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EXCLUSIVE NEWS

Nigerians rate UNIMED high --- Okebukola

By Temitope Oluwatayo

A former Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission, Prof. Peter Okebukola, has confirmed that many eminent Nigerians have high regard for the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo City, Ondo State.

Okebukola said this during the second phase of the UNIMED's Strategic Planning workshop held at the Council Chamber of UNIMED.

"The rating of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo is exceedingly high in the minds of Nigerians," he said.

He said one of the best points of the medical varsity was the appointment of Prof Friday Okonofua, a non-indigene, as the institution's pioneer Vice-Chancellor.

"The Vice-Chancellor of this university is somebody who is not an Ondo person, that is how a University, Universal, should work'.

Earlier, Okonofua FAS reiterated his

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A cross section of participants at the second phase of the UNIMED Strategic Planning Workshop

UNIMED to become BLS training centre

A medical team from the United States of America has expressed its readiness to partner with the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, in making it an accredited centre for Basic Life Support (BLS) training.

The leader of the team, Dr. Elsie Jalade, made this known during a two-day free training programme organized in conjunction with UNIMED, the Mother and Child Hospital, Ondo and the Ondo Unity Forum in America (OUFA).

On the first day of the workshop, Doctors, Nurses and Pharmacists from the Mother and Child Hospital, Kidney Care Centre and the Trauma and Surgical Center, Medical Village, Ondo were taught the rudiments of providing basic support for patients without drugs but with the use of models.

On the second day of training, Nursing
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Models used for BLS training

VC Inaugurates debating society



Staff and Students of UNIMED during the inauguration of the Debating Society

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Prof. Friday Okonofua has formally inaugurated the Institution's debating society. In a very colourful event graced by members of Staff as well as students of the University, Prof. Friday Okonofua praised Students and Staff who represented the School at the All-Nigeria

Debating Championship held at Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State for their brilliant performance. He said the inauguration of the UNIMED debating society is to produce a formidable team that can outshine others in subsequent competitions. Earlier, the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Mrs. Yemisi Jeff-Agboola said there

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BLS training centre

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Assistants and other paramedicals were trained on heart saver methods and CardioPulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Certificates of training were presented to a total of 45 participants who attended the Basic Life Support (BLS) training programme. Speaking with **UNIMED titbits**, the Deputy

Registrar (Academic Affairs) UNIMED, Mr. Adeyinka Adekalu described the programme as largely successful, saying it is expected to come up yearly. The Chief Medical Doctor, Mother and Child Hospital, Ondo, Dr. Michael Gbala said with such training, health professionals in the village are poised to provide quality services using BLS methods.



Dr Elsie Jalade with participants at the BLS Training

Bats: Friends or foes

A Lecturer in the Department of Anatomy, UNIMED, Mr. Oluwaseyi Ogunmodede has described bats as dangerous friends in the environment. He stated this following his arrival from Hong Kong where he underwent a two-week course on Bats and Viruses. Speaking with **UNIMED titbits** Mr. Ogunmodede revealed that certain bat species are reservoirs for viruses and pathogens that may cause emerging infectious diseases in people.

He traced outbreak of ebola and Lyssa virus to bats, saying this happen as 'people are increasingly encroaching on bat habitat, for example through deforestation or where bats are hunted or eaten'. To avoid future outbreak of such diseases, Mr. Ogunmodede recommended an explorative assesment of bats reservoir in Nigeria instead of eradicating them.

He said bats are environmentally helpful as they help control insects population. Accordding to him, a bat can eat over one thousand insects in one hour, thereby reducing insects carrying varmint, such as mosquitoes.



A group photograph of participants at the 13th HKU-Pasteur Virology course, University of Hong Kong with Mr Ogunmodede 6th from right

FUTA honours Oyebade with Registry Award of Excellence

The Registrar, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Dr. Mrs Eunice Funke Oyebade, *mni*, has been awarded the prestigious FUTA Registry Award of Excellence.

It was an auspicious and colourful occasion held at the main auditorium of The Federal University of Technology, Akure(FUTA), as top government functionaries and renowned academicians watched with admiration as Dr. Mrs Oyebade, the first female Registrar of FUTA, received the award.

The event was part of the 8th Annual Registry Lecture Series of FUTA, which was originally founded by her in 2009 when she was the institution's Registrar, with a view to improving the activities in the University Registry.

