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El-Rufai, Akeredolu canvass use of indigenous language, seek educational reform

Governor Malam Nasir El-Rufai of Kaduna State has called for an overhaul of the country's educational policy, stressing that there is dire need to adopt indigenous language for all round development. In the same vein, the Ondo State Governor and Visitor to the University, Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, lauded his Kaduna State counterpart for his audacious revolution in the education sector. Akeredolu, who reiterated a need for curricular reform and a common indigenous language for all the ethnic groups in the country, described education as the bedrock of socio-economic development.

The duo stated this during the Fourth Distinguished Guest Lecture of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo, titled: "Transforming Nigerian Educational System: Looking Back and Looking Forward." The Ondo State Governor, who condemned widespread clamour for political restructuring, said: "Restructuring must start from the education sector. If we get it right here, other things will follow. Why are we not starting from here because it will affect other sectors?"

While asserting that the current educational policy operated in the country is obsolete, El-Rufai stressed that it could not meet up with the present education demands and realities.



L-R: The Acting Registrar, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Mr. Adeyinka Adekalu; Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Prof. Friday Okonofua FAS; Kaduna State Governor, Mallam Nasir El-Rufai; Ondo State Governor, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu and Pro-Chancellor, UNIMED, Hon. (Dr.) Temitayo Fawehinmi during the 4th Distinguished Guest Lecture of UNIMED on April 30, 2018.

His words: "I think that fundamental reforms are needed in education and I think what the Federal Ministry of Education needs to do is to lead in reviewing the national policy on education, which is already forty or fifty years old. In my view, it is out of time; in the 21st century, so much has changed in education, but there is a need to sit down and get experts in the subjects to look at what is happening in the educational policies of countries in the world: what is changing. Professionals are dying and new ones are coming up our curriculum and policies on education are all grounded in the 20th century, we are in the 21st and there is need for a holistic review of that."

The Kaduna governor, who lamented that the nation has not sustained the investment on education in the past despite its importance to the development of the citizenry in all ramifications, however, stated that "the situation in Kaduna is perhaps better than some states in the North in terms of education."

He said though the legislation to eradicate early girl-child marriage in the Kaduna State Assembly suffered a setback due to perceived religious condemnation, his administration dared such constituted authorities and passed it into law in February. He said: "Of course, associated to that is the quest for indigenous language. Should we still be teaching from primary to university in English Language? What can we learn from other countries that teach in their own indigenous languages up to university level?"

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Akeredolu calls for restructuring of education sector

Governor Rotimi Akeredolu of Ondo State has said that the best way to begin the restructuring of Nigeria is to restructure the education sector. Speaking during the Fourth Distinguished Guest Lecture of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo on Monday, Akeredolu noted that if the education sector was restructured, all other sectors would automatically be restructured.

The Governor, who commended the management of the university for maintaining excellence in the medical studies, said there was a need for everyone to contribute to the development of education in Nigeria.

He said, "Education must not be left for government alone; everybody must contribute. Everybody is clamouring for the restructuring of this country, but I think the restructuring must start from the education sector. If we get it right in the education sector, every other thing will follow. So, we must be clamouring for the restructuring to start from the education sector."

Also, Governor Nasir El-Rufai of Kaduna State, who was the guest lecturer, said the issue of education should not be politicised. He stressed that his administration had embarked on a reform of the sector so as to make public school education conducive for every pupil in the state.

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El-Rufai said that he decided to focus on primary and secondary education in Kaduna because they were basic and compulsory for every child in the state.

"I focused on the primary and secondary education because they are the foundation. Also, I think it is through primary and secondary education that children would have equal opportunity.

"We are looking at a generation that will remember that some people did this for them. We are not looking at the next election, but we are looking at the next generation."

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of the university, Prof. Friday Okonofua, said the lecture would stimulate the thinking of the students of the varsity about the leadership roles and how positive leadership engagement could help "the development of incisive reforms for social development in this country."

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"They teach from primary to tertiary institutions in their own languages and they have gone to space. China is competing with America and will soon overtake the United States (U.S.) as the largest economy in the world.

