Abubakar handing over copies of books he authored to the VC. Standing in the middle is the Gov of Enugu state, Hon Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi

Brothers, if we are fighting one another now, something is wrong; we have to retrace our steps", he told members of the university community who gathered to receive him at the Princess Alexandra Auditorium. He condemned the activities of terrorists and other militant groups who kill innocent citizens, stressing that "you

learnt how to cohabit with Fellow Nigerians during his military career in Nsukka about 39 years earlier. "I am not a visitor here, I am just coming home", he said. While commending the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nigeria for upholding a high standard of education in the university, the Sultan noted that only quality

education would endear enduring development in Nigeria. He urged Nigerians to believe in themselves and practise the truth of their religion.

The Governor of Enugu State, Hon Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi thanked the Sultan for visiting Enugu State. He noted that the Sultan had been an ardent supporter of Rangers Football Club of Enugu and a good friend of the State

He commended the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nigeria for hosting them, stating that Enugu State "is in the hands of God".

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nigeria, Professor Benjamin Ozumba thanked the Governor and the Sultan for visiting the University, describing the



L-r: Former Senate President Ken Nnamani, Gov of Enugu state, Hon Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi, Sultan of Sokoto, Sa'ad Abubakar, VC of UNN, Prof Benjamin Ozumba, VC's wife Pharm. Ozumba and the Deputy Gov. of Enugu, Cecilia Ezilo after a curtesy call on the VC.

Institution as home for all Nigerians. Prof Ozumba said the University of Nigeria was committed to promoting quality education and research activities that would help solve the problems of Nigeria and promote development in the country.

Arewa Youth Assembly Turbans UNN VC Defender of Nigerian Youth

Inya-Agha Egwu

The Arewa Youth Assembly (AYA) on Friday September 23, 2016 turbaned the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nigeria, Prof Benjamin Ozumba the “Garkuwan Matasan Nigeria” (Defender of Nigerian Youth), even as the group presented certificate of appreciation to the administration of the university for being fair and just to students from the Northern part of Nigeria.

In his address at the Vice-Chancellor's Conference room, where the ceremony was held, the Speaker of Arewa Youth Assembly Hon. Mohammad Salihu said that Prof Ozumba had demonstrated his interest in developing Nigerian youth by providing competent leadership at the University of Nigeria.

“We selected you as the most appropriate personality that

He noted that the Vice-Chancellor “represents a model of decency and sanity to Nigerian youth.”

The Speaker called on Nigerian leaders at various levels to pay attention to the plights of the youth in order to stem the tide of insecurity, and other social vices in the country.

“It is our candid opinion that our leaders should apply the late Sarduna and Ziks legacies as blueprint for change in Nigeria polity” Salihu said that the blueprint “will involve taking deliberate action steps to have moral rebirth, establish necessary and critical institutions, improve local contents and unite the components and segments of all jurisdiction” He noted that Nigeria’s founding fathers laid good foundation that provided leadership opportunities for

administration of the university, Salihu noted that AYA had observed, over the years, that the University of Nigeria had never discriminated against or intimidated students from northern part of the country who are studying in the university.

“UNN is a national pride which all Nigerians should feel proud to associate with, UNN belongs to all Nigerians”, he said.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor thanked Arewa Youth Assembly for encouraging selfless leadership. He described the group as partners in progress with the University of Nigeria, stating the determination of his administration to ensure that Nigerian youth are properly empowered through sound education. Ozumba, who recently received the 2016 Kwame Nkrumah Africa Leadership



Vice-Chancellor, UNN (Middle) and members of Arewa Youth Assembly after he was turbaned “Garkuwan Matasan Nigeria” (Defender of Nigerian Youth)



Speaker of Arewa Youth Assembly, Hon. M.D. Salihu presenting Certificate Of Appreciation to Principal Officers



Prof. Ozumba, (middle) Principal Officers Of The University Of Nigeria And Members Of Arewa Youth Assembly After Presenting Award And Certificate Of Credence To The Vc

should symbolise the resilience and the venturous spirit of triumph of the Nigerian Character”, he said. Salihu described Ozumba as a man ahead of his generation and a leader who has placed Nigeria on the world map of educational development.

the youth. He however lamented that the present situation in the country had relegated the youth to observers of political events and gullible pawns in the hand of politicians. While presenting the certificate of appreciation to the

Award and the Best South-East Vice-Chancellor of the Award by All Africa Students Union and South-East Council of Students respectively, advised the youth to hold on to their dreams and shun any act of violence that would mortgage their future.

Prof. Ozumba Calls For Sound Academic Pursuit

Onyekwelu Ebere L.

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Nigeria, Prof. Benjamin Ozumba, has encouraged freshmen to spend quality time in pursuit of their education, which should be an utmost priority for the students of the institution.

