

# FUOYE News

...innovation and character for national transformation

#### A WEEKLY PUBLICATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR

**VOL. 1 NO. 6** 

MONDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2020 www.fuoye.edu.ng ISSN: 2705-4365

### Federal Government lauds FUOYE on Infrastructural devt.

By Chris Ukaegbu

he Federal Government has expressed satisfaction at the rate of infrastructural development at the Federal University Oye Ekiti (FUOYE), showering encomiums on the Management led by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Kayode Soremekun for delivering on all public works he has started since the last four years and completing many he met uncompleted.

This expression was made on Tuesday February 11, 2020 when representatives of the Federal Government at the Governing Council of the university, including Engr. Sabo Inuwa, Alhaji Abdullahi Salihu Jibrin, who represents the Federal Ministry of Education on the Council and Alhaji Alkali Aji Kolo conducted a comprehensive tour of facilities built in the last four years.

The External Council members, who conducted the tour along with Internal Council members like Prof

Continue on page 2



Prof. Soremekun (middle) in a chat with some Council members during the tour on Tuesday February 11, 2020

### NICON compensates victims of Students riots at FUOYE

By Kareemah Badmus-Lawal and Bunmi Dada

ollowing an existing arrangement This is apart from scholarships to siblings between the Nigeria Insurance Company (NICON) Plc and the Federal University Oye-Ekiti (FUUOYE), the insurance company has effected payment of compensation to victims of Students fracas of September 10, 2019.

The presentation of cheques was done by the Executive Director Marketing and Branch Operations, NICON Insurance Plc, Mr Debo Oladejo to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Kayode Soremekun, in a short ceremony held at the Vice-February 7, 2020.

In this edition

FOI exist to advance public interest,

protect privacy, says Ademuyiwa

DSA in London for the students

Photos from the Council tour

DSS holds capacity building

FUOYE's VC wants early take off of

**Distance Learning Programme** 

study Tour

Workshop

**Notices** 

of the deceased victims of the riot and free tuition to those injured during the fracas.

Prof Kayode Soremekun, himself a veteran of many university struggles as a lecturer using the Staff Union, Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU). welcomed delegates from the insurance and consoled family members of the deceased.

He prayed against future occurrences of such experiences and that target students' welfare a priority. Chancellor's Conference Room on expressed delight that Nicon Insurance is coming up to fulfill its obligations. "They

have ably demonstrated that something positive can come out from insurance companies as opposed to the general notion about insurance companies", he added.

Furthermore, Prof Soremekun noted that the university has just started with Nicon Insurance and for this response the relationship is likely to continue. He reminded Officials of the Student Union Government present, to appreciate the gesture and foresight of the university administration in making insurance policy

Continue on page 2

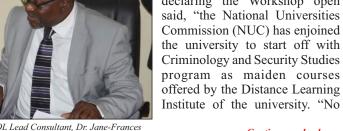
### **FUOYE starts Distance learning with Criminology** studies says, VC

By Chinedu Okafor and Bamidele Eleniola

(FUOYE) Distance Learning programme will start with Criminology and Security Studies programme.

he Federal University Ove Ekiti This was disclosed to participants of an Open Education Resource (OER) and Materials Development Workshop by the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof Kayode Soremekun on Monday February 10, 2020 at the Council Chamber.

Prof Soremekun, while declaring the Workshop open





Continue on back page

# **NEWS**

### Federal Government lauds FUOYE on Infrastructural devt.

continued from front page

Abayomi Sunday Fasina (Deputy Vice- Pharmacy, the Faculty of Basic Medical Chancellor Administration), Prof Olusola Johnson Ojo (Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic), Mr Mufutau Ibrahim (Ag Registrar), Mrs Bolatito Roseline Akande (Bursar, who was represented), Dr. Gboyega Adio (Librarian), Prof O. Omotola (Representing the Senate), Prof O.S. Lawal (Representing the Senate) Prof S. Adejuyighe (also Representing the Senate) were elated by rate of growth and expansion of the young university.

Speaking with Press men, Alhaji Jubrin said, "We are here to confirm the level of development and achievement in FUOYE. We are very satisfied. We can confirm that FUOYE is working".

