The newly inaugurated Provost of Adeyemi College of Education (ACE), Ondo, Prof. Olukoya Ogen, has appealed to all stakeholders in the institution, especially the government, various unions, alumni and students’ associations to join hands for rapid development of the institution. This was stated during the official inauguration of the new Provost with the governing council and the college community on Thursday, 30th October, 2014 at the multipurpose hall of the College.

The new Provost, who was the first alumni of the institution to be appointed to head the college which clocked 50 this year, was received by all the stakeholders. Also on hand to receive the new provost were members of the governing council, staff members, students, alumni association, UNIOSUN staff and the host community.

He averred that it is common knowledge that Adeyemi College of Education is Nigeria’s leading tertiary institution saddled with the primary responsibility of providing quality manpower that is needed in the educational establishments. He noted that, as members of Council it is their duty to ensure that the College is adequately positioned to provide the environment and opportunity for staff and students, to achieve this goals the Council believes in the visions of government towards the transformation of tertiary education in Nigeria, and it is therefore committed to ensuring proper management and administration, as well as facilitating the execution of policies and programmes that will enhance the development of human capacity and infrastructures of the College.

Ambassador Musa John Jen urged support for the new management of the College under the leadership of Professor Olukoya Ogen and also assured the management that the Governing Council will attract adequate funding for the development of the College.
He noted that the process that led to the selection of the new Provost was widely adjudged free, fair, transparent and merit-driving. There were observers from the Ministry of Education, Federal Character Commission and the Consultant who came for the interview attested to the total commitment of the Selection Panel and the larger Council to excellence and probity. The Council was unanimous in its submission that Prof. Ogen came first and who by the special grace of God was exceptional and performed brilliantly.

“Indeed, the emergence of Prof. Olukoya Ogen as the new provost of the College is a testimony to the values of hardwork, diligence, good character and sound academic training which Adeyemi College of Education has been noted to instill in its students. The new Provost is a young, dynamic and successful academic who represent a generational shift in the administration of the College” he said.

Professor Olukola Ogen in his address delivered with total submission of the awesome powers of God Almighty, his gladness and joy as a man honoured with the privilege of steering the affairs of Adeyemi College of Education. He noted the obvious challenges of the College, some of which are peculiar and general to the tertiary education system in Nigeria. He averred that the foremost and most peculiar challenge of the College which has been a mutual concern to stakeholders of the institutions is the absence of a university education status which is long overdue. Other challenges include: inadequate funding; inadequate deployment of ICT in governance and research; weak research base; inadequate national and international linkages; students and staff welfare issues; abandoned projects and infrastructural deficits; erratic power and water supply; and the negative perception of colleges of education.

The Director of Development, Prof. Siyan Oyeweso, represented the Vice-Chancellor, Osun State University, Prof. A.B. Okesina at the event. Other delegates from UNIOSUN included Prof. Kayode Alao, Prof. Banji Fajonyomi, Prof. Abayomi Kizito Folorunso, Dr. Anthony Kola-Olusanya, Dr.(Mrs.) Temitope Balogun, Dr. Rotimi Fasan, Dr. Uzoma Chukwu, Dr. Dennis Ameh Akoh, Dr. Aderogba Adeyemi, Dr. Tunde Decker, Dr. Bode Ojoniyi, Mr. H. Olawale Adetu, Mr. Adetoyese Adewuyi, Mr. John Olusegun Adebayo, Mr. Wende Olaosebikan, Mr. Ezekiel Komolafe, Mr. Owolabi Temitope Ayesanmi, Mrs. Ojoniyi among others. Other friends include Alh. Rasheed Adio, Mr. Dolapo Omolayo, Mr. Ayo Adewumi and Mr. Mutiu Lawal.

Prof. Siyan Oyeweso delivered the Vice-Chancellor’s goodwill message at the occasion. In his address, Prof. A.B. Okesina described Prof. Ogen’s new appointment as richly merited, well deserved and a manifestation of Divine’s handwork. He urged Prof. Ogen to take the College to a new height. Similarly, Prof. Oyeweso also read the goodwill message sent by Prof. Peter Okebukola OFR, immediate Past Executive Secretary National Universities Commission and former Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Osun State University. In his goodwill address, Prof. Okebukola praised the HE Ambassador John Jen led Council for the transparency, merit-driven process which led to the appointment of Prof. Olukoya Ogen as the new Provost.

