



**The VC, Prof. Igwe discussing with resource persons for the CEDR seminar at Nsukka campus**

Prof. Enemuo declared “Today gives us an opportunity to encourage you to be job creators and not job seekers. Nigeria has the greatest number of unemployed Youths in Sub-Sahara Africa”.

She lamented that several unemployed Nigerian youths have tuned into fraudsters, kidnappers and terrorists, while several others had died while trying to sneak into foreign countries as illegal migrants.

“Small and medium size entrepreneurship”, she noted, “Will go a long way in creating job opportunities for our teeming unemployed youths”. According to the Chairman, Nigerian graduates are said to be

unemployable in the industries because of the deficient skill they possess after graduating from local universities. That, according to her justified the introduction entrepreneurial studies into the university's curriculum.

She urged the students to learn from the example of Dr Onyisi and his wife and from all those who had successfully built their business empires from nothing.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Arizechukwu Igwe, who was represented by Prof. (Mrs.) Ijeoma Okoronkwo declared in his address, that “the choice of this year's theme

“Graduate self employment: A veritable Tool for Nation Building” is apt and timely. He expressed confidence that workshop will advance the mission of the CEDR which is to promote entrepreneurial culture and mindset, skill acquisition, self-

employment, economic independence and self-actualization.

While thanking Dr Onyishi for honouring the invitation, the Vice-Chancellor said the event was in consonance with the dreams of the founding fathers of the University of Nigeria and key to restoring the dignity of man.

The Director CEDR, Prof. Chika Njideka Ogonu in her welcome address described the guest lecturer as “legendary, iconic, an iroko tree, and an alumnus of uncommon accomplishments just as she referred to him as an administrator who is also known to be a philanthropist per excellence.



## Law Student Emerges 2<sup>nd</sup> in Anti-Money Laundering, Terrorism Speech Competition

Nneka Offor

A University of Nigeria student, Chizoma Emeka Joshua has emerged second in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Universities Speech Context organized by the Inter-Governmental Action Group, (GIABA) on Money Laundering in West Africa.

The context, held at the University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus (UNEC) on August 6, 2019, fielded candidates from Gambia, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierraleon.

Joshua from the Faculty of Law, UNEC bested candidates from Gambia and Liberia, while a candidate from Sierraleon clinched the first position.

Speaking on the theme of the Competition, “The Impact of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing on Economies of West Africa”, the Director and CEO of Nigeria Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIUI) and National Correspondent of Inter-Government Action Group, Against Money Laundering in West Africa, Modibbo Hamman Tukur, thanked the Director General of GIABA for choosing

Nigeria, especially the University of Nigeria for hosting the year's context and equally combating Money Laundering and Terrorism financing within the region.

Tukur praised the staff of GIABA and that of the University of Nigeria for supporting the programme. Mr.

ECOWAS to the fight against money laundering. “GIABA is a specialized institution of ECOWAS that is responsible for strengthening the capacity of member states towards the prevention and control of money laundering and terrorism financing in the region”, he said. He enumerated that it was in furtherance of its mandate that it organized the competition amongst the Universities in the Anglophone member states of the group.

He therefore, stated that the world is presently being challenged by the menace of money laundering and terrorism financing and “our sub-region is not insulated from the adverse consequence of these crimes”. And that the effect of these on the financial system is enormous that it demands for a concerted effort by all and sundry in combating same.

Meanwhile, the Director General GIABA Justice Kimelabalou Aba in his own welcome address said that the primary mandate of GIABA “is to develop measures to protect the economics of member states from abuse and the laundering of the proceeds of crimes and strengthen cooperation amongst its members state”. He further, added that GIABA is a Financial Task Force (TATF) that ensures regional states' compliance with acceptable international AML/CFF standards.



Participants of the GIABA Speech Context at UNEC

Modibbo urged the contestants to be sportsmanly during their debates as the programme was established to mold youths towards rising against anything that could lead to illicit money laundering and terrorism financing.

The Director/CEO of (NFIUI) stated that GIABA was established by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Authority of Head of States Government in 2000, which has been a major response and contribution of



# Pharmacy Staff, Students Commend VC for Intervention in Oath-Taking

Okonta Ifeyinwa

Staff, graduates and students of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences have commended the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Charles Igwe for his immediate help which enabled the Faculty organize oath taking for its 2017/2018 graduates.

