

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kayode Soremekun registering for Integrated Payroll Personnel Information System (IPPIS) in his office [See story on pg.3](#)

FUOYE to appeal against Court judgement

By Adeyinka Ademuyiwa

The Federal University Oye Ekiti (FUOYE) has filed for stay of execution and a notice of appeal against a judgement of National Industrial Court (NIC) sitting in Abuja on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 querying the dismissal of one of its former staff on allegation of corruption, Dr. Ezekiel Adeyemi.

According to the Director of Legal Services of the university, Barrister Amaechi Eni, "the university has filed for the stay of execution of this judgment. It has also filed a notice of appeal recently".

Barrister Eni, who disclosed this to FUOYE News on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 when he visited our office also said, "We have finished compiling the records of appeal. As soon as those papers are assessed and we know the cost, we will definitely file an appeal".

A National Industrial Court sitting in Abuja, presided over by Justice O.O. Oyewunmi had declared the dismissal as illegal in suit number NICN/AK/64/2018 filed on behalf of the sacked don by Mrs Funmi Falana, T.Gbadamosi and Tolulope Aguda.

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FUOYE Senate okays take-off of new faculty

By Godfrey Bakji

The Senate of the Federal University, Oye-Ekiti (FUOYE), at its 40th sitting held at Faculty of Science Auditorium, on Wednesday, November 27, 2019, has approved the commencement of the Faculty of Environmental Sciences in the university.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Kayode Soremekun,

who presided over the sitting, told the members of the University Senate that the necessary preliminary framework like curriculum development, physical facilities etc have been done.

Enumerating the advantages of the new faculty, Prof Soremekun said, "the Faculty of Engineering and other disciplines with multi disciplinary researches and projects that will fast track the infrastructural development efforts of the university and the nation at large.

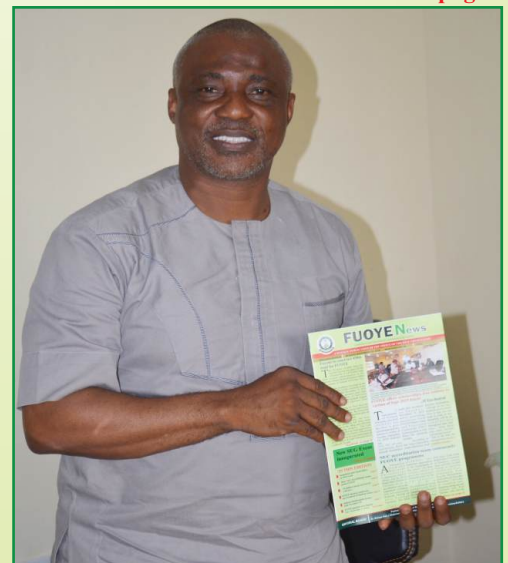
“Senate approval is now required so as to kick start initial activities prior to commencement of studies”, he said, the university and the disclosing that funds for staff recruitment and other necessities during the sitting also have been captured in the 2020 Federal Government Budget.

The Vice-Chancellor further explained that once the budget is passed into law, funds will be provided for the activities of the young faculty particularly when the National Universities Commission (NUC) has given its nod for the commencement of the program.

The Committee recommended amongst others the strengthening of Entrepreneurial Skill Acquisition programme so that the university can expose more people to the programme and participants certificates at the end of the program.

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Director Administration and Special Duties, Mr Olatunbosun Odusanya presenting a copy of FUOYE News to the readers

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The Legal Director recalled the beginning of the episode thus; “Dr. Ezekiel Adeyemi of Department of Demography and Social Statistics, Dr. Oniyide Akingbe of Department of English and Literary Studies and Dr Chinedu Abrifo of Department of Criminology got Tertiary Education Fund (TETFund) of about N1, 625,000. Abrifo is the Lead Researcher”.

“Long after the research fund was taken and no report was submitted, the university issued them a query”, he further explained adding that a Committee of Inquiry was also set up to unravel issues surrounding the research. Only Dr. Abrifo and Dr. Adeyemi honored the invitation of this Committee.

