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My Goal is to Achieve
Results, Nothing Personal-
Prof. Okpoko

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Founders' Day:
all Fun
without Frill

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Welcome on board, our dear Vice-Chancellor, the Leader we all want, ordinary, yet extra-ordinary. Prefaced with the refrain of our emerging chant 'First Graduate of the University of Nigeria, to emerge as its Vice-Chancellor'

It is imperative that a leader must be there in every area of creation. In the forest, there is a leader – the LION (King of the forests) among the wild. In the air, the eagle commands the skies as its first among equals. The bee stands out as the primus in the world of insects. There is a king and Queen among ants in an anthill and a midst soldier ants, in which the Queen hold supremacy. Even among lesser creepy creatures like the earthworks parasites, those obvious to the physical eyes and the microbes that one needs the magnifying lenses to behold, leadership is paramount. The flora is not left out. The cedar, the fir, the pine, the Mahogany, and in our own clime's, Iroko stand out from the crowd of vegetation.

The human species in whose hands the God of wisdom imbued with dominion over all things including the spirits, leadership, good leadership, effective leadership supercedes most other attributes. The leader is it. It rather ignites and motivates the followers to strive and attain to the utmost of their abilities. We must infer that leadership has morals.

Leadership generally determines the direction which the nation, the society, the community, and every component part of system is headed. The drumbeat for a Vice-Chancellor, a UNN –made, has hit its crescendo with the emergence of Prof. Charles Arizechukwu Igwe, as its 15th Vice-Chancellor.

Since October 1960, UNN has had it so good with previous VC's chasing to actualize the dream of UNN's founding fathers. Prof. Igwe has been in the thick and thin of it all. He has peaked in academics rising from being an undergraduate, to first degree holder, to Masters, Ph.D, Professorial, HOD) Dean, 2x DVC and now Vice-Chancellor. A great Alumnus, A great super Lion – seem it all. That is a challenge!

The hallmark of a leader is the vision he brings to bear in his service. We would work with the plain dictionary meaning of vision which is “having the faculty and ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom”.

Prof. Charles Arizechukwu Igwe must plug into our strengths and steel our weaknesses. Congratulations our amiable Vice-Chancellor!

You are the Leader we all want – ORDINARY, YET EXTRA-ORDINARY.



Governor Ugwuanyi Expresses Confidence on VC's Abilities

Inya Agha Egwu

The Governor of Enugu State, His Excellency, Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi has promised the support of Enugu State government to the new administration of the University of Nigeria, led by the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Charles Arizechukwu Igwe.

While congratulating Prof Igwe on his emergence as the 15th Vice-Chancellor of the premier university, the Governor expressed confidence that Prof Igwe would bring his experience to bear in repositioning the

university to greater height.

Hon. Ugwuanyi noted that the University of Nigeria had come a long way, and was better positioned to catalyse technological innovations that would lead the diversification of Nigeria's economy.

The Governor said he was happy that the university was living up to its mandate under Prof Igwe as evidenced in the institution's production of Nigeria's first electric car and its improved global ranking in

WEBOMETRICS

He said that Enugu state was leveraging on human resources in the University of Nigeria to chart a roadmap for revamping education in the country.

The Vice-Chancellor, who led other Principal Officers of the University on a courtesy visit on the Governor, thanked Ugwuanyi for his interest in the wellbeing of the university and asked that the relationship between the institution and Enugu State government should be sustained.

"We can't take-off without your blessing, that is why I have come with my principal officers", the Vice-Chancellor said while acknowledging the Governor as the landlord of the University.

Prof Igwe further thanked the Governor for his effort at reticulating water at Enugu Campus of the university. He however pleaded for the speedy completion of the project to ease water challenges faced by staff and students on the campus.



The VC, Prof Igwe receiving gift and blessings from the Governor of Enugu State, His Excellency, Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi

Nsukka Indigenes Excited about Emergence of Prof Igwe as UNN VC

Inya Agha Egwu

The people of Nsukka have expressed their excitement and endorsement of the emergence of Prof. Charles Arizechukwu Igwe as the 15th Vice-Chancellor of the University of

the founder of the institution and believed that the new Vice-Chancellor will improve on the relationship.

