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Editorial Suite

It's all happening so fast. The last couple of months have seen the campuses of the University bubbling with life. The campuses have been turned into beehive of activities. The change mantra has been embraced by all –the academic and non academic sectors alike. The Vice-Chancellor's progressive strive to impact on the academic world through the promotion of research and excellence has led to the faculties seeking myriad collaborative efforts to boost research and ensure that they impact positively on the students and staff generally.

The university management has in turn played host to several bodies and signed MoUs geared at improving academic and social amenities on the campuses. Recent WEBOMETRIC rankings have the UNN retaining the No 1 spot as the No 1 university in Nigeria, maintaining its leadership as the FIRST supported by the Best. Our students have soared to great heights; the pace of growth and development also had the wind of change blowing across the campuses with changes in the top management set-up of the university.

Handovers, accelerated faculty functions, students examinations, General Studies computer -based examinations, Postgraduate CBT, host of alumni and remembrances of our fallen heroes, all happening back to back.

We present you a timeline of some of these activities in this edition.

Happy Reading!

Chief Okwun Omeaku
Editor

UWA Sounds Alarm against Paedophiles



Cross section of participants at the workshop

The University Women Association (UWA) has cautioned children, parents and guardians to beware of the increasing activities of paedophile in their environment.

UWA sounded the warning at Margret Ekpo Convocation Hall, UNN, on July 1, 2016, during a one day workshop it organised in collaboration with Child Dignity Foundation (CDF) Lagos.

The workshop, tagged "Reality of Paedophiles in our Community" attracted parents, pupils from primary schools within Nsukka and secondary school students.

The Vice-Chancellor Prof Benjamin Ozumba, said the topic was very important given the growing cases of sexual abuse of children by adults. He described activities of paedophiles as an abomination. "It is unimaginable

that somebody created by God will take pleasure in sexual affair with a child", he said.

The Vice-Chancellor who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, (Administration) Prof Charles Igwe, advised parents to teach their children sexual education and warn them against sexual advances by adults.

Prof Chika Oguonu, who represented Patron of UWA, Pharm. (Mrs) Chinelo Ozumba, at the event, defined paedophile as a psychiatric condition that pushes the sufferer to have irresistible sexual feelings for children. She urged parents to be careful on whose care they leave their children.

The President of UWA, Prof. (Mrs) Anthonia Achike, expressed shock that some parents forbid sexual education for their children, stating that children who are aware of sexual matters would likely speak up when there are abused.

"As mothers we can't keep quite when things are going wrong" she said "that is why we must say no to paedophiles".

An interesting part of the workshop was the enlightenment of primary school pupils on what is "bad touch" and the parts of their body known as "private parts" by the Executive Director of Child Dignity Foundation, Amaka Awogu.

research group, Dr Ngozi Osadebe informed the students that the University administration was putting final touches to Special Library for the Physically Challenged. She said that the Research Group had noted their problems and would advocate for their solutions.

ACCAI-UNN Trains CCEPI Lecturers, Students to Source E-Resources



Participants at the training

Lecturers and students of Climate Change Economic Policy and Innovation (CCEPI) were recently trained on how to access E-Resources for their research works. The training, organised by Africa Climate Change Adaption Initiative at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, (ACCAI-UNN), in collaboration with Nnamdi Azikiwe Library, was held at the digital section of the Library, from Monday 27th to Tuesday 28th June, 2016.

The training was a response to difficulties encountered by students and lecturers in sourcing online resources for their assignments and research publications.

Some of the topics discussed at the hands-on exercise included: overview of electronic journal access programs and scholarly databases; formulating and conducting basic and advanced search strategies in TEEAI, DOAJ, AGORA, among others. Participants were also trained on using Turnitin software for originality check; Copyright and Licensing; Reference management using Mendeley; creating alerts and emailing articles.

SPRG Meets with Physically Challenged Students

The Surplus People Research Group (SPRG), recently met with physically Challenged Students of the University of Nigeria. The meeting, according to the Assistant Coordinator of the group, Dr. M. O. Okoye, was meant to familiarize the research group with the students and identify their academic needs.

Some of the special students who shared their thoughts made a case for a specialized Library for the physically challenged, where they would conduct their researches and do their assignments.

"We need printers and computers with audio and screen reading softwares", said Adede Chinedu, a visually impaired student from the Department of Political Science.

