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L-R: Bursar, Mrs B. Akande; DVC-Acad, Prof O.Ojo; Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kayode Soremekun, Rep. of Registrar, Mr B. Ademiloye; Dean Post Graduate School, Prof. (Mrs) M. Oyarekua and Dean of Faculty of Management Sciences, Prof. P. Oladele at the PG School matriculation on Friday March 6, 2020.

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## Post Graduate studies should be timely, with best academic qualities- VC

By Chinedu Okafor

The Vice Chancellor, Federal University Oye Ekiti (FUOYE), Professor Kayode Soremekun has canvassed for timely completion of Post Graduate studies without compromising the quality of training.

The Vice Chancellor made this call on Friday, March 6, 2020 during the 2nd Matriculation Ceremony of the School of Post Graduate Studies held at

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## FUOYE to begin admission of students into Pharmacy programme this year

By Abiodun Fanoro

The Federal University Oye Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) on its website as one of the universities in the country eligible to admit students into the Pharmacy Faculty.

This followed the final approval to the university early this year from the National Universities Commission (NUC) and the consequent listing of FUOYE by the

The Director of Academic Planning FUOYE, Professor Funke Akintayo broke this news to FUOYE/News on Wednesday March 4, 2020 during a brief chat.

"The NUC carried out resource visitation to the new faculty from Wednesday December 18 to Thursday December 19, 2019 and we received the NUC express approval to commence the program in a letter dated January 20, 2020.", she said.

Prof. Akintayo who confirmed that FUOYE has everything needed ready for the faculty to commence during the on-going 2019/2020 Session, explained that the delay was due to the fact that when NUC approval came, it

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## VC to address 16<sup>th</sup> Fulbright Conference

By Adeyinka Ademuyiwa

The Vice Chancellor, Federal University Oye-Ekiti, (FUOYE), Prof. Kayode Soremekun is scheduled to address the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Fulbright Alumni Association of Nigeria, (FAAN).

The Conference, with the theme, "Addressing Societal Menace and Social Disorders: Sexual Harassment and Substance Abuse in Tertiary Institutions", is slated to hold between Tuesday April 14-17, 2020 at Bowen

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was too late for JAMB to allocate students to FUOYE.

According to her, "By the time the university secured NUC approval to commence the programme, it was too late for JAMB to accommodate us in their schedule for 2019/2020 session. However we informed JAMB of the NUC approval and JAMB has now officially enlisted FUOYE as one of Nigerian universities that offer Pharmacy starting from 2020/2021 session. Candidates intending to sit for JAMB exams in March 2020 now have opportunity to apply to the Faculty of Pharmacy in FUOYE. Successful ones would be able to start their studies later this year when our 2020/2021 session begins."

The Director listed some of the programmes approved by the NUC for the take-off of the new faculty. They are: Clinical Pharmacy, Pharmacy Administration, Pharmaceutics,

Pharmacognosy, Pharmacology and Phytochemistry. She said the university had concluded plan to engage no fewer than 20 academic staff from different pharmaceutical fields to kick-start these programmes.

She further gave insight into the depth of both the manpower and infrastructure on ground for the take-off. "We have a new Faculty of Pharmacy building in place. The laboratories and offices are well equipped with modern equipment that are necessary for effective running of the program. The University interviewed many staff and has appointed over twenty competent academic staff in different cadres for the programme"

The Director said, in line with FUOYE's tradition of giving emphasis to quality, the university had struck a strong collaboration with some sister universities to assist the new faculty in

such areas that may be required when consolidating. According to her, some of these universities are; the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, the University of Lagos, Akoka, Lagos and the Federal Teaching Hospital, Ido, Ekiti State.

She said the university would soon announce a new dean for the faculty from among the over 20 academic staff that have been penciled down for the take-off of the faculty, adding that, the former Dean, Professor Adebayo Lamikanra who came on Sabbatical to midwife efforts leading to NUC's approval for the new faculty, had completed his leave and in addition had attained the retirement age of 70 years and had left.

The new faculty is expected to admit about 50 as pioneering students when it takes off later this year.

## "Our digital language laboratory has 59m resources", says Opoola

*By Adedeji Badejo and Bunmi Dada*

The Dean, Faculty of Arts, Federal University Oye Ekiti (FUOYE), Dr. Tajudeen Opoola has said that the Digital Language Laboratory of his faculty has over 59 million e-books and e-journal.

Dr Opoola disclosed this in a recent interview with *FUOYE/News* on Monday, February 24, 2020.

