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



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EXCLUSIVE NEWS

## UNIMED begins second semester with online lectures

The University of Medical Sciences, Ondo in Ondo State has commenced the second semester of the 2019 /2020 academic session on Monday with online lectures.

The Ondo State Government-owned University was shut down indefinitely a few weeks ago, following the outbreak of the deadly coronavirus in the country.

The Public Relations Officer of the institution, Mr Temitope Oluwatayo, said the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Adesegun Fatusi, had during a recent meeting with the deans of faculties and heads of departments called for ideas on how to effectively manage the situation by teaching the students without exposing them to health hazards. According to him, at the meeting, Fatusi had described the e-learning platform as a veritable tool with which lecturers could teach students of the university, stressing that there was a provision for interaction between students and lecturers."

He said, "This 'new normal' approach will reduce student's loss of time, keep them engaged in a directed lifelong learning



UNIMED students during the 5th matriculation ceremony

process and provide an interesting opportunity to improve the quality of learning and a transparent means of assessing the lecturers.

"To implement the e-learning management system, the deans of faculties and heads of the various departments in the university were divided into smaller groups and trained by members of the Information and Communications Technology Centre headed by the ICT Director.

"The heads of departments have been equipped to train the academic staff in their various departments."

He added that the students were not expected to resume or go to the university to receive lectures, while the campus remained closed to academic activities.

"Course advisers assigned to each course are expected to guide students and respond to enquiries via online platforms.

"The university management will continue to monitor the situation of the pandemic, national response and state government's directives to aid optimal decisions that safeguard the lives of students, staff and other stakeholders of our great institution," Oluwatayo stated.

## UNIMED VC appointed on merit, says Akeredolu

The Ondo State Governor, Mr Rotimi Akeredolu, has said the appointment of the new Vice-Chancellor of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, was based on merit.

The governor stated this at the 8th Distinguished Guest Lecture and 5th Founder's Day of the institution.

The lecture was delivered by the Ekiti State Governor, Dr Kayode Fayemi.

The institution announced Prof. Adesegun Fatusi as its new vice-chancellor following the expiration of the five-year term of the pioneer VC, Prof. Friday Okonofua. The new VC is a professor of Community Medicine and Public Health.

Akeredolu, who is also the visitor to the institution, commended the past vice-chancellor saying, "If I have my ways I would have asked Prof. Okonofua to continue but he recommended somebody else to us.

"So I want to say here that the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor was purely on merit and I want to thank Okonofua for work well done."

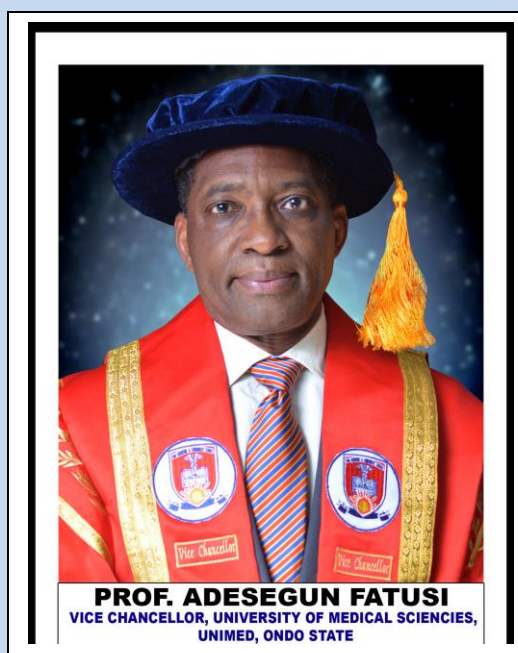
In the lecture, titled 'Re-thinking Nigeria for future development,' Fayemi said most of the challenges facing the country were part of the necessary developmental hurdles it must cross in order to get to the desired destination.

Prof. Fatusi replaces the pioneer Vice-Chancellor of institution, Prof. Friday Okonofua, following the successful completion of his tenure.

### CV of the VC

Fatusi is a Professor of Community Medicine and Public Health who has served in leadership positions within the academia, international research and professional circles, and civil society.

He was a former Provost of the College of Health Sciences,



Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife, Nigeria.

Fatusi has also served as the national team leader for the development of Nigeria's proposal for funding from the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

He has served on the Governing Board of the National University Commission and the Board of Management of the Obafemi Awolowo University teaching Hospitals Complex.

He also served as the Director of the Institute of Public Health and Head of the Department of Community Health in OAU.

He has also served as a consultant to several international agencies for almost two decades, including WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNAIDS, World Bank, DFID and USAID

He graduated from OAU in 1987 with a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery degree, and with distinction in Community Health and the Lawrence Omole Award for the best graduating student in Community Health.

