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The VC, Prof Ozumba (5th from right) and some participants at the 1st International Workshop on Science Park and Innovation Ecosystem held at the UNN.

In its determination to help Nigeria migrate from commodity-based to knowledge-based economy, the University of Nigeria, collaborated with Ideon Science Park, Sweden and Lunda Vision AB to sensitize stakeholders on the viability of Science Park and Innovation Ecosystem in Nigeria

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Detailing the benefits of establishing a vibrant science park, in the university, founder of Ideon Science Park Sweden and CEO of Lunda Vision Sweden, Dr Sven Thore Holms said the venture would help in the industrial training of students and enhance linkage between researchers and the industry.

Dr Holms added that the science park project would help in the diversification of Nigerian economy as they would be many companies working on different aspects of economic growth.

The project, according to him would also help create employment leading to the growth of entrepreneurial spirit and the



Cross section of participants at the Science Park workshop



consequent production of sophisticated products and services.

Prof Per Erikson of Lund University, Sweden, in his keynote address challenged Nigerian universities to lead innovation

revolution in the country.

He stated that the task of universities is not only education and research but included innovation and provision of leadership to the private sector.

“Universities should

begin to think of what to do to help the government”, Prof Erikson said, while insisting that universities had crucial role to play in the transition of Nigeria to a knowledge-based economy.

Minister Promises to Establish Science Parks in Universities

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The Minister of Science and Technology, Chief. Dr. Ogbonnaya Onu examining a bottle of wine manufactured by the Department of Food Science and Technology during the 1st Conference on Science Park and Innovation Conference at UNN.

The Minister of Science and Technology, Dr Ogbonnaya Onu has promised to help Nigerian universities establish science parks in order to facilitate the diversification of the country's economy through science, technology and innovations.

Dr Onu made the promise in his address at the 1st International Conference for Science Parks and Innovation Ecosystem for National Development (SPIE4ND) held at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

The Minister said that the culture of establishing high tech clusters should be promoted by universities, new business incubators and research complexes within science and technology sector.

While stressing that no

nation would achieve greatness without science and technology, Dr Onu said his ministry was ready to partner and support science and technology innovations geared towards helping Nigeria transit to knowledge-based economy

The Minister explained that the Science Park project would facilitate the creation and growth of innovation-based companies through incubation and spin-off process, as well as provide other value-added services together with high quality space and facilities.

Citing the example of Singapore, the Minister said that history had shown that countries with smaller population had achieved greatness through science and technology. He stated that Nigeria with larger population could leverage on science park

innovations to improve the pace of its economic growth.

He said, as the most populous African country, Nigeria should set the pace for science and technology revolution in the continent by harnessing indigenous technology.

Meanwhile, the Minister commended the vision of the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nigeria in conceiving the idea of Science Park in the University.

“I assure you that the collaboration between the University of Nigeria, Nsukka and my ministry and its parastatals would yield positive results with both organisations mutually benefiting for the overall development of Nigeria”, he said.

Dr Onu said that the administration of President Muhammadu Buhari was committed to promoting innovative technologies that would help reduce import dependence and enhance local content in the production of goods and services.

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UNN Matriculates 10,000 Students with Funfair

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The University of Nigeria was abuzz with excitement on Saturday, February 10, 2017 as parents and guardians joined their wards to celebrate their formal admission into the prestigious university. About 10, 000 freshmen were admitted into the various faculties of the institution for the 2017/2018 academic session.

The event was the 44th matriculation ceremony of the premier university which opened its doors to students in October 1960.



Cross section of freshmen at the 44th matriculation ceremony

In his address at the matriculation ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof Benjamin Ozumba congratulated the students and their parents for

making the university their first choice. “In the University of Nigeria, we encourage students to develop individual talents in all ramifications. There is no room



for stifling individual opinion”, he said.

Prof Ozumba stated the readiness of his administration to ensure that the students enjoyed their stay in the

new students that municipal services had been enhanced for their comfort. He stated that ,“light and water will pose no problems to you”.

The Vice-Chancellor

freshmen to reciprocate the gesture of the university administration by giving their best to their academics and by living up to the expected moral standards.

Prof Ozumba cautioned the students against indulging in deviant behaviours that could jeopardise their academic sojourn in the university, stressing that the university applied the rules and regulations strictly without bias.

The Vice-Chancellor urged parents to continue to encourage their wards to imbibe the philosophy of working hard to succeed. According to him, “with this philosophy in mind, your wards will not be entangled in the perceived acquisition of sudden freedom which ultimately causes one's moral ethics to weaken”

The event was like a carnival as students and their parents shared in the excitements of the day.



university.