Awoke Kelechi, from the Department of Mass Communication, complained that they found it difficult to record their lectures because many lectures do not use Public Address System.

"We don't see what they calculate in the board, but in exams they make calculation question compulsory", added Agatha Obi.

Meanwhile, a member of the

Thinking Out of the Box: Ozumba Moves to Wrestle Light from Darkness

Inya Agha Egwu

In many parts of Nigeria, 24 hours uninterrupted electricity supply is an uncommon experience worthy of celebration. Households, industries and institutions would rather depend on generators as major source of electricity, instead of relying on power from the national grid. However, while it is relatively easy for families, and industries to cope with the development, same cannot be said of universities with restive students who are looking for reasons to agitate.

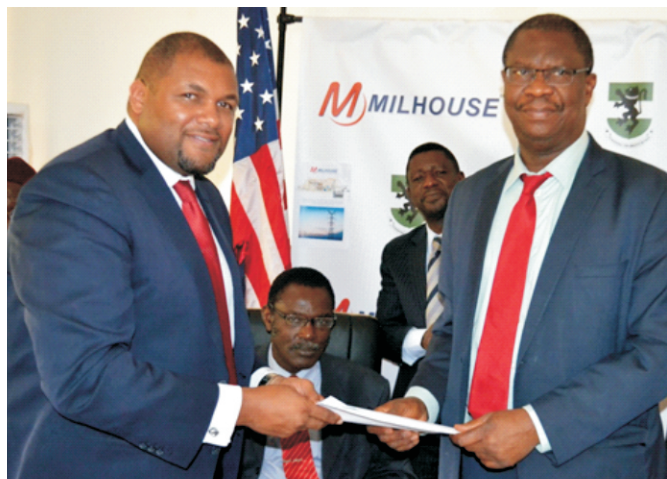
The challenge is higher for first generation universities like the University of Nigeria which operates three campuses. The burden of ensuring the supply of electricity in the day for administrative and laboratory operations, and making same available at night for students, is said to be herculean. It has been observed that students no longer study with kerosene lantern; the rechargeable lanterns in vogue also depend on electricity for power.

Past Vice-Chancellors of the University Nigeria had tried to manage the situation like every other Nigerian. They had hoped that electricity supply from national grid would improve; they appealed to the ever restive students for calm, appeasing them with alternative electricity from generator in most cases. But sustaining the practice in view of the current down turn in the country's economy is a cause of worry to the sitting university administration.

Consequently, the current Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof Benjamin Chukwuma Ozumba saw the need for a permanent solution to the problem of electricity supply in the

University. In his travels, he searched for solutions; when he received guests, he appealed for their help. Many companies visited the University to access the viability of the electricity project. Although some of their reports gave little hope because of distance of gas pipeline from the University. Ozumba however remained resolute and insisted that he would partner with anybody who would guarantee a reliable electricity supply to the university.

On May 2016, the Vice-Chancellor recorded a significant progress.



The VC, Prof Benjamin Ozumba and the Chairman, Milhouse International, Wilbur Milhouse after signing MoU to generate 24/7 electricity for UNN

The University administration signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Milhouse Generation Services, a subsidiary of Milhouse International, to supply constant electricity to the university.

Under the agreement, Milhouse will deliver up to six megawatts (MW) of coal-powered energy to the university and a nearby high-voltage substation. The company will equally provide up to 30 MW of power to the area's high voltage grid. "We will do everything to provide 24/7 power supply for the University of Nigeria", said the Chairman of Milhouse International, Wilbur C. Milhouse, after signing the MoU.

On its own part, the University would provide a parcel of land where the power plant will be located.

The Power generation, when completed, will not only affect the university community, it will also rob off on neighbouring communities. "Excess power generated by Milhouse" the Vice-Chancellor said "would be given to EEDC". Ozumba noted that the agreement contains a preferred tariff plan for the university community. "The University of Nigeria is set to demonstrate what we can do; and we will set the pace for others to follow", the Vice-Chancellor said.

Observers of events in the university have noted that Ozumba's administration enjoys enormous goodwill from various stakeholders of the University. The observation proved to be true as the former Vice-Chancellor of the University and immediate past Minister of Power, Prof. Chinedu Nebo, interfaced the electricity arrangement

between the University administration and Milhouse International. "I am part of this University" declared Prof. Nebo, "whatever I can do to make the University soar, I am ever ready". Nebo expressed optimism that constant power supply would engender technological development and improve research output from the university.

