



FUOYE NEWS

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POLICE PROMISES CORDIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH FUOYE

The Ekiti State Police command has assured the Federal University Oye-Ekiti community of a cordial and harmonious working relationship. Led by the State Police Commissioner, Mr. Etop John James, the command visited the university while on their familiarization tour of police formations and traditional institutions across the state. The police boss in company of some of his other commanding officers such as the officer -in-charge of the Mobile Police and the OC CIB, among others, was received by the Vice Chancellor Professor, Isaac Asuzu, in his office.

The police boss said he came and inherited a harmonious working relationship between the institution and the command and reiterated that his officers and men are always willing to offer necessary services to the university community. He promised that no effort will be spared towards providing an enabling environment for a peaceful co-existence between town and gown. As a specialist in police-community relations, he said that the doors of his administration were wide open for complaints or suggestions on how to relate best with staff and students of the university community.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Isaac Asuzu applauded the police for ensuring peace in FUOYE. He appreciated the OC Mopol and his men especially for their unrelenting efforts and support during the staff unrest of December 2014. He assured his guests and the police command at large that the institution would continue to relate with the police not only in times of trouble but as partners in progress. He hinted that FUOYE in due course might introduce courses such as law, criminology and ICT that would involve officers and men of the police. This he said is what obtains in advanced societies and which deepens police-university relations. No institution, he said, can do without the police. “ We should be relating, not only when we have challenges” he suggested.

The university principal officers were all present during the courtesy call by the police commissioner.

YEAR 2015 CHRISTIAN PILGRIMAGE

This is to inform all members of staff of the university that the Ekiti State Christian Pilgrims Welfare Board, Ado-Ekiti, has commenced the preparation for the 2015 Holy Pilgrimage to Israel, Greece and Rome.

Members of staff that wish to participate in this year's pilgrimage (self-sponsored) are to seek the vice chancellor's approval in writing through their respective heads of department.

LIVE AN EXEMPLARY LIFE- VC CHARGES IGBO STUDENTS

Ahead of the inauguration of the Igbo Students' Association FUOYE Chapter, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Isaac Asuzu, has charged members of the young association to live an exemplary life in the university. Speaking while executive members of the association paid him a courtesy visit in his office last Thursday, the vice chancellor implored the students to be of good conduct, adding that they should live an exemplary life worthy of emulation since they are like strangers in the midst of people with varying cultural heritages.

Continuing, he said, “Avoid things that would tarnish your image or put you into trouble; always ensure people don't have negative things to say about you. Don't break the rules nor get involved in any group that causes menace to the society. Above all, shun cultism and study hard”. He promised his unflinching support to law-abiding associations in the university and assured that his door would remain open to such for interface towards ensuring growth and development.

The vice chancellor reaffirmed the fact that the university, being a federal institution, confers on all students equal opportunities and benefits without discrimination.

Earlier on, president of the association, Mr. Ebere Ahunanya had expressed delight at the vice chancellor for honoring them with his audience. He stated that the Igbo Students Association came with the purpose of acquainting themselves with the vice chancellor whom he described as 'our father'. “We want to use this medium to get a fatherly advice from you, to get support morally, socially, financially and otherwise since it is a young association”, the president further said.

He also promised on behalf of his executive, to work in line with other established associations on campus with the aim of upholding the motto of the institution which is '**Innovation and Character for National Transformation.**' The student body had their academic adviser, Mr. Chikelue Umenyilorah in attendance.

As part of their routine lectures, members of the academic staff of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences held the 6th edition of their lecture series on Tuesday June 23, 2015 at the faculty hall.

The three presentations which were tagged; *Towards a Viable Local Government System in Nigeria*, *Youth Participation in Rural Development Programme* and *Influence of Women Literacy & Quality of Basic Education on Antenatal Care Utilisation* were delivered by Mr. Felix Chukwu (GST Unit), Rev. Fr. Anthony Adebayo (Sociology Department) and Mr. Blessing I. Babalola respectively.

Mr. Felix, who spoke on the relevance of local government as a tier of government, emphasized the need to bring governance closer to the people which, according to him, would foster rapid rural development. He described the overall objective of the paper as one that sought ways of repositioning local government systems at the grass root level.

He identified undue interference by both the federal and state governments, challenges associated with allocation and equitable distribution of revenue and misrepresentation of local government interests as some of the factors that have bedeviled and hindered sustainable local government system in Nigeria. He, however, submitted that constitutional provisions guiding the operations of local governments in Nigeria could be strengthened through vigorous amendment to reflect their functions, powers and management.

He recommended that INEC should take over the election of local government functionaries from the state electoral bodies as a panacea to the problems bedeviling this arm of government.

The second paper delivered by Rev. Anthony Adebayo pointed out the increasing need of youth participation in agriculture which he described as catalyst for national development. The clergy, who doubles as a lecturer, further described agriculture as a financially rewarding venture which could also serve as one of the remedies for the ever-growing youth unemployment. He stated that agriculture could help reduce wide-spread poverty, and stressed the need for agricultural practices to be made lucrative so as to elicit active youth participation in helping to meet the world food need. Rev. Adebayo made recommendations that government should embark on educational and campaign awareness in agriculture, provide adequate training, ensure timely fertilizer availability, improved seedlings, land security as well as sustained budgetary provisions for mechanized agricultural practices. He also suggested that government should mandate banks and other corporate organizations, through legislation, to set aside a percentage of their profit for agriculture and rural development. Imbibing these recommendations according to Rev. Adebayo would help foster a virile national cum rural development.

Mr. Blessing Babalola spoke on the essence of antenatal care services utilization through women's repeated exposure to quality basic education practices. He disclosed that his findings had revealed that women only made use of antenatal care based on their recognition of its importance. He stressed the need for more sensitization, adding that improvement in education on current sexual related health issues would impart largely on antenatal care utilization. Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Prof. R. O. Bakare, in rounding off the event appreciated all faculty members who had availed themselves of the opportunity of attending the seminar. Some prominent faculty members present included Chairman of Seminar series, Dr. B.O Adeseye (representing the Chairman of Faculty Seminar Committee, Dr. Alexander Eze), Associate Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Prof. Omolayo, Head, GST Unit, Dr. Rufus Akindola and Dr. W. A. Oyedokun who moderated activities.

REDESIGNATION OF APPOINTMENT

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>DEPT.</u> | <u>PREV.</u> | <u>PRESENT POST</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|
| L. Mrs Taiwo Susan Falade | Microbiology | H. E. O | Technologist II |

CONTRACT APPOINTMENT

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>DEPARTMENT</u> | <u>POST</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Mr Isaac Olawumi Ola | Security Unit | Security Officer II |

EXTENSION OF SABBATICAL

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>DEPT.</u> | <u>POST</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. Dr Raphael Emuebie Okonji | Biochemistry | Senior Lecturer |

REGULARIZATION OF APPOINTMENT AS READER

1. Dr (Mrs) Nnennaya Ogechi Agbenin, Dept. of Crop Science and Horticulture, Faculty of Agriculture.
2. Dr Olaitan Akinsanmi, Dept. of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Faculty of Engineering.