“Appropriate halls have been assigned to you; classrooms have been particularly made adequate for you to make it easy for you to transit into the academic life of the university,” he said.

Further, the Vice-Chancellor also informed the

informed the freshmen that the university had negotiated many international linkages and collaborations which they could leverage on for international exposure. “Courses are given facelift to enable our graduates compete in the global labour market”, he said

He however urged the

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The Ambassador of Sweden Inger Ultvedt exchanging greetings with Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Benjamin Ozumba

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nigeria, Professor Benjamin Ozumba has been commended for his sterling leadership qualities and his drive for collaborations between the Nigeria's premier university and other renowned universities in the world.

The Swedish Ambassador to Nigeria, Her Excellency, Mrs Inger Ultvedt, made the commendation at the Vice-Chancellor's Conference Room recently when she paid a



visit to the University of Nigeria.

The Ambassador noted that Prof Ozumba had been passionate in improving the well-being of the University of Nigeria, maintaining that such passion could only come from a leader “with creative imagination and love for his people”.

While pledging the Swedish Government's willingness to collaborate and partner with the University of Nigeria, particularly in the area of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) development, the Ambassador called on staff and students of the university to give maximum support to the ideas of the Vice-Chancellor

In his welcome remarks, Prof Ozumba said Mrs Ultvedt's visit to the university was timely and would strengthen the partnership between the University of Nigeria and Swedish institutions.

Prof. Ozumba intimated the Ambassador about the

establishment of “Roar Nigeria Hub”, a pilot version of full-fledged Science Park project in the university.

Prof Ozumba thanked Her Excellency for the

institutions.

Her Excellency, the Ambassador was accompanied on the visit by her daughter-Anna Ultvedt Malkan, a Senior Sales Manager Volumental ,



involvement of Swedish Lund University and experts from Ideon Science Park, Sweden, in the realisation of the project.

Part of the activities at the Ambassador's visit was an interactive session with students of the University of Nigeria which was aimed at exploring opportunities for further collaborations between the university and Swedish

ICT Startupin 3D Tech, and Dr Dipali Gulati, a medical doctor

The official visit was rounded off with a stand-up command performance by the University of Nigeria's Department of Music and later a drama presentation by the Department of Theatre and Film Studies.

Enugu State water Corporation commends VC for peaceful Administration

Uju Akamigbo

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nigeria, Prof. Benjamin Ozumba has been commended for the peaceful administration and co-operation that exist between the Enugu State Water Corporation, (ENSWC) and the University.

The commendation was made during a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor in his conference room by the ENSWC Zonal Engineer, Leonard Odo.



Cross section of UNN staff and Zonal Engineer (ENSWC) during a courtesy call oat the Vice-Chancellors' Conference Room, Nsukka.



Engr Odo, in his speech, thanked the VC and applauded him for running a peaceful administration devoid of riot or demonstration of any sort.

He stated that they were particularly happy with the situation because they usually are the victims of students/staff demonstrations due to their proximity to the school.

He went further to buttress that, in appreciation, they would like to know where

and how they could assist the UNN with water supply to ensure that their cordial relationship was maintained.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Benjamin Ozumba, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, Prof James Ogbonna, welcomed and appreciated the ENSWC team. Prof. Ogbonna said that the ENSWC should survey their pipelines and come up with specific locations in the

University where they could take up their water supply as the University was in dire need of their services.

He went further to encourage the Zonal Manager to do a proposal that would give a breakdown of how and where they can provide water supply services in order to alleviate the water problems of staff and students and to reduce the cost of alternative water supply in the school.

ARMOFIDES Proposes branded items for UNN

Uju Akamigbo

Giving the enviable position and high brand of the University of Nigeria, there has been show of interests by different companies and organizations to identify with the University.

One of them, a fast growing Abuja based company, ARMOFIDES in the VC's conference room, presented a proposal for providing branded items for the University in order to give the brand UNN a befitting package.

The Director of ARMOFIDES, Kenekwue Uche in his Presentation, showcased various items like branded plaques for award ceremonies, branded diaries, t-shirts, towels, mouse pads, lapel pins, key holders, ties among others.

Uche, portrayed UNN as a pace setter and a technology conscious University that needed quality branded items for their corporate gifts and self-identification.

The Vice-Chancellor,



The DVC Academic, Prof. James Ogbonna eliciting questions from Kenekwue Uche, the leader of delegation of ARMOFIDES during a courtesy call at the office of the Vice-Chancellor

Prof Benjamin Ozumba who was represented at the presentation by the deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Prof James Ogbonna, welcomed the Director and his team.