The commendation was delivered by the Dean of the Faculty, Prof Anthony Amechi Attama who led other members of the faculty on a courtesy visit on the Vice-Chancellor, recently.

He went further to update the Vice-Chancellor on the recent achievements of the faculty, which included the graduation of unprecedented number of pharmacists ahead of other faculty of pharmaceutical sciences in the country.

In terms of research, the Dean said at least nine academic staff were out of the country either pursuing a Ph.D or Post-Doctoral Fellowship all on scholarship at no cost to the university.

“Our staff are scattered all over the globe Germany, Newzeland Universities in USA, China and Canada”, Prof Attama said.

The Dean informed the Vice-Chancellor that alumni of



The Dean of Pharmacy prof. Anthony Attama presenting a Congratulatory plaque to the Vice Chancellor

He said that finishing the laboratory would enable them transfer the equipment they received from alumni to the lab for use instead of allowing them packed in an office. Prof Attama also prayed the Vice-Chancellor to help revitalize the pilot



The VC and some principal officers of the University with the team from Pharmacy

the faculty had helped it address the deficit of basic laboratory equipment up to 85%. He however pleaded with the Vice-Chancellor to help complete the Faculty's laboratory to facilitate its accreditation by the Pharmacist Council of Nigeria.

production unit in the faculty.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Charles Igwe thanked members of the Faculty for their achievements. He promised to look into their problems with a view to solving them.



## PENSIONERS SEEK VC'S HELP FOR VERIFICATION CENTRE IN NSUKKA

Ifejiaka Joy

**P**ensioners of the universities have appealed to the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Charlse Igwe to help establish a pension verification Centre in Nsukka to save them from the stress of travelling to Enugu for verification.

The pensioners made the request when they paid a courtesy visit on the Vice-Chancellor in his conference room recently.

While congratulating the new VC on his appointment, the leader of the group Chief P.C Okolo implored the VC to use his good

office to ensure that a verification Centre was brought down to UNN. "Our members suffer inconveniences due to old age. Not



The Vice-Chancellor addressing members of the Federal Universities Pensioners Association (FUPA) in his Conference Room

only are we old, some of us are bedridden, some will need an assistance even to stand up". He pleaded that since two Centre were in Enugu, one should be brought down to Nsukka to make it easier for

pensioners at Nsukka.

According to him, four of their members died on the road at the last verification exercise, an incidence he said would have been averted if the verification was done in Nsukka.

The Vice-Chancellor Professor Charles Igwe said he was honored to be visited by the Pensioners and as such received them happily. He said that the information they gave to him would be forwarded to the right office to help bring the Centre to Nsukka.

He offered them a hand of fellowship and said his door was always open for their complaints.



The Vice-Chancellor in a group photograph with members of the Federal Universities Pensioners Association (FUPA)



# Youths Pledge Support To The Vice-Chancellor

Okonta Ifeyinwa

Leaders and stakeholders of the National Youth General Assembly Nsukka from the six local government Area that make up the Enugu North senatorial zone of Enugu state, have pledged their loyalty and unwavering support to the administration of Prof Charles Igwe the 15<sup>th</sup> Vice Chancellor of the University of Nigeria Nsukka.

The national Chairman Comrade Chika Obeta said he was ready with his team to work with the new administration to foster a mutual relationship between the university and the host community.

He also said that the assembly had remained the most proactive, prominent, objective, influential and reputable socio-cultural youth organization in the history of humanity within south east region of Nigeria.

He said his group was aware that the Vice-Chancellor is no stranger to the university and the host community as most of his life revolved around the university and the host community as a whole.

“The Vice-Chancellor basically grew up in Nsukka and had his 3 degrees in the University of Nigeria and having served in

various capacities with proven record of competence and integrity can relate greatly with the host community” Obeta said.

Obeta said that his group represented over 60 percent of the entire population of the host community, pleading with the Vice Chancellor to always consider the

mentioned and has evidence to back up her words.

“I know that majority of the staff in the university are indigenes, simply put there is hardly an office you enter and you wouldn't see at least three indigenes” The Vice Chancellor noted.

