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A five man team from the National Universities Commission (NUC) visited the University of Nigeria Nsukka's Proposed Centre for Distance and e-Learning (C-Del) on April 24, 2018 for a pre-validation exercise of the centre.

The team, led by the Director of Open and Distance Learning (ODL) NUC, Dr Esther Adesina, during a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, said that they appreciated the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Benjamin Ozumba's residence in pressing for their visit.

Dr Adesina said that the VC was passionate about the Centre, stating that it "shows excellent leadership skill on the

part of the VC".

She said the purpose of their visit was to assess the level of preparedness of UNN to launch the Distance Learning Centre. "We are here for correction, observation and some kind of training" she said.

Dr. Adesina stated that the purpose of ODL mode was to open more access to enable people acquire education from wherever, across the globe. She also said that ODL, as an ICT enabled supportive blended learning, is a prudent way of spending resources. She explained further by stating that ODL gives people the opportunity to do their job, take care of their family and business

while getting education.

Further, Dr Adesina said that distance learning does not compromise quality in standard of teaching and research and it ensures that only candidates with requisite qualifications are admitted for the program.

She expressed hope that, if the proposed Centre passes the validation exercise, that the University of Nigeria would apply its standard of teaching and research in the programme.

The Vice-Chancellor in his response, welcomed and thanked the team for finally making out time to come for the actualization of the university's dream for the centre. He further said that the UNN was out to solve problems in Nigeria, hence the reason for the vision of C-Del. "With increasing demographics in Nigeria, the solution is technology" he said.

The Director of C-Del UNN, Prof Boniface Nworgu, in his speech, said that the vision for the Centre was to solve the problem of demographics. He described the programme as an MBA with four options.

Sociology Dons Courtesy on VC

Akamigbo Uju

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nigeria, in his conference room on Thursday April 26, 2018 received alumni and guests of the department of Sociology and Anthropology preparatory to their 2nd homecoming and International Conference.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Academic, Prof. James Ogbonna, received the guests with pleasure. In his speech, he stated that universities all over the world were strengthened by their alumni. He therefore, urged the guests to see where they could lend their support, especially towards students' accommodation.

The Chairman of the planning committee, Prof. Peter-

Jazzy Ezech congratulated Prof Ogbonna for his re-election as DVC Academic, he thanked the Administration for their support and the privilege offered to the alumni to organize their home coming.

Prof Ezech further stated that it was remarkable to note that their homecoming happens when they have women as the Head of Department; first was in

1990 when Prof Felicia Ekejiuba was the HOD and now with Prof. Nkoli Ezumah. He also acknowledged the keynote speakers as the best hands for the theme of the event- Social Engineering.

Prof. Chudi Uwazuruike, one of the keynote speakers who was a former SUG President of UNN in the 70s, in his remark, said that UNN is a memory recall for him, "UNN prepared us very well to be what we are today" he said. He added that something unique is happening in the school and should be sustained.

Another keynote speaker, Hon Igariwey Iduma Enwo, in his speech, said that it was a great honour to be in UNN.



Staff of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Principal Officers of the university and guests for the International Conference/Homcoming of the department after a courtesy visit on the VC

Also in attendance were Prof Nkoli Ezumah, HOD Soc.& Anth. Department, Prof Veronica Okeke, Prof Emmanuel Igbo and

Dr Bonaventure Nwokeoma all of the same Department, and other notable alumni of the department.

Methodist Archbishop Blesses UNN with Prayers

Cynthia Ugwu

Archbishop of the Methodist Church of Nigeria, Enugu Archdiocese, Most Reverend Christopher Ede has pledged to continuously pray for the success of University of Nigeria, Nsukka and its officials.

He made the pledge when he visited the Vice-Chancellor in his conference room as part of his

four day Episcopal tour to Methodist churches of Nsukka dioceses.

Rev. Ede, who led a team of other clergy men, started his speech with a hymn titled 'To God be the Glory' after which he prayed for the management of the university.

Ede said that the University of Nigeria, had done so much for the country, both in

academic and in leadership, and that the institution deserved the prayers of the church to keep succeeding.

Rev. Ede also noted that some of the members of Methodist Church were staff of the university and they had been giving positive reports of the good things that the current university administration had been doing.

'I promise that Methodist Church will continue to pray for University of Nigeria, to soar higher', he said

While introducing his members to the Vice-Chancellor the Archbishop prayed that 'no weapon formed against the Vice-Chancellor, and his administration shall ever prosper'.

