



Like an expectant mother on her delivery day the FUOYE community was agog with preparations for the ceremony that crowned both the efforts of the student and teachers, ushered the students into the world as the institution ambassadors, and ushered the teachers into classrooms to prepare yet another set of graduands.

It was the convocation ceremony of Federal University Oye-Ekiti. Speakers and commentators alike believed it was a historical event, being the maiden convocation ceremony of the young institution Saturday, April 29, 2017 marked the day FUOYE announced to the world that she had been delivered of her first born baby. It was a day of joy and a day of firsts.

For the Vice Chancellor, Prof Kayode Soremekun, it was his first convocation as vice chancellor. For the lecturers who traveled in the classrooms, it was a day of maiden presentation of the outcome of their academic efforts. For the graduating students, it was a day that announced them as the first products of the institution and the first ambassadors sent into the world by the institution. Parents were also on ground to witness the outcome of their labour. It was a two-pronged occasion that saw the graduation ceremony of students for the 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 academic sessions. The Faculty of Agriculture produced 34 graduands; Faculty of Arts, 95; Faculty of Engineering, 42; Faculty of Science, 120; and Faculty of Social Science, 210.

In summary, 461 students graduated from the first five faculties created in the university at inception.

Eighteen students graduated in First Class position. The best overall graduating students for the 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 academics sessions were Olatunde Moses Damilola of Biochemist Department of the Faculty of Science, and Okeowo Temitope Oluseyi of the Department of Electrical/Electronic Engineering, respectively

For the ebullient and dynamic vice chancellor, it was an occasion that produced joy and fulfillment as well as reminded all stakeholders of the enormous work that FUOYE has to become globally competing institution.

The occasion also saw the formal installation of HRM, Michael Idakwo, Ameh Oboni II of Igala land, as the first Chancellor of Federal University Oye-Ekiti. The Chancellor pledged to uphold, throughout the tenure of his office, the statutes and laws of Federal University Oye-Ekiti without favour.

Eighteen Universities, both government and privates were represented in the occasion.

In their speeches, the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor and Vice Chancellor all agreed that FUOYE needed support in areas of finances, structures, books and collaborations and any other relevant support to become an institution of first choice recognized for providing critical opportunities for students' success.

Earlier on, Dean, Faculty of Science, Prof. Sylvia Uzochukwu had commended the LOMIDAS model group for coming up with such drive to help combat the menace of malaria. She had equally called for more concerted efforts from interest groups in the fight against Malaria.

Other stake holders at the event include; Manager, Ekiti State Malaria Elimination Programme, Mrs. Awe Olubunmi, Dr. Ademilade from Federal Teaching Hospital, Ido, Ekiti State, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Science, Dr. Oyedeji, HOD Micro Biology, Prof. Bryan Ogeneh, Head of Department, Animal & Environmental Biology, Dr. Agbon, HOD Maths Dept, Dr. E.A. Abolami, and LOMIDAS Organisers Group, Dr. Emmanuel Bakare, Mr. Elisha Are, Mr. Hamed Magaji and Mr. Samuel Osayinlusi.

VC CALLS FOR UNITY

The Vice Chancellor Prof. Kayode Soremekun has reiterated his call for unity among all cadres of staff as well as students for the overall progress of the Institution. Professor Soremekun was talking at the Thanks Giving Service to culminate the week long ceremonies of FUOYE maiden convocation, held at the University Auditorium.



Prof. Soremekun

According to the Vice, a lot can be achieved if all co-operate, and lend support to the management adding that his administration would continue to accord priority to staff and students' welfare in spite of the institution lean resources.

Drawing his remark from the message of the guest preacher, Bishop (Dr) C.T. Omotunde. Professor Soremekun said it is only in unity that followers of Christ could achieve the much they have. Earlier, the guest preacher Bishop Omotunde said no house standing against itself can progress. He appealed to the audience to always seek God's counsel so as to enhance expected development in the University.

The Thanks Giving Service, coordinated by the Chapel of Transformation had in attendance other principals, the graduands as well as other staff and students.

NIGERIA SOCIETY OF ENGINEERING (NSE) INDUCTS FIRST FUOYE ENGINEERING GRADUANDS



A cross section of inductees

Oye Ekiti, graduating students of Faculty of Engineering of the university were on Friday April 28, 2017, inducted into the Nigerian society of Engineers (NSE)

These students graduated from the first five departments of Engineering established in the university these are: Civil Engineering with eight inductees, Electrical Electronics Engineering with fourteen inductees, Material and Metallurgical Engineering with seven inductees, Mechanical Engineering with seven inductees and Mechatronics Engineering with six inductees

In all forty one graduands were inducted into the society, including Okeowo Oluseyi who graduated with first class honors in Electrical/Electronic Engineering and was best graduating student.

Highlights of the occasion were the formal induction exercise conducted by the president, The Nigerian Society of Engineers, Engr. Otis Oliver Anyaji, who was represented: as well as speeches and addresses delivered by some important personalities.