Also addressing the Press after an exhaustive tour, the Vice Chancellor, said the driving force behind the over 46 projects visited is the "Culture of Excellence" which he described as "Synonymous with my person".

inspected today; the Faculty of continue to fund federal universities.

Sciences, the Mass Communication Studio, the Faculty of Management Sciences and others were started and completed by us. They are all located in Phase 3 which was a forest when we got here in 2016".

Two major dual carriage roads are being constructed. One opens the university directly to the popular Ifaki-Oye-Ikole-Kabba-Lokoja- Abuja road with the potentials of giving more visibility to travelers to nation's capital while the other, also a dual carriage, extends the existing main road from the university gate phase three connecting the new road in front of administrative building.

Prof Soremekun advised staff to learn to be patient and to cooperate more with authority because according to him, "Rome was not built in a day". To the students, he said they should learn to make judicious use of the facilities while "Most of the facilities we calling on the Federal government to

He disclosed that by the time the present admission process is concluded, that FUOYE would be hitting the 20,000 students' population mark explaining that the implication is that more infrastructure will be required to accommodate the teeming students, expressing hope that "surely in the next five years, FUOYE will be looking more like OAU and UNILAG", in terms of infrastructure.

Also present at the tour were the Dean Of Management Sciences, Prof Patrick Olajide Oladele, Dean of Agriculture, Prof O.B. Adeniji, Director of Physical Planning, Mr. Adebowale Avodele, Director, Top Up and Conversion, Dr A.A. Adekunle, Director Medical Services, Dr Olawale Musbau Deputy Director Corporate Services, Mr. Ademuyiwa Adeyinka, as well as PAR Council Affairs, Mrs Blessing Eniolorunpe.

#### NICON compensates victims of Students riots at FUOYE continued from front page

the university administration in making the students involved. insurance policy that target students' welfare a priority.

The Vice Chancellor therefore told the Students' Leaders to look for a way by which the contributions can be increased advising the Students Union Executives to discuss the idea further with their fellow students and reach an agreement.

In response to the VC's remark, Mr Debo Oladejo, appreciated the Vice-Chancellor, the School Management and the welfare committee that approved the insurance cover for this opportunity.

He requested for a one minute silence for the souls of the departed students noting that though this insurance policy does not cover instances of war, riot and destructions. However, as a caring organization, NICON sees it as a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

The visiting Executive Director further pleaded with the students and all concerned parties to embrace dialogue rather than violence and thanked God that the incident is behind now. He also advised that as the students grow, they should ensure that things are done aaaappropriately sympathizing with the family members of

The Acting Dean Student Affairs, Dr Dosu Malomo, said the to NICON Insurance for cases such as disabilities, injuries, accidents and others, this kind of incident was not

Mr. Debo Oladejo, right presenting the cheque to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Soremekun on Monday February 10, 2020

expected and it is indeed a very sad incident.

"The incident has happened first time the school started payment and NICON has come to fulfill its obligation", said Dr Malomo, praying for the departed souls and warning that such fate should never befall the

institution ever again.

The beneficiaries are Mrs Okonofua Esther, Mrs Folorunsho Temitope (Nee Dada) who are mother and sister of the deceased and three other students that sustained various degrees of injuries.

Also in attendance at the event were; Director, Medical Services, Dr Musbau Olawale, Head of Counseling and Human Development Center, Dr Kemi Omele, Representative of the Chief Security Officer, Mrs Grace Odigun, and Students Union Executives.



### FOI exist to advance public interest, protect privacy, says Ademuyiwa

By Olaiya Arise

he Deputy Director, Corporate Services, Federal University Oye - Ekiti (FUOYE), Mr Adeyinka Ademuyiwa has pointed out that the Freedom of Information Act 2011, rested on two fundamental pillars of promotion of public interest and protection of private privacy.

disclosure at the 4<sup>th</sup> In-House Monthly Training Seminar of the Directorate on Tuesday February 4, 2020 at the Council Chambers.

The Deputy Director who emphasized the need for Information Officers to grasp the letter and spirit of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act stressed that the nation, which transited civil rule has evolved information

Oaths, Restricted, Not to be published, Top Secret etc were the regulations and practices prior to Freedom of Information Act when government drew legitimacy from United Kingdom and barrels the of gun" he said pointing out the correlation between the nature of government and the Mr Ademuyiwa made this acceptable mode of information management.