He commended the university management under the leadership of Professor Kayode Soremekun for the generous assistance towards the upliftment of the faculty noting that, "Today the Faculty has one of the best and certainly the latest Digital Language Laboratory available anywhere in Africa for university education. Our language laboratory server is linked to the university's network backbone", he further revealed.

Dr Opoola who became the Dean on August 1, 2018 first in an acting capacity is also the Head of Department of Linguistic and Languages. He expresses immense gratitude to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Kayode Soremekun and his management team for the huge and numerous assistances to the faculty in academic program development, human resource

development and infrastructural development.

In academic program development, two new departments were recently accredited by the National Universities Commission (NUC). The departments include, the department of Linguistic and Languages and History and International Studies. These two new departments are in addition to those departments that were established in 2016/2017 Academic session.

He said further that the Senate has approved two more departments for the faculty; they are departments of Religious Studies and Philosophy.

While the Curriculum and Business Committees of Senate have been working on the new department's curriculum, the faculty is also waiting anxiously for National University Commission resource verification visitation.

According to the Dean, new lecturers and 4 adjuncts staffs were recruited into various departments in the faculty now that more admission seekers are choosing FUOYE ahead of many other universities probably because of the recently released NUC rating placing FUOYE 13<sup>th</sup> in Nigeria.

In the area of infrastructural development of the faculty, the Dean disclosed that he personally provided a motorized borehole for the faculty at a time. The project was taken over by the university management who graciously and generously completed the project.

The faculty, according to him, can now boast of 12 brand new lecture theatres, 4 each for the departments of History, Theatre and Media Arts, English and Literary Studies.

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Dean of Arts, Dr. Tajudeen Opoola





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University, Iwo, State of Osun.

Some of the subtopics of the Conference are: Sex for Grades, Sexual harassment and productivity in tertiary institutions, Sexual harassment awareness and preventive measures in tertiary institutions, Realities of Sexual assaults on campus, Sexual harassments on campus and students' rights and Government policy on combating sexual harassment on campus.

Other subtopics include: Advocacy models on Drug abuse, Prevention and Control on campus; Cultural Matrix and the Subtlety of illicit drug usage and abuse; Conceptual understanding of drugs and substance abuse; Medical and Scientific dimensions of drugs and substance abuse; Social Consequences of Drugs and substance abuse in Nigeria; The politics of Drugs and substance abuse in Nigeria and Government Policy in the regulation and combating of Drug abuse in Nigeria.

The Fulbright Alumni Association is a collection of Scholars who have participated in Fulbright scholarly programmes of the United States. It is a Cultural Exchange programme whose goal is to improve intellectual relations, cultural diplomacy and intellectual competences between United States and people of other countries through exchange of personnel, knowledge and skills.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kayode Soremekun (second from right) with visiting Fulbright Alumni Prof. O. Oladele (right), Provost College of law BOWEN University Iwo; Prof. O. Abiola (second left), BOWEN's Director of Research and Strategic Partnership and Hon. Toba Adaramola (left), BOWEN Head of Public Relations during a courtesy visit on the VC on Tuesday March 3, 2020.

## FUOYE student wins German Fellowship

A 400 Level Student of History and International Studies of Federal University Oye-Ekiti (FUOYE), Mr. Samuel Akindele Ajala has been selected for a media fellowship trip to Berlin, Germany beating 569 others from across the globe.

The trip will afford him opportunity to participate in 2020 "Berlin Energy Transition Dialogue" (BETD) holding from March 20-29, 2020.

According to a document, on BETD signed by Cornelia Hortner, the Project Team Leader, which was made available to FUOYE/News, "Mr. Ajala's application has

been truly inspiring and seeing the creativity and commitment with which you and your fellow candidates contribute to finding solutions to Climate Change and promoting the global energy transition"

"We are delighted to inform you that your application has stood out from the 570 applications we received, Cornelia Hortner, further disclosed and added that "we would hereby like to offer you a fellowship position and invite you to come to Berlin from March 22-26, 2020 as one of the 17 BETD Media Fellows 2020".

The BETD 2020 will focus on global

green deal and will discuss subtopics like: Geopolitics, Green Finance, Market Designs for renewable, Carbon Pricing and Multilateral Cooperation and Action

The Dialogue allows young journalists from around the world to gather in the German popular City of Berlin in order to gain access to this exclusive conference talk to high level stakeholders from Science, Politics, industry and civil society; connect with other BETD Media Fellows and experience the energy transition hands-on with exclusively guided tours and side events during the Berlin Energy Week (March 23-27, 2020).

## Two FUOYE students bag Campus Journalism awards

Two members of the Union of Campus Journalists, Federal University Oye-Ekiti, (UCJ-FUOYE), have been shortlisted for the Campus Journalism Awards for year 2020.