Prof Ogbonna, also encouraged the entrepreneur to make a detailed proposal that would show the quality of his

products as well as the cost implication so as to consider how competitive they can stand.

He said that the products of ARMOFIDES would give the staff and students choice for quality and yet affordable items of pride.

UNN VC bags award from NAISS

Uju Akamigbo

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nigeria, Prof. Benjamin Ozumba, has received an Award of excellence from the National Association of Imo State students (NAISS) UNN chapter.

The award presentation, which was held at the VC's conference room, was in recognition of his enormous contributions to the growth of the Nigerian educational system and Africa at large.

Prof. Ozumba, in his response, welcomed and thanked the association for

finding him worthy of such recognition. He further expressed his life connection with Imo state, having had his primary school education at Orlu in Imo state which according to him gave him a stake in the state.

Ozumba promised his continuous support to Imo state students and UNN students as a whole. He also stated that he would not relent in his effort in ensuring the growth of education in Nigeria.

The NAISS executive was led by their president, Rt. Hon Obi Ugochukwu John

Kings. Also in attendance at the presentation ceremony were the Deputy Vice-Chancellors Administration and Academic, Prof. Charles Igwe and Prof. James Ogbonna respectively. Others included the University Librarian representative Dr. M.O Okoye; Director Centre for Igbo Studies, Prof. G.I Nwozuzu; Director, Department of works Services representative, Engr. James Onyishi; Deputy Registrar VC's Office, Mrs Stella Okonkwo and the Public Relations Officer, Chief (Dr) Okwun Omeaku.



The Youth Director of NANS presenting an award to the Vice-Chancellor, prof. B.C. Ozumba at Princess Alexandra Auditorium during 39th oath taking ceremony of the newly elected Students Union Government, UNN.



Alumni of Geo-Informatics and Surveying Presents Design for their building project to VC.

Uju Akamigbo

The Alumni association of the department of Geo-Informatics and Surveying, University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus, in the spirit of giving back to their Alma mater, handed over a copy of a design for the building donation they intend to give to the University.

This was done at the conference room of the Vice-Chancellor of UNN, Prof. Benjamin Ozumba by the General Manager, Surveys for National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWAS), Dennis Osanwata who made the drawing free of charge.

Osanwata in his speech, thanked the Vice-Chancellor and his management team for upholding quality academic standard in the university. "The standard of the University has not dropped and we will not allow it to drop" Osanwata said. He further said that the free drawing was for an auditorium, classes, offices and laboratory.

Professor F.I Okeke in his remark, said that the



The HOD of Survey and Geoinformatics, Ndukwe Raphael on a courtesy call with Alumni of the Dept presenting a building plan they want to erect for the Dept to the DVC Admin. Prof. Charls Igwe

department had been sailing on the goodwill of its alumni. He pleaded with the Vice-Chancellor to support the intended project and ensure the success of the building project.

He introduced some other members of the association in the meeting which included Sir Emenike who gives an award of N300,000 to best graduating

students in the department and Prof. Ojinnaka who has continually opened his company to UNN students for IT.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Charles Igwe in his response, expressed his appreciation and satisfaction with the gesture of the alumni. In his words, "What makes a University is the Alumni Association".

He explained further that the policy of the current university administration is to approve all development projects from the alumni.

He promised the full support of the university administration and a free hand without interference or obstruction in the execution of the project, and further urged other alumni to emulate Geo-informatics.





Beta Sigma Donates 100 lecture Podiums to UNN

Uju Akamigbo

A group of UNN alumni under the umbrella of Beta Sigma Fraternity donated 100 lecture podiums to the University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

50 pieces of the podiums were delivered to the University at the Beta Sigma lecture series entitled “Employ yourself from graduation” held at the Princess Alexandra Auditorium, UNN. The lecture series was part of the association's effort to re-launch back to the University after a lull in its activities.

The president of the organization, His Excellency, Dr. Okwesilieze Nwodo in his speech, said that they decided to solve some problems that are easily overlooked in the University system. He stressed that lecturers needed to be comfortable while delivering lectures, hence the reason for the phasel “100 Podiums Project”.

Nwodo emphasized that the podiums would be connected with microphones



and loud speakers and that they would make sure that each lecture classroom gets a podium.

The Vice-Chancellor represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Administration, Prof. Charles Igwe, welcomed home the University's alumni and appreciated members of the organization for their act of giving back to their alma mater.

He expressed excitement at the entrepreneurship lecture, stressing that the University

administration had taken a lead in preparing students for entrepreneurial life. “This is evident with the just concluded 1st International Workshop for Science Park and Innovation Ecosystem for National Development and also the launching of the Roar Hub last year,” he said.