Rev. Ede presented a copy of bold printed Bible and thirty copies of Methodist Hymn book to the Vice-Chancellor to be used during morning devotions in his office.



The Archbishop of Methodist Church of Enugu Province, Most.Rev.Christopher Ede presenting a copy of Methodist Hymn book to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof.Benjamin Ozunba during a courtesy visit

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Benjamin Ozumba in his response thanked the Archbishop and his team for sparing time to pay him a visit.

“I am very happy that we are blessed by your prayers this morning” said the Vice-Chancellor.

He stated that the mighty hand of God was upon the university as evidenced in the environment of peace and progress in all the campuses of the institution.

Ozumba further said that the grace of God was sufficient



A group photograph of the team of the Archbishop of Methodist Church, Enugu Province and the Principal Officers of the University of Nigeria during a courtesy visit

unto him, and prayed that the leadership of the great

Institution will continue to be in the hands of God.

STRACEP Sensitizes Freshmen on Ethical Conduct

Choice Alika



L-R Dr. Casmir Ani, The Deputy Vice-Chancellor Admin, Prof. Charles Igwe, The Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, Prof. James Ogbonna at the Workshop

The Vice-Chancellor University of Nigeria, Prof. Benjamin Ozumba in collaboration with Strategic Contacts, Ethics and publications (STRACEP), recently organized a two day seminar for freshmen on ethical conduct.

The Vice-Chancellor who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Administration, Prof. Charles Igwe addressed the students on the need for ethics at the seminar tagged “Champions of Dignity”

held at the Ekpo and Convocation Arena.

Prof Igwe said that the students who are part of the restoration plan of the University are champions of dignity that would be transformed into global citizens with patriotic values to build Nigeria. He said that before the freshmen can become true lions and lioness they must first be champions of ethics which was the core value of the founding founders of the University.

He further said that the University administration

places students at the centre of her plan by creating an enabling environment where they can learn to become future leaders. He noted that students are allowed to participate in the University administration through the establishment of the Students' Union Executive and Legislative voices which ensure the organization of regular, free, fair and peaceful election. He advised freshmen to attend social activities with self discipline and shun social vices.

The guest speaker and facilitator, Mr Essiet Jackson who spoke on “Understanding Human Dignity” said that ethics is beyond trying to obey rules rather it is a value system. He highlighted four ways an individual can establish and achieve dignity in life to include the dignity of purpose, dignity of relationship, dignity of labour and the dignity of learning.

Further, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, Prof. James Chukwuma Ogbonna while delivering his

lecture titled "University of Nigeria How we can restore the dignity of man through academic values/ethics" advised the students to have self discipline over the use of their

mobile phones. He said they should gear towards achieving academic excellence and engage in activities that will aid their learning ability.

The highlight of the

event was presentation of Awards of Dignity to Rev Fr. Dr Paul Obayi and Barr. Mrs Nneka Nwarueze of Grace Nwogbo Foundation.

More Garlands for Prof Ozumba

Choice Alika and Cynthia Ugwu



Prof James Ogbonna, DVC Academic (right) receiving award from leaders of Oha Nsukka Town Union on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor

The Executive members of Nsukka town union council of Oha Nsukka and Nsukka graduate association have bestowed on the Vice-Chancellor UNN, Prof. Benjamin Chukwuma Ozumba a "meritorious award.

Speaking at the event, held at the Vice-Chancellor's conference room, the President General, of Oha Nsukka, Chief Donatus Chinweike revealed that Prof Ozumba is the first Vice-

Chancellor to be so honoured by their association since the inception of the University because of his outstanding leadership. He appreciated Prof Ozumba for employing their youths and availing them the opportunity of getting admission into the University.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, Prof James Ogbonna, who received the award on behalf of the VC applauded the group for their

kind gesture stressing that Nsukka community has benefited tremendously from the recent administration.

Similarly, Odenigbo General Assembly paid a courtesy visit on the Vice-Chancellor to appreciate him for his outstanding leadership and to establish a friendly bond with the university administration.

Oformata Donates Wheel Chair, Braid Machine, Food, to Students with Special Needs

Cynthia Ugwu

The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare, Children and Woman Affair, Anambra State, Dr. Azuka Oformata, donated a wheel chair and some Brail machines to students with special needs. He also donated some food items to improve their 'stomach infrastructure'.

Oformata presented the items to the Vice-Chancellor when he paid a courtesy visit on the Vice-Chancellor in his conference room recently.

In his speech, Dr. Oformata said he decided to include food in the items he donated because he discovered that feeding was a major concern to the students.