He also informed them that if the youths were not carried along in all as they alleged, the fault is not from the institution but their traditional rulers who worked very closely with the past administration.

He therefore asked them to have a peaceful meeting

with their rulers in order to have a better understanding of the relationship between the university and the host community.

He debunked the talk about qualified students not given admission saying it's not possible as there is quota for the host community that are qualified for admission into the university.

He promised to sustain the good relationship the past administration had with the host community to ensure peace in the university.



The Chairman of the Association Comrade Chika Obeta Addressing the Vice-Chancellor

interest of the community in matters of employment, admission and contract.

The Vice-Chancellor who was represented by Prof. Clara Uju Umoh welcomed the group.

She told them that the university was concerned about the host community and wouldn't want to jeopardize the relationship between the host.

She said that the last administration, to the best of her knowledge carried the host community along in all they have



# Public Complaints Commission Seeks Vc's Support On Social Justice

Ifejiaka Joy



Members of the Public Complaints Commission in a Courtesy Call with the Vice-Chancellor

**T**he Honourable Commissioner for Public Complaints Commission, Hon, Prince Chidi Ekwe has pleaded with the management of the University of Nigeria to always respond to its inquires as that would help the commission bring justice to aggrieved citizens.

While congratulating the Vice-Chancellor on his appointment, Hon. Ekwe said that the commission is the watchdog of social justice with the authority to address any administrative injustice in any government establishment.

“The vision of our commission is to restore the dignity of man through the implementation of the rule of law and to protect individual or organization against

administrative injustice”, the Commissioner said.

In his response, the Vice Chancellor Professor Charle Igwe welcomed the commissioner and his

team, assuring them that the university under him treats letters and mails with dispatch.

He however pointed out that the university has internal mechanisms of resolving issues involving its staff. “We follow our rules and regulations very strictly and there is nothing I can do without the consent of the university's Governing Council” Professor Igwe said.

He however



The Vice-Chancellor in a group Photograph with Members of the Public Complaints Commission

assured the commissioner that he would co-ordinate with the commission to see that all impending issues are resolved.



# Mathematicians Spot Mathematics as Moving Force in Human Life

Ifejiaka Joy



The VC, Prof Igwe (right) with the former Governor of Anambra State, Mr Peter Obi, during Mr Obi's visit to the VC at Nsukka campus

The importance of mathematics in the society was brought to the fore as the Nigerian Mathematical Society held its Annual conference recently, on the theme "Mathematics a bed-rock for Scientific and Technological Advancement".

The last time the society held its conference in the University of Nigeria was about twenty five years ago.

The Head, Department of mathematics, Professor Mbah said that he was happy the conference was happening again in the university under him as the Head of Department. While reacting to the participation of his student in national competitions, Professor

Mbah said some student from the University of Nigeria Nsukka clinched 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2019 and 2018 competition conducted by the Nigerian Mathematical Society.

In his reaction, the Vice Chancellor Professor Igwe, lamented that the standard and performance of student and teachers of Mathematics in the primary and secondary schools in the society was nothing to write home about. He urged the Nigerian Mathematical Society to do something about it because of the importance of mathematics to the development of the society.

The Director, National Mathematical Centre, Professor Onah thanked the Vice-Chancellor for granting them the clearance to

host the conference in the university. He congratulated the students on their performances in the 2017 and 2018 competitions encouraging the Head of department to help register students on time for competition as there were lots of benefit..

Keynote speaker at the conference professor Samuel Okoya of the Department of Mathematics, Obafemi Awolowo

university said that mathematics teaches the people to reason and not only to earn a living.

While explaining Mathematics, Professor Okoya said that the basis of all human culture is language and a tool for communication for the understanding of nature.

Professor Okoya said that mathematics was central to development starting from human reasoning to the advancement of technology.

The conference was well attended by people from all over the nation and even from the neighboring counties like Senegal Cape Town and Ghana.