The Vice Chancellor, UNIMED, Prof. Friday Okonofua in a congratulatory message to the Registrar on the occasion described her as an 'Astute Leader' who is 'worthy of the honour'. The Acting Bursar, UNIMED, Mr. Abraham Fabusuyi and Director of Advancement and Documentation, Prof. Abimbola Akintade also felicitate Dr. Mrs. Oyebade with congratulatory messages.

In an interview with *UNIMED titbits*, the Registrar attributed the success to God saying **"being in the system for over 30 years and 10 years out of the period as Registrar without any dent is by His Grace"**. She also identified hardwork, diligence and punctuality as underlying principles of her service.

She described the Registry as the soul of the University which is concerned with the rules, the regulations, the norms and practices of the entire system.

Asked the import of the second edition of her book, *Nigerian University System- The role of professional administrators*, Dr. Mrs. Oyebade said the fact that Nigerian Universities are ranked low indicates that the system has not been doing very well. She therefore called for urgent review of Nigerian University System. Despite being a fellow of many professional bodies, Dr. Oyebade explained why she prefer the use of Member of National Institute *mni*. She said, "what is special about *mni* is that the whole of Nigerian Universities have one slot to go to the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru, Jos. So it is not an institute you can attend simply because you



Former Vice –Chancellor, FUTA, Prof. Adebisi Balogun (L) presenting the Award to Dr. Mrs. Funke Oyebade *mni* (R)



L-R: Former Registrar, Obafemi Awolowo University, Mr Ayorinde Ogunraku; Registrar, UNIMED, Dr. Mrs Eunice F. Oyebade, *mni*; and Mr. Obajuluwa

have the money. A slot is allocated to each sector in the country and maximum number that the insitution took per year was 60."

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his commitment to ensuring that students graduate as at when due. He said the purpose of the Strategic Planning workshop is to collate ideas to develop the six Faculties of the University. He said “this is a five-year arrangement. To that extent, the question is what can we do between now and five years time. Knowing the situation of the country, we should focus on those faculties and departments that we can meaningfully constitute within the period”.

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is no better reason to bring youths together than for such events as healthy debate of issues of human concern”.

She described the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Friday Okonofua FAS as a thoughtful leader who believes in unlimited human potential and indeed one of World’s best Public Speakers and Debaters.

The UNIMED Librarian, Mr. Williams Akinfolarin said he was ‘really impressed by the performance of students’ and he vowed to support the team.

Over 200 thousand naira was donated to the UNIMED Debating Society to place the team on a good stand.

The donors included the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Friday Okonofua, FAS; the Registrar, Dr. Mrs. E.F Oyebade, mni; the Librarian, Mr. Williams Akinfolarin; the Director of Advancement and Documentation, Prof. Abimbola Akintade; the Director of I.C.T, Mr. Ebenezer Olajuyigbe and the C.S.O, Mr. Victor Olagbende, Fiips.

High point of the occasion was a debate session replica of the British parliamentary system of debate.

The motion of debate was “THW invade Niger Delta Region”. Debaters argued vehemently on whether or not to invade the Niger Delta in view of crisis in that part of the country.

Certificates were thereafter presented to members of the UNIMED debating team that represented the University at the 4th All-Nigeria Universities Debating Championship.

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Saibi Gogou of Ondo marks another year

High Chief Isaac Folorunso Akintade, the Saibi Gogou of Ondo Kingdom, celebrated his birthday on Monday, August 15, 2016. The Director of Public Relations, Prince Ademola Babalola, led a delegation of the University of Medical Sciences to deliver the university’s goodwill message and felicitate the renowned goodhearted chief at his house in Ondo City.

Babalola delivered the Vice-Chancellor’s birthday message, in which he eulogized Chief Akintade for his simplicity, kind heart and friendship with UNIMED.

“The VC, Prof Friday Okonofua, sends his greetings to you. He said we should wish you happy birthday and many more years of peace, good health and service to humanity. The entire staff and students of UNIMED celebrate you on this occasion of your birthday sir, and they pray that you will live long and enjoy the fruit of your kind gestures,” he told the chief.

Chief Akintade, a super friend of UNIMED, while receiving the university’s delegation, commended the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Friday Okonofua, for his commitment and passion to making the institution a real centre of excellence. He restated his commitment to deliver on his promise to donate a building to the university.



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