

# UNIMED *titbits*



*A monthly news bulletin of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo City, Ondo*

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*EXCLUSIVE NEWS*

## Obasanjo, Mimiko, Fatusi, others pay tribute as Akinkugbe is buried

The remains of the emeritus professor of medicine, Prof. Oladipo Akinkugbe, was on Thursday committed to mother earth in his hometown, Ondo, Ondo State.

Akinkugbe, the pioneer Pro-Chancellor of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, died at the age of 86.

The funeral service in honour of the deceased, held in line with COVID-19 protocols, at St. Stephen's Cathedral Anglican Church, Ondo, was attended by former President Olusegun Obasanjo and a former Governor of Ondo State, Dr Olusegun Mimiko, among other dignitaries.

In his sermon, the Bishop of Ibadan Anglican Diocese, Most Revd Joseph Akinfenwa, described death as inevitable, hence the need to live a life worthy of emulation.

Obasanjo described the late professor as an icon and a hero who lived a life of exemplary leadership, ardent patriotism and devotion to the course of upholding the highest standard in the medical profession and society at large.



L-R: The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo City, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi; Former Governor of Ondo State, Dr. Olusegun Mimiko and Former President of Nigeria, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo at the burial of Emeritus Prof. Oladipo O. Akinkugbe, Former Pro-Chancellor, UNIMED, Ondo.

He said, "Prof. Akinkugbe wasn't an extra-ordinary person doing extra-ordinary things, he was an ordinary person doing ordinary things that other ordinary people failed to do, feared to do, didn't know how to do, or were not willing to do. He acted when action was necessary and spoke when speaking was necessary."

The Vice-Chancellor of UNIMED, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi, in his tribute, said, "Combining his wealth of experience in the health and education sector, Prof. Akinkugbe led members of the first Governing Council of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, in providing a very strong foundation for the University and for this, we are extremely grateful."

He described Professor O.O. Akinkugbe as a father, a mentor and a role model whose immeasurable impact and contributions to UNIMED will remain indelible.

**Culled from Punch Newspaper July 17, 2020**

## UNIMED Gets NUC Accreditation For Nursing And Physiotherapy Programmes

The University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED) Ondo City, Ondo State, has obtained full accreditation to run Nursing Science and Physiotherapy programmes.

This was contained in a statement by UNIMED Public Relations Officer, Mr. Temitope Oluwatayo, who said the National Universities Commission (NUC) has approved the two courses.

“The National Universities Commission (NUC) visited UNIMED in the last quarter of 2019 as the university had run the programmes for two academic sessions following the initial approval by the commission.

“The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, in a letter addressed to the Governor of Ondo State and Visitor to the University, revealed that Nursing Science scored 80.5 per cent while Physiotherapy got 81.9 per cent during the accreditation exercise,” Oluwatayo said.

Speaking on the development, the Vice - Chancellor of the institution, Professor Adesegun Fatusi, described the accreditation as another laudable milestone in the history of UNIMED, the first medical University in Nigeria.

He noted that the University is not simply interested in obtaining accreditation for programmes

### **In pictures:** 9<sup>th</sup> Statutory Meeting of the Governing Council of UNIMED



The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, {UNIMED}, Ondo, Prof. Adeseye Arogunjo; VC, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi; Pro-Chancellor, UNIMED, Ondo, Dr. Temitayo Fawehinmi and the Registrar, Dr. Woleola J. Ekundayo at the 9<sup>th</sup> Statutory meeting of the Council.



A cross-section of Governing Council members during the 9<sup>th</sup> Statutory meeting at the Main Auditorium, University of Medical Sciences, {UNIMED}, Ondo.



The Pro-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, {UNIMED}, Ondo, Dr. Temitayo Fawehinmi (middle) in a group photograph with members of the Governing Council after its 9<sup>th</sup> Statutory meeting.

but to continue to focus on provision of excellent medical education that can be rated among the best in the world.

Fatusi commended all members of staff in the accredited departments and the entire university community for imbining the culture of teamwork as well as dedication to duty.