"Now that every country has embraced democracy, information management is more liberalised', further said stressing that the FOI act aims at promoting public interest and make government increasingly more accountable to the populace.

"The Press cannot perform its from pre-colonial, colonial, military and constitutional duties as expressly codified in the constitution of the Federal Republic secrecy that we had been using even require for the performance of their jobs.

"Official Secrecy Act, Secret before 1914", he stressed. This was why non- governmental organizations joined hands with the Press to change information regulatory regime through the FOI Act.

> The FOI Act, though empowers the Press, it also places more obligations and responsibilities on the journalist. "Where public interest is not clearly threatened, FOI discourages the press from making reports", he stressed again and added that protection of privacy of individuals is also one challenge the Nigerian Press must advance.

The One- hour monthly training is to help peer review writing skills, spelling drills, mentor those who are willing and generally share professional exposure and experiences that can help management systems reflective of each except we move away from the culture of Information Officers with hands-on skills

### DSA in London for the students' study Tour

By Chinedu Okafor

Study Tour in the United Kingdom.

In a correspondence with FUOYENews on Tuesday January 27, 2020, the Dean, disclosed that the significance of the invitation was to enable the university improve on its Students' support services which including welfare, transportation, placement as a whole.

He pointed out that the tour universities overseas. would be beneficial to Student Affairs in several ways such as: introducing the Students' Union to new ideals of unionism; introducing representation on observer status of students on Disciplinary Committee; improving the general welfare of students in areas of medical, sports, transportation and keeping good Committee", he added. accommodation; corporate records of off campus campus and many more.

Federal University Oye-Ekiti, engagement procedures during recipient of good business proposal. (FUOYE), Dr. Dosu Malomo, demanding situations and creating special has travelled to London to attend an office of Students' Development Centre International Students' Support Services where all forms of students' issues are directed to the appropriate offices were part of the proffered guidelines highlighted in the course of the tour".

Comparing FUOYE in terms of Students' Affairs activities to Western Universities, he said that the Vice Chancellor in FUOYE, Prof Kayode Soremekun has been very magnanimous security, sports, counselling and job by allowing students' union activities as it

> "Also the VC in FUOYE has been disposed to regular meetings with student leaders as it is there too. Our appeal to VC is to allow a student representative as observer in Students' Disciplinary Committee (SDC). This will allow students have opportunity of unbiased information on activities of the

Dr. Malomo equally appealed to accommodation of the students; the management to assist in setting up an monitoring activities of the faith based office of Student Development Centre organisations operating inside the where the following can be done; Curriculum Vitae development, Interview The don further said that training, Job seeking, Job placement,

cting Dean of Student Affairs, "Teaching the union leaders the proper provision of token to start business by any

On plans of creating synergy with the Student body in the United Kingdom, the Dean expressed his readiness to collaborate with the National Association of Nigerian Students, (NANS) UK and the Nigerian Students Union United Kingdom (NSUUK) with a view to garnering more support services for the young institution.

During the program, the Dean of Student Affairs, FUOYE, Dr. Dosu is also the case with counterpart Malomo visited Universities such as Imperial College, University of Greenwich, University of East London, Middlesex University and the Nigerian High Commission in the UK.

> According to a statement signed by the Founder/Head Coordinator of Nigerians Students' Union United Kingdom, (NSSUK), Mr Opeyemi Soile, a copy of which was made available to FUOYENews, the tour, which ran from January 26, 2020 to January 29, 2020, was designed to help the participants create functional strategies from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century model for the development of students and their respective institutions.



# PhotoSpeak: Governing Cou

















# ncil Project Inspection Tour.....

















### DSS holds capacity building Workshop

By Godfrey Bakji

he Department of Demography and Social Statistics, Federal University Oye-Ekiti (FUOYE) has commenced a capacity building workshop on Monday, February 10, 2020 at the university Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Centre. The Workshop according to the organizers was targeted at Lecturers and other employees from both the public and private sectors, Postgraduate Students and others, the organizers said it was the second in the series with the maiden edition held last year.

Addressing the audience, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, Professor Shola Omotola said the Faculty was impressed with the strides of the Department of Demography and Social Statistics. He expressed delight also for the impressive turn out which he said was far above what was witnessed during the maiden audition. Professor Omotola was also full of praises to the Acting Head of Department, Dr (Mrs) Lorretta Ntiomo and other staff of the department for the organization of the workshop. He pledged continuous support of the faculty for subsequent exercises. The Dean spoke through the Deputy Dean, Dr. Chika Osagua.

