OGBENI RAUF AREGBESOLA PRESENTS 2013 ‘BUDGET OF FREEDOM’ … Education takes 13.69%.

The Governor of the State of Osun and Visitor to the University, Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola, has presented a budget of N183,105,807,460.

The Governor presented the budget to the House on Tuesday, 22nd January, 2013.

While presenting the budget tagged ‘Budget of Freedom’, the number one man in Osun State said: ‘The 2013 Budget being presented today is to ensure the consolidation of the achievements we have recorded in the various sectors and sub-sectors of the economy in the last two years. The budget will also ensure the continuity of the well-tested and well-intended policies and programmes of our administration.’

He stressed that the budget were premised on the policy thrusts of complete turn-around of agriculture; provision of necessary and durable infrastructure; creation of jobs and friendly economic environment; development of public service that is result-oriented; transformation of the education sector and provision of effective waste management.

The transportation sector takes the largest share of the budget with N30.2 billion (25.37%), followed by general administration with N20.4 billion (17.19%) while education receives the third largest share of N16.3 billion (13.69%).

At the ceremony were Hon. Members, Cabinet members, Judges, Local Government Executive Secretaries, politicians and management of Osun State University led by the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ganiyu Olatunji Olatunde.

PROVOST COMMENDS PIONEER HOD FOR EXCELLENT SELFLESS SERVICE

The Provost of the College of Science, Engineering and Technology, Professor Alagbe Wasiu Gbolagade, has commended the pioneer Head of Department of Geological Science, Professor Adebisi Charles Ajibade, popularly called Baba, for the selfless service rendered to the University.

Professor Gbolagade gave this commendation during the send-off ceremony organized by the College in honour of the respected father, mentor and leader.

In his speech, the Provost of the College, Professor Gbolagade said: ‘He contributed immensely to the full accreditation of the Geology programme and created national awareness and increased visibility for the programme within the Nigerian University system… His inspiring and active involvement in field explorations and practical training of Geology undergraduates even at his well advanced age is highly remarkable, commendable and appreciated by this College.’

He wished him a long life, sound health and greater fulfillment in the years ahead. The College later presented gift to Professor Ajibade. The celebrant thanked everybody for the honour bestowed on him.

Professor Ajibade is a Fellow of the Nigerian Mining Geosciences Society and former Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna (1998-2001).

SSANU (WEST) HOLDS MEETING WITH SENIOR NON-TEACHING STAFF OF UNIOSUN

The meeting of the representatives of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (West) with Senior Non-Teaching Staff of UNIOSUN will hold on Thursday, 31 January, 2013 at 11 a.m. in the Senate Chamber.

Protem officers of UNIOSUN Branch of the association will be elected at the meeting. All members have therefore been invited to attend the meeting.
I would rather fail in a cause that would ultimately triumph than to triumph in a cause that would ultimately fail...

Woodrow Wilson

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Marie Curie Initial Training Networks (ITN)

The European Commission has published a call for proposals entitled "Marie Curie Initial Training Networks (ITN)." The document is part of the latest set of calls published under the EU's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7).

The call is part of the People Work Programme which is hoped to make Europe more attractive for researchers. It focuses on early-stage researchers in the public and private sector and aims to improve their career perspectives thanks to a transnational networking mechanism. EU funding will be granted to selected networks of organisations from different countries engaged in research training. Three types of networks have been identified as strategic by the European Commission: multi-partner ITNs, European Industrial Doctorates (EID) and Innovative Doctoral Programmes (IDP).

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To see partnership requests for this call, please consult:
http://cordis.europa.eu/partners/web/guest/calls
Deadline: 16 April 2013 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)

UNESCO-Aschberg Bursaries Programme

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has received a call circular from UNESCO, through the Nigerian National Commission for UNESCO, for the 2013 UNESCO-Aschberg Bursaries for Artists Programme for interested creative writers, musicians, and visual artists between the ages of 25 and 35 years old. The objective of the programme is to promote creativity, as well as cultural exchanges for artists to enrich their experience through contact with other cultures.

The list of partner institutions, requirements for application, deadline for submission and further details are available on the UNESCO-Aschberg website: www.unesco.org/culture/aschberg. All completed application files are to be submitted directly to the institution of choice and a copy to the Secretary-General, Nigerian National Commission for UNESCO, Mrs. M. O. Anene-Maidoh at maimaidoh@yahoo.com

SOCIAL DIARY

UNN congratulates and rejoices with the following families:

BIRTHS

1. Mr. Olusegun Rapheal Alao of the Vice-Chancellor’s Office has been blessed with a baby girl, Goodnews Alao, on 8 January, 2013.
2. Mr. Abiodun Rotimi Ejidokun of the Bursary Department has been blessed with a baby boy, Adesile Ejidokun, on 10 January, 2013.
3. Mr. Simeon Abolarinwa of the IMTC has been blessed with a baby girl, Omodesola Abolarinwa, on 14 January, 2013.
4. Mrs. Toyin Omonike Olanrewaju of the College of Science, Engineering & Technology, has been blessed with a baby boy, David Olanrewaju, on 17 January, 2013.