In his own remark, Prof. Siyan Oyeweso called on Prof. Ogen to ensure that Adeyemi College of Education attains a full university status within the next two years of his tenure. He urged the Council to begin immediate review of the College Establishment Law, aggressive training of academic staff on Ph.D programme and alternative revenue drive.

In order to address the Challenges, Prof. Olukoya Ogen craved for the support and cooperation of the university community and that without their support the promises
will become unrealizable and the lofty goals, mere pipedream. Together, he strongly believes as the College grows and delivers more innovative and relevant education, the College will become envy of others.

Prof. Ogen, until his election was a professor of History at Osun State University, Ikire campus and a visiting Senior Research Fellow at the Department of African Studies and Anthropology, University of Birmingham. He took over from Dr. Olajuyigbe Olufemi, who was appointed the acting provost immediately after the tenure of the substantive Provost, Prof. Idowu lapsed some months ago.

The National Universities Commission (NUC) and Council for Legal Accreditation Team (CEL) during their visit to the Faculty of Law, Osun State University, Ipetedó campus, has said that accrediting programmes in the nation’s ivory towers was not to witch-hunt any institution.

Alhaji Aminu Abba, the head of the team, who said this on Tuesday, 28th October, 2014 at the Council Chamber of UNIOSUN in Osogbo campus during the visitation of the teams to the university for the purpose of carrying out Law Census Programme for the two organizations, added it was simply a peer review exercise, geared toward enhancing service delivery to enhance better productivity. “No matter how much you have done, there is always room for improvement.” Alhaji Aminu further stated that, the purpose of the Law census programme being carried out by the two organizations was to find out the resources available for teaching Law Programme in each school running law programme, proper indexing of all staff and students of Law programmes, determining the number of expected Law graduates from such university, and to plan for Law School with other professional activities.

He commended the management of Osun State University for the logistics provided by the university, stressing that it really assisted the teams for the smooth conduct of their exercise. Alhaji Aminu said that unlike most universities in the country, it was vice-versa.

He further reiterated on the forthcoming accreditation exercise for Law programme of the university, that it is important for the university to do mock accreditation exercise. “Though
UNIOSUN had uniquely and enviably complied with the NUC’s directive, but should be well prepared for the accreditation exercise” adding that once the accreditation panels were given the opportunity to ask questions, it may have negative effect on the university. “The Faculty has done very well in the sense that the documents presented were detailed enough for the review exercise, which it could be used for further development and I want to encourage you seriously, we are very happy with what we saw,” he said.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof A.B. Okesina commended the team for its doggedness, saying that the exercise was carried out to enable the university improve itself academically. Prof Okesina said UNIOSUN is not only working on the minimum requirements of the NUC/CLE but aiming to surpass that minimum standard.

With the Vice-Chancellor to receive the teams were Prof. Siyan Oyeweso, Director of Development, Prof Bayonle Olored, Dean of Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. O.O.Oladele, Dean of Faculty of Law, Mr Maxwell Oyinloye, The University Librarian, Dr. M.A. Adeleke, Ag. Director of Academic Planning, Dr. Maruf Olajiywola, Ag. Director of IMTC, Mr. Adesosun, PAR Council Affairs, Mr S.O. Abokede, PAR Corporate Affairs and Mr. Oluwole Dada, Faculty Secretary, Faculty of Law.

**MANAGEMENT OF ODU'A TELECOMS SEEKS COLLABORATION WITH UNIOSUN**

The Management of Odu'a Telecoms Limited led by its Chairman Mr. Ade Ayoola recently paid a courtesy call on the Management of UNIOSUN with the sole aim of seeking collaboration with the university in providing communication solutions for the university.