Speaking at the freshmen orientation held at Ekpo Convocation Arena, Prof. Ozumba, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Administration, Prof. Charles Igwe, emphasized the importance of the University Education, in harnessing, nurturing their gifts and talents, in order to begin their unabated journey towards greatness, in service to humanity and to restore the dignity of man

.Furthermore, he urged them to be law abiding students, admonishing them to desist from any form of illicit behaviour, Such as exam malpractice which could dent their supposed formative image.

The Dean, Student Affairs, Prof. Uju Umo, categorically stated that the functions of Student Affairs department does not only hitch on general welfare as most people think but also provides students with a matching informal and formal education, which makes an all-round graduate.

In addition, Prof. Umo enumerated other services been rendered by the department which include: registration and regulation of Students associations and clubs; conduct of Students Union Government (SUG) elections; overseeing of Students Union Government Monitoring departmental and faculty elections; counseling and career services; special services for students with special needs, amongst others. In the same vein, the Director of Joint University Preliminary Examination Board (JUPEB), Prof. Aloysius Okolie, applauded



The Deputy Vice-Chancellor Administration, Prof. Charles Igwe addressing Freshmen During the orientation.



The Students of Joint University Preliminary Examination Board (JUPEB), taking an oath during the JUPEB Orientation.

He stressed that the purpose of the orientation was to provide an interactive forum between the new students and school management.

Also, the Director, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Dr. Olisa Okeke who was represented by Mr. Chukwuma Mgboji, emphasized the need for every student to have an mail address in the University Web Site. He stated that the use of ICT in the University would enable students to register their courses online and also grant them access to academic materials for effective learning .

He urged the students to always use the drop-box to upload materials online such as pictures, as he admonished them to minimize the use of social media for frivolous activities that would be **detrimental** to their studies.

the Vice-Chancellor for his passion, and unabashed Commitment to the programme, which has aided an effective and organized learning According to the Director, most students of the programme that performed excellently in their examination last year Were all offered Admission into various departments in The University. Prof. Okolie stated that the Vice-Chancellor; had set up monitoring committee that would oversee that the JUPEB students are well taught, given to his interest in the program.

The chairman of Environmental, Prof. Michael Uguru, emphasized the importance of a peaceful environment in the University, necessary to provide a tranquil atmosphere of learning, for sustainable growth and development of the community.

ACCAI-UNN, Yar'dua Centre Screen Documentary on Climate Change

Inya-Agha Egwu

The reality of Climate Change and its impact on the environment were major subjects of discussion at the screening of climate change documentary by the Africa Climate Change Adaptation Initiative, University of Nigeria (ACCAI-UNN), in collaboration with Shehu Musa Yar'adua Centre. The documentary, narrated by the son of a foremost Niger-Delta environmental activist, Ken Sarowiwa Junior, highlighted human activities that encourage climate change and the impact of the change on the environment.

"The documentary is aimed at creating public awareness about climate change and mitigation measures", said Mr Amara Nwankpa, one of the Directors of Shehu Musa Yar'adua Centre. Nwankpa further revealed that the documentary, premiered in 2015, had been presented in more than 53 forums in different parts of the world.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nigeria, Prof. Benjamin Ozumba had expressed hope that the documentary would help promote the understanding of members of the university community on the reality of climate change and its effect on the environment. Prof. Ozumba thanked ACCAI-UNN and Yar'adua Centre for initiating the programme. Reacting to the documentary, the Director of ACCAI-UNN, Prof. Francisca Okeke said that she was glad that the message about the reality of Climate change had been passed to the university community. "We have seen that climate change is real, there is actually nowhere to run to", she said.

The Caretaker Chairperson of Nsukka Local Government Area, Prof. Rose Onah noted that the documentary had exposed the various

dimensions of climate change. She stated that the issue was a global challenge that should interest everybody.

Prof. Onah pointed out that climate change was a serious threat to the South-East region as exemplified by high incidence of flood and erosion in the zone. She outlined prominent human activities that encourage climate change in the zone to include deforestation and use of firewood for cooking.

UNN VC named Most Outstanding Vice-Chancellor In Nigeria

Olanrewaju Mgboji

The National Association of Oduduwa Students (NAOS) honoured the Vice-Chancellor, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Prof. Benjamin Chukwuma Ozumba as the Most Outstanding Vice-Chancellor in Nigeria 2016 as well as conferment of UNN as the Most Outstanding University in Nigeria in 2016.. The National Association president, Comrade Adekunle Michael Adeniyi said that The association was the umbrella body for all the Yoruba Students both in Nigeria and the diaspora which stated in 1980 at the University of Ibadan with the core objectives of promoting cultural heritage, moral values, seeing to the welfare of all members in all institutions of learning and represent their opinions on issues of campus, states and national importance.