Hon Omeje noted that the university had restored the dignity

of the indigenes and defined the existence of the people. "That is why whenever the University of Nigeria sneezes, Nsukka catches cold" the chairman said. He urged the Vice-Chancellor to up the relationship by prioritising the Corporate Social Responsibility of the University to the host community.

Spencer Ugwuoke, who spoke for other traditional rulers, urged the Vice-Chancellor to uphold the dignity of Nsukka people as one who knew the people and the land very well.

The Vice-Chancellor in his response appreciated the Chairman and the traditional rulers for the warm reception. He said he will always cherish his affinity with the land and people of Nsukka. "I am at peace with the people and land of Nsukka, they have done me well", Prof Igwe said.

He said that God would help him to use his position to affect both the university and the people positively. He called for the support of the people, stating that, as a major industry in Nsukka, the University of Nigeria should not be toiled with on any sentimental ground.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Charles Igwe (left) with the Chairman of Nsukka Local Government, Hon. Patrick Omeje

Nigeria, Nsukka, describing him as "son of the soil".

Hon Patrick Omeje, the Chairman of Nsukka Local Government conveyed the goodwill of the people to the Vice-Chancellor at a welcome reception in his honour organised by the Local Government and traditional rulers of Nsukka on Friday, October 4, 2019.

"We see you as one of us, a son of the soil who was born, nurtured, rose through the ranks to become the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nigeria in Nsukka land", Hon Omeje said.

The Chairman said that the people of Nsukka had always maintained a cordial relationship with authorities of the University since the days of Nnamdi Azikiwe,

Onyema Idoko, former Nsukka Local Government Chairman, on behalf of stakeholders of the local government said the people of Nsukka considered Prof Igwe as another Zik. "Nsukka will give you a place of sanctuary and rest like we did to Zik", he said.

The Chairman, Nsukka Traditional Rulers Council, Igwe



Nsukka Traditional Rulers praying for the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Charles Igwe at the reception.

The high point of the event was prayers offered for the successful tenure of the Vice-Chancellor by the traditional rulers.

Visions, Actions of Prof Igwe, 15th VC of UNN

Inya Agha Egwu

Alumni of the University of Nigeria had to wait for 58 years before one of their own, Professor Charles Arizechukwu Igwe, was appointed to head the institution as the Vice-Chancellor. Among the 15 Vice-Chancellors the premier university has had, Igwe is the first made-in-UNN product, having obtained his B.Sc, Master's and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from the university.

Igwe, a Soil Scientist, broke the jinx on May 23, 2019 when the Governing Council of the university, led by Chief Mike Olorunfemi, announced his appointment following a rigorous screening of about 70 applicants who jostled for the job.

In his inaugural address to the university community on Friday, June 14, 2019 Igwe said he had spent nearly four decades in the services of the university, having joined the institution's workforce from the lowest rung of administrative ladder.

"I have witnessed some of the finest eras in the history of

this citadel of learning; I have also witnessed its difficult times", the new Vice-Chancellor told members of the university community while outlining his vision for the university in the



Prof. Charles Igwe the 15th Vice-Chancellor,
University of Nigeria, Nsukka

next five years.

He said the University of Nigeria under him would be technologically driven, academically robust and would promote enterprise and entrepreneurship.

His tactics would be an integrated development model

anchored on the Sustainable Development Goals. He said his administration would develop a database of the university's alumni with the aim of harnessing their goodwill and partnerships to improve funding of the university.

"We shall ensure sustained infrastructural development and supply through public-private partnership, attend to ongoing and abandoned projects, and enthrone maintenance culture and environmental cleanliness".

Igwe, from the Faculty of Agriculture, said he would refocus the university on its land-grant mandate to make it a self-sustaining institution that would be a model

for survival to other universities in the country.

While appreciating the recent research effort of the university, which led to the generation of electricity using organic waste products, Prof Igwe said his administration would harness the potentials of

the Department of Physics and Astronomy, Faculty of Engineering and the Centre for Energy and Research Development to break new grounds in electricity provision

In less than three months in office, Igwe is already walking his talk. His administration has seen the commissioning of the first made-in-Nigeria electric car, designed and constructed by the Mechatronics Research Group of the university. Job Victor Chukwuebuka, a final year student of the Department of Mechanical Engineering said that launching of the car was a practical demonstration of the Vice-Chancellor's determination to drive the university technologically.