"They are dominant force in information and communications technology (ICT) and defense, yet they are taught in Chinese. Is there something we can learn there? Are we slowing down our development by insisting that the only language of the educational communication is English?"

"This national policy should look at issues like this and come up with policies on education that will prepare young people of Nigeria for the 21st century because right now, the education we are giving them may not be fit for 21st century to compete globally."

Culled from The Punch, May 1, 2018

Culled from The Guardian, May 11, 2018

UNIMED Governing Council members assess facilities, hold first council meeting



Members of UNIMED Governing Council, L-R (Seating): Chief Adetola Wewe; Dr. Jibayo Adeleye; Dr. (Mrs.) Yemi Mahmud; Prof. Friday Okonofua; Hon. (Dr.) Temitayo Fawehinmi; Hon. Femi Agagu; Hon. Dr Wahab Adegbenro; Chief (Dr.) I. F. Akintade; Prof. Tolu Odugbemi; Hon. Dr. Adeluse Obe (Standing) L-R: Dr. (Mrs.) Roseangela Nwuba; Arc. Adesanya Taiwo; Prof. Odunayo Oluwatosin; Prof. Adeseye Arogunjo; Mr. Adeyinka Adekalu; Hon. Surveyor Niran Akinniyi; Prof. Adesoji Fasanmade after the Council meeting on April 19, 2018

The newly constituted Governing Council members of the University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 visited the institution to evaluate facilities and also attend the first Council meeting. The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of UNIMED Governing Council, Hon. (Dr.) Temitayo Fawehinmi who welcomed members on arrival at the council chambers said the team is ready to work hard at contributing to the growth of the University. The Council members began the tour of facilities in the university with a visit to Odosida campus where they assess the University Library, the Electronic-Library, Lecture Rooms, Laboratories and the Administrative Block. The team thereafter proceeded to inspect the Animal House, the Cadaver Laboratory and other facilities at the main campus. They also visited Chief (Dr.) I. F. Akintade JP Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences, a multi-million naira building donated to the university last year by the Sarowo of Ondo Kingdom, Chief (Dr.) I. F. Akintade JP who was later appointed as one the UNIMED Governing Council members.

High point of the tour was a visit to the Osemawe of Ondo Kingdom, His Royal Majesty, Oba Dr. Victor Kiladejo, Jilo III, at his palace in Ondo. In his welcome address, Oba Kiladejo lauded Ondo State Governor, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu for the composition of the Council. “I was very happy when I saw the list of members of the UNIMED Governing Council because it comprises experts in various fields and this will contribute to the growth of this young university”, Oseamawe said. The following day, Thursday April 19, 2018, members arrived early at the council chamber to set the ball rolling by addressing numerous challenges identified during the tour as well as deliberation on matters affecting the university.



A group photograph of the Osemawe of Ondo Kingdom, Oba Dr. Victor Adesimbo Kiladejo and his Chiefs with members of the Governing Council, University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo, during a courtesy visit to the Oba at his palace.