Prof. Igwe, who described Beta Sigma as an association of gentlemen, urged other alumni organizations to emulate the good gesture by returning with gifts support to their alma mater.

Pharmacy Class of 2002 Returns To The Den With Gifts

Ugwu Cynthia Chibugo

The alumni class of 2001/2002 of the faculty of pharmaceutical sciences recently returned to their Alma Mater with gifts of scholarship for students and books to boost the faculty's library.

The class led by its class representative Sir Chike Ugwuoke announced a set of scholarships to bright students of the faculty, during their



Members of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Class of 2002 and officers of the University after their courtesy visit on the Vice-Chancellor



courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor of University of Nigeria.

Ugwuoke also announced that his class would donate books to the Faculty's library with a promise to make their visit a periodic one.

He said that the university had done so much for the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences by erecting a befitting structure which the alumni of the Faculty were very proud of.

"As a class representative of my set, I still consider it my responsibility to mobilize our members to contribute towards the development of our dear Faculty," he said. In his response the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Benjamin Ozumba who was represented by the Director Academic Planning Prof. Michal Osilike, said that his administration had ensured that the Faculty of Pharmaceutical sciences received full

accreditation from National University Commission [NUC].

He thanked the group for showing concern towards the development of their Faculty stating that their intervention was timely because of the need to equip the new building.

He called on other alumni to emulate the goodwill of the 2001/2002 pharmacy class by returning home to improve the lot of their alma mater.

Eckankar Holds Campus Seminar at UNN

Choice Alika

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Nigeria, Prof Benjamin Chukwuma Ozumba who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof Charles Igwe has commended the leaders of Eckankar for sustaining their yearly seminar on campuses which help to clean up the society and instill good morals in youth.

He said this while

receiving the members of the organizing committee of the 2018 Eck Campus seminar, led by the guest speaker Mr Obafemi Olawore who paid him a courtesy visit.

Mr Olawore said that in the Eck religion, learning is a continuous process. He said that students, members and priests in their religion learn daily which help build imagination and change fickle minds.

Also, speaking at the event, the Information and

Public relations Officer, UNN, Chief (Dr) Okwun Omeaku, said that HU is the most established tool freely offered to mankind that opens the heart of man to enable him listen to God. He opined that it aids the divine spirit to find way of resolving issues for mankind.

Dr Okwun encouraged that in times of adversity one should say the HU for solutions as it is a universal gift from Mahanta.



Eck clergy, Obafemi Olawore presenting a book to DVC Admin during a courtesy call to mark the beginning of 2018 Eck Campus Seminar

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L-r: The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Ozumba, Founder of Ideon Science Park, Sweden , Dr Sven Thore Holm, the Minister of Science and Technology , Dr Ogonnaya Onu and his spouse and some participants at the 1st International Workshop on Science Park and Innovation Ecosystem held at the UNN.



Prof. Echezona, Dean Faculty of Agriculture recognising the presence of Prof. Charles Igwe, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Admin and Barr. Chris Igbokwe, the Registrar during 2018 Matriculation



Cross Section of Matriculants of Faculty of Basic Medicine on procession during 2018 Matriculation



Cross Section of Matriculants of Faculty of Education during 2018 Matriculation



Cross Section of Matriculants of Veterinary Medicine on P rocession during 2018 Matriculation



Cross Section of Matriculants of Faculty of Vocational Technical Education during 2018 Matriculation

PHOTO NEWS



Emeritus Prof. Oloide presenting an award to the guest lecturer Prof Damian Ugwutikiri Oyata during the 2018 Chinua Achebe biennial lecture



Prof Romanus Ezeokonkwo, Dean Faculty of Vet. Med. presenting an award to the Keynote Speaker Retired DIG Azubuike Udah during the 2018 Chinua Achebe biennial lecture



The DVC, Admin, Prof Igwe and the President of Beta Sigma Fraternity, Dr Okwesilieze Nwodo at the Entrepreneurship lecture organised by Beta Sigma at the UNN



Principal Officers of the University of Nigeria, led by the VC, Prof Ozumba and the Ambassador of Sweden to Nigeria, Inger Ultvedt and her entourage, after a courtesy call on the VC



The DVC (Admin) Prof Charles Igwe having a handshake with the newly elected SUG President, Comrade Chimezie Fortunatus at the inauguration of the new Student Union Government



The Minister of Science and Technology, Dr Ogbonnaya Onu inspecting solar panel meant for the newly built Department of Food Science and Technology, UNN