# 59<sup>TH</sup> FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS: ALL FUN WITHOUT FRILL

Inya Agha Egwu



L-r The Registrar, the wife of Deputy Governor of Ebonyi State, the VC's Wife, the VC, the Governor of Ebonyi State, the Governor's wife, the Deputy Governor, Pro Chancellor's Rep, Alhaji Yunus at the 59th Founders' Day Lecture

The 59<sup>th</sup> Founders' Day celebration of the University of Nigeria has come and gone, but the exciting memories it left behind cannot vanish in a jiffy. Founders' Day celebration is an annual prestigious event used to mark the anniversary of the university which was founded in October 1960.

The 59<sup>th</sup> Founders' Day celebrations, which held from 6<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019 was unique. The celebrations had touches of excellence with some surprised packages that announced the dawn of a new era to guests and members of

the university community. In what appeared to be a deviation from what the

university community had accepted as a norm for Founders' Day programmes,



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Charles Igwe and some Principal Officers at the 59th Founders' Day Thanksgiving Service





**The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Charles Igwe presenting a book on Pope Francis and the Vatican to the Chaplain of St. Peter's Chaplaincy, UNN**



**The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Igwe inspecting one of the exhibition stands at Nnamdi Azikiwe Library**

the celebrations started with a thanksgiving service instead of the usual capping with one. The service, held at St. Peter's Chaplaincy, Nsukka campus, was the first official church outing of the new Vice-Chancellor, Prof Charles Igwe, whose tenure started in June 2019.

Prof Igwe used the platform to announce to the university community that he “will work for the benefit of every person in the university, not for the interest of a section or group of persons”. He acknowledged that the task ahead of him was enormous, but said that with the support of the people and prayers to God, he would achieve legacy results for the university.

Besides the offertory item, the Vice-Chancellor presented a book from National Geographic on “Pope Francis and the New Vatican” to the Chaplaincy. The presentation was a gesture unique to the new university administration.

The Founders' Day exhibition mounted at the Nnamdi Azikiwe Library showcased innovations by staff, units and departments

within the past one year. It was a programme that showed that the culture of innovative research was still entrenched in the university. On display were art works of irresistible magnificence, metal fabrications, fabrics of different shades and colour, cakes of high nutritional value, among other things.

“It is high time we took these products outside the shelf”, the Vice-Chancellor told the exhibitors. Prof Igwe challenged the various departments and units to

commercialise their research outputs and bring back revenue to the university. He said the era of stalling research innovations in shelf was over; every productive research must add value to the university and to the individual researcher.

The Vice-Chancellor also challenged the departments of Music and Theatre and Film Studies during their performances. He told them that they had better talents than those cheered by millions of people in the society. “All you need to do is



**The wife of the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Ngozi Igwe, presenting cash prize to one of the winners of the Dignity of Man Debate.**



reach out and the revenue will come”, he told the performing staff and students at the music and drama nights.

The peak of the celebration was the Founders' Day lecture delivered by the Governor of Ebonyi State, His Excellency, Chief David Nweze Umahi. His lecture was titled “Preparing Ebonyi State for Tomorrow's Zero Oil Economy”. Chief Umahi said that Nigeria had the capacity to survive outside revenue from crude oil, though the adaptation would not happen overnight. The survival depended on government's development of other sectors of the economy which can be fast tracked by restructuring of Nigeria's economy.

The restructuring, according to Umahi would require the unbundling of items in the exclusive and concurrent lists to create room for component states to generally shoulder the responsibilities of their citizens. He said his administration was already preparing Ebonyi state to survive outside revenue from oil.

The Dignity of Man Debate, which was an interesting part of the Founders' Day programme, had students argue on the propriety or otherwise of legislation that prescribes death sentence to rape offenders on second trial. Winners of the debate were given cash prizes as well as brand new phones.



**Student of the Department of Film and Theatre Studies performing at the 59th Founders' Day Drama Night**



**The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Charles Igwe in a handshake with the referee of the Founders' week Match between Academic and non-Academic staff**

The icing on the cake of the 59<sup>th</sup> Founders' Day celebration was a football match between academic and non academic staff of the university. The 90 minutes thrilling encounter ended in favour of the non academic staff who trashed their academic counterpart with 2 goals to nil.

Jumat prayers at the Central Mosque, University of Nigeria ended the celebrations which many participants considered worthwhile. The celebrations were packaged and delivered by Professor Bennett Chima Nwaguma, the new Chairman of Senate Ceremonials Committee.