"I tagged it stomach infrastructure showing that students need the



The team of Dr. Azuka Oformata in a group photograph with the Vice-Chancellor and Principal officers during a courtesy call

food items more than anything". He said he would extend the gesture to same category of students at the Nnamdi Azikwe University, Awka and the Chukwuemeka Odumegwu University.

The Vice-Chancellor,

Prof. Benjamin Ozumba in his response welcomed the Permanent Secretary and thanked him for his generosity towards the students.

He promised Dr Oformata that the donated items would be put into good use.

Scholars Advance Feminism in Wikipedia

Inya-Agha Egwu

Over 70 female scholars from the University of Nigeria on Wednesday May 23, 2018 gathered at the Nnamdi Azikiwe Library for a meet-up marathon editing exercise, bothering on African females' profile in the Wikipedia.

The exercise was the 2018 edition of Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon, an annual editing event that offer registered participants opportunity to contribute articles to Wikipedia through tertiary data.

In her remark to flag-off the event, the University Librarian, Prof (Mrs) Chinwe Ezeani said that the exercise tagged, "Art and Feminism: Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon" was meant to bridge the gap in the number of female editors in the Wikipedia.

The Librarian said that

they were less than 10 percent female editors in the Wikipedia globally, a development she considered "a major gap given that Wikipedia had over 40 million articles in over 250 languages".

She attributed the lesser visibility of women online to early civilisation which forbade them from playing frontline roles in the society, she also decried the aversion of some women to technology, stating that technology was meant for everybody not just for men alone.

Prof Ezeani said that the University of Nigeria was among the two universities in Africa selected to contribute articles to Wikipedia. The other University, according to her was the University of Ghana.

"Our university was

chosen because of our online visibility", the Librarian said while urging the participants to take advantage of the exercise to enhance the visibility of the University of Nigeria and to themselves.

Dr Ngozi Osadebe, one of the facilitators of the exercise, said that the participants were focussed on editing the profiles of African women who are notable. She however noted that the materials to be added to the profiles must come from a tertiary data that could be verified easily.

The reason according to another facilitator, Dr Ukwuoma Scholastica was to make Wikipedia an authentic source of information for researchers.



Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Gets Smart Classroom

Inya Agha Egwu



Vice-Chancellor, Prof Ozumba, addressing staff inside the Smart Classroom

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Benjamin Ozumba on Tuesday April 24, 2018 commissioned a smart classroom in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. The classroom is equipped with a projector with an in-built operating system, an internet-enabled podium with operating system, smart board and 40 work stations all connected to the internet.

Prof Ozumba said the classroom was made available through the Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF) which had also financed other ICT-based projects in the university, including laying fibre optic cables to interconnect the campuses, provision of teleconferencing facilities among others.

“This project is novel and highly innovative”, the Vice-Chancellor said, stating that the university was embracing technology as a way of solving problems created by population growth in the institution.

Prof Ozumba said the smart classroom would reduce the stress of teaching and predispose students of the faculty to be ICT compliant. He said the facility had provided opportunity for the faculty to conduct its examinations using Computer Based Technology. “With this you can use modules to teach here”, Ozumba said.

The Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Prof Romanus Ezeokonkwo thanked the Vice-Chancellor for situating the first Smart Classroom in the

university in his faculty. “We neither lobbied nor canvassed for it”, the Dean said it was built because of the love the Vice-Chancellor had for the faculty.

He promised that his Faculty would make good use of the facility to promote teaching and learning.

“This is the best way to go in teaching”, said Dr Olisa Okeke, the Director of Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

Dr Olisa said the smart classroom had provided tremendous opportunity for the faculty's staff and students to advance their knowledge in ICT and prayed it be used as a shared resource.



VC Commissions Video Surveillance Cameras in Campuses

Inya-Agha Egwu



Engr Chinemerem Igbokwe, project coordinator, demonstrating the operations of the surveillance camera to the Vice-Chancellor and his team

Chinemerem Igbokwe an ICT anchor person for the project.

Igbokwe explained that the cameras could store recorded images for a period of over three months, stating that there were plans to improve the storage capacity.

Eight security personnel, according to Igbokwe had been trained on how to

use the cameras.

In his effort to strengthen security around the campuses, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Benjamin Ozumba on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 commissioned surveillance cameras mounted in strategic locations in Nsukka and Enugu campuses of the university.

During the commissioning at Nsukka campus, Prof. Ozumba expressed happiness that the university was moving at a high pace in the use of modern security and communication gadgets.

“This is a modern technology for security and I am happy it is deployed in our university”, the Vice-Chancellor said while addressing university's security personnel and ICT technicians who witnessed the commissioning exercise.