Representing the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kayode Soremekun, the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Prof R .A Omolehin described Ikole campus as the salt of the university as it hosts the edge which FUOYE has over its sister universities in the form of a Faculty of Engineering. According to him, none of the other eleven universities established at the same time as FUOYE in 2011 has an engineering faculty. He also revealed that Faculty of Engineering qualifies FUOYE to benefit from the Petroleum Trust Development Fund, PTDF, and announced that the faculty would benefit in the upcoming facility upgrade. He thanked the ruler and people of Ikole community for their unflinching support to the university.

The Vice Chancellor, who thanked God for the grace to be part of a historical landmark, was happy to see the

As part of the one-week programme to mark the first convocation of Federal University

part of a historical landmark, was happy to see the graduation come true, noting that the induction offered them the platform to become corporate members of the society.

He disclosed that the number of departments in the Faculty of Engineering had risen from five to seven, and would still increase, based on the understanding that Engineering drives technology.

The vice chancellor promised that all the university's programmes would be accredited by November 2017; being the time the university expects NUC's next accreditation visit. He commended the Faculty of Engineering for preparing the inductees and NSE for its effort in ensuring that the Engineering profession is adequately guided to weed off quackery.

The guest lecturer and motivational speaker Mr. Adebayo Adeyinka reminded the inductees that about 1.8m graduates enter the labor market annually. He therefore called on them to make a difference so as to carve a niche in the robust economic market. According to him the difference between the developed and developing economies is innovation, which he defined as including all processes by which ideas were generated and introduced in the society.

The Regional Manager, Fidelity Bank, who is also a motivational speaker held the audience spell-bound as he unfolded the basic technological indices that create developed and underdeveloped economies. Mr Adeyinka listed three items that were key to innovation as: application of information, use of imagination and use of initiative. According to him, imagination could denote that 'the image you form in your head produces the nation you want'.

He therefore urged the inductees to apply the knowledge they had, and reminded them that knowledge was useless without application. The speaker revealed that to innovate, one must ask questions, not stop learning and go digital since technology now rules the world and simplifies processes.

According to him, "a nation that shuts its children from asking questions will continually wallow in superstition". The outspoken lecturer who thrilled the audience with facts and figures of the indices of underdevelopment challenged the inductees "to take us into the future or we remain on this spot for a longer time" Amidst a standing ovation, he charged the inductees never to take short cuts but to develop a culture of excellence, never to pursue money but to look for a problem to solve. Money, he said, would come when a problem is solved



Prof. B.A Alabadan

Earlier in a welcome address the Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Prof. B. A. Alabadan, had noted that the occasion had been another history in the life of the young university. He had disclosed that Faculty of Engineering offered courses in seven departments with the philosophy of producing “skilled manpower adequately furnished with the comprehensive information required for engaging in Engineering in an environment characterized by deficit technical power utilized population in ICT” He had solemnly declared that the Faculty of Engineering had a mandate to train students to be creative, innovative and seek self-employment.

The Elekole of Ikole opined that the occasion was in celebration of the handworks of the first vice chancellor of FUOYE and the first dean Faculty of Engineering, Prof Chinedu Nebo and Prof. Chris Bolu respectively, who both worked assiduously to ensure that the Faculty of Engineering was established. He reminisced on the history of “turning a bush” into an academic environment and thanked all who keyed into the humble services of the two hardworking professors to make the history possible Speaking in Yoruba, the Elekole requested for the consideration of the members of his community in job and admission offers. He then charged the pioneer inductees to remember their alma mater and the town that housed them while they were in school.

Four worthy citizens were also awarded honors for meritorious service in their different careers. They were Engr. Ademola Isaac Olorunfemi, Prof. Jeremiah Oludele Ojediran, Prince Babajide Kosoko and Chief Jimoh Aliu The Theatre and Media Arts students of FUOYE thrilled the audience with their mastery in drum beating.

FUOYE GUEST HOUSE COMES ALIVE

The centre for Enterprenural Development and Support Services (CEDSS) has further spread its tentacles for quality services through the establishment of a Guest House located at the former Vice Chancellor's lodge at Tinuol.a avenue in Ado – Ekit. It is meant to provide catering services as well as accommodation at very affordable rates for the University Community and beyond. It offers twenty four hour service with a dependable alternative source of power.



Dr. Adeyemi, Dean Student Affairs

FUOYE STUDENTS EXCELLATNAMCUM

Three students out of the four that participated in the recently concluded National Mathematics Competition for University Students (NAMCUS) won bronze medals in individual ranking while FUOYE came 14th out of hundred participating Universities.

The three winners are: Ashaolu Ezikiel Ayo, Onifade Tunmise Isaiah and Fajire Oluwasola Oladipo. The Acting Head of Department of Mathematics, Dr Abolarin O.E led the FUOYE delegation while Mr. Are E.B played the role of the student tutor.

According to Dr Abolarin the historic event which held on the 2nd through 8th April 2017 was climaxed by closing and prize giving ceremony chaired by the Director General of the centre, represented by Professor P. Onimanyithe, the Deputy Director General and Coordinator of the Mathematics Programme.