Prior to his inauguration, many access roads in the university were dotted with potholes, many of which would just have been fixed without expending huge resources. On his assumption of office, the new Vice-Chancellor took the Works Department to task. Within the first month of his leadership, the university community has witnessed the massive patching of potholes.

"The Vice-Chancellor has demonstrated a strong will to turn things around in this university. Despite the harsh economic realities he found

himself, he has shown strong leadership qualities", Dr Ebere Adimora, a staff of the university said.

The University Community woke up in the month of July to the cherry news of the university's improved ranking by the Webometrics. The international ranking agency graded the University of Nigeria 1st in Nigeria and 17th in Africa based on citation of scholarly works from the university. The Vice-Chancellor said the latest ranking was a sign of what should be expected within his

fruit of alumni goodwill when a group of Concerned Members of the University of Nigeria Alumni Association, led by Prof Charles Ofoegbu presented to the Vice-Chancellor a compilation of names and addresses of all alumni of the university from 1960-2018.

Igwe has been consulting and meeting with different stakeholders of the university to market his ideas and mobilize support for the policies of his administration. In one of such meetings with Deans and Directors, the Vice-Chancellor said his administration would be as transparent as possible.

"I am ready to fight anomalies in this university, even if that is the only thing I will achieve", he told the Deans and Directors. He warned that he would ensure that salaries and entitlement of lecturers who fail to submit their results early will be withheld.

Mr Tobias Orji, a staff of the Vocational and Technical education believes that the Vice-Chancellor has started well and has shown the potentials of a great leader. "He does not look down on people, from my encounters with him; I can tell you that he listens to the problems and worries of the people. He will go far if he continues that way".



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Charles Igwe holding a staff of office after his unveiling. With him is his wife Dr Ngozi Igwe

five years tenure.

At the inauguration of the new Vice-Chancellor, Prof B.I C Ijomah, the first National President of the University of Nigeria Alumni Association had enthused that Igwe's emergence marked a new dawn for the university and its alumni. On August 16, 2019, the new administration reaped the first

I am Vice-Chancellor for all - Prof Igwe

Uju Akamigbo



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Charles Igwe, addressing the FANS team

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nigeria Nsukka, Prof Charles Igwe, in his Conference room on Monday 29th July 2019 declared that he is a Vice-Chancellor for all and not for any particular people or State.

While addressing the Federated Association of Nsukka Students, Prof Igwe said that since age of four, he had lived all his life in Nsukka



The Grand Patron of FANS, HRH Spencer Ugwoke handing over patron certificate to the Vice-Chancellor

delays.

He pleaded with the students not to allow any adult to use them for his/her own personal gains.

The grand patron of the Association, His Royal Highness, Igwe Spencer Ugwoke assured the VC that FANS



The FANS President, Comrade Clinton Ogbonna presenting a portrait to the Vice-Chancellor

which had made him more Nsukka man than most Nsukka indigenes.

Prof Igwe promised to run a student-friendly administration that would ensure that students study and graduate in due time without unnecessary

has no cause to jeopardize the VC's administration, stating that Prof Igwe's appointment as VC shows that an opportunity for an Nsukka man to become the UNN VC is near, being that the VC is almost an Nsukka having lived almost his whole life in the land of Nsukka.

CEDR Lecture: Youths Urged to Imbibe the Spirit of Self-Reliance

J.J. Nwachukwu

The Centre for Entrepreneurial and Development and Research (CEDR) UNN, recently organized the 2019 Annual Entrepreneurship Day celebration at UNEC. The event took place at the Moot-court of the University of Nigeria, Enugu

Campus. Earlier on, the CEO of Peace Group of Companies, Chief Dr. Maduka Onyishi (M0N) who was the guest speaker at the occasion paid a courtesy call on the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Enugu Campus, Prof. (Mrs.) Edith Nwosu. The DVC, in her remarks described the Peace Group helmsman as a “remarkable personality who has provided a life-line to many people”.

She further described the guest lecturer as an epitome of hardwork with an encouraging testimony. She thanked Dr Onyishi for his interest in the University of Nigeria and for



The Chairman of innoson group, Chief Innocent Chukwuma receiving an award from the (CEDR) as the guest speaker at their entrepreneurship programme, presented by Prof Okey Umeakuka

extending his investment to the educational sector.