“Dr Abrifo informed the Committee that being the Lead Researcher; it is his responsibility to submit research report. However, he had no role in the research”, Barrister Eni further said. “Dr. Abrifo told the Committee that both Dr. Akingbe and Dr. Adeyemi are his senior colleagues and they told him they just put his name as Lead Researcher in order to collect the TETFund grant. These senior researchers also allowed him to take N400, 000 from the amount and instructed him to pay the balance of N1, 225,000 into Dr. Akingbe's account for both of them to share”. This, he has since done.

“In view of these grave allegations, we (the Committee) decided to invite Dr Adeyemi and Dr Akingbe”, Mr Eni continued. Dr. Akingbe who had earlier declined invitation again declined whereas Dr Adeyemi came accepting that he was aware of the balance of the TETFund grant in the account of Dr Akingbe. He (Dr. Akingbe) also said his role in the research is to collect data and he is yet to do that before the Committee summon.

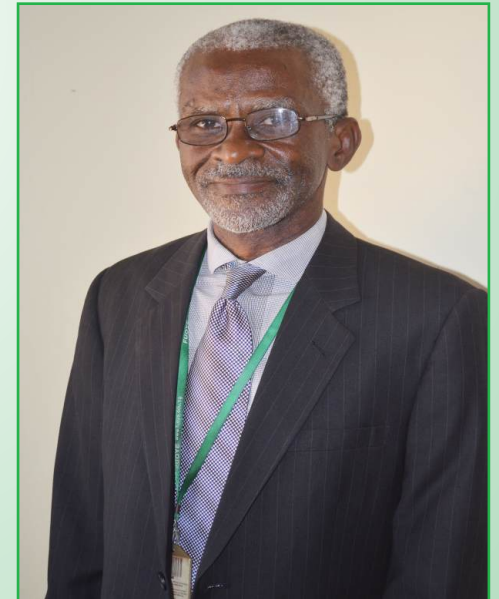
To further unravel the truth, the Committee brought Dr Abrifo and Dr Adeyemi together to repeat the allegations. Dr Abrifo again reiterated earlier allegations adding now that, “I had cried severally to both of you to give me this report so that I can submit in time as the Lead Researcher. Each time, both of you asked me to go away, that you will use your positions as members of the University TETFund Committee to kill the matter”. He also said that “he even went to see another Professor to help plead with them to submit the report, but all to no avail”

In response, Dr. Adeyemi only said he had not collected any money from Dr Akingbe though he admitted he knew the balance of the money is with Dr Akingbe. The Committee, feeling he is being economical with the truth, found him guilty and recommended his dismissal. A disciplinary committee was set up which approved the sanction and

the Registrar then was directed to convey dismissal.

Thereafter, Dr Adeyemi took the university to NIC, asking the court to quash his dismissal on the ground that it is the University Council that can dismiss him not the university management.

“So instead of accepting guilt, show remorse and explore internal mechanism to contain the damages, he arrogantly took the matter to court querying the procedure his employers used to sack him”, Barrister Eni further said emphasizing arrogance and indiscipline apart from glaring corruption as the bane of the former lecturers.



Barrister Eni

FUOYE closes session Dec. 23rd

The Federal University, Oye Ekiti will formally winds down academic activities for 2018/2019 session on Monday December 23, 2019.

According to the Dean, Students' Affairs of the university, Dr Dosu Malomo, the session is programmed to end on that day.

“The last examination paper for the ongoing examination will be taking on Monday December 23, 2019 and with that the session will close”, he

stated in a telephone chat with FUOYENews on Thursday December 12, 2019.