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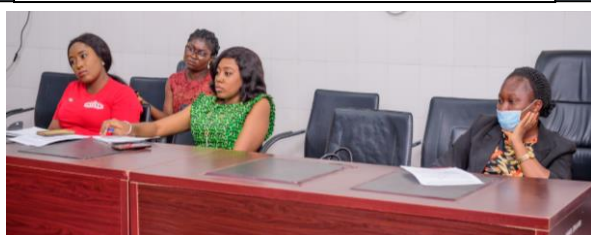


## Photo Gallery

### Inauguration of the Committee on Campus Ambience Promotion and Environmental Services, CAPES



L-R: Ms.Tehila Ojeme, Member, CAPES; Dr. Ifeoluwa Oyeyemi, Chairperson, CAPES Committee; Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi; Registrar, UNIMED, Ondo Dr. Woleola J. Ekundayo and Ms. Opeyemi Awani, Secretary, CAPES Committee following the inauguration of the Committee on Campus Ambience Promotion and Environmental Services Committee.



### Inauguration of the Committee on Anti-Corruption and Quality Assurance (ACQA) Committee



L-R: Dr. J. Arawande, Member, ACQA Committee, Prof. Roseangela Nwuba, Member, ACQA Committee; Prof. Adolphus Loto, Chairman, ACQA Committee Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi; Registrar, UNIMED, Ondo, Dr. Woleola J. Ekundayo and Ms. Patience Adoh, Secretary, ACQA Committee following the inauguration of the Committee on Anti-Corruption and Quality Assurance (ACQA) Committee



# UNIMED gets new facilities at Bolorunduro

Ondo State Governor, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, SAN has approved the transfer of proposed Girls' Model Secondary School, Bolorunduro, Ondo East Local Government to the University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo.

In a letter dated 26th of June, 2020, the Chief of Staff to the State Governor, Chief Olugbenga Ale conveyed the State Government approval to transfer the compound and all facilities of the proposed Girls' Secondary School to the University as requested by the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof Adesegun Fatusi.

Area Education Officer, Ondo East Local Government, Mrs. Theresa Nwosu joined the University Management on tour to inspect the compound and available facilities.

"I am extremely excited about this development because the motive behind the construction of these structures was for educational purposes and now we are putting it to use", Nwosu stated.

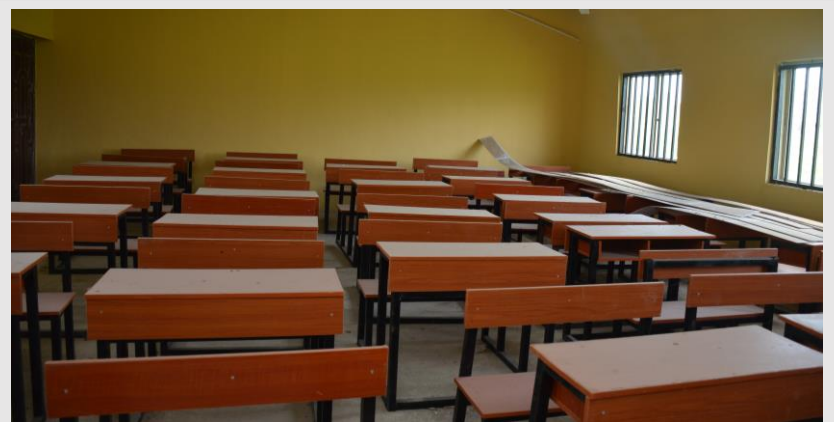
The Area Education Officer stressed the fact that the institution will bring development to Ondo East and its environs.

Mrs. Nwosu promised that immediately she receives a directive from the State Commissioner for Education, Science and Technology, Pastor Femi Agagu, all documents and waybill of equipment attached to the facilities will be adequately handed over to the University.

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi appreciated the Ondo State Government under the leadership of Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu for giving quick approval to the University's request and assured that the University will put to good use and adequately



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## Ondo Govt Appoints UNIMED VC, Fatusi To Lead COVID-19 Battle Administration

Following the unfortunate demise of the Ondo State Commissioner for Health, Dr Wahab Adegbenro, the Ondo State Governor, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Odunayo Akeredolu, (SAN) has appointed Professor Adesegun Fatusi as the new Chairman of the State inter-ministerial Committee Against COVID-19.

This was disclosed in a statement signed by the Senior Special Assistant to the Governor on Media and Publicity, Ojo Oyewamide on Saturday.