In her remarks, the Acting Head of Department, Department of Demography and Social Statistics, Dr (Mrs) Loreetta ntiomo expressed profound appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor of FUOYE Professor Kayode Soremekun and the Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, Professor Shola Omotola, "permit me to thank the Vice-Chancellor for giving us the enabling environment to host this workshop and to the Dean and Deputy Dean of the Faculty for the support and encouragement. I would also like to thank all who contributed to making this workshop a reality".

According to Dr Ntiomo, "One of the challenges of scientific research is what to do with data after collection (data management). The research concept may be superb, a flawed methodology will make it unacceptable to examiners (for students) and for publication of

reputable journals".

The workshop according to the Don has a way of contributing to capacity building in data management for more productive research adding that Demographers are experts in data collection and analysis.

The maiden edition which held last year, she further said, attracted participants from within and outside FUOYE and it was a great time learning descriptive and inferential statistics and citation management using zotero.

This year's workshop covers a range of topics in data management from the simple descriptive statistics to the more complex inferential analyses. She also revealed that the facilitator, Dr Emmanuel Olamiju, is one of the experts in Demography and Population Studies. He is a lecturer at the University of Eswatinity, formerly Swaziland in Southern Africa.

### **Orientation Planning Committee**

### RE: ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR THE 2019/2020 ACADEMIC SESSION

write to inform you that the Orientation for fresh students has been reschedule to hold between Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> –Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2020.

Please note that you will still perform the role assigned to you. Thank you.

### J.O. Adeyemo

Secretary, Orientation Planning Committee

### **University Health Centre**

### **HEALTH TIPS**

#### MRS XYZ ORDEALTO LASSA FEVER VIRUS

- Mrs XYZ is 35 years old and lives in a rural suburb. She is married to a farmer and together they have 5 children, the youngest just clocking 8 months.
- Sound sleep at night has been difficult for her family, as rats are very active in her home. All efforts to deal with these creepy little mammals have proven abortive.
- O She throws refuse close to her house and rats usually feast on discarded food remnants all day long.
- One pastime for her children is killing these rats with catapults and handling dead rats with bare hands.
- O In fact, they often conduct mini rat killing tournaments and anyone that kills the highest number of rats goes home with the bragging rights.
- 0 3 weeks later she suddenly started feeling weak and developed a fever.
- O Mr XYZ took her to the local chemist who gave her antimalarial drugs. Despite this, the symptoms worsened and she started vomiting and passing watery stool.
- O Her baby who is being breastfed also developed similar symptoms.
- 7 days later, despite the treatment, the fever persisted and she started having severe abdominal pain and difficulty in swallowing foods.
- O Mr XYZ rushed her to the General Hospital. Already, 3 of her other children were now ill.
- O She was investigated and treated for Typhoid fever. Yet, her condition is worsening.
- 2 days into the admission her, 8 months old baby, who is being breastfed died by her bedside.
- Grieve striking, she suddenly began to vomit blood and bleed from her nostrils.
- O The doctor in charge of the health facility became suspicious of this patient.
- Ø Blood samples were taken again from her and a call was put across to the State epidemiologist, who responded quickly. Few hours later Mrs XYZ gave up the ghost.
- O Her blood sample was taken to the infectious disease laboratory and the result confirmed the fear of the doctor.
- O She, as well as her child died of Lassa Fever

#### **MORAL OF THIS CASE**

- Lassa fever is real and very contagious
- The role of community hygiene in the prevention of Lassa fever cannot be overemphasized.
- O Foodstuff and grains should be stored in Rodent-proof containers:
- Refuse should be thrown far from the house and burnt.
- Eat cooked foods that are done properly before eating.
- Family members should avoid touching body fluids while caring for sick persons
- Maintain good personal hygiene.
- Wash your hands properly and regularly with soap and clean water
- Avoid handling rats, its faecal droppings or secretions with bare hands.

#### **CONCLUSION**

- O The spread of Lassa fever can be curbed if every individual decides to actively practice necessary safety measures to prevent the disease.
- O Don't wait till you see a case, LET'S STOP THE SPREAD! ACTNOW!

