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VC SPURS FRESH STUDENTS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



Friday March 3, 2017 witnessed the 6th Matriculation Ceremony of Federal University, Oye-Ekiti. The students, adorned in their flowing academic gowns, expectantly awaited the solemn and formal induction into their various fields of study.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Kayode Soremekun, clearly elated at conducting the first matriculation as vice chancellor, advised the new students against social activities that were capable of endangering their academic career.

In his keynote address, the Vice Chancellor hinted that it had been the highest number of admission since the inception of the University, and disclosed that the University was making all efforts to increase and improve the academic facilities in the University. He urged the students to face their studies promptly and begin at this level to build up their grade.

The ebullient don advised the students not to disappoint their parents who had laboured to bring them thus far in life. The highlight of the occasion was the formal induction, by the Registrar of the University, Mr. D. A. Adeyemo, of the students in order of their faculties.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor, Professor R. A. Omolehin, deans of faculties, and other principal officers were also present. Parents, guardians, and friends and well-wishers of the matriculating students were on ground to observe the induction and rejoice with their loved ones.

A cross section of the new students, in an interview, expressed delight at seeing their dream of becoming undergraduates come true. Jegede Oluwatobi, a student of Civil Engineering, affirmed that the matriculation had been the first step of a journey of a thousand miles and prayed for strength to pull through. On her part, Omoola Joy-Goodness, a student of Mechatronics Engineering, said she was proud to be a bona fide student of Federal University, Oye-Ekiti.

About three thousand students admitted across the eight faculties of the university matriculated.

FUOYE MANAGEMENT PAYS HAZARD TO ALL STAFF



Against the practice hazard allowance was only paid to a particular category of staff in the university, the Professor Kayode Soremekun administration has effected the payment of the hazard to all categories covering both senior and junior. This

magnanimity came in spite of the mounting responsibilities of the administration owing to the unprecedented increase in student population pursuant to the introduction of nineteen new academic programs by the administration.

PRE-DEGREE STUDENTS ADVISED TO WORK HARD

The Pre-degree students of Federal University Oye-Ekiti have been given conditions for securing admission into the University. The admitted Pre-degree students for the 2017/2018 academic session had their orientation programme at Ikechukwu Ifeanchu ICT Centre, on Wednesday, 22nd February, 2017.

The Chairman Board of Pre-degree, Dr. R. B. Akindola, advised the students to take their academic work seriously, set goals for themselves and pursue these goals to completion.

He urged the students to be assiduous in order to get a reasonable mark that could fetch them admission, reminding them that their enrolment in the Pre-degree programme did not guarantee them automatic admission into the university.

The students were also advised to ensure that their subject combination was proper to avoid frustrations that might arise from improper combinations. They were, therefore, urged to approach staff of Pre-degree for clarification on questions of subject combination.

A total of three hundred and sixty students had been admitted into various faculties making it the highest number of admission since inception. Highlight of the exercise were lectures delivered by members of the Board of Pre-degree.

FUOYE TO COMMENCE MICRO-FINANCE BANK



Arrangements have reached advanced stage to establish a micro-finance bank at Federal University Oye-Ekiti. According to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Kayode Soremekun, this Management decision to create the bank amongst other things, is to restructure and reposition the inherited heavy workforce. Professor Soremekun said one of the

ways to tackle the problem was to create more academic programmes, create a micro finance bank, start a post-graduate, and other ancillaries to absorb the already existing workforce.

The Vice Chancellor disclosed this while responding to questions from journalists recently at his lodge. Corroborating the Vice Chancellor's position, the Bursar of the institution, Mr. Bashir Badmus, dropped the same hint during an expanded management meeting held recently. According to Mr. Badmus, plans have been concluded by the university management to establish a micro-finance bank which would offer financial services to the FUOYE community as well as serve as a source of internally generated revenue for the young university.

FUOYE CEDSS COMMENCES LAUNDRY SERVICES

The Center for Entrepreneurial Development and Support Services (CEDSS) has expanded its services by introducing laundry services.

According to the centre's director, Dr. Abimbola, the laundry service is one among the many programmes lined up to increase the revenue base of FUOYE as well as provide affordable quality goods and services for both staff and students. The centre also intends to extend its services to the host communities.

On the laundry services, Dr. Abimbola hinted that the center will render world class services at very affordable rates while assuring the prompt and secure delivery of all forms of fabrics.

TUITION-FREE VARSITY EDUCATION UNREALISTIC-Vcs

The Committee of Vice Chancellors of Nigerian Universities has said it was no longer realistic to have tuition-free university education in the country and wants the policy changed. The committee stated this in a communiqué that a change in policy would enable parents, guardians and government equitably share the financial burden of education.

According to Committee's Secretary General, Mr. Michael Faborode, he stated that such policy would enable students



pay revised fees commensurate with the true value of university education. "The current inclination towards free tuition or free university

education is unrealistic to the national vision for practical and qualitative education and perceived as not been sustainable. In his words, "To account and provide for poor and indigent students, government is encouraged to set up and re-establish an Education Bank to provide loans and access to finance."

The committee, however, urged university managements to "think out of the box" to exploit all alternative and additional means of funding universities, including payment of tuition fees. The communiqué also called for a holistic overhaul of the education sector to tackle the decay reflected from the primary to the tertiary levels. It also urged universities to work out fresh strategies to build linkages with industries and partnerships with the private sector.

The committee equally urged the Federal Government to ensure sustainable funding of universities and other tertiary institutions to make them relevant, globally competitive and be properly positioned to spearhead sustainable development. The committee also advised government to increase scholarships, bursaries and other aids for students desirous of pursuing tertiary and postgraduate education. It called on the government to ensure that full university autonomy was attained and sustained in Nigerian universities. "In this regard, and as captured in the laws of the various universities, Councils should be given unfettered leeway to deal with all matters in their respective universities. "Such that the task of university governance should be wholesomely formulated by the Governing Council, on paper and in practice, including determining its future direction and fostering an environment in which the institutional mission is achieved. "As independent arbiters, Councils are central to industrial harmony, peace and stability on campuses and indeed the entire Nigerian university system," it said. The communiqué further said that proprietors of private universities should adhere strictly to guidelines and templates for appointing chairmen and members of the councils.

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