Until his death, Dr Adegbenro was the Chairman of the State Inter-ministerial Committee where he served diligently to the admiration of all.

Fatusi is the current Vice-Chancellor of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo and he is expected to continue from where our late Medical Hero, Adegbenro stopped.

His appointment is aimed at preventing a vacuum as the State experiences a disturbing spike in cases of COVID-19.

Prof. Fatusi is a professor of Community and Public Health and past Provost of the College of Health Sciences at the Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife, Nigeria.

He has previously served as the Director of the OAU's Institute of Public Health and worked with the UNFPA as reproductive health advisor. He is the Chair of Nigeria's National Technical Advisory Group on Adolescent Reproductive Health and Development.



**Prof. Adesegun Fatusi**

Vice-Chancellor,  
University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo

He has also served as the Lead Consultant for the development of Nigeria's national policy on the health and development of adolescents and young persons, national reproductive health policy, and national policy on HIV/AIDS.

He had served previously, on the Ministerial Committee on Health Sector reform as well as on the Board of the National Universities Commission (NUC) of Nigeria.



# UNIMED to Start B.Sc Community Health

The University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo is set to begin a degree program in community health sciences.

This came to the fore during the visit members of Community Health Practitioners Board of Nigeria, CHPRBN to the Vice-Chancellor in his office on Tuesday.

During a discussion with members of the regulatory body, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi revealed that the Community Medicine Department of the University has been working on establishing Community Health as one of the courses offered by the University.

'We are putting everything in place to ensure that University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED Ondo is the first in Nigeria to offer B.Sc in Community Health instead of normal diploma programmes being offered across Nigerian Universities as of today', Prof. Fatusi said.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, 'the University plans to create a pathway of strong and enduring partnership with the Board with the aim of promoting best health care services in the rural communities'. Prof. Fatusi explained that the programme will be offered on a full-time and part-time basis.

The Vice-Chairman, Community Health Practitioners Board of Nigeria, CHPRBN, Mr. Abdul Idris Muhammad said the Board's objectives include training of practitioners and conducting examination for trainees and administration of Primary Health Centers across the nation.

He noted that the Board has about 205 training centers with 214,633 practitioners trained so far.

Mr. Muhammed said the board is willing to partner with the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo beyond the establishment of the degree program.



Members of the Community Health Practitioners Board of Nigeria, CHPRBN during the courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi in his office.



Vice-Chairman, CHPRBN, Mr. Abdul Idris Muhammad (left) presenting a curriculum prepared by the Board to the Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi.



A group photograph of members of the Community Health Practitioners Board of Nigeria, CHPRBN with the Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi, Principal Officers of the University and other members of Staff.

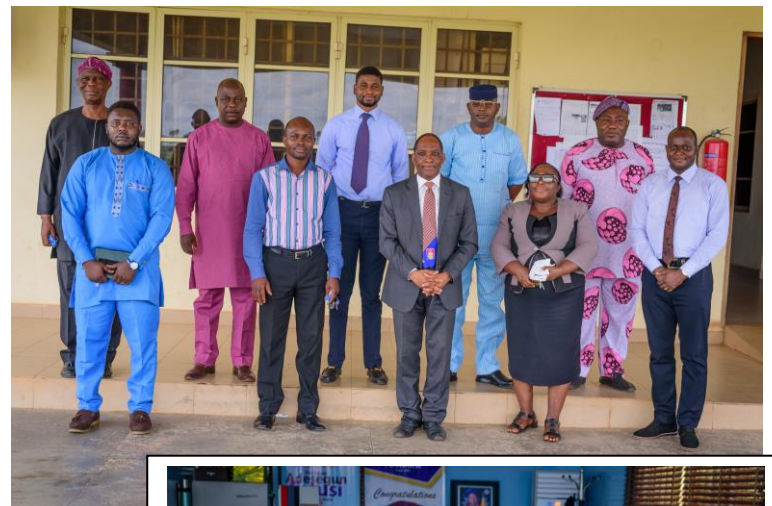


## Photo Gallery

Courtesy visit of the Commanding Officer, 323 Artillery Regiment, David Obot to UNIMED VC



Courtesy visit of the Nigerian Society of Physiotherapy, Ondo State Chapter to UNIMED VC





# UNIMED VC recommends teamwork to improve Nigerian health sector

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi has blamed disunion among various health-related professions for some challenges in the Nigerian health sector.