Speaking at the occasion, Mr. Ayoola, Odu'a Chairman made allusion to the peculiarities between the two establishments about their ownership saying that Osun State Government that happens to be the university's proprietor is also part of the Odu'a group that partly owned Odu'a Telecoms Limited. He explained further that O'Net which is the telecommunication Network of Odu'a Telecoms is now jointly owned by Odu'a and Concave Communications Group. He added that the new Management under Concave Communications Group has international presence in North America and the Middle East with value added telecommunication solutions and strong financial capability.

The Odu'a Chairman said O'Net has a robust voice and data switching based on ATCA Standard and that it links all the State capitals in the South West and some major towns which makes it easier for the company to serve the university effectively. Mr Ayoola said O'Net has dedicated broadband internet with various options viz: 25MBPS; 45MBPS and 90 MBPS. Mr. Ayoola also said the company has much at stake that it cannot afford not to deliver, listing the following establishments as the company's trade references: University of Ibadan, Lagos Airport Hotel, Afe Babalola University, University College Hospital, Ibadan etc. Amongst the advantages the university will enjoy for patronizing O'Net include: low total cost of ownership; competitive pricing; knowledge transfer and capacity building. Other members of Odu'a Management team that accompanied the Chairman on the visit include Mr. Fawwaz Hussein, the CEO; Mrs. Bola Boladale-the Corporate Affairs; and Mr. Lekan Adebunle, the Sales Manager.

Welcoming the visitors, the Vice Chancellor Prof Adekunle Bashiru Okesina said the University is poised to assume leadership in the deployment of ICT infrastructure and applications for the purpose of expanding the frontiers of learning, research and development in Nigeria. On hand to join the Vice Chancellor to receive the Visitors were: the University Librarian Mr. Maxwell Ajibola Oyinloye, the Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, Dr. Antony Kola-Olusanya
In a bid to achieve its core mandate, the National Universities Commission (NUC) has held a 2-day meeting of the Action Committee on Promotion for University Biomedical Science Development (PUBSD) to facilitate useful collaborations between Nigerian researchers and their colleagues elsewhere, particularly Nigerians in the Diaspora as well as other organisations. The Programme, which was held from Tuesday 14 to Wednesday 15 October, 2014, at the Idris Abdulkadir Auditorium, was aimed at building the capacity of Nigerian researchers as well as exposing them to global best practices and leveraging on the experience, knowledge and expertise of Nigerian biomedical researchers in the Diaspora. Declaring the meeting open, the Mr. Akinbode Agbaeye Deputy Executive Secretary, NUC Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Julius A. Okojie, OON, represented by the Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration), Mr. Akinbode Agbaeye, said that the NUC was in the process of perfecting the Memorandum of Understanding between the Nigerian Universities and the Bio-Venture for Global Health (BVGH) to allow the academics go for sabbatical studies in the world-class Biomedical and Pharmaceutical organisations across the globe. He stated that the workshop, which was focused on Biomedical Research, was apt and topical, especially with the array of infectious diseases and the epidemic of Ebola virus in some parts of the world. The Executive Secretary noted that Nigeria had done well in the containment of the Ebola disease, adding that the development had paved the way for the country to be recognized among the comity of nations. He said that the Nigerian academics were excellent researchers and could compete favourably with their colleagues worldwide, urging them to redouble their efforts towards providing lasting solution to the Ebola epidemic and other infectious diseases.

The National Consulting Coordinator for PUBSD, Prof Eugene Okpere, in his opening speech noted that PUBSD was a Committee set up under NUC to encourage biomedical science development in NUS with six universities engaged in the pilot programme. He further stated that the Research proposals to be looked at must be of international standard, multidisciplinary in nature and with a high impact ratio. The National Consulting Chairman stated that the BVGH initiative would provide Nigerian researchers the opportunity to go on sabbatical development abroad to facilitate their proposals. Professor Okpere explained that the reports of the activities of the selected six universities would be received during the workshop after which draft proposals by the universities and other participating institutions would be looked into for further consideration. He stated that the NUC would encourage serious and effective joint research proposals by a team of experts as well as impact-reaching papers. Professor Okpere advised the participants to forward their proposals to the NUC, through their universities, adding that the Commission would facilitate the process by sending the draft proposals to experts for vetting, after which it would then recommend the outstanding ones for sponsorship by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund).