The Director of ICT of the university, Dr Olisa Okeke explained that the plan to install the surveillance cameras around the campuses was conceived by the Vice-Chancellor three years ago after his visit to China.

“It was a comprehensive plan to cover the entire university: What we are witnessing today is the Phase 1 of the project”, Dr Okeke said.

The Director described the project as a tremendous investment by the Ozumba's administration which would enhance the security of lives and property in the university.

The cameras, according to Dr Okeke are powered by solar energy, with intelligent software for monitoring.

“They are configured with Internet Protocol address which enables us use them with our network”, added Engr

In his response, the acting Chief Security Officer of the university, Sir, R.C. Nwafor thanked the Vice-Chancellor for boosting the performance of the security department with the deployment of the cameras.

“We cannot overemphasize our heartfelt joy over your unflinching attention and benevolence to the Security Department since your assumption of office in June 2014”, Nwafor said while commending the Vice-Chancellor for lifting the ban on the promotion of staff in the security unit.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Prof Charles Igwe also witnessed the commissioning exercise which was anchored by the Public Relations Officer, Chief (Dr) Okwun Omeaku.



UNN Gets Centre for Japanese Language and Culture

Inya-Agha Egwu

Plans are in top gear to establish Centre for Japanese Language and Culture in the University of Nigeria, Prof James Ogbonna, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, has revealed.

Prof Ogbonna made the disclosure on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at the Nnamdi Azikiwe Library where he commissioned 300 book titles of Japanese literature to kick-start Japanese literature section in the library.

Ogbonna said the book donation was a prelude to the establishment of the Centre for Japanese Language and Culture in the university, stating that the architectural design for the centre had been sent to Japan for further action.

“A team from Japan will arrive our university very soon to inspect a parcel of land allocated for the construction of the Centre”, Prof Ogbonna said while maintaining that the University of Nigeria had a lot of collaborations with institutions in Japan, courtesy of the Vice-Chancellor's drive for partnership.



Prof James Ogbonna, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic commissioning Japanese book collections donated to Nnamdi Azikiwe Library

According to him, “over 25 staff of our university are currently studying in Japan through the university's partnership programmes.”

“What we are witnessing today is part of the benefits of the Vice-Chancellor's drive for internationalisation”, Prof Ogbonna said.

One of the recent benefits, according to the DVC was the instant acceptance of four engineering students from the University of Nigeria by the University of Lusaka, following

the signing of Memorandum of Understanding between the universities.

Prof Ogbonna noted that the benefits of the partnership have also percolated down to the primary and secondary schools.

“Two teachers from our university primary school have been selected to spend 18 months in Japan to learn how to teach mathematics”, the DVC academic said.

Prof Ogbonna urged the library staff to ensure that the books were kept where students would read them.

The Deputy Librarian, Dr Okoye, who received the books on behalf of the University Librarian, thanked the university administration for attracting the books.

“We are very grateful to you, I hope you will attract more books to enrich our library” he said. He promised that the books would be made accessible to students.



Prof James Ogbonna, DVC Academic and the Deputy Librarian Dr Okoye inspecting some of the Japanese book collections at the Nnamdi Azikiwe library



UNN VC Inaugurates SUG Officials

Choice Alike

The Vice-Chancellor, UNN, Prof Benjamin Chukwuma Ozumba recently inaugurated the newly elected Students Union Government officials into office to officially discharge their duties.

Speaking at the event held at Princess Alexandra Auditorium and Unity Hall, Prof Ozumba highlighted reasons the university recognises student unionism to include; maintaining democratic principles that give students a voice in the University; to ease up process of aggregating necessary inputs from students on their challenges rather than individual complaints; to make students have serious positions by becoming partners with the institutions' administration in problem solving.

He admonished them to return the union to the golden era where intellectualism thrived, and to see themselves as nation builders. He promised that his administration will always partner with Student Union Government to promote peace, harmony and excellence in the university.

The Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Sabinus Ofoefule in



The University legal Adviser, Barr.Obayi administering oath of office to the new SUG President Mr. Fortunatus during the swearing-in of Students Union Government

his remarks, disclosed that UNN Students' Union body was founded shortly after the inception of the University in 1960, with the now Prof. Benedict Chukwumah Imeagwu Ijoma as the first SUG President.

Prof. Ofoefule said that a functional and articulate student union is a bridge-like student's organization connecting the students and the school authority under the focus of students' actual needs.