Visit the UHC for more information

## NEWS



### FUOYE's VC wants early take off of Distance Learning Programme

The Vice-Chancellor used the opportunity provided by the visit to "thank all partners on the DLI project who have been helping us, pushing us and prodding us in this particular direction. I want to express my deep felt gratitude to the COL because when I looked at the Budget that the Coordinator gave me, I found that a large portion of the budget was being borne by COL. When the history of this university is written and a chapter on DLI is being codified your respective names would come up prominently", he promised.

Prof. Soremekun further promised that his administration would do all possible within the ambits of lean resources to continue to support the project, and wished that "sooner than later, COL would come up with the fiscal oxygen such that reimbursement will take place" because 'we are really putting scarce resources because if we have to wait for them we wouldn't have achieved the mileage you have appreciated today" the VC said.

The FUOYE DLI Consultant and leader of delegation, Prof Jegede had earlier introduced members of his team to include Prof. Patrick Eya from National Open University (NOUN), Mr Johan Fouché, an architect and a Consultant to COL from University of Pretoria in South Africa and Coordinator, DLI in FUOYE, Dr. A. M. Akinsorotan.

Prof Eya had described Prof Jegede as the "Moving spirit behind the DLI project and the origin of Distant Learning in Africa. He disclosed that when they met last May in a programme facilitated by Prof Jegede, "it was resolved that we should bring in the VCs so that they can understand and appreciate better firsthand the reports their Directors of Distance Learning come back with".

Prof Eya said the essence of the visit was to find out firsthand challenges faced by individual institutions running the DLI programme. The fact-finding visit became all the more imperative because, "we have been sending questionnaires to know how far people have been going in the development distance learning programmes and the progress they are making but we haven't been receiving adequate responses.

"We therefore resolved to go and find out how far physically. Out of the 15 DLI identified Centres, 12 have been listed for us to visit. We have been going round and the Universities have been telling us some of their problems", he said.

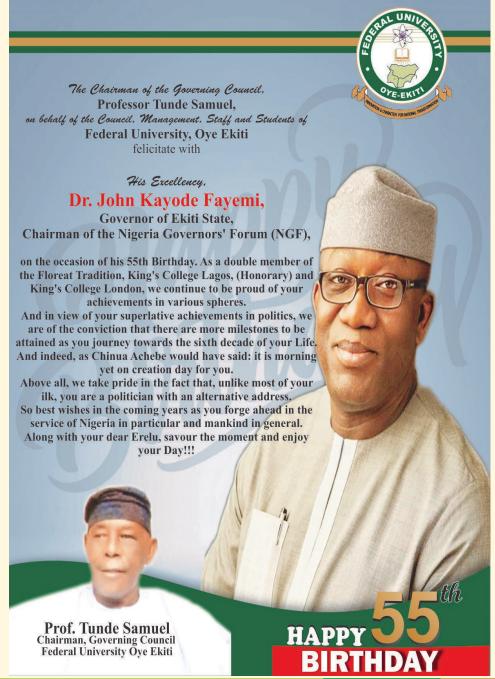
He thanked VC for obliging to give them money "to start the Workshop because COL is usually bogged down by bureaucracy.

So we came to see how the Workshop is going". "I am impressed and I have interacted with participants and they are happy with is going on. I want to thank you very much. Your own will be second to none because you are starting with a very lucrative program, Criminology and Security Studies. It is a new program and everybody will key into it" he observed.

He compared the development strides in FUOYE to what obtains in second generation university in Nigeria, "What I have seen within the short period; the development is rapid as if it is a second generation University. I am impressed with what is going on, here".

Professor Jegede had earlier submitted that Commonwealth of Learning is an intergovernmental organisation of the Commonwealth headquartered in Vancouver in British Colombia, Canada. It is established to provide technical and resource-based assistance to all the 54 commonwealth

countries interested in Open and Distance Learning (ODL). Nigeria is one of the signatories to the establishment of Commonwealth of Learning (COL) and makes subscriptions to COL. As result, and any organisation interested in DL should take advantage of COL.