UNIMED leads research on prevention and control of Lassa Fever

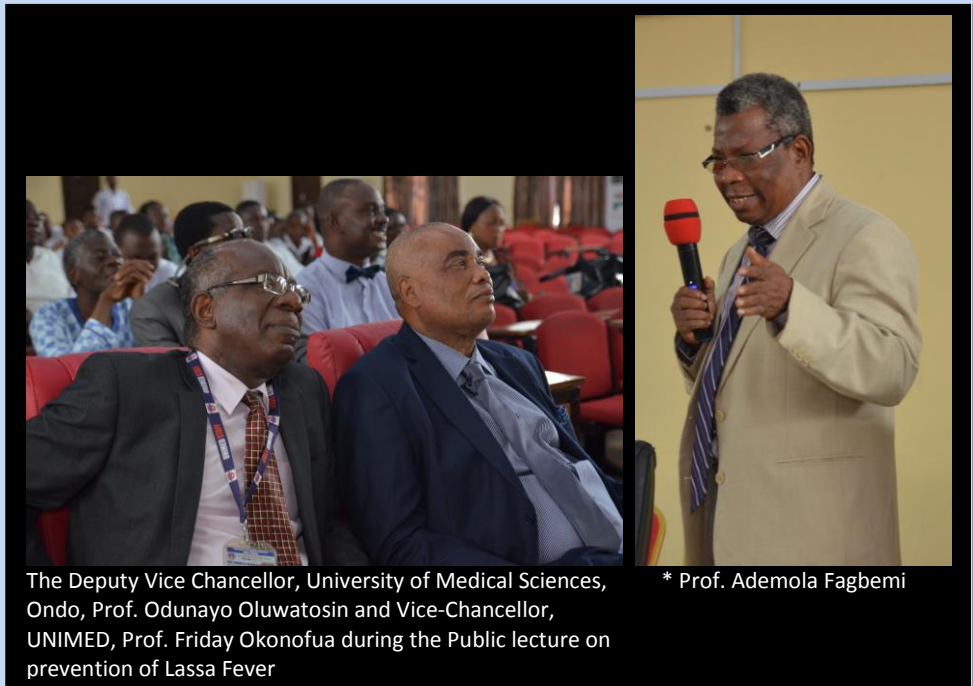
A medical expert and Professor of Microbial Pathology, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo (UNIMED), Professor Ademola Fagbami, has identified poor hygiene, and contaminated sharp objects as some of the major causes of the deadly lassa fever disease.

Fagbami, a lecturer at the Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences, in the University made this assertion while delivering a lecture during a public lecture organised by the management of the institution. Speaking on a paper entitled: “Winning the fight against Lassa Fever”, the Professor explained that people in the rural areas are mostly affected by the disease, through close contact with sick persons, unsterilized and uncovered food items to mention a few.

Tracing the origin of the disease, the medical expert disclosed that it was first noticed in Germany in 1950 when some doctors were affected.

The Professor highlighted various symptoms of Lassa fever to include: acute fever, weakness, headache, sore throat, cough and abdominal pains among others. On the way forward in controlling of the deadly disease, he called on the government at all levels, to intensify more efforts on the creation of more awareness within the society especially among the rural dwellers.

Another solution mentioned by him included the suggestion that the government should legislate bush burning to reduce rodent infestation. He also suggested that the government should organise anti-rodent squads and employ more staff in the square.



The Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Prof. Odunayo Oluwatosin and Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Prof. Friday Okonofua during the Public lecture on prevention of Lassa Fever

* Prof. Ademola Fagbami

He equally suggested the need for the government to support some rural communities by distributing rat poison, saying this would further reduce the population of rats within the society.

The medical expert equally advocated for a law-making body in the state to check the spread of food items such as yam, plantain flakes and garri by the road side, citing various communities in the northern parts of the state to support his claims.

Earlier, in his welcome address the Vice-Chancellor of UNIMED, Professor Friday Okonofua FAS, said the lecture organized by the institution was aimed towards educating the public on the danger and prevention of the deadly disease.

He, explained that the programme is part of many activities of the University under his administration to contribute meaningfully to proffer solutions to the spread of Lassa fever in the Ondo State and Nigeria as a whole.

The UNIMED helmsman reiterated the readiness of the institution to continue by engaging the members of the public to always seek comprehensive healthcare and pledged that the institution will continue to maintain excellence in any issues relating to health education.

The programme held at the Odosida campus of the institution in Ondo city was attended by Chief Medical Directors from Ondo State Specialist Hospital, Trauma Center as well as Mother and Child Hospital, it was also attended by members of the Transport Unions, Secondary School Students, Staff of the University as well as health personnel within the community among others.

Culled from The Hope, April 30, 2018

Nigerian varsities don't prepare graduates for 'real world' – Prof. Walker

A university don, Oladapo Walker, has expressed concern that Nigerian universities do not prepare their graduates “for what they will meet in the real world.”