He said that student unionism is aimed at offering ideas, initiatives and perspectives that foster better conditions for students. He also noted that it is a platform for addressing the problems of the Nigerian Students

and the effective running of the University administration as well as its implications for good governance in Nigeria.

Prof. Ofoefule bewailed that most student unions in Nigeria have failed to understand the essence of their existence which has resulted in paralysed and polarized institutions. He admonished the SUG to always stand for the truth and maintain honesty, transparency and integrity in service as they were elected to serve and not to lord themselves over their fellow students.

The SUG president Comrade Chimezie Fortunatus revealed that his leadership will embark on preserving Aluta Integrity, promising to transform opportunities and possibilities into stories of success and triumph.

The highlight of the event was presentation of sports achievement award to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Benjamin Ozumba by the National Association of Nigeria Students (NANS).



The University Legal Adviser, Barr.Obayi administering oath of office to some members the Students Union Government



Students Commend VC for Hitch-Free SUG Election

Cynthia Ugwu

Students of the University of Nigeria have commended the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Benjamin Ozumba for conducting a hitch-free election that ushered in new leaders in to the Students Union Government (SUG).

The commendation was made at the Vice-Chancellor's conference room by members of the newly elected executive council of the union during their courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, barely one week after their inauguration.

Speaking during the visit, the SUG President, Nsukka Campus, Comrade Chiemizie Fortunatus said that they were honoured to meet with the Vice-Chancellor room, "We thank you for the support you gave us during the election and we promise to support your administration to make this



The Students Union Government Executive of University of Nigeria with the Vice-Chancellor and principal officers shortly after the courtesy call

Vice-Chancellor for addressing the pressing needs of students at Enugu Campus, especially the rehabilitation of the access roads, supply of water and improved electricity supply.

The student leaders

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Benjamin Ozumba commended the students for their peaceful conduct at their election, stating that their election was a reflection of their popularity among their fellow students.

Prof. Ozumba said that the provision of security in the campuses should be a collective effort, involving both the administration and the students.

"Students should help in the security by telling fellow students not to steal from yourselves", Ozumba said while reacting to the issue of security raised by the student leaders.

The Vice-Chancellor assured the students that his administration would do everything within the limit of available resources to make sure they were comfortable.

High point of the visit was the presentation of gifts to the Vice-Chancellor by students from both Nsukka and Enugu Campuses.



The Vice-President Student Union Government presenting a gift to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Benjamin Ozumba

university a remarkable one", Comrade Fortunatus said.

Similarly Onah Tochukwu SUG President, Enugu campus, commended the

pleaded with the Vice-Chancellor to improve security around the campuses and improve living condition in the hostels.



University Staff School Raises Mathematics Champion

Akamigbo Uju

The University Staff School (USS) took the 1st position at the State level and 3rd at the National level in the just concluded 14th Annual Nigerian Turkish International Mathematics Competition.

Out of over 39,000 pupils that participated in the competition across the zones in Nigeria, Master Jisiechimike Chigor of USS clinched the 3rd position which won him a bronze medal alongside a plaque, Certificate of Distinction, cash prize of N40,00.00 and 100% tuition fee scholarship.

Recall that Jisiechimike also made the school proud by winning the 1st position at the state level, which gave him the opportunity to contest at the federal level. The achievement also decorated him with a plaque, certificate of merit, cash prize of N15,000.00, cash transport of N14,000.00 and another tuition

fee scholarship.

Members of the USS board during a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor, on April, 18 2018 shared the success story of Master Jisiechimike with the university management.

Leading the delegation, Prof. Catherine Oreh, Chairman of board, said that the visit was to give a report on the success of the mandate given to the board to move USS forward. She noted that the outcome of the Mathematics competition was one of their many achievements.

The USS headmistress, Mrs Susan Echa, in her speech, expressed joy and gratitude to the pupils who worked tirelessly to bring the school to limelight. She said that the 20 pupils who represented the school at the state level were all successful with high scores and had the least score as 74.70 which was a pass mark.

Echa used the opportunity to appreciate the effort of the maths teacher, John Achimugu whose relentless effort and hard work paved way for the school to shine.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Benjamin Ozumba who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Prof Charles Igwe, in his response, expressed his joy and pride over the success of the school.

Prof Igwe said that he was marvelled at the number of pupils with interest in Mathematics, noting that the interest showed "a better tomorrow for our children".

He congratulated the award winner and all the pupils who participated in the competition; he said he looked forward to the pupils winning 1st position at the national level come next year.