He (Dr Abolarin) further maintained that “this competition has served as an external assessment for our students and it has helped us to identify areas which should be improved upon in the department. We are also sure that this has proved our worth at National level “assuring that, “this feat will increase greatly our chances of positive accreditation result “adding that his department was already putting in place the necessary training program for the students to ensure that the Institution comes among the first three Universites in the next NAMCUS while appreciating the Vice Chancellor Professor Kayode Soremekun for the support he gave towards the attainment of this feat.

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proposals writing and conferences to be sponsored by the council.

The Vice Chancellor also revealed that the communication that conveyed the approval for the partnership was signed by Professor Cyril Obi the Director General African Peace Building network of the social research council of New York.

Professor Soremekun said his institution will continue to explore profitable collaboration that will enhance quality scholarship and Research for students and staff respectively.

FUOYE MGT EXPRESSES INTEREST IN CIE PROGRAMMES.

Federal University Oye Ekiti through its management has expressed interest in partnering with Joint University Preliminary Examination Board (JUPEB) for the conduct of Cambridge International Examination (CIE) Programme.

Speaking at the brief session, Assistant Director of Centre for Cambridge Examination, Dr. J.O. Agbolade, reiterated that, since providing and enhancing access to quality education is one of the mandates of the university more so that the board has a strong commitment to the cause, training students for the CIE would be strategic in realizing the goal. He added that students' participation in the CIE programme would facilitate JUPEB's access to students at foundational level and equip them with the adequate capabilities for the examination and their future academic exploits.

He stressed the need for the examination body to be strategically located in the state since there are evidences of a large number of secondary schools in the state. Thus, these secondary schools could take advantage of the CIE training to get direct entry admission into various university courses across the country.

JUPEB is an independent body charged with the responsibility of providing and conducting qualitative examinations for candidates seeking direct entry admissions into tertiary institutions.

Earlier on, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kayode Soremekun had assured the group that the university would provide enabling environment to ensure a successful implementation of the organization's goals and ideas as it relates to the CIE programme.

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Dr. Cyril Obi

The Federal University Oye Ekiti has secured partnership with the social science Research Council of New York, United State of America.

This hint was dropped by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Kayode Soremekun when addressing journalists on the preparation for the Institution's maiden Convocation in his conference room.

A visibly elated Soremekun said it was a tremendous achievement for a university.

FUOYE age's to attend such a feat. He said university's faculty especially the social science has a lot to benefit for the world acclaimed council stressing staff will benefit through research programmes,

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FUOYE PARTNERS ESDPC TO COMMEMORATE WORLD MALARIA DAY

A body of scientists in Federal University Oye Ekiti under the name Laboratory of Modelling in Infectious Diseases and Applied Sciences (LOMIDAS) in collaboration with Ekiti State Disease Prevention and Control Unit (ESDPC) held a one-day commemoration event of the world malaria day which usually come up on 25 April, every year.

In his address, Vice Chancellor's representative, Professor R.A. Omolehin expressed appreciation to the organisers of the programme for deeming it necessary to commemorate world malaria day with the university. The deputy vice chancellor urged all stake-holders involved in the fight against malaria in the state to employ more collaborative efforts towards combating the endemic disease.

Dr. H.I. Okoh, who opened the presentation aspect of the event, gave a general overview of malaria, pinpointing its menace to human life. On what you need to know about malaria, the speaker posited that malaria is a life threatening disease caused by plasmodium parasite. These parasites are transmitted from an individual to another through the bite of a female anopheles mosquito.

The highlights of the whole presentation included world malaria facts as published in health journal of 2015 among which are, causes of malaria, malaria myths, malaria diagnosis, symptoms, treatment and control as well as who is at risk of malaria?.

It was also disclosed in 2015 that malaria occurs in over 106 countries worldwide including Sub Saharan Africa (SSA) with an estimated 212 million reported cases of malaria related issues globally and over 438,000 death occurrences. He stated that 90% of the deaths attributed to malaria occurred in Sub Saharan Africa. Also, 78% of these deaths occurred in children under the age of 5 while 35% of malaria deaths occurred in just two countries; Nigeria and Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Thus, Nigeria bears one of the highest burdens of malaria disease accounted for in SSA.

Further speaking, the key note speaker revealed that malaria could spread without a mosquito and that there could be a transmission from mother to an unborn child which is called (congenital malaria).



Prof. Sylvia Ozuchukwu

Unsterilized needles, unscreened blood transfusion and use of unhygienic medical equipment were all traceable factors for contracting malaria. Symptoms of malaria vary from incessant headache, fever, nausea, vomiting, chills, sweating, dry cough and spleen enlargement. However, malaria could be treated with the oral administration of Artemisinin-based Combination Therapy (ACT) as currently

recommended by the World Health Organisation While prevention of malaria could simply involve factors such as sleeping under insecticidal treated nets, use of repellent creams, use of indoor residual sprays and destroying mosquito breeding sites.

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