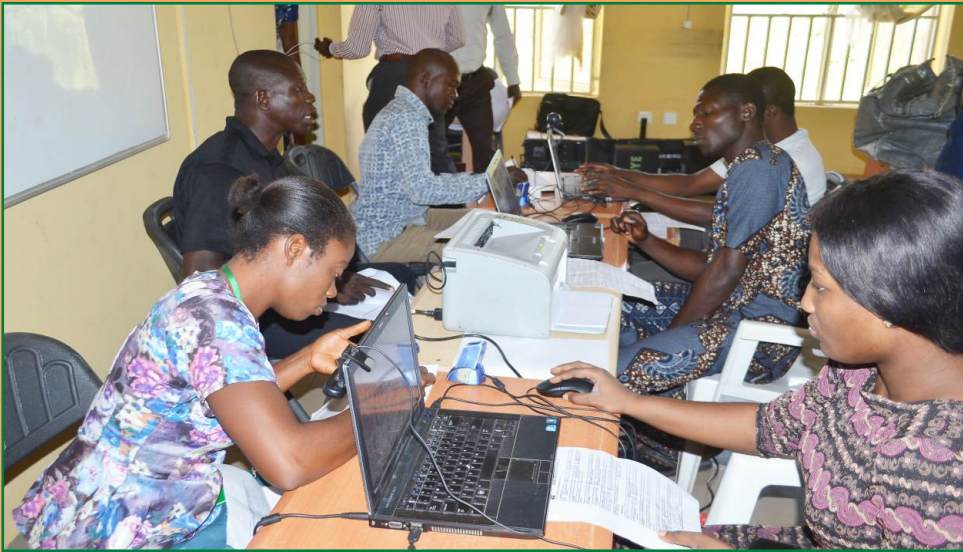
The examination which started on Thursday December 5, 2019, has been very peaceful. No incident of examination malpractice has been reported.

“The students appeared very serious on resumption having experienced a sudden break occasioned by the crisis of September 10, 2019’, he observed adding that all social activities

that normally engage students in the second semester were cancelled so as to be focused on the examinations.

“So far so good. No incident of any type has been reported that would warrant calling for Students Disciplinary Committee (SDC)”, he further said

He advised students to go home peacefully once they finished their examinations to celebrate chritmas with their families.



IPPIS officials attending to FUOYE staff during the biometric data capture process



Visiting IPPIS officials from the office of the Accountant General of the Federation (OAGF), Mrs Ann Ebere (left) and Hajia Halimah Sadiya Abdulazeez on Wednesday December 11, 2019

IPPIS: 957 staff registered in FUOYE, says official

By Bunmi Dada and Kareemah Badmus-Lawal

No fewer than 957 teaching and non teaching staff of Federal University, Oye Ekiti (FUOYE) had been registered in the ongoing Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information System (IPPIS) as at Tuesday December 10, 2019.

Also, arrangements have been made by the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation (OAGF) to accommodate and register staff of Federal Universities who missed the ongoing registration exercise next year.

These were revealed to *FUOYENews* in a chat on Wednesday December 11, 2019, by the Lead Coordinator of IPPIS at Federal University Oye-Ekiti (FUOYE), Mrs Ann Ebiere Ejikeme.

According to her, “as at yesterday, Tuesday December 10, 2019, we have captured about 957 staff”, she said, adding that, “this included both teaching and non teaching staff”.

“A nationwide mop up exercise will follow this one sometimes in 2020 to accommodate members of staff who are

absent as a result of maternity leave, leave of absence, authorized foreign trips, study leave or other health issues”, she further said.

“IPPIS has come to carry all staff along, thus, staff should not be afraid because all salaries and allowances will be paid promptly to enhance staff welfare”, she also stated.

Mrs Ejikeme expressed appreciation to the management of the University on behalf of her team for warm reception and provision of all necessary materials that was needed for the exercise.

Also speaking with *FUOYENews*, the Personnel Officer, Mrs Blessing .A. Eyiolorunpe, whose office has been saddled with the responsibility of supporting the visiting OAGF Officials, advised that staff of the University should know that they are in a learning environment which is a very serious environment.

“I would love our colleagues in this university to remember that this is a learning environment. This is a very serious environment. We should live it and act it. We should definitely know how to do the right thing at the right time”, she cried out in response to crowd control experiences at the registration points.