The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Charles Igwe decorating the award winner of the competition Master Chigor Jisechike



TETFUND TEAM ON PROJECT INSPECTION AT UNEC/ITUKU OZALLA

J.J. NWACHUKWU



TETFUND- Sponsored Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences building

A 5 – man team of Auditors from Tetfund recently visited the Enugu Campus of the University of Nigeria. In a courtesy call to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Enugu Campus, Prof. Edith Nwosu, the leader of the team, Mr. Afangide N.R., who is from the Auditor-General's Office, Abuja, explained that the team was in the University to audit Tetfund projects. His words, “Before, now, we had looked at the financing of these projects,

this time around we have come to see the physical structures, and our aim is to find out whether what we have on the ground aligns with the financial records available to us”.

Responding, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor thanked the team for coming, just as she expressed excitement at their visit. She disclosed that each time the University is hosting a team from the Tetfund the administration looks forward with joyful expectation, since the

institution is viewed in university circles as a source of succor to Universities in Nigeria.

Concluding the Deputy Vice-Chancellor observed that most first-generation universities in Nigeria are experiencing paucity of funds, while pointing out that the case of UNN is peculiar in view of the Nigeria civil war which left the University with a huge infrastructural deficit. Explaining further, Prof. Nwosu said that the scars of the civil war in the University are still very visible. She wished the visitors well as they moved on for the inspection at UNEC and Ituku Ozalla.

Other members of the team included: Mr. Erom Timothy – Senior Auditor, Nankere Arit Monday – Higher Executive Officer, Architect Pius C. Agu – Chief Architect PPU; and Engr. Onodugo E.U. – Deputy Director, PPU.

CHANGE OF BATON AT UNEC, IGWE, OGBONNA RETAIN POSITIONS

J.J. NWACHUKWU - UNEC

Professor Edith Nwosu has emerged the new Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus, even as Professors Charles Igwe and James Ogbonna were re-elected to serve a second term as Deputy Vice-Chancellors administration and academic respectively.

The election, which took place at the 397th meeting of the university senate held on April 25, 2018, saw Prof Nwosu beat her closest rival, Professor

Nwachukwu 289 to 23 votes to clinch the position of Deputy Vice-Chancellor, UNEC

In the same vein, Professor Charles Igwe won with 298 to 9 votes ahead of Professor Echezona, while Professor James Ogbonna emerged winner with 291 to 19 votes ahead of Professor Urama.

Following her inauguration in May 2, 2018, Prof Nwosu took over from Prof, Smart Uchegbu who served out his tenure. To many, Prof. Nwosu

is one person you should have on your side when going to war. The Prof of Law, who does not lack support among her colleagues, had enjoyed an unflinching voter support during the election in which she triumphed. She has personal charisma and a large net work of friends which transcends the University Community.

The inaugural event had attracted members of the Advisory Management Committee of UNEC, who turned out in their numbers to



L-r: DVC UNEC; Prof Edith Nwosu, DVC Academic, Prof James Ogbonna and the DVC Administration, Prof Charles Igwe after their election at the 397th Meeting of the University Senate.

witness the crowning moment. There were loud cheers while the event lasted.

The outgoing DVC, Prof. Smart Uchegbu in his handover address, described Prof. Nwosu as a worthy successor who has an understanding of the times and what the administration needs to raise its head, noting that the new helms person has energy and drive. He challenged his successor to deploy her huge experiences to advance the course of society, and in particular, that of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. Prof. Uchegbu who further referred to his successor as a voice of moderation, urged the staff and the management team to stand behind her to finish on a high.

Outlining the legacies of his administration, Prof. Uchegbu explained that his administration would not have made any impact without the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ozumba's support, who had been a major pillar of support to his team.

A m o n g h i s administration's legacies include: an upgrade of the facilities at the UNEC Sports

Stadium the construction of the UNEC Lawn Tennis Court; the UNEC Volley Ball Pitch; the new Medical Centre building, improved water and electricity supply, road rehabilitation etc, etc. He concluded by wishing that his successor should not only make the right start, but should be able to soar far above his accomplishments as the DVC, Enugu Campus.

In her inaugural speech, Prof. Nwosu, who is noted to have managed the Student Affairs Department with full commitment and integrity, expressed her willingness to completely discharge her mandate. She stated that she was not a stranger to the workings of the office, having acquired a learning profile before now. According to the new DVC, she had learnt the rope of governance as she served in the stead of some past Deputy Vice-Chancellors, like Profs., Richie Umeh and Enemuo, usually when they were on outside engagements while their tenures lasted.