Prof. Fatusi was speaking during the courtesy visit of members of the National Association of Nigeria Nurses and Midwives, Ondo State Council.

He said the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo is changing the face of health education and health services by enshrining a culture of teamwork within all health-related fields.

‘Where we should be working together to solve problems, we are fighting ourselves. However, one of the things we are trying to do differently in UNIMED is to bring to fore the philosophy of teamwork among the various field of health practice’, Prof. Fatusi stated.

‘A culture of teamwork where all health professionals would see themselves as friends, brothers, colleagues, and as equals in many ways. We want to build a UNIMED where there is respect for one another, where inter-professional education is an anchor, where teamwork and collaborative learning are part of the agenda to shape the new generation of health professionals’, he added.

The Vice-Chancellor said the University in less than five years established a Faculty of Nursing Science, a rare feat, given that older Universities do not have the faculty.

“Nursing has always been very close to my heart, it is a profession I am very passionate about, and with the caliber of staff in the Faculty, we are becoming one of the best”, Fatusi said.

Earlier, the State Chairman, National Association of Nigeria Nurses and Midwives, Ondo State Council, Comrade Kehinde Olomiye congratulated Professor Adesegun Fatusi on his appointment as the Vice-Chancellor and assured him their support.



Members of the National Association of Nigeria Nurses and Midwives, Ondo State Council presenting greeting card to UNIMED VC, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi.



Members of the National Association of Nigeria Nurses and Midwives, Ondo State Council in a group photograph with UNIMED VC, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi and other members of Staff.

‘The establishment of the first University of Medical Sciences in Nigeria in Ondo State is one thing we take serious pride in and are happy to have progressively supported it from inception. We are confident that your performance would further entrench this culture of meritocracy which is important to build a formidable institution’, Olomiye said.



## Photo Gallery

**UNIMED celebrates the Oludoko of Udoko kingdom, HRM Oba Sir (Dr) Samuel Akinmusire (Jp) KSF on the occasion of his 88th birthday**



**Send-forth party: UNIMED celebrates pioneer Librarian, Mr. Abiodun Akinfolarin CLN, in grand style**





# Town-hall meeting of UNIMED Academic Staff

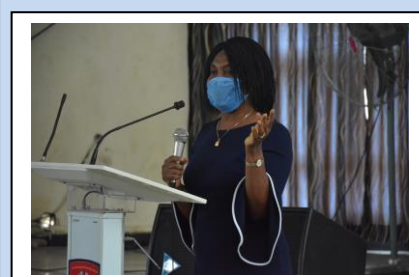
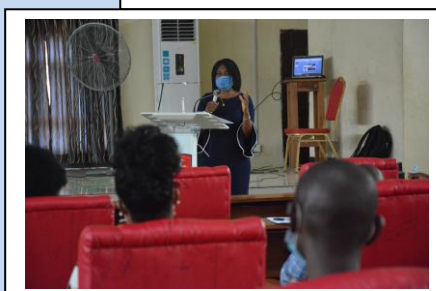
The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi has said there is need for the Academic Staff of the University to invest more on research to attract more grants to the University.

Prof. Adesegun Fatusi stated this while addressing the Academic Staff of the University on the TETFund 2020 National Research Fund Call for Proposal at an academic town-hall meeting organized by the Office of Research Innovation and Development (ORID) held recently.

Fatusi congratulated the pioneer Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Friday Okonofua, FAS, FAAS and other Academic Staff who had won grants for the University in 2019 TETFUND NRF grant circle and urged others to double their efforts by observing necessary procedures through which their proposals can attract the donors.

Dean, Faculty of Science, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Roseangela Nwuba gave an explicit lecture on how to go about a good proposal that can attract donors. According to her, 'you are not the only University been represented, there is a need for precise and clearer picture of what your proposal stands to achieve'.

The Director of Office of Research Innovation and Development (ORID), Prof. Olumide Ogundahunsi who was represented by the Deputy Director, Dr. Raymond Njinga encouraged Academic Staff of the University to apply for the TETFund grants and to approach the ORID for inputs and review of their concept notes before submission. He noted that the ORID was established to assist the research efforts of the University and to provide support to Academic Staff when applying for grant opportunities.



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