Furthermore, the Personnel Officer expressed hope that trained IPPIS Desk Officers will be made available in the University from Accountant-General Office to further smoothen the migration process.



**Mrs Blessing .A. Eyiolorunpe
Personnel Officer**

FUOYE department showcases film against Female Genital Mutilation

The Department of Theatre and Media Arts, Federal University Oye-Ekiti (FUOYE), has showcased a film which enlightens, educates, and exposes the ills associated with Female Genital mutilation (FGM).

The film, entitled: "The Scar", is a film adaptation of a stage play, titled: 'The Last Cut' written by Dr. Sola Balogun, a lecturer in the department. The play was adapted into a film and directed by Dr. Bifatife Adeseye .

According to Dr Balogun who narrated the story to *FUOYE News* on Thursday December 12, 2019, "The film narrates the story of a young couple, Adeleke and Ronke who have an issue with sexual intercourse which threatens their marriage. The cause of the issue is the fact that the wife, doesn't enjoy sex because of the deep cut into her private part which was cruelly done by a traditional female genital mutilation practitioner years before marriage".

"The wife, thus apparently becomes a victim of genital mutilation. For a long time, she runs from having sex with her husband until things almost gets out of hand. Her husband seeks solace in extra marital affairs. She also runs into a former university boyfriend who understands how to make her enjoy sex and things literally falls apart until their parents come in to save the situation", he further explained.

Continuing, he said, "In another scene in the film, an Ibo young couple, Chineye and Tochukwu enjoys sex because the wife to be is not a victim of female genital mutilation".

"Her fiancé, the husband to be refuses to allow her people to make her undergo genital mutilation which the family head, Mazi Okerereke, says is a prerequisite for marriage", Balogun further said.

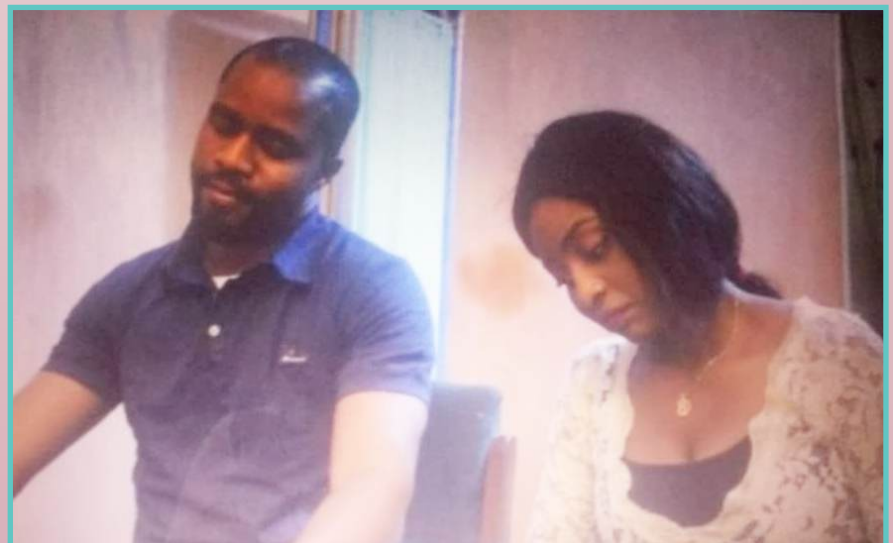
"The Ibo lady becomes pregnant and their wedding date is fixed. But her family head insists he would not support the proposed marriage because she is yet to be circumcised".

"Against his will, the story teller continued, the wedding took place. When he attempts to disrupt the programme, some angry youths kidnapped him and made him incommunicado for several hours.. During the ceremony, the wife goes into labour and eventually gives birth to a bouncing baby boy. The birth of the baby touches the heart of the elderly and he surrenders to the new change in their tradition and gives his blessings to the union".