Speaking further, the DVC not only promised to sustain the tempo, but also to

raise the bar, even as she declared her willingness to work with men and women of capacity irrespective of their socio-political leaning in the University. She acknowledged that she possesses some level of political exposure, but quickly pointed out that she respects people's voting preferences, since her's is "politics without bitterness".

Prof. Nwosu whose achievements in various undertakings, clearly underscore the power of discipline, focus and integrity, did not end her speech without appreciating the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Benjamin Chuklwuma Ozumba for nominating her in the first place.

At the event were: - Barrister Peters Nwokeoji – Deputy Bursar; Barrister C.I. Onodugo – Deputy Registrar; Dr. C.N. Orjiakor; - Co-ordinator, Medical services, Mrs. Ijeoma Ibegbulam, - the Principal Librarian in-charge; Engineer H.C. Udechukwu -, Deputy Director of Works; and Mrs. Anikwe C.N. – Assistant Registrar, Personnel.

RitaDoris Re-enacts Uli Arts in Fabrics

Inya -Agha Egwu



Dr RitaDoris Ubah (1st from left) and ladies adorned in textile she designed with Uli motifs at her solo exhibition.

The University of Nigeria, Arts School is famous for the use of Uli idiom to provide a counter narrative to Western cultural imperialism. Uli, a traditional painting of Igbo women, has been transformed by the school into modern tool of creative engagement. In the place of colonial art education, which reflected western art academy, artists in the school have systematically evolved new ways of reasserting their creative identity through the exploration of their traditional art culture and history.

Until recently, the creative success of the school popularly known as Nsukka Arts School was associated largely with male artists who are mainly painters and sculptors.

Dr Ritadoris Ubah, a female artiste from the school has carved a niche for herself by engaging uli motifs in full textile fabric composition that reflects the dynamics of design. In her art, Ubah set forth to tap into artistic resources and innovation in painting, sculpture and textile

in the Nsukka School by using them as the basis for her art experimentation and creation.

In her latest exhibition, Ubah draped a car with fabric designed with uli motifs, in full complement of ladies and students adorned in her creative textile design. The display portrayed an interface of tradition and modernity. The artist creatively transformed what used to be a painting on the bare skin of Igbo women to modern clothing that served the same purpose of beauty

enhancement.

Ubah's goal is to develop a creative female voice that would complement the achievements of painters and sculptures from the Nsukka School.

Her fascination is local traditions of arts and craft, Ubah gets her inspiration not only from Igbo body painting, now reinvented as Uli, but also from the aesthetic richness of the Yoruba Adire and tie and dye traditions and technique.

“Although I borrow from tradition, my production is an art of modernity”, Dr Ubah, a lecturer in the Department of Fine and Applied Arts of the university told the crowd that gathered at her exhibition.

An observation of Ubah's creative display reveals a promotion of art with hybrid content. She borrows ideas from creative works from other related creative discipline other than her area of specialisation. Her work is an exploitation of the potential of the quilted, printed, painted, embroidered and installation techniques in textile art production.



Dr Ubah and some of her students at the exhibition, all adorned in clothes designed with uli motifs.

Ubah's creativity provides a visual testimony of how a textile artiste can reinvent her traditions of arts and crafts, appropriate them and exploit their creative potential in making important artistic statements.

"I try to demonstrate that artistes must return to history from which to renew their creativity", the artiste said.

Among the repertoire of her work on display was a vertical pictorial composition executed with quilting technique. The composition was arranged with cluster of uli motifs. Each colour of the motif complements each other in their visual tension. The use of an intense colour palette in the composition is similar to what one could find in Igbo wall painting, which endows the work with affecting presence of tradition.

Also on display was uli symbols batiked on a two colour fabric. Once again, the work demonstrates the artiste's affinity with tradition. She carefully appropriated the artistic resources of the Yoruba Adire tradition which has been made popular by Nike Monica Okundaye, a painter, textile designer and multimedia artiste. "This production is my way of looking back to the aesthetic power of the Yoruba culture and tradition, Ubah said in her explanations.

There was also terracotta and fabric glass pots designed with Uli motifs. The artiste, worked like a painter, engaging the potter's ceramic wares as a base for her creative enterprise. The artiste drives pottery and allied media into the ways of ceramic production by

transforming the transgressive and mutable into textile works. Ubah used the work to create a proximity between a textile artiste, a painter and a ceramic artiste.

In what is fast becoming her trademark, Ubah's latest solo exhibition portrays her determination to enter the hall of fame of renowned artiste from the Nsukka school.

Among the special guests to Dr Ubah's exhibition was the Public Relations Officer of the University of Nigeria, Chief (Dr) Okwun Omeaku.