Specifically, Walker, who is a Professor of Pharmacology and Therapeutics at Babcock University, Ilishan- Remo, Ogun State, fingered older universities in the country. While delivering a Public Lecture at the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Walker said, “Our older universities give good degrees but fail to prepare most of their graduates for the future. Many of them are thrown into the job market and have to learn from the scratch how to interact and succeed in what they are doing. Many of them do not understand society. Many of them are just mere copy cats of their colleagues and other people who influence them. Our newest universities must strive to change this undesirable side of our education.” He went on to share that

“In addition to certificates, our universities must strive to give survival skills to our young people. Thus, our first degrees are important platforms for performance in the real world.” Speaking on the theme; New Universities as new opportunity to reform Nigerian tertiary education, Walker advised the newest universities to start by cutting a new path of development for themselves.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Medical Science, Ondo, Prof. Friday Okonofua FAS, said establishing a new university must provide an opportunity to reform the university system rather than being an instrument for self-propagation and self-advertisement.



L-R: The Acting Registrar, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Mr. Adeyinka Adekalu; Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Prof. Friday Okonofua FAS; Guest Lecturer, Prof. Oladapo Walker at the Second Public Lecture of the University



L-R: The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Prof. Friday Okonofua FAS; Pro-Chancellor, Lead City University, Prof. Jide Owwoeye; Guest Lecturer, Prof. Oladapo Walker; Dr. Jibayo Adeyeye, Senior Special Assistant to Ondo State Governor on Health; Deputy VC, Admin. & Clinical Services, Prof. Odunayo Oluwatosin and Deputy VC, Acad. Prof. Adeseye Arogunjo during the lecture



A cross-section of participants at the public lecture on new universities as new opportunities.

UNIMED, FUTA bid Oyebade farewell

Members of Staff of the University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo City and the Federal University of Technology Akure have joined family and friends to celebrate the great iconic administrator, Dr. Eunice Olufunke Oyebade mni, who was laid to rest on 12th May, 2018 in Ondo.

She was the first female Registrar of FUTA and also the pioneer Registrar of UNIMED.

Commendation services were held at both institutions a day before the burial ceremony.

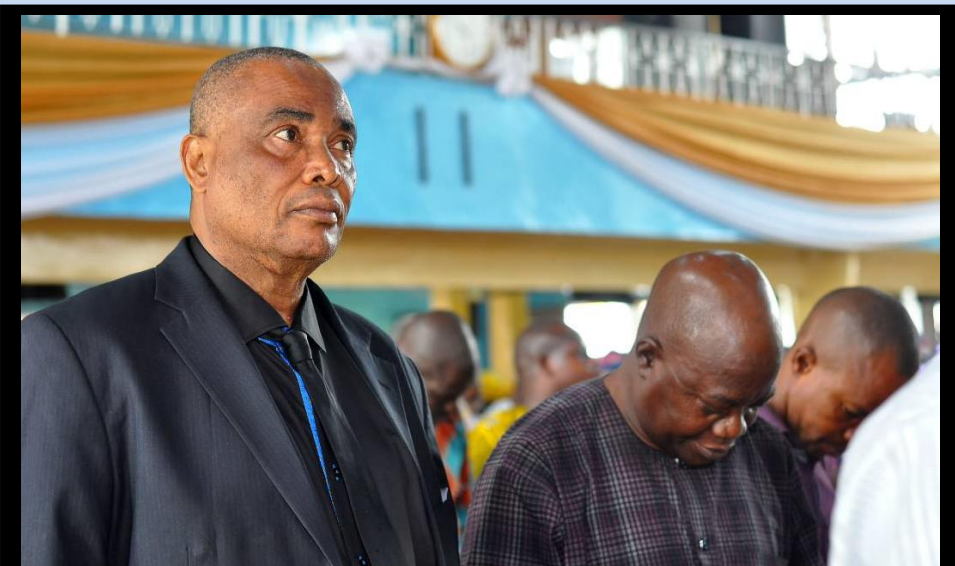
At UNIMED, Ondo, the main auditorium was filled with family, staff, students and friends of UNIMED who came to pay their last respect to Late Dr. Oyebade. Ondo Diocese Bishop, Rev Dr. G. L. Lasebikan represented by Revd, S. A. Oni in his Sermon acknowledged that Dr. Funke Oyebade will be remembered for her commitment and immense contributions to the physical and academic development of the University. He urged the congregation to live a Christ-like life.

The Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Prof. Friday Okonofua FAS in his address said Dr. Eunice Funke Oyebade mni demonstrated necessary leadership skills and qualities needed at the start of the University in 2015.

“She demonstrated leadership by example, always arriving at her desk before any official in the University and working till very late in the day,” Okonofua affirmed.



The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Prof. Friday Okonofua laying wreath on the casket of Dr.(Mrs) E.F. Oyebade mni at the commendations service held at the main auditorium, Odosida campus, UNIMED.



The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Friday Okonofua with other dignitaries at the burial service of Dr. E. F. Oyebade held at St Stephens Cathedral Church, Oke Aluko, Ondo

According to the VC, the rules and procedures currently being used in the institution were developed under her tutelage. He said Dr. Oyebade was always “first to obey the laws she provided for the university” and that she “left the university without blemish. She left impeccable examples which I believe staff are still working hard to emulate,” Okonofua stated.

He described Dr. Eunice Oyebade as a wonderful companion, peaceful and accommodating as she ignored his shortcomings and focused only on developing the new University. According to him, Dr. Oyebade will be “written in gold as the architect of discipline and conviviality that presently prevails in the university,” especially in view of the fact that since its inception, there has never been a single industrial unrest.

Behold! “Garkuwan Matasan Arewa”

The Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Friday Okonofua FAS has been honored with the “Garkuwan Matasan Arewa” by the Northern Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN).

Representatives of the Council from Nasarawa, Kebbi, Kogi and Sokoto were at the Vice Chancellor’s office on Thursday, May 3, 2018 to present the award to Prof. Okonofua.

“Garkuwan Matasan Arewa” means The Shield of Northern Youths. Hearty **congratulations** to our indefatigable and amiable Vice Chancellor on this new feather added to your cap.



Kebbi State Coordinator, Northern Youth Council of Nigeria, Mr. Ahmed Ibrahim presenting award to the Vice Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Friday Okonofua, FAS at his office.

Okonofua bags 2018 Ondo State Vice Chancellor of the year award

Public Announcement

**INVESTITURE
OF
Professor Friday
OKONOFUA**

Vice Chancellor, University Of Medical Sciences, Ondo City, Ondo State.

**2018 ONDO STATE
VICE CHANCELLOR OF THE YEAR**

Date: Sunday 3rd June, 2018 Time: Red Carpet Starts @ 2.00pm.
Venue: Jojein Hotel and resort, Oba-Ile Road, Akure, Ondo State.

About the Award

The organizers of the award, Hon. Abayomi and Mrs. Akindehinmakin, express their profound appreciation to the Honorable Governor of Ondo State for his leadership and vision in the development of the state. They also commend the Vice Chancellor for his exceptional leadership, academic excellence, and personal character. The award is presented to him in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo State, and the Nigerian higher education system.

Chairman of the Occasion
Hon. Usani Uguru Usani,
Minister of Niger Delta Affairs

Royal Father of the Day
His Imperial Majesty,
Oba Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi
(Ojaja II), Ooni of Ife

Special Guest of Honour / Chief Host
Arakunrin Rotimi Akeredolu, SAN
Governor, Ondo State

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The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Friday Okonofua FAS has bagged the 2018 ONDO STATE VICE CHANCELLOR OF THE YEAR award.

The award ceremony comes up on Sunday, June 3, 2018 at Jojein Hotel and Resort, Oba-Ile, Akure.

Chairman of the occasion is Hon. Usani Uguru Usani, Minister of Niger Delta Affairs while the Royal Father of the Day is His Imperial Majesty, Oba Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi, Ojaja II, Ooni of Ife.

Ondo State Governor, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, SAN is the Special Guest of Honour on the occasion.

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