The university don explained further that, "the film was used to preach against female genital mutilation as an archaic traditional practice that is both harmful and indecent and recommended that it should be done away with".

The film production was packaged by students from both the current 200 and 400 levels at the department and it was well received by the audience who saw it.

FUOYE Theatre Crew at the location for the production of the film, "The Scar"





NUC Resource Verification Team Leader (standing) on Doctor of Pharmacy programme of Federal University Oye Ekiti, Prof. Mrs Bakare-Odunola and the rest of the team during the exit visit of Tuesday December 10, 2019



The DVC Academic, Prof. O.J. Ojo who received the NUC resource verification team on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor is flanked by other NUC visitors and University officials



Director Academic Planning, Prof. Mrs Cecilia Olufunke Akintayo appreciating NUC Guest with gifts

NUC officials laud FUOYE for starting Pharmacy programme

By 'Dele Eleniola

Visiting Officials from the National Universities Commission (NUC) on Resource Verification of pharmacy programme at Federal University Oye-Ekiti (FUOYE) have lauded the management team of the University for starting the pharmacy programme in the fast growing university, describing it as “a very courageous and bold decision”.

Speaking through the leader of the team, Prof. (Mrs) Moji T. Bakare-Odunola, from the University of Ilorin, the officials gave this commendation on Tuesday December 10, 2019 during an exit meeting of the verification exercise.

Prof. Bakare-Odunola, who led Prof Nuhu M. Danjuma from Department of Pharmacology, Ahmadu Bello University,(ABU) Zaria; Prof Anthony A. Attama of Department of Pharmaceutics, University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN); Prof Olorunfemi A. Eseyin, Department of Pharmacy and Medicinal Chemistry, University of Uyo and Mrs Emike Osinere from NUC on the exercise also said, “we have checked and looked at the documents. We have seen the facilities and have observed the environment. We have seen the laboratories, six of them and that is why I am thanking you for starting a pharmacy programme at this early stage of this university, because I know what is involved”, she said.

Continuing, she said, “we have seen the buildings, I know that with the rate at which they are going, they will all be completed before the students come in. We learnt, they are for pharmacy and that all the buildings are for pharmacy both Phase I and Phase II”.

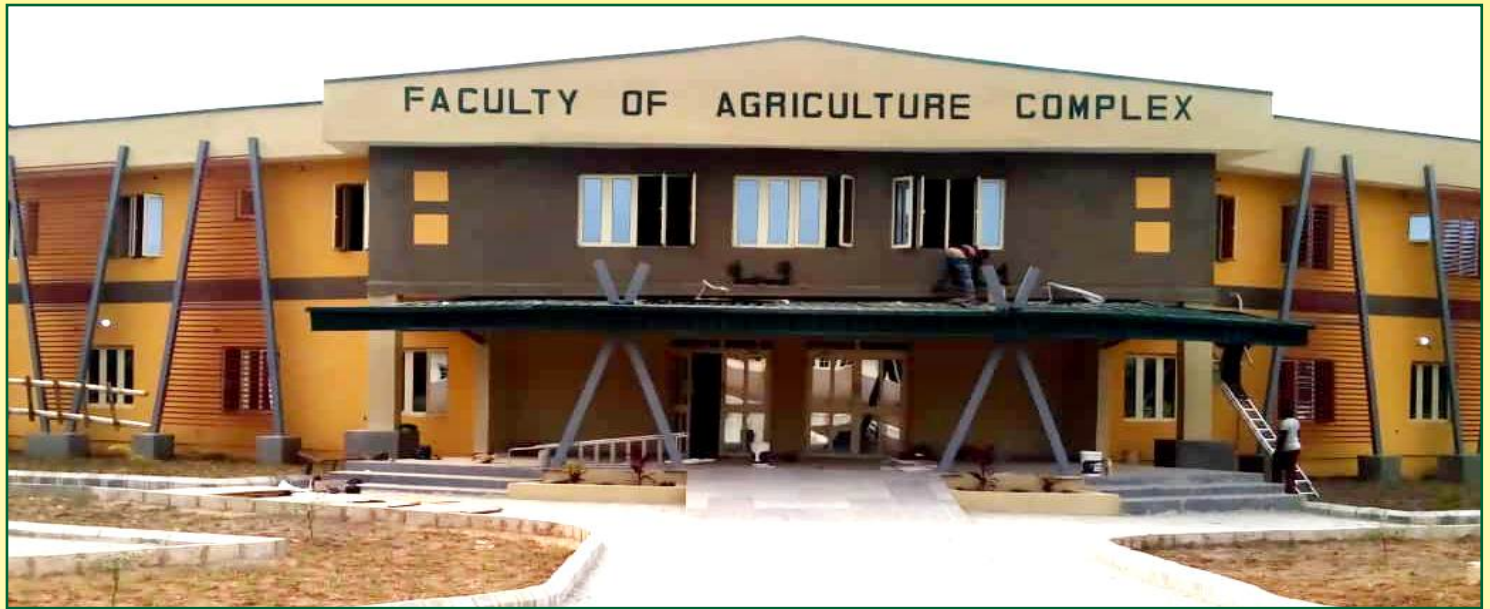
“We have settled for Doctor of Pharmacy (D Pharm) because it is more clinical and relevant to our needs than Bachelor of Pharmacy (B.Pharm.)”, she added saying that the staffing is good for takeoff but administrative processes of regularization, confirmation etc should be done early”.