In a remark, Dr. Chinelo Nwosu of the Department of Research and Innovations (DRI), explained that the work plan of the Committee for the year would commence with seeking of formal approval for the activities of the Committee from the Management of NUC, expansion of the sources of funding and implementation of its set policies. Dr. (Mrs) C.J. Nwosu, the NUC coordinator of PUBSD, gave an overview of the activities of PUBSD. She mentioned that letters were written to Universities and Chief Medical Directors of the six Teaching Hospitals, requesting for on-going cutting-edge research in
their Institutions. She stated that a website had been developed and all members should be registered on the website. She also stated that if PUBSD model succeeded, it could be replicated to other disciplines in the NUS. She encouraged the Universities to have quarterly meetings and send reports of such to NUC.

On what the PUBSD had done so far, she disclosed that it had registered some members from the NUS and beyond and had also appointed an International Advisory Committee, adding that plans were underway to visit some universities abroad to enable members to share knowledge and ideas on how to conduct best research in line with global best practices. About 40 Professors from various Nigerian Universities, private sector as well as representative of the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) attended the workshop. The NUC team at the event included the Directors of Student Support Services (DSS), Mal. Ibrahim Dan’Iya, Quality Assurance, Dr. N.B. Saliu, Management Support Services, Bar. Victor Onuoha as well as Deputy Director, Postgraduate Accreditation, Dr. Esther Adesina.

**FIRST BANK PARTNERS LBS ON SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE**

First Bank Sustainability Centre has taken the business of sustainability further through its sponsorship of the International Sustainability conference scheduled for October 30, 2014 at the Honeywell Auditorium, Lagos Business School, Ajah, Lagos. The conference themed “Leading a Sustainable Business” is designed to stimulate sustainability principles as key components of business development and continuity.

The conference will expound practical insights on minimizing business risks, reducing cost, increasing revenues and enhancing brand reputation for businesses. Participants’ profiles include CEOs and top executives of corporations, institutional investors, academia, directors/heads of foundations, government agencies and NGOs operating in the social space as well as business regulators and top executives responsible for CSR and Sustainability functions.

The GMD/CEO of First Bank, Bisi Onasanya would participate in a C-Suite Panel Discussion themed “Embedding Sustainability Practices: Perspectives from Forward Looking Companies”. Other global leaders who would participate at the conference include Professor David Grayson of Cranfield University, Paul Gurney, Director, Sustainability Services, Accenture Africa, and many more global thought leaders who would be sharing insights on many prominent and enduring businesses that have embraced the practice of sustainability and how local businesses can take the lead in promoting sustainable businesses.

According to the Onasanya, ‘the bank remains committed to the ideals of corporate citizenship and sustainable businesses practices and this is attested to with FirstBank becoming the first organisation in Nigeria to be awarded the BS25999, global Certification on Business Continuity Management (BCM) in December 2011 and the first banking institution to achieve the new international certification on Business Continuity Management – ISO22301 (Societal Security: Business Continuity Management System) in 2013. “FirstBank would always strive to provide a unique value proposition that will drive higher levels of sustainability and business continuity,” he stated.
It was a beehive of activities on the main campus of the University of Ilorin penultimate week, as the institution turned out a total of 6,328 graduands during its 30th convocation ceremonies.

A breakdown of the graduands showed that 5,438 received their first degrees/diplomas while 890 got higher degrees/diplomas. A further breakdown of the first degree category shows that 48 came out with First Class, 1,190 Second Class Upper Division, 2,814 Second Class Lower Division, 1067 Third Class, 84 Pass, 18 Diplomas and 217 M.B.B.S. graduands.

In separate interviews with Unilorin Bulletin, some of the First Class graduands expressed gratitude to Almighty God and shared some of their experiences on campus:

Mubaraki Saheed Balogun, (Arts): “I give all thanks to God, He is the one who has made it possible, not by dint of hard work, not by might, but it is just by the doing of Allah. I have a flair for social life; I only did what other students do, which is reading. I did my best by making sure that I covered all of my texts before it is time for either tests or exams. My advice to other students who are yet to graduate is that if you are passing through school, you should also allow the school to pass through you; everything should be done with balance and moderation. There should be focus.”

