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## EDITOR'S COMMENT

# HERALD OF A NEW DAWN



**W**e came to you last time in May 2006 and promised to keep pace with the quarterly production of the University newsletter. The transitional administration of the

then Acting Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. B. A. Nwachukwu has now given way to new dawn in FUTO.

We have on board, a new and vibrant personality, a man hungry for success, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri, fifth substantive Vice-Chancellor of the University. Prof. Onwuliri earnestly assumed duty in jack boot style of military dispatch and prompt service delivery.

Certainly, this edition comes with very enlightening and interesting, news of activities in the University as it experiences a new era of excellence, power driven by a man bent on transforming the technological, physical and educational landscapes