Prof Nwosu, who is a member of the Board of Advisers of Peace University, said the Institution owned by Dr Onyishi would emerge the best private University in Africa when fully functional.

The DVC noted that Dr Onyishi would be remembered for his invaluable contributions to Nsukka Campus of the University; she expressed hope that the same gesture would be extended to the Enugu Campus.

Responding, Chief Onyishi explained that his relationship with the University

of Nigeria was not by choice, rather, he had a compelling desire to do so.

“Since I was born in Nsukka and also had grown up there, I will

keep contributing; I don't need to be persuaded to do so. Freely we receive, freely we shall give”, Dr. Onyishi said.

He thanked the University authorities for maintaining a cordial relationship with him over the years, citing an honorary degree the institution awarded him as a pointer to the symbiotic relationship.

In her opening remarks at the Moot Court, the venue of the event, the Chairman of the occasion, Prof. (Mrs.) Ifeoma Enemuo described the large turnout of the students as praise worthy.

CIPM Moves to Professionalize Human Resource Managers

Uju Akamigbo



CIPM team with the VC's representative, Prof. Uju Umo (centre) and Deputy Registrar, Sir Charles Ebizie (4th from right)

The Chattered Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria (CIPM) has proposed to collaborate with the University of Nigeria, Nsukka in the training and professional certification of human resource managers.

Dr. Charles Ugwu made the proposal at the Vice-Chancellor's Conference room when he led a team from CIPM on a courtesy call on the VC.

Dr. Ugwu, while addressing the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Charles Igwe, said that the proposal was born out of their work relevance as a body empowered to regulate the practice of Human Resource Management in Nigeria. He stated that they intended to collaborate with the University across different frontiers, which are to establish a full-fledged Human Resource Management department under the Faculty of Social sciences and to integrate curriculum for courses in

cognate departments of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences with the content and context reflecting professional curriculum. "A time will come when the ranking of universities will no more be on how many students produced, but how many of them are absorbed, and this can only be achieved by getting them both academically and professionally ready", he added.

Dr Ugwu also said that they intended to professionalize the Admin cadre and all the people playing roles that have to do with managing people. "We also wish to set up Human Resource club in the university in order to make UNN agile, responsive and key into what is happening around

the world", he said.

He pointed out that their collaborations are already going on in University of Lagos, University of Ibadan, Ahmadu Bello University and Covenant University.

The Vice-Chancellor's representative, Prof Uju Umo, while receiving the guests, commended Dr Ugwu for remembering his alma mater and for coming at the most appropriate time. She welcomed their idea and noted that the proposal looked workable though subject to necessary approvals.

Prof Umo, noted that the University of Nigeria had astute administrators who are mostly professionals in different fields but will still benefit from the upskilling training as proposed by the CIPM.



The leader of the team, Dr. Charles Ugwu, presenting a proposal for the CIPM's collaboration with UNN to the VC's designate, Prof. Uju Umo at the VC's Conference room

She promised to relay the message to the VC and she is hopeful that it would receive urgent action.

NUC VISITS CDeL FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE

Ifejiaka Joy

A team from the National Universities Commission has visited the Centre for Distance and e-Learning (CDeL). According to the Director of the Centre, Professor Boniface Nworgu, the visit was to find out if the Centre was working accordingly. He said this at the conference room of the Vice-Chancellor on Friday 12th July, 2019 during a courtesy visit.

The Director National Universities Commission, Professor Francis Egbokhare in his remark pointed out that the visit was for quality assurance and not for accreditation. He said that the visit was for the Centre to have a good foundation and to start well. "We are here to give



CDeL Classroom

advice to see that things are working well in the Centre" Professor Egbokhare said while soliciting for cooperation of the university.

In his reaction, the Vice-Chancellor Professor Charles Igwe said he

was happy for the visit. He said the university is known for quality, standard and excellent delivery. He urged the team to be objective in assessment as the outcome would enhance the efficiency of the Centre.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Igwe in a handshake with the Governor of Ebonyi State, His Excellency, Dave Umahi at the 59th Founders' Day Lecture delivered by the Governor



The winners of the UNN maiden 3 Minutes Thesis Competition with their Awards.

The Competition was organised by the Faculty of Agriculture

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