He continued that the prestigious merit award was been conferred to an outstanding and understanding leader of remarkable attributes, who had contributed immensely to the wellbeing of the masses and the development of the nation's educational and health sectors, Believing in the philosophy, that "Man owes to humanity without question to leave society better than he met it by contributing his quota".

Comrade Adeniyi further Reiterated that in NOAS quest for an outstanding recipient, they found an amiable recipient in Prof. Benjamin Chukwuma Ozumba, an erudite Medical Doctor, distinguished scholar, visionary icon, astute administrator, understanding leader of international repute and a nation builder per excellence.

According to him, Prof. Ozumba's, brilliant innovations alongside his able management team led by him to take advantage of areas of comparative advantages in executing strategic projects and introducing new innovations in

the interest of the students and Nigerians at large is laudable and quite worthy of emulation. "It is indeed obvious that the Vice-Chancellor has demonstrated unequalled zeal, zest and dexterity in leaving office a lot better than he met it. Hence, all members of staff, students and the host comm shall no longer count their blessings in one by-one but ten-by-ten", he said. Adding that what seems to be most extraordinary about the Vice - Chancellor is his unequalled Regards, reception, care and compassion for everyone who comes his way at times either seeking assistance or mentorship or on official grounds, he is always enthusiastic to support, lends a listening ear irrespective of whom they are, where they from, the faith they profess or their social status. It is worthy of note that some prominent leaders that have merited and received the NAOS merit award in the past are the likes of Hajiya Fati Lami Abubakar; Dr. Comos Maduka (CEO Coscharis Motors); HRM. Oba Adedapo Tejuoso (Osile Oke-Ona Egbaland; Prof. Musibau Akanji (VC FUTMINNA); Prof. Isaac Adewole (Former UI VC) and Justice Maryam Aloma Muktar (Former CJN) among others. Highpoint of the occasion was cultural display laced with the presentations of award to the Vice-Chancellor and UNN management as well as decoration of the VC with Yoruba Traditional attire.



National Association of Oduduwa Students conferring on the Vice-Chancellor the "Most Outstanding University in Nigeria Award"

UNN RETAINS 1ST POSITION AMONG NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES IN WEBOMETRIC RANKINGS

For the third consecutive time, the University of Nigeria has been ranked the number one university in Nigeria by Webometric, a global ranking system that grades universities based on their web presence, visibility and citations of scholarly articles.

The Webometric university rankings, provide indicators for more than 12,000 universities in the world, it is based on university web presence, visibility and web access. The ranking system measures how strongly a university is present in the web by its own web domain, sub-pages, rich files and published scholarly articles. The ranking system is premised on the belief that web presence is a reliable indicator of the global performance and prestige of the universities and could serve as an indirect way to measure efficiency of

universities in the performance of their tripartite function of teaching,

University on Monday, 23rd January 2017 when he flagged-off activities for



National Youth Council of Nigeria presenting Certificate of Excellence to the Vice-Chancellor in his conference room

research and knowledge transfer. The ranking which started in 2004 is updated every January and July. The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof Benjamin Ozumba announced the latest ranking of the

the 46th Convocation of the University. Prof Ozumba said the University pulled a total of **19402 citations in the rankings released on January 2017** to maintain her lead among Nigerian universities.

“Having retained that enviable position consecutively for three rankings, we now consider it our privilege to remain at the top and we are not ready to abdicate that position”, he said.

Webometric first rated the University of Nigeria number one in the country in its January 2016 rankings, since then, the Institution has maintained the lead with improvements in scholarly article citations.



Prof Ozumba receiving an award in his Conference room

Over 9000 Students Admitted at 43rd Matriculation of UNN

Inya Agha E.

No fewer than 9000 freshmen took the matriculation oath at the 43rd matriculation ceremony of the University of Nigeria held on Saturday, January 21, 2017. The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nigeria, Professor Benjamin Ozumba, in his address, advised the freshmen, admitted into the university for the 2016/2017 session, to uphold the moral and spiritual etiquettes inculcated in them by their parents.

“Don’t get entangled with perceived intellectual possession or the acquisition of sudden freedom that you allow your moral upbringing to weaken”, he said.

While congratulating the freshmen on their successful admission, Prof Ozumba cautioned them to shun any form of misconduct that would break the hearts of their parents and jeopardise their graduation. “What kind of posterity will be bequeathed to the country by an undergraduate who cheats in the examinations, lies incessantly, joins secret cults, and becomes a terror to his peers?” The Vice-Chancellor queried. Prof. Ozumba, who was represented by various Deans of faculty, urged the students to be guided by the “principle of honesty, Self-discipline, responsibility, faith, perseverance and service to others”.