Omojolowo Oluwafemi (Management Sciences): “I feel elated and I feel on top of the world; words cannot explain the amount of emotions going through me right now. I did some brutal reading but whether you like it or not, it is not by power but by God's grace. God's grace upon my life has been innumerable. Success is a means to the hands of joy and joy means, God first, others next and then you. Imparting others is very crucial to success on campus. Without the University of Ilorin, this probably wouldn't have been possible because I started enjoying scholarships right from my 100L, along with other scholarships. The lecturers, the academic environment, everything, the University of Ilorin is a place to be.

Atunbi Oluwatoyn Emmanuella (Civil Engineering): I feel very happy and elated; I am grateful to God that I worked hard and I came out successful. First, I prayed to God, and I mingled with my friends, whatever I do not know, I ask my friends and whatever they don't know, they come to ask me and that helped me a lot in giving me success. I attended few parties but not as much as some of my other colleagues. I advise other students to be focused, write out their goals and try as much as possible to achieve those goals.

Isiaka Babatunde Akanmu (Education): “Man's duty is to struggle, while Allah's responsibility is to crown efforts, I did not do anything. I just faced my studies squarely and I always back my hard work with prayer and that is all.”

Ibrahim Sheriff Tolulope (Department of Social Sciences Education): “I feel honoured and happy. I will advise other students on campus to be dedicated to their studies and they should put in more efforts because anything that is worth doing is worth doing well and at the end of the day, they will reap the fruits of their labour. You have to determine within yourself first, after that, you work very hard. They should please remember God in everything they do. University of Ilorin has assisted us in many ways, first, the University gave us qualified lecturers to teach us, and a conducive environment. Though many say it is stressful, life generally is stressful. So one should just try to learn what they are giving to you and once you learn there and you face greater challenges in life, you will excel. There is something I keep in mind, I help people a lot, and I believe in that; probably it is
because I help people and now God is paying me for it.”

Erugo Faith Onyedikachi (Biochemistry): “It is God that made this success possible and my efforts too. I made sure that I attended all my lectures and did all my assignments. I studied hard and then I prayed, which is the most important because it is not by strength, it is just by God's grace. It is not that I am more intelligent than other colleagues but just God's grace which is the most vital thing. I did not have much social life on campus, but the only thing that kept me away from my studies were the activities in my fellowship, the Winners Campus Fellowship. My advice to other students is to always study and have a goal and do your possible best to achieve it. Putting God into all your activities and definitely, He will make it possible”.

Afolabi Ganiyat Kemi (Computer Science): “The University of Ilorin provided a challenging and enabling environment to study. We had great lecturers and the hostel life was fine. My route is from the class to the library and from the library to the hostel. My friends say I don't have social life but I don't think so. When I am not reading, I am on my phone.”

Yinusa Mariam Motunrayo (Best Medical graduand): “I am so happy because I did my parents proud; what you need to succeed is prayers and steadfastness. The University of Ilorin has provided very dedicated lecturers; they tried their best as much as possible.”.

Omole Samuel Oluwasunkami (Mechanical Engineering): God is relevant to my success story and at the same time, I balanced my time properly so it was not just academics alone. I studied my lecturers; I know what they want and that really helped me in my studies. The University of Ilorin has provided a very competitive and conducive atmosphere for learning which has assisted me to excel. I advise other students to believe in God, God is the foremost. They should take their studies seriously, when you work hard, success is very sure for you. Then, discipline is very important. Discipline will make you want to read when others are sleeping.”

The management and entire staff of Osun State University rejoice with the staff members whose birthdays fall on the dates noted below as they add another year to their lives

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I know the price of success: dedication, hard work and an unremitting devotion to the things you want to see happen. ~ Frank Lloyd Wright

If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it. If you don't ask, the answer is always no. If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place. ~ Nora Roberts

One of the great lessons I've learned in athletics is that you've got to discipline your life. No matter how good you may be, you've got to be willing to cut out of your life those things that keep you from going to the top. ~ Bob Richards

Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others. ~ Danny Thomas

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow. ~ Melody Beattie

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