He obtained the Fellowship of the West African College of Physicians in Community Health in April 1995. He also has a Ph.D. degree in Public Health from the University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria. He was a Packard Gates Population Leadership Fellow at the University of Washington, Seattle, USA between 2001 and 2002 and a Visiting Scholar at the Bill and Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, USA, in 2007.



L-R: Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Prof. Friday Okonofua FAS, FAAS; Ekiti State Governor, Dr. Kayode Fayemi; Ondo State Governor, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu; Pro-Chancellor/ Chairman, UNIMED Governing Council, Hon. Dr Temitayo Fawehinmi; Deputy VC, Academic, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adeseye Arogunjo and Ondo State Commissioner for Education, Mr. Femi Agagu during the 8<sup>th</sup> Distinguished Guest Lecture/Founders' Day ceremony of the University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo City, Ondo State



## Photo Gallery

### Courtesy visit by Ondo State Commissioner for Health, Dr Wahab Adegbenro to the Vice-Chancellor

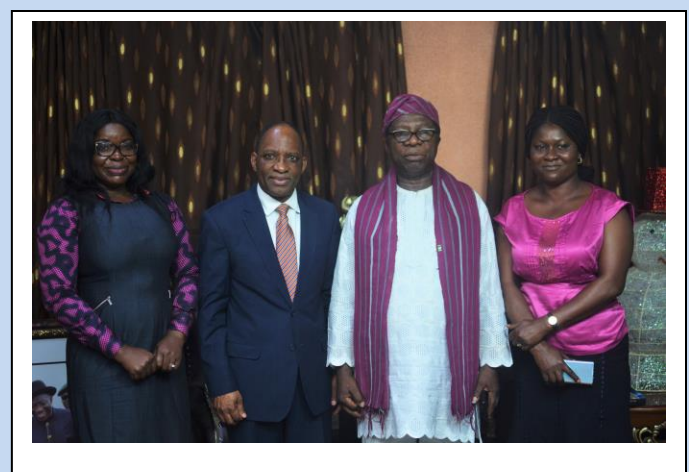


The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi (left) with the Ondo State Commissioner for Health, Dr Wahab Adegbenro (right) during the visit to the University.



A group photograph of the Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi (middle) with Ondo State Commissioner for Health, Dr Wahab Adegbenro, Principal Officers of the university and Ondo State Ministry of Health

### Prof. Fatusi visits Hon. Joseph Iranola Akinlaja, Former Member, House of Representatives, Ondo East/West



### Inspection of ongoing construction projects in the University



# UNIMED to begin COVID-19 test – VC

University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo, has indicated its readiness to commence COVID-19 test in Ondo State.

Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi who disclosed this in an interview with The Hope, said the university has the expertise and equipment to carry out the test.

He said that UNIMED has all it takes to conduct test on the coronavirus in terms of human and equipment.

According to him, “the PCR machine used for conducting the test for COVID-19 is available in UNIMED .

His words: “As you know right now, anybody who is suspected, the sample has to be taken to Ede in Osun State to conduct the test because we don’t have the capacity but within the next two weeks, we are going to start testing.

“We are going to continue to partner with the state and Federal Ministry of Health to support them not just on COVID-19, we are going to also

support them on Lassa fever and on other issues because we are going to ensure the diagnostic facilities are available,” he added. Fatusi further said that the institution was actively involved in community sensitization via indigenous, traditional and social media, saying that it was the most important thing at this point in time so as to let people know what they should do in order to prevent further spread of the virus.

The Vice-Chancellor further revealed that the institution has started producing hand sanitizers, nose masks and other health related products in the state.

Prof Fatusi however called for proper funding and adequate equipment of health centres in Nigeria in order to run effective health institutions.

He added that health workers should be adequately remunerated and government should ensure that everybody is covered by health insurance in order to make medical care accessible to all and sundry.



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## CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

### PREVENTION



Wash your hands regularly with soap and water under running tap or use Alcohol based hand sanitizer.



Cover your mouth and nose with tissue or your bent elbow when you sneeze or cough. Dispose off the tissue immediately after use



Avoid handshake



Maintain a distance of 2meters (5ft) from people that are coughing



When in public areas, as much as possible, keep 1-2 metres distance from other people



Stay home and seek medical advice if you have any symptom even if only mild



Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands

### WHAT TO DO WHEN SICK

- Fever
- Cough
- Sneezing
- Breathing difficulty



Stay at home



Isolate or separate yourself



Cover your nose when Coughing and Sneezing



Wear a mask regularly and correctly

### When showing symptoms

contact:  
UNIMEDTHC or call  
NCDC emergency  
Call No:

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## Fatusi harps on efficiency in University Administration

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Olayiwola Fatusi has harped on the need for efficiency in successful university administration.