In a chat with FUOYE/News recently, Ajala Samuel, disclosed that the cheery news was broken to them via email from award organisers, Youth Digest an offshoot of Readers' Digest. "I got to know through the email they sent to me. I actually feel very excited".

According to him, "This is recognition for our good works and we will keep doing more to promote

campus journalism in every part of Nigeria", Ajala pledged.

Screening for the award involved over 266 entries from over 50 institutions in Nigeria. Some of the categories competed for are Upcoming Writer, Entertainment Writer, Sports Writer, Reporter, Gender-Equality Writer, Broadcaster, and Photojournalist among others.

The other awardee, Daniel Whyte, also expressed joy at the award when he said, "I am delighted to hear the news that I have been shortlisted for the prestigious award that recognizes and honours the works of campus journalists.

It is great to be among the selected finalists".

While Daniel is a recent graduate of FUOYE from the English and Literary Studies Department and a former Editor-in-Chief of the FUOYE Campus Journal, FCJ, Ajala Samuel is a 400 level student of the Department of History and International Relations and a key member of the union. He is also the Public Relations Officer of the National Union of Campus Journalists (NUCJ).

Awards presentation is slated for 28th of March, 2020 at the Bolton White Hotel, Area 11, Abuja.



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the Faculty of Science New Lecture Theatre, Federal University Oye Ekiti.

While addressing the matriculating students, Professor Kayode Soremekun charged them to seize every opportunity available in the university to advance their knowledge, scholarship and innovative abilities adding that the evident increase in the number of enrollment into the Post Graduate programmes is a further proof that the university, while not compromising the quality of admission processes, is also on the solid pedestal of innovation and character building for national transformation.

The Academic-Administrator noted that Postgraduate Studies are veritable tools for the production of knowledge on the platform of independent study aided by competent supervision and an adequate feed-back interaction between the supervisor and the student.

“Postgraduate students are expected to identify research problems worthy of interrogation and investigation from a chosen field. The identified problem is expected to meet the tripartite conditions of significance, originality and supervision”.

Prof Soremekun also commended his management team for their unalloyed support towards the growth of PG School and particularly for sustaining the vision of meeting the changing trends and challenges associated with postgraduate education in Nigeria.







# School Matriculation.....



**CONFIRMATION/PROMOTION/RENEWAL**

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	NATURE OF APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
1	Miss Busayo A. ABE	Library	Confirmation	Aug. 1, 2018
2	Dr. Abayomi M. OSHATIMI	University Health Centre	Confirmation	Nov. 28, 2018
3	Mr. Adewale A. OWASANOYE	Bursary	Confirmation	Mar. 20, 2019
4	Mrs. Oyeyimika KOYEJO - FASAKIN	Conversion and Top - Up	Confirmation	Mar. 20, 2019
5	Mr. Adedayo Omolade ATOUN	Water Resources Mgt. & Agro -Met	Confirmation	May 9, 2019
6	Mr Cosmas Chimezie ASOGWA	Mass Communication	Confirmation	February 1, 2020
7	Dr Ibrahim Adepoju ADEYANJU	Computer Engineering	Promotion	Oct. 1, 2018
8	Dr. Lawrence Okoror	Microbiology	Promotion	Oct.1, 2017
9	Dr. Olaide Sakiru HAMMED	Physics	Promotion	Oct.1, 2018
10	Engr. Shereefdeen O. SANNI	Electrical and Electronics	Promotion	Oct. 1, 2019
11	Mr Joseph Oloruntayo AYODELE	Maintenance Unit	Promotion	Oct. 1, 2019
12	Mr. Sulaiman O. SALAWUDEEN	Entrepreneurship	Renewal	2019/2020
13	Dr. (Mrs) Felicia Olufemi OLASEINDE	General Studies Unit	Renewal	2019/2020
14	Dr Adebayo Jonathan ADEYEMO	Soil Science and Land Resources	Renewal	2019/2020
15	Dr. Ilesanmi Banjo OLUWAFEMI	Electrical and Electronics	Renewal	2019/2020
16	Dr. Olayiwola Akin AKINTOLA	Water resources management and Agrometeorology	Renewal	2019/2020
17	Prof. Adeyinka AFOLAYAN	Biochemistry	Renewal	
18	Mrs Itunu Oluwatosin AYO	Microbiology	Renewal	2019/2020
19	Mrs Modupe BOLANLE	General Studies	Renewal	2019/2020
20	Mr. Babatope Sunday ADEMILOYE	Registry (PAR)	Renewal	2019/2020

**Librarian`s daughter weds, March 28**

The daughter of the University Librarian, Dr. Gboyega Adio, Miss Praise Toluwanimi Adio is set to tie the nuptial knots with her sweet heart, Mr. Peter Kayode Kola Olalere.