“A good pharmacy Faculty needs about 9-10 laboratories, we have seen 6. This is good for a university about to commence the programme. That is why I want to appreciate your courage in starting this programme and providing opportunities for our teeming children. Thank you sir” she again stated.

The Vice- Chancellor, Professor Kayode Soremekun in his response, thanked the resource verification team for their patience and thoroughness in handling this assignment. “I am sure all of us in this room,... our children can no longer study pharmacy, but we are doing this for the next generation and we are hoping that your efforts will not be in vain”, he stated.

“I am also happy that in the nearest future, Nigerian society would be sufficiently advanced and sophisticated enough to have concurrence between pharmacy programmes in Nigeria and the very best in the world. We want to be excellent”.

The exit report session was witnessed by Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Acad.) Prof. J.O. Ojo, Ag. Registrar, Mr. Ibrahim Mufutau, the Director of Academic Planning, Prof.(Mrs) Cecilia Olufunke Akintayo, the Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, Prof. Adebayo Lamikanra, the Director of Administration and Special Duties, Mr. Olatunbosun Odunsanya and the Deputy Director, Corporate Services, Mr. Yinka Ademuyiwa.



Front view of the newly constructed Faculty of Agriculture building

Adeniji commends VC, management on new Agric Faculty building

By Chris Ukeagbu

Amidst mischievous media reports on execution of capital projects at Federal University Oye-Ekiti, FUYOE, the Dean of Faculty of Agriculture of the University, Professor O. B. Adeniji, has commended the University management for support, funding, supervision and construction of the new Faculty Complex at Ikole.

Speaking with FUYOE News on Monday, November 25, 2019, the joyful Dean said the delivery of the Faculty of Agriculture Complex has again proved management's resolve to utilize resources effectively for what they are meant.

Prof. Adeniji was full of joy and appreciation to the University management led by Prof. Kayode Soremekun for the edifice, stressing that "this place is conducive for teaching and learning".

"In fact, it is inspiring and we can only thank the Federal Government and our Vice-Chancellor", he further stated as he took delivery of the ultra modern office building from the Director of Physical Planning (DPP), Mr. Adebowale Ayodele.

Disclosing that staff of the faculty are highly dedicated and united bunch, he said "this edifice will spur them to work more". His words: "The Faculty of Agriculture can boast of high flying working people who are very dedicated to duty and work as a family. By this, we are inspired to even do

more", he said stressing that the entire staff and students of the Faculty are grateful to government, TETFund and university management led by Prof. Soremekun.