As members of the university community wonder how much longer they would wait to put the problem of epileptic power supply behind them, the Vice-Chancellor believes that Eldorado is in sight. "Sooner" he assured "we shall be celebrating as we turn on the light that would never go off again".

New Faces in the University's Administration

•DVCs, Registrar, Bursar Promise Better Days Ahead

Recently, the university administration experienced massive change of its Principal Officers who took over the administration following the expiration of tenures of former ones. In an exclusive interview with the University P.R.O, Chief Okwun Omeaku, the new officers share their plans and visions for the University. Excerpt:

Prof Charles Arinzechukwu Igwe is a Professor of Soil Science in the Faculty of Agriculture. He joined the services of the University on April 20, 1976 as a Soil Survey Assistant. He became an academic staff of the University in 1991 and rose through the ranks to become a Professor in 2003.



*Prof. Charles Arinzechukwu Igwe
(DVC Administration)*

He was appointed

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration) on 28th April 2016. Prior to his current appointment, he was the Director of University Advancement Centre. Professor Igwe is a serving member of the University's Governing Council, representing the University Senate.

Vision for UNN: To make sure that the University of Nigeria stays at the top as number one best University in Nigeria and among the best in the world, in line with the vision and mission of the Vice-Chancellor. "By the time we'll leave office, the university community and the entire country will acknowledge our achievements".

Message to the University community: "With somebody like me in the administration, serving a very hardworking and humble Vice-Chancellor, there is hope. I will serve the University of Nigeria with all sense of humility and purpose"

Last line: "I encourage young ones to be diligent. Work does not kill; it can only make you to be popular"

Prof James Chukwuma Ogbonna is a Professor of Industrial Micro-Biology and Biotechnology. He joined the services of the University of Nigeria in August 2006 as a Professor in the Department of Microbiology. He was appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) on March 17, 2016. Before his appointment, he was the Director of South-East Zonal Biotechnology Centre in the university. He still serves in that capacity



*Prof. James Chukwuma Ogbonna
(DVC Academic)*

Vision for UNN: Dedicated to supporting the efforts of the Vice-Chancellor in promoting research and

academic excellence by forging academic linkages and collaborations between the University of Nigeria and other renowned global universities. "We cannot maintain

academic excellence without collaborating with universities outside. We are also committed to activating dormant MOUs we signed with other universities"

Message for the University Community: The University of Nigeria is what we make it to be. Every staff of the University has a role to play in building the University. Let us follow our work schedules diligently as we play our individual and collective roles to make the University of Nigeria great.

Last line: "We have the capacity to compete with renowned universities in the world and I believe we can achieve that. Let's do it!"

Professor Smart N. Uchegbu is a Professor of Urban and Regional Planning. He joined the services of the University of Nigeria as an



*Prof. Smart Uchegbu
DVC (Enugu Campus)*

Assistant Lecturer in February 17, 1987. He rose through the ranks and became a Professor in October 1, 2009. He was appointed the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Enugu Campus) on March

16, 2016. Prior to his appointment, he was the Head, Department of Urban and Regional Planning.

Vision for UNN: “with the consent of the Vice-Chancellor, I will like to be remembered as a Deputy Vice-Chancellor who has made access to medical facilities easier for student by having consultants around them. I will also like to assist the Vice-Chancellor by erecting a befitting staff club at the Enugu Campus just like we have at Nsukka Campus.

Message for the University Community: “To the best of my ability, I will support the Vice-Chancellor's effort to line up light on our streets with solar street lamps that will help to lighten the environment and prevent our staff and students from being beaten by snake”.

Last line: “I intend to achieve my plans at no cost to the university through the help of God”.

Barrister Christopher Chukwudi Igbokwe is the new Registrar of the University of Nigeria. Born on the 16th of May 1960, he holds B.Sc in Microbiology from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka; LLB from University of Nigeria, and Masters Degree in Law from Enugu State University of Science and Technology (ESUT). Prior to his appointment as the Registrar of the University of Nigeria on June 10, 2016, he had served as the Registrar of ESUT from 2010-2015, and was serving

as the Executive Director of ESUT Trust Fund before his current appointment.

Vision: “To develop a robust administrative platform that will enable the university regain its premier position as first autonomous university in Nigerian and a leading centre of academic excellence in both Nigeria and Africa that is globally competitive to meet the expectations of the founding fathers”.