Dr Omeaku praised Ubah for her ingenuity, stating that her display reflected the spirit of excellence which the current administration in the university is known for.



Dr Ubah explaining the concept of her work to the Public Relations Officer of UNN Chief (Dr) Okwun Omeaku



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Ozumba (3rd from right), Director, UNESCO Biotechnology Centre UNN, Prof Opara and resources persons for a conference organised by UNESCO and the Foundation for Smoke-Free World at the UNN



Prof. Benjamin Ozumba giving Deanship Award of Achievement to Prof. Pat. Okpoko at the 397th meeting of the University Senate



Prof. Benjamin Ozumba giving Deanship Award of Achievement to Prof. Apollonia Nwosu at 397th meeting of the University Senate



VC having a handshake with the Dean, of Faculty Veterinary Medicine after receiving a gift of his penciled portrait from the faculty



The University PRO served as compere in the commissioning exercise of Smart Classroom in Faculty of Vet Med.



Cross-section of participant posing with their certificate shortly after the workshop organised by Strategic Contact, Ethics and Publication.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Benjamin Ozumba playing table-tennis with Prof. Pat Utomi at the University of Nigeria, Roar Hub, Nsukka



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Benjamin Ozumba, Prof. Pat Utomi in a panel discussion with students at the University of Nigeria Roar Hub



Prof. Wole Soyinka addressing the University Principal Officers, The Deputy Vice-Chancellor Administration, Prof Charles Igwe and Former Governor old Anambra State, Chief Dr. Chukwuemeka Ezeife during a courtesy call on VC, UNN



The Former governor old Anambra State, Chief Dr. Chukwuemeka Ezeife Presenting an award to Senator Oluremi Tinubu represented by Princess Elegbede during 2018 Second Chinua Achebe Annual Lecture



L-R Former Vice-Chancellor Prof Okolo, NAFDAC DG, Olushola Adeyeye; Sen. Hope Uzodimma, Prof. Anya O. Anya, The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Benjamin Ozumba, Governor Okezie Ikpeazu, and Ooni of Ife, Adeyeye during Eni Njoku Memorial Lecture



Participants at the 2018 Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon at the Nnamdi Azikiwe Library



APPOINTMENTS

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Professor J.C. Ogbonna	Chairman, committee for Review Affiliation Fee by Schools and Colleges Affiliated to the UNN	Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)	February 21, 2017
Dr. C.U. Nwoji	Coordinator, Siwes Unit	Civil Engineering	September 26, 2017
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Professor J.C. Ogbonna	Chairman, Board of the Pastor Adeboye Chair in Mathematics	Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic	October 04, 2017
Kinika-Nsirim, A.U.	Chairman, Board of the University of Nigeria Bookshop	75 Ikwere Road	October 04, 2017
Professor J.C. Ogbonna	Chairman, University Based Unions Agreement Implementation Monitoring Committee	Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic	October 11, 2017
Dr. Christian I. Okafor	Associate Dean (Pre-Clinical) Faculty of Medical Sciences	Medicine	November 15, 2017
Dr. Esther E. Young	Associate Dean (Clinical) Faculty of Medical Sciences	Medicine	November 15, 2017
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Professor (Mrs.) Edith Nwosu	Deputy Vice-Chancellor University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus	Commercial & Corporate Law	December 13, 2017
Miss Chinwe Okoli	Roar incubator and Park Manager, Lion Science Park		February 21, 2018
Professor A.A. Attama	Director, Education Innovation Unit Vice-Chancellor's Office	Pharmaceutics	November 07, 2017
Professor Chike Ofuebe	Chairman, Ad hoc Committee on Unserved Transcript	Servicom Unit	March 05, 2018
Professor (Mrs.) Franca N. Okeke	Director of Institute for Climate Change, Energy and Environment	Physics & Astronomy	March 05, 2018
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Professor P.U. Okpoko	Chairman, Board of the University Press	Archaeology & Tourism	March 15, 2018
Professor G.O. Unachukwu	Coordinator, Climate Change Adaption Initiative (ACCAI)	Mechanical Engineering	March 21, 2018



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	Professor Godswill Ibegbulam	Director, Institute of Molecular Medicine and Infectious Disease	Haematology and Immunology	April 18, 2018
	Professor Benedict C. Anusiuba	Director, Institute of Molecular Medicine and Infectious Diseases	Internal Medicine	May 18, 2018
	Professor E.C. Ejiogu	Executive Adviser, Special Project Unit(SPU), VC's Office	Electrical Engineering	May 24, 2018
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