"We have plans to impact on our immediate community with our open door policy. The indigenes can always walk in to ask and get information on anything pertaining to Agricultural practices", he stated, pointing out that the philosophy of town and gown relationship is the reason for cordial relationship between the Faculty and Ikole environs.

Speaking in the same vein, the Deputy Dean of the Faculty, Dr. (Mrs.) T. O. Ariyomo described the complex as "the new face of the Faculty".

Dr. Ariyomo, who is also the Chairman, Faculty of Agriculture Space Allocation Committee revealed that the complex has six professorial offices, space for three heads of department, three laboratories, twelve single offices, two stores, 162-capacity auditorium and another six 48-capacity lecture theatres. The auditorium is equipped with a console and public address system.

She further disclosed that the Faculty intends to move at least seven of its eight Departments in the Faculty to the facility for ease of administration. The departments in the Faculty are: Agricultural Economics & Extension, Animal Production and Health, Crop Science and Horticulture, Fisheries and

Aquaculture, Food Science & Technology, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Soil Science and Land Resources Management as well as Water Resources Management & Agro Meteorology.

The Deputy Dean hinted that, part of the Faculty's plan to further build on the existing cordial relationship with the host community, is the proposed Agriculture Workshop where local farmers would be invited to synergize with the Faculty.

"There is also an 'Agric Day' where staff, students and the community would converge in a kind of 'Agric Fair' to display their produce and agro-allied products", she further revealed pointing out that "These are part of the ways the Faculty and by extension the University intends to cement the existing harmonious relationship with the host community".

Dr Ariyomo, however, implored the relevant organs of the University to expedite actions to connect the complex to public power supply and also provide water to the complex.

The sprawling structure is the most recent in the FUYOE infrastructure drive. It is an imposing building sitting on many acres of flat land and provides spacious accommodation for the Faculty.

The project came with complete external works which include beautiful landscaping and driveways. The project was realized under the 2014/2015/2016 merged TETFUND Intervention.



Photos of recent events.....



FUOYE Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kayode Soremekun (left), in a tete-a-tete with Senator Ayodele Arise on November 29, 2019 during the burial of the latter's mum



Deputy Director, Corporate Services, Mr Yinka Ademuyiwa (sitting middle) flanked by other FUOYE staff at Abidemi Arise's mum burial on Saturday November 30, 2019



Senator Ayodele Arise riding a horse driven cart in celebration of his mum's passage unto glory



Students of FUOYE Top Up and Conversion Programme who matriculated at The Polytechnic Ibadan recently

Fasina's daughter weds on Saturday

In response to readers' requests that we republished this story on Deputy Vice-Chancellor's daughter wedding, here it is:

The daughter of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), Prof Abayomi Sunday Fasina, Miss Omolola Anuluwapo Fasina is set to tie the nuptial knots with her heart throb, Mr. Paul Oluwanifemi Ajayi.

The marriage ceremony is slated for Grace Covenant Centre, behind Mojere Market, Opopogbooro, Ado Ekiti on Saturday December 21st, 2019 at 10:00am. Reception follows immediately at Afe Babalola Foundation Civic Centre, Opopogbooro, Ekiti State.

According to an invitation card sent out by the families of the wedding couple, a copy of which was made available to FUOYENews, the traditional wedding ceremony will precede the church event on Friday, December 20th, 2019 at Amazing Grace Event Centre, Ekiti State University Road, Ado Ekiti at 1:00pm.

All staff members are encouraged to attend and celebrate with the celebrants.



DVC Admin. Prof. A.S Fasina and two others at the matriculation ceremony in Ibadan



CREATIVE THOUGHTS

Wole Balogun



Hurray Xmas is here!

Once in royal David city...peace on earth and mercy mind, God and sinner reconcile...

Above random words are part of that legendary Christmas rhyme that has come to be one of the anthems of our Lord's birthday celebration on yearly basis and we sing it with heavenly relish. The song and many others like it give us the joy associated with Christmas. Oh Christmas!, world's most beautiful celebration. It is a festive period that has become so remarkable for a number of reasons beyond religious purposes.