The marriage ceremony is slated for House to House Prayer

Ministries. (also called Praise Chapel) Olomi Area, Ogbomoso, Oyo State on Saturday March 28, 2020 at 10:00am.

According to an invitation card sent out by the families of the wedding couples, a copy of which was made available to *FUOYE News*, the traditional wedding ceremony will

precede the church service on Friday March 27, 2020 at Bethel Event Center, Olomi Area, Ogbomoso by 12noon.

Members of staff are encouraged to attend and celebrate with the celebrants.





## FUOYE to commence post graduate programmes in Mgt. Sc., says Oladele

By Abiodun Fanoro

The Federal University Oye Ekiti (FUOYE), has indicated intention to start Masters in Business Administration (MBA) and doctoral degree programmes in Banking and Finance as well as Accounting in the Faculty of Management Sciences at the end of the current 2019/2020 academic year.

The Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, Professor Patrick Olajide Oladele disclosed this in an interview with *FUOYENews* on Monday, March 2, 2020, as the faculty began moves to re-locate to its permanent building from the Faculty of Science building it had been conducting its affairs over time.

Professor Oladele also disclosed that the faculty would soon begin M.B.A Medical and Health Services to enhance up-ward career mobility for graduates of B.Sc. Nursing and B.Sc. Medical Laboratory Science. To successfully pursue the execution of these post-graduate medical administrative programmes, he said the faculty would go into collaboration with the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences and Faculty of Pharmacy.

Apart from the planned post-graduate programmes, the Dean hinted that the faculty was planning to introduce new departments at the under-graduate level. These new under-graduate programmes according to

Oladele would include B.Sc. Marketing, B.Sc. Entrepreneurship and Management.

He explained that the conception and the introduction of some of these upcoming programmes was part of the university's way of responding to the environmental yearnings of the people, especially in the area of management and entrepreneurship skills.

The Management Sciences Faculty boss however added that the post-graduate programmes would only take off after the graduation of the current first set of the faculty's under-graduates later this year.

The Don further hinted that for a smooth take-off of these programmes, the faculty had begun collaboration with relevant professional bodies for technical assistance, especially in the areas of curriculum, instructional material assistance and general supports. Among these professional bodies according to the dean, are the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN), the Nigerian Institute of Public Administration (NIPA), the Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM) and the Nigerian Institute of Marketing (NiMark).

These collaborations he noted had begun to yield substantial results when he announced that for instance, ICAN, recently donated books worth over N500,000.00 to the faculty as part of

assistance for a hitch-free take-off of these new programmes.

While exuding confidence in the capacity and ability of the university to successfully commence these programmes, the Dean said though the Faculty was aware of some futile effort's by some competing sister schools to frustrate this noble and lofty goal, he however boasted that no effort could abort the good plan and asserted that FUOYE had come to take over the leadership in this area.

He said these programmes were designed with the people in mind to reduce the cost of logistics and financial pain they had been going through in the past in their quest to acquire degrees in some of these fields.

Prof. Oladele, who is the pioneer dean of the faculty, said his confidence that FUOYE has come to assume the leadership in this field is further bolstered and boosted by the passion of the university's Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kayode Soremekun in the development of the faculty, pointing to the magnificent, inspiring building he just built for the faculty.

He described the high quality manpower assembled for the faculty, as one other evidence of the Vice Chancellor's passion for the development of the faculty.

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In additions to these lecture theatres, the Dean further revealed that the faculty can boast of 8 lecture rooms and over 32 toilets for both staffs and students. With the exit of the faculty of management staff, there are more offices for academic and non-academic staff.

Research, being the fulcrum of the university, Dr. Opoola says the faculty with the support of academic staffs has produced volumes of faculty academic journal called **TOJA, The Oye Journal of Arts (volume 1 and 2)**.

At the departmental level, he continued, the Theatre and Media Arts has published a journal named **ALARINJO (volumes 1, 2 and 3)** and the department of Linguistics and

Literary Studies has also published its own journal.

He informed *FUOYENews* that the faculty is in the process of public presentation of a book in honour of Professor Ajibola Matthew Abiodun, the pioneer Head of Department of Linguistics and Literary Studies.

The faculty will also be hosting an event in honour of the former Dean of the faculty and presently Ekiti State Commissioner for Culture and Tourism, Professor R. Bakare. Again, we hosted a national conference on professional theatre practitioners and will also be hosting another national conference of all faculties of arts and humanities in Nigerian universities in May, 2020.