# FUOYE News

# FUOYE's VC wants early take off of Distance Learning Programme By Chris Ukaegbu

he Vice-Chancellor, Federal University Oye-Ekiti, (FUOYE), Professor Kayode Soremekun, has expressed his desire to see the Distance Learning Programme take off during his tenure as vice- chancellor of the fast growing institution.

Speaking while hosting a visitation team from the Commonwealth of Learning, (COL), in league with FUOYE Distance Learning Institute, (DLI), on Wednesday February 5, 2020 in his office, Prof. Soremekun expressed his desire to see the programme take off fully latest by June this year.

"From all indications, I am hopeful that in the nearest future this venture will start and it will start in my own tenure in this University. I am hoping that sometime in 2020 we will start fully", he said.

While welcoming the team from Commonwealth of Learning who were on a fact-finding mission to the Regional Training and Research Institute for Distant and Open Learning, (RETRIDOL), the Vice-Chancellor appreciated the Team Leader, Prof. Olagbemiro Jegede, for his unflagging commitment to the distance learning project in FUOYE.

The Vice-Chancellor also expressed his joy at the presence of Professor Patrick E. Eya from NOUN Headquarters. "I am encouraged by the presence of Prof Eyah. What it means is that we have since expanded our contacts. I can assure you that the Nigerian market is so elastic that we are posing no threat to National Open University (NOUN). I think there is enough space for all of us", he said.

Continue on page 7

# **FUOYE** starts Distance learning with Criminology studies says, VC

Continued from front page

sooner than later, we will be having almost a parallel university in that all the courses offered by the university will be replicated on the platform of Distance Learning".

"The National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) is seen as the father of Distance Learning in Nigeria and to that extent, we have a lot to learn from NOUN".... "We are proposing that we have a partnership between FUOYE and NOUN such that between now and in the nearest future, we will be in a position to really midwife our own baby via our own dear program", he further stated expressing delight to see the visiting team and describing their visit as "purely a scenario of labour of love extended to the university".

The university administrator reiterated the need for the recipients of the training to take the workshop seriously, adding that the university is evolving and therefore, embarking on a journey that is trying to forge a linkage between quality education on one hand and quantity education on the other hand.

The Literary Scholar further likened the phrase contained in the anthem rendered, "Arise and Shine, O compatriots", to a call for the redemption of the black race and stated that one way in which the black race could be redeemed is through the instrumentality of education.

Professor Soremekun further established the need for a healthy balance between the University and its host community through education pointing at the disparity between the people on FUOYE campus and its surrounding communities.

"If you look at the university as it is based in the community, it is like a cocoon that is so different from the town hosting it and that is because of education. The challenge now is how we can ensure that the town matches up with the gown at the level of education such that the latter can equally learn traditional ways of doing things from the former", he said.

Commenting further, the Vice Chancellor reiterated that the FUOYE's Distance Learning Institute (DLI) was aimed at creating a partnership between the University and the Commonwealth of Learning, a major institution that is committed to distance education all over the world. "My visit to the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) a few months back has paid off in the form of imminent partnership with the university", he revealed.

He further observed that the nascent university has defied all odds and challenges common to a new university by way of expansion of her academic programs, establishing a post graduate school and now flagging off the Distance Learning Institute which in turn elicited commendation from the NUC noting that "At a more pedestal level, when we succeed, we are going to release a large resource base in terms of money. But before you get money, you have to plant and that is exactly what we are doing".

Also speaking, COL lead Consultant at the OER and Material Development Workshop, Dr. Jane-Frances Obigeli Agbu, commended the COL for putting up such a workshop while expressing gratitude to the management of the university for hosting them

She stated that the workshop was designed as an interactive exercise aimed at embodying a symbiotic learning experience between the university and the COL. "We hope that as we share our insight in OER and materials development, we will be able to plug the gaps in your understanding of those key terms as we exchange knowledge", she said.

She further affirmed that at the end of the workshop, the beneficiaries would have been equipped with the overview of Open and Distance Learning (ODL), key concepts of OER and Open Licensing, Pedagogical issues in course materials development, Approaches, roles and workflow in course material development, Steps and Importance of quality control in material writing and available search tools for OER.

The Commonwealth of Learning, (COL), Canada, through Regional Training and Research Institute for Distance and Open learning (RETRIDOL) joined the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) and FUOYE's Distance Learning Institute (DLI) to organize the Workshop

### Photos from DLI Seminar