He warned that laws regulating deviant behaviours in the University would be applied on any student who failed to abide by the rules of conduct stipulated in the University’s academic Regulations as contained in Students’ Handbook. While assuring the freshmen on the resolve of his administration to their welfare,



Matriculation procession at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, UNN

the Vice-Chancellor urged them to always contact their Heads of Department, Academic Advisers and Deans for prompt responses to their academic challenges.

Meanwhile, some of the students who shared their thoughts expressed their gratitude for gaining admission into the University of Nigeria. Nwoke Davis from the Department of English and Literary prioritize studies, said the matriculation exercise was

a fulfilment of his dream to study in the prestigious University of Nigeria. “I hope to graduate with 1st class, nothing less”, he stressed.

Udeobasi Blessing, from the Department of Mass Communication said she insisted on studying at the University of Nigeria because of the quality of graduates produced by the Institution. “Today marks the fulfilment of that dream and I am grateful to God”, she said.



Cross Section Of Students Taking Matriculating Oath

Prof. Ozumba Upgrades Staff Skill, Research Knowledge

Choice Alika

The drive to upgrade staff skills and research knowledge by the Vice-chancellor, University of Nigeria, Prof. Benjamin Chukwuma Ozumba, has propelled the Department of Zoology and Environmental Biology, to host its Annual Conference for the first time since inception over a decade ago.

Speaking at the event, Prof Ozumba articulated that the conference was an epoch making one for the University and the Department of Zoology and Environmental Biology, which has been the oldest Department of Zoology in Nigeria University system, yet had never hosted the Conference/annual general meeting of the Zoology Society of Nigeria (ZSN).

He explained that the Zoology Society of Nigeria, (ZSN), was founded with objectives to provide consultancy services in various fields, forum for discuss on research conducted, documentation of information of zoological interest, encouraging interactions with governmental and non-governmental agencies and individuals.

Also, Prof Ozumba stated that the primary goal for the conference was to promote academic dialogue, exchange of experience between zoologists, focus on cutting edge research in various fields of zoology which would serve as a forum for interactions of researcher policy, decision makers, and other stakeholders.

The former Vice-Chancellor, Imo State University, Prof BEB Nwoke who was the Keynote speaker, delivered a lecture titled: Zoology in Sustainable Bio-security: Neglected Tropical Disease, (NTDs) and Bio-security. He said that Bio-security encompasses the prevention of intentional removal of biological materials from research laboratories.

Prof. Nwoke, enlightened that Bio-security started out as a set of preventive measures designed to reduce risk of transmission of infectious disease in crops and live stock, quarantined pests, invasion alien species and living modified organisms.

Furthermore, he enunciated that, Bio-security have an ever increasing profile on a global basis as there are increased diversity and volume of international trade in animals, plants and their products which is a key contributor in the spread of recognized neglected tropical diseases from region to region.

He said that millions of people living in the tropical world are cut off from the mainstream of the social and economic progress by a combination of harsh economic circumstance, poor living conditions, poor environment and a heavy burden of disease. According to Prof. Nwoke these diseases are

associated with poverty and they are responsible for the forty five percent of the total disease burden in developing countries, this group of disease he said are aptly coined the Neglected Tropical Disease, (NTDs).

Moreso, he said that the NTDs are concentrated almost exclusively among impoverished populations living in marginalized areas, as they affect more than seven hundred and fifty (750) million people and kill at least five hundred thousand (500,000) yearly. He said that each year, these NTDs strikes millions of the world's poorest people in Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and Latin America.

He mentioned that some of the Neglected Tropical Diseases cause distressing skin or prematurely aged appearance, while some cause dreadful malformations such that sufferers become withdrawn socially or stigmatized, and some other people get affected sexually if not completely hindered.

However, Prof. BEB Nwoke briefed that Bio-security in Neglected Tropical Disease can be managed if strategic and integrated approach and frameworks could be put in place for the prevention, control and elimination of (NTDs). He said to achieve these strategies requires robust science and excellent understanding of NTDs, Ecology and dynamics.

He highlighted that for Nations to achieve the desired goal in controlling or combating NTDs there should be an integration of drug distribution with preventive control measures, water sanitization and house - hold related factors, reduction of environmental factors, improvement of health for migrating populations, reduction of inequality due to socio-cultural factors and gender, and reduction of poverty in NTDs endemic populations.

Also, the event featured inter University debate and award of excellence to some illustrious personalities, such as the Former Dean, Biological Sciences, Prof. Fabian Okafor, CEO of Rapid Group of Companies Chief Frank Nneji (OON) among others.



Cross section of traditional rulers at the 46th Convocation of the UNN