Whilst thanking the university management, particularly the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Kayode Soremekun for the generous efforts towards the development of the faculty, the Dean like the typical *Oliver Twist* is requesting for more attention to the university.

Specifically, the Dean requested for more human capital and infrastructures. He noted that the faculty needs more clerical officers and required more office and lecture rooms. He prays for the movement of the faculty to its permanent site.



## Samuel Akindele Ajala: An inspiration to campus journalists

The story of Samuel Akindele Ajala, a 400 Level student of this university from History and International Studies Department is not only inspiring to the organisers of the 2020 Berlin Energy Transition Dialogue (BETD), who have singled him out along with 16 others from 570 people for special roles at the coming Berlin Conference, it is a huge excitement to many of us who believed in campus journalism, nursed and nurtured it since 1988 at the University of Ibadan.

Ajala is currently the Public Relations Officer of the National Union of Campus Journalists (NUCJ), a body that came into being for the first time in universities campus media landscape in 1989 at the Olabisi Onabanjo University (OOU), when it was then known as National Association of Campus Journalists (NACJ).

UCJ started in Nigeria campuses when the likes of Bayo Ajala, (now Dr Bayo Ajala at the Nigeria Institute for Social and Economic Research (NISER) and member of Governing Council of the Raw Materials Research and Development Council (RMRDC); Bode Ojomu ( who later joined students union and now practices politics); Laolu Akande (Special Adviser to the Vice President, Prof Yemi Osinbajo); Yours truly, Yinka Ademuyiwa (FUOYE's Deputy Director, Corporate Services); Festus Owete, Abuja based journalist; Sefiu Kayode Olaniyan (Nigeria Deputy Ambassador to Cameroon) Bayo Oladejo, (Abuja based management consultant ) and many more, came together in 1988 to form a club that will be "a club for journalist clubs".

Few months later, journalists at Olabisi Onabanjo University (OOU) started their own UCJ and when they discovered that UI had gone ahead, formed National Association of Campus Journalists (NACJ) which was embraced by very few universities then, because you cannot function at National level without a virile UCJ at campus level. NACJ has now turned to NUCJ and the subject of this discourse is its current

PRO, Mr Samuel Akindele Ajala who has seized the opportunity of the platform of campus journalism in FUOYE to actualize one of his personal goals and aspirations.

The German government will few weeks from now host some very influential world leaders to its annual inspiring dialogue, BETD, which has become the leading international forum on green energy transformation. Every year, high level participants from politics, industry, science, and civil society gather in the popular German city of Berlin to discuss the shift to sustainable energy system. That is the high profile meeting that hitherto little known Ajala has been invited, all expenses paid!

What's more, he will join the discussions on Geopolitics, Green Finance, Market Designs for renewable, Carbon Pricing etc and will be expected during the Conference and immediately after, as a journalist from Nigeria, report on the Conference sessions through social media channels especially Twitter videos clips, interviews and report on energy related stories from Nigeria to a global audience. What an opportunity for a growing mind!

As if these are not enough, Samuel's work along with the other 16 campus journalists selected globally, and his contributions to the Dialogue are of high value to meeting the Paris Climate Agreement targets.

Samuel has no one pulling any string for him in Germany. He simply responded to a public invitation from German officials requesting for his CV, essays on any topic of his choice of about 250-300 words in length and writing samples. 570 people responded and he came tops, presenting an inspiring FUOYE story from the clan of campus journalists, and of course his department, the Department of History and International Studies.

The founding fathers of UCJ which built of the platform of several independent Press Clubs on Nigerian campuses will be grateful to the type to Samuel for living the vision. Daniel Whyte, FUOYE's immediate past UCJ

President, who got similar fellowship to United Kingdom last year will look back from his National Youth Corp Service (NYSC) base, satisfied that people exist to carry on the flag.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof Kayode Soremekun, himself a literary giant in the nation's landscape, could not hide his joy, " he said people should hear about this". FUOYE is working, no matter what detractors are singing.

That is why the likes of Folakemi Olaniyan, Adeyeye Ayomide, Olumodeji Samson, Opeyemi Fakorode, Comfort and Busayo who used the same UCJ platform of FUOYE in collaboration with an obscure online news medium [www.operanewsapp.com](http://www.operanewsapp.com) to publish embarrassing, untrue, disgusting and indecent story about this university need to be careful.

That story is not only unprofessional, it is skewed. It is an advocacy story from a group of disgruntled elements on this campus. Discredited union leaders who have a course to fight, some of whom are already going out of the system should not drag with them innocent children just coming up to give their academic career a good foundation. A word is enough.....



Samuel Akindele Ajala