“My mission is to create enhanced administrative environment for sustainable intellectual development and productive research that promotes global competitiveness. This can be achieved through six mission goals namely: policy through well reasoned advise; state-of-the-art automation and digitisation of the Registry Department; efficient service delivery and academic excellence; development of ICT-assisted management system with capacity to adapt to changing environment; capacity building through



*Barr. Chris Chukwudi Igbokwe
Registrar*

training and retraining of staff; and staff and students' welfare”.

Core Values: Justice and fairness to all, honesty, humility and obedience.

Message for the University Community: Let's give our Vice-Chancellor additional support, I have observed that he is vibrant and has the capacity to take the university to anywhere we want to go.

Last line: The goals of the University are laudable and achievable,

Jude Kenekwue Edeh is the new University Bursar. He is a graduate of the Department of Accountancy, University of Nigeria. Prior to his undergraduate studies, he had a stint with the University as a Clerical Officer in the College of Medicine Ituku Ozalla in 1983. After his undergraduate studies, the University absorbed him as Accountant 1 in the College of Medicine. He rose through the ranks to become the Deputy Bursar of the



*Mr. Jude Kennechukwu Edeh
Bursar*

University in 2012. Prior to his appointment as the University's Bursar in June 10 2016, Mr Edeh was the Chief internal auditor of the University.

Vision for the UNN: "I will bring unity in the Bursary Department and promote efficiency, quick, transparent and error-free financial services to both internal and external audience of the university".

Message for the University Community: "The Change in the Bursary is real. We will restore the dignity of the Bursary Unit. We run an open door policy; anybody, anytime, can see the Bursar. We are determined to build cordial relationship with staff and members of the university's Governing Council"

Last line: "48 hours is the turn-around time for any legitimate claim approved by the Vice-Chancellor. You don't need to come to the Bursary to pursue what is due to you".

AWARD GALORE FOR UNN VC

- Bags Kwame Nkrumah Africa Leadership Award
- Receives Best South- East Vice-Chancellor of the Year Award

Choice Alika

It was an epoch-making event as the Vice-Chancellor, University of Nigeria, Prof. Benjamin Chukwuma Ozumba, mounted the podium at the Princess Alexandra Auditorium, UNN, to receive an International Award of Academic and Administrative Excellence, Kwame Nkrumah Africa Leadership Award, by the All African Students Union, (AASU).

Conferring the award on the Vice-Chancellor, the Nigeria Country Representative and Congress Acting speaker, Ambassador Armstrong Ovie-Afabor, stated that the aim of the Kwame Nkrumah Award was to promote all form of actions of good leadership designed to sustain and defend African Culture of Leadership and integrity.

Ambassador Ovie-Afabor, highlighted that the Kwame Nkrumah Award was the Initiative of All African Students Union to reward outstanding leaders that

Further, he opined that Prof Ozumba helps to reminisce on late Reverend Martin Luther King, although both lived in different eras yet they have a compassionate

heart and a common goal to fight for human rights, restore hope and prosperity to the hopeless. He pleaded with Prof Ozumba to lend voice in fighting the insurgencies that has bedevilled Nigeria and the world.

Ambassador Ovie-Afabor stressed that Prof. Ozumba's academic background as an alumnus of one of the Ivy League

universities in the world, and his breakthroughs in both academic and administrative world, would boost the ranking of the University of Nigeria and place it at par with global Ivy League universities.



Prof. Benjamin Ozumba displaying his Kwame Nkrumah Leadership Award

should serve as role models for younger generation in line with the constitution and charter of AASU which upholds the spirit of Pan Africanism of late Dr. Kwame Nkrumah.

Receiving the award, Prof. Ozumba expressed delight for

The SUG President, Comrade Emmanuel Chukwu who spoke on behalf of his members appreciated the Vice-Chancellor, for the immense love and support the SUG had enjoyed in his administration. He promised that he and his team would dispense their duties effectively.

Best South- East Vice-Chancellor of the Year Award

Choice Alika and Ebere Onyekwelu

Meanwhile, the South East Council of Student Union Government (SUG) equally honoured Prof. Benjamin Chukwuma Ozumba, as the South-East Vice-Chancellor of the year.

