

**ADDRESS OF THE PRO-CHANCELLOR,
PROFESSOR GABRIEL A. OLAWOYIN, SAN, AT
THE THIRD CONVOCATION OF OSUN STATE
UNIVERSITY, HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH
29, 2014**

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On behalf of Council of Osun State University,
I welcome the Visitor and Governor of the
State of Osun as well as the entire leadership
of the State, the Chancellor of the University,
and the distinguished audience to this august
occasion of the third Convocation of our
University.

I rejoice greatly with our students who, after sessions of rigorous work, are becoming graduates of Osun State University today. I congratulate the parents and guardians of the graduating students for enduring nurturing that is yielding potentially fruits which, I pray, will ripen to their pleasure and satisfaction.

Our University has come this far by the grace of God and the concerted efforts of several stakeholders. Our mission and vision are to build a centre of excellence. Towards the realization of this laudable objective, we are building infrastructures and facilities to

provide a conducive learning environment that supports our academic programmes and curricular with a view to addressing the challenges of the twenty-first century. We are determined to produce globally relevant, competitive and entrepreneurship minded graduates. At the same time, we are striving to establish an institutional culture of integrity and diligence in teaching, research and service delivery. In all this, we give utmost priority to the best interest of our students and the welfare of the staff of the University.

Following the inauguration of our Council on Thursday, 27 November 2012, we appraised the achievements of the first Council to as to build on all that the University achieved under it and also steer the University towards an appropriate response to contemporary issues and global relevance. We are resolute on applying quality assurance, transparency and prudence to all areas of our mandate. Our expectation of excellence from the staff and students of the University is found on our own submission to the same standards that Council has set for them.

We are ensuring that the existing infrastructures and facilities are reengineered while new ones are built to meet up with advancement in all fields. We are poised to keep attracting competent teaching and non-teaching staff as efforts are also being made to facilitate the welfare and enhance the productivity of the existing ones. We believe that this will ensure that the resources of the University are harnessed towards the best level of productivity.

Conscious of the welfare of our students as the hub of our mission, we are working out

the best arrangement that will ensure collegiate excellence in our multi-campus setting. The state of our nation and globalization of trade and services make it imperative that everything we do must be towards the achievement of international standards. Since it is not desirable for us to produce graduates for our immediate environment alone, our efforts are geared towards positioning our University for a high place in global ranking as we produce graduates for the global marketplace.

At the same time, we are strategizing to attract non-governmental funding to the

University so as to enhance its development, research capacity and scholarship.

Of primacy in our mission is the building of an enduring institution that all stakeholders will always be proud of.

In this endeavour, we sincerely appreciate the enormous and timely financial and infrastructural support that we have received from the Government of the State of Osun, the Local Governments of the State as well as distinguished Nigerians in general and Indigenes of the State in particular.

The sacrificial dedication of the staff and students of the University and the fact that they have had to endure hardship as pioneering soldiers in our relatively new but rapidly developing institution clearly deserves special commendation.

We again express our gratitude to our Governor and Visitor to the University, and also to the Government of the State of Osun for partnering with the University. We hope and pray that the partnership will grow stronger and be mutually more beneficial in the years ahead.

Mr. Governor, I wish to thank you most sincerely for bringing to reality the start of the construction of a befitting access road to this campus. We trust that what God has started through your instrumentality will soon develop into an access road that befits a world-class institution.

I wish also to publicly acknowledge the very kind and solid support of the Deputy Governor of this State since our Council came into being on November 2012. We were particularly touched by her swift and prompt

response to a major challenge faced by us after a rainstorm ravaged our main campus here last year. We say a big thank you to her.

Permit me, our Chancellor, to also appreciate the highly supportive role of the State House of Assembly for the promptness with which the House, under the able leadership of the Speaker, has been attending to issues affecting our University. We are much aware of the positive steps the House is already taking to pass into law the proposed amendments to the establishment law of the University. We commend your efforts and

look forward to the strengthening of your support for us in the future.

Finally, our expectation is that our graduating students will be worthy ambassadors of this University by excelling in everything that is of good report.

God bless you all.

Professor G. A. Olawoyin, SAN