For some, the coincidence of Christmas with end of the year makes it a special yuletide. For others, it is a period when everyone feels love should be in the air and because so many people have bought into this idea, the world becomes one on the day of Christmas as everyone, including non-Christians, celebrate the season yuletide with pomp and pageantry, sharing gifts, love, best and good wishes and doing good deeds to one another.

However, as much as Xmas is a time of celebration, festivities, joy and what have you, it should also be a time for sober reflection, a time to stand back, take a look at what has been done in earlier months, and plan for the coming new year, with a resolve to make it better in the new year.

The events of 2019 have been challenging, intriguing and tragic although there have been interesting times also. On the brighter side, the twin campuses of our great University, Ikole and Oye, have witnessed tremendous infrastructural development which has equally provided a fairly conducive learning environment for the University community. We now have new hostel accommodation on campus, better power supply and more tarred roads which have ensured that the challenges of movement we had in 2018 was surmounted.

More learning facilities are springing

up in various faculties just as there are more faculties, Law, Management Sciences and Education being accredited by the appropriate regulatory bodies. And even as at last week, I still witnessed the on-going construction of some other learning facilities and infrastructural projects.

The 2nd Combined Convocation ceremony of our great school also held this year and was greeted with several remarkable commendations even from the Presidency which lauded FUOYE 'S exemplary role in rewarding selfless service to humanity, dedication and commitment to excellence by garlanding three outstanding personalities who have exuded the aforementioned virtues, i.e Imam Abdullahi Abubakar, the Muslim cleric who saved 262 Christians from being killed by insurgents in northern Nigeria, Bishop of the Ekiti Catholic Diocese, Bishop Felix Ajakaiye and Guy Garguillo, an European teacher who devoted and sacrificed over 60 years of his life moulding teenage Nigerians in a school in Ondo State. For the noble feat of recognizing and rewarding these noble men, FUOYE council and management as well as the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kayode Soremekun were greatly commended by President Muhammadu Buhari who also charged other universities in the country to emulate the exemplary role played by our University in that direction. The President equally noted that FUOYE's garlands for the exemplary roles played by the awardees was in line with the Federal Government's policy of rebranding, rebuilding the nation and charting the course for the next level of greatness.

Many of our students and staff members also gave FUOYE reasons to smile and celebrate by winning several awards and grants which made us very proud and increased the webometric ranking of our institution.

However, on the other side, we had it quite rough with students' activities in waging protest war against both the management and the Benin Electricity

Distribution Company (BEDC). While the students' union protest against the school management which were done with demands for better road network, more conducive learning environment, more vibrant internet system and electricity on campus, among others have been rewarded with management's prompt response in providing these facilities, their protest for better electricity supply in neighbouring communities off campus had turned bloody, resulting into a tragic class with some security personnel who allegedly murdered two poor students of our university, Joseph Okonofua and Kehinde Dada. We use this medium again to commiserate with the university community and the bereaved families of Joseph and Kehinde, may their souls find eternal rest in the Lord's bosom, amen.

That tragic narrative calls for sober reflection and a change of strategy in engaging stakeholders by the students. We must now be very careful in future engagement with both the management or other stakeholders in our quest to ensure that our demands are met. We must shun violent acts, and bad company and also be law abiding and civil in our future engagement. A word they say, is enough for the wise.

Now to the matter at hand, the love of Christmas that is in the air, as we await the festive moment, let us also be very careful and take precaution at every movement and in every endeavour. Don't take the liberty to celebrate too much, remember you do not drink and drive. Be security conscious and report suspicious people. Be meticulous with checking the vehicle properly before taking it out, whether you are going far or near. Avoid late night driving; you must realize that Nigerian roads are not safe for anyone late in the night. This time around is usually when those men of the underworld ply their trade on the roads. In most cases, they choose the late hours for their heinous crimes. May we not be victims in their evil hands in Jesus name, amen.