Speaking at the Vice-Chancellor's conference room, the Chairman of the South-East Student Union Council, Comrade Chidi Ilogebe said that the criteria for choosing Prof. Ozumba for the award were based on of his astute impact to the academic world globally. Comrade Ilogebe, stated that the selection was based on merit, Stressing that twenty-five SUG Presidents out of thirty-five voted for him after going through his achievement barely two years in office.

Furthermore, Comrade Ilogebe enunciated that Prof. Ozumba had



Prof Ozumba receiving the best South-East Vice-Chancellor's Award from the Chairman of the South-East Students Union Council, Comrade Chidi Ilogebe and other members of the Council

made giant strides in both academic and students welfare. "He is the only Vice-Chancellor that has carried students along in his administration because he runs an open door policy", he said.

He enumerated other worth that qualified him for the award to include upholding the call for research which had made UNN the best university in Nigeria by Webometrics Ranking, successful hosting of the West African Universities Games (WAUG), one

student per laptop Policy with payment duration of three years, and the best in infrastructure development. He also revealed that the council had also chosen Prof. Ozumba to serve as their Patron.

Prof. Ozumba while reacting to the award

expressed delight for being honoured with the best South-East Vice-Chancellor of the year award. "I promise to treasure this award for the rest of my life, he said".

The Vice-Chancellor, therefore admonished the students to be hard working, stating that they should strive to possess leadership skills in all their endeavours.

FG Will Focus on Vocational Education-Minister

Inya, Agha Egwu



The Minister of state for Education, Prof. Anthony Anwuka, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Benjamin Ozumba and staff of the Faculty of VTE, inspecting STEP-B equipment donated to CETVETAR, UNN

The Minister of State for Education, Prof. Anthony Anwuka has revealed that the Federal Government would focus on the development of Vocational Education and Training in order to boost the growth of Nigerian economy.

Prof Anwuka made the disclosure at the University of Nigeria, while assessing the utilization of STEP-B equipment donated to the Centre for Vocational Education and Training, (CETVETAR)

The Minister lamented that over the years, the country had placed emphasis on the development of conventional education at the detriment of technical and vocational education.

“The result we have achieved with conventional education is not commensurate with our effort when juxtaposed with the output of other countries with special interest in Vocational Education,

he said”.

Prof. Anwuka noted that the thrust of President Buhari's administration was geared towards promoting vocational education and skill acquisition for the growth of the Nigerian economy.

“The Federal Government is deliberately anchoring back to the acquisition of basic skills; I urge Nigerians to support its effort”, the Minister concluded.

The Vice-Chancellor of the university, Prof Benjamin Ozumba, explained that the interventions of STEP-B to CETVETAR led to the creation of a new faculty known as the Faculty of Vocational and Technical Education.

“The equipment supplied by STEP-B made the proposal for creation of the new faculty to have no cost implication on the university”, he said.

The Vice-Chancellor added that the STEP-B interventions had equally led to the establishment of enterprises like bakery; metal welding and fabrication, garment making, mobile college vocational training and block moulding, in the new Faculty of Vocational Technical Education.

Prof. Ozumba stated that inadequate workshops, offices, lecture halls and wrong components of some of the equipment were some of the setbacks experienced by the Centre.

While thanking STEP-B for their interventions in CETVETAR, the Vice-Chancellor pleaded with the Federal Ministry of Education to facilitate further interventions in other trade area such as Agric Education, Business, Computer Education, Industrial Technical Education and Fine and Applied Arts.

UNN Pharmacists roar at the Den

Olanrewaju Mgboji

It was the gathering of the cream de la cream of the alumni of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, as they strode out in their numbers to have another glimpse of their alma mater. For a Faculty that had produced over 4000 alumni, it was indeed a reunion, reminisce and reconnection with classmates, staff and students during her 3rd Homecoming. In attendance were its alumni from 1975 till date.

It was really a home-coming of children (alumni) back to their parents (staff of the Faculty). They were well received by their parents with outstretched hands. To the very elated parents, it was a joyous moment as they received their children who have distinguished themselves in various fields of endeavor.

Chairman of the occasion, Emeritus Prof. Paul Iwe Akubue who was also the pioneer Dean of the Faculty said he was delighted to have sons and daughters back home after long sojourn. He said, "the life of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences depends on the existence of the students". He urged the alumni to continually sustain the ethics of the profession.