Prof. Fatusi was speaking at a one-day capacity building workshop for Deans, Heads of Departments and Directors of the university with the theme: 'Building a 21st Century University for Competitive Edge'.

Analyzing the TEA agenda of UNIMED, Ondo, where T stands for transparency, E for Efficiency and A for Accountability, the Vice-Chancellor said more should be done to improve on the efficiency of University administrators to attain best practices as obtained in other parts of the world.

'If truly University is the engine room for driving the progress of the society, we cannot continue with the 20th-century approach and expect success', Fatusi stated.

Giving an example, Prof. Fatusi said a lot has changed in what could be considered simple office practices such as the keeping and recovery of documents as technology has made things easy and fast.

He appreciated the Registrar, Dr. Woleola J. Ekundayo and other Principal Officers of the University for organizing the workshop and inviting renowned and seasoned University administrators to share their experiences and brainstorm on how to improve the university system.

A foremost University administrator, Mr. Ayo Ogunruku, former Registrar, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife delivered a highly interactive lecture on the laws, structure, and culture of Nigerian University System.



The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi addressing members of Staff during capacity building workshop for Deans, Heads of Departments and Directors of the university.



The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi and the former Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Friday Okonofua in a group photograph with members of staff at capacity building workshop



Participants during the capacity building workshop

A Professor of Business Administration and Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State, Prof. Patrick Oladele spoke on leadership skills for University Administrators of the 21st century.

The Former Registrar, Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti, Dr. Omojola Awosusi delivered a lecture tagged, 'Emotional Intelligence for Academic and Non-academic administrators of Universities'

Another training session for Professional administrators was held concurrently for Administrative Officers in the University.

Participants described the workshop as highly educative and bound to contribute positively to the discharge of their duties.

## ‘Strong Alumni Movement, vital to University development’, Fatusi

The Vice Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi has underscored the importance of establishing a strong Alumni movement in tertiary institutions for overall development of education in Nigeria.

This was highlighted during a courtesy visit of pioneer members of the University’s Alumni Association to the Vice-Chancellor in his office on Wednesday.

Prof. Fatusi said renowned Universities around the world rely heavily on contributions of their alumni instead of government subventions and other sources of income.

He cited John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, as well as Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health located in Massachusetts, United States as concrete examples of how Alumni movement can give strong support needed for a University to thrive.

He said the schools were renamed after alumnus of the institutions namely, Michael Bloomberg and T.H. Chan for their financial support and commitment as the universities are now the cynosure of all eyes.

On the home front, Fatusi narrated how Obafemi Awolowo University, where he previously served as Provost, College of Medicine, benefited immensely from the efforts of the alumni movement.

‘Whatever the Obafemi Awolowo University’s medical school is today, is not about the University, but the Alumni movement. Ife as great as it is lost accreditation as a university lost accreditation and we could not get it back as the university had issues raising money.



Members of UNIMED Alumni Association presenting a portrait to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi



A group photograph of pioneer members of UNIMED Alumni Association with the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi

One night, one dinner, the Alumni raised 21,000 USD, the Alumni got 17 dentistry machines from the US and that is how we were able to get the accreditation’ the VC said.

Prof. Fatusi lauded the pioneer Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Friday Okonofua, FAAS for being proactive by initiating the idea of bringing the University graduates together under the umbrella alumni association as it would have been difficult if the students had left the campus before inauguration.

He pledged his unalloyed support to the association while tasking their executives and other members not to see alumni as a place where they can only serve but an opportunity to invest and give back to the University and the Community saying ‘life is meaningless when you take but meaningful when you give’.

Earlier, the President, University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo, Alumni Association, Mr. Daodu Richard on behalf of other members of the Association congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on his appointment describing him as a round peg in a round hole given his pedigree.

Daodu demanded that the University management give special consideration to Alumni members for job opportunities as well contracts offered in the university, a request the VC promised to grant especially for those who came-out in flying colors.

Highpoint of the visit was the presentation of a portrait to the Vice-Chancellor by the Daodu and the Vice-President, Celetina Olafusi, the best graduating student of the 2019/2020 academic session.



## Photo Gallery

### Resource verification visit for Medical Laboratory Science



### Visit of the former VC, Prof. Friday Okonofua and Prof. Adesegun Fatusi to the Osemawe of Ondo Kingdom, Oba Dr. Victor Adesimbo Kiladejo, CFR



### Courtesy visit to the Sasere of Ondo Kingdom



L-R: The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi; the Sasere of Ondo Kingdom, Chief Olusola Akinduro and the former Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Prof. Friday Okonofua FAS, FAAS during a courtesy visit to the Sasere of Ondo Kingdom

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