Furthermore, the then Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Prof. Emmanuel C. Ibezim who was also visibly elated disclosed that UNN Pharmacy had not only produced children but outstanding ones who have distinguished themselves in all spheres of Pharmacy practice and indeed, all spheres of life. He continued that the event was a veritable source of reunion, interaction, mind-rubbing and building up of rewarding relationships. "It is a time to keep apart and do some reflections on life and purpose. A time to visit the upcoming generation, still in the incubator and embryo, offering

encouragement and advice that would help them pull through in their infant stage of professional life", he said.

Also speaking, the Chairman, Pharmacy UNN Alumni Association, Pharm. Ike Onyechi who was represented by Pharm. Chijioke Oya disclosed that the essence of the reunion was to network and build bridges among themselves. "Holistic networking is necessary. If we don't achieve networking, then we have failed in this home-coming. Hence there is a call to all alumni to support the faculty as well as network among classmates and students. There should be bonding among us since

Receiving the computers from the alumni, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Benjamin Chukwuma Ozumba who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. James Ogbonna said he was delighted to have her lions and lionesses back home and thanked them for their donations. He assured them that the computers would be put into good use.

Notable alumni were former Vice-Chancellor, UNN and former Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Oleka K. Udeala; Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) of Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Prof. Charles Esimonye; Wife of the UNN, Vice-Chancellor, Pharm. (Mrs) Chinelo Ozumba as well as former Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Cletus N. Aguwa.

Various awards were given to well deserving individuals. Such awards ranged from "Meritorious Award" given to all past Deans of the Faculty; "Leadership Award" to Pharm. Sir Ike Onyechi and Pharm. Simon Akpa; "Pillars of Industry Award" given to Pharm. Chuzie A. Igweobi; Martins C. Igbonacho; Steve A. Okoronkwo; Ige O. Henry. "Award of Ingenuity" to Pharm. Chidi Okoro; Ekenna

Elikee; Ekene A. Christopher and Uche Nwanna.

Others were family awards given to staff with the highest number of Pharmacists in their family. Prof. (Mrs) Stella Inya Agha whose husband is Elder Emmanuel Inya Agha, a 1975 set had also produced 3 pharmacists; Dr. (Mrs) Akueyinwa Uzundu with 3 children as Pharmacists; Prof. (Mrs) Patience Osadede has produced 3 pharmacists as well as 1976 alumni, Pharm. Amoha who had also produced 3 pharmacists.



Alumni of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, resident in the USA and Canada, posing with 20 set of computers with accessories, they donated to the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, UNN, 3rd homecoming of the faculty

we drank from the same cup", he stressed.

Meanwhile, the University of Nigeria Pharmacy Alumni Association, United States of America and Canada donated twenty (20) computers and their accessories to her alma mater. Dr (Mrs) Nkechi Anyanwu who represented the National Association of Pharmaceutical Science Association (NAPSA) in the Americas while donating the computers said she hoped that the computers would be put into good use and properly utilized by the students. According to her, "NAPSA has promised to partner with the University until it reaches international standard".

Nanotechnology: Remedy for Energy, Environment and Health

Olanrewaju Mgboji



L-R: Leader UNN NANO Research Group/Chairperson LOC, Prof. Rose Osuji; DVC (Academic) Prof. James C. Ogbonna; DVC (Administration), Prof. Charles A. Igwe; Registrar, Barr. Chris Igboke; Dr. Paul Ejikeme

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Nigeria, Prof. Ozumba has urged interested partners to collaborate with the University in order to apply the tools given by Nanotechnology to solve the problems that continued to ravage Nigeria society. He noted that Nanotechnology was key to national development and it could enhance the efficiency of diagnostic procedures for the detection of disease in man and animals as well as improve the

effectiveness of drugs used to treat many life-threatening conditions. "I am thinking of the challenge of giving a boost to the effective generation and distribution of renewable energy in order to provide our people with reliable electricity. Provisions of clean and portable drinking water for our people especially in the rural areas are challenges that can be achieved using nanotechnology". Prof. Ozumba made the remarks during the 2nd African International Conference/Workshop on

Nanotechnology for Energy, Environment and Health which held at the Princess Alexandra Auditorium, UNN. He commended the efforts of researchers across Africa for their hardwork in trying to grow Nanoscience and Nanotechnology in the continent. Moreso, the Leader, UNN Nano Research Group and Chairperson, Local Organizing Committee (LOC), Prof. Rose U. Osuji in her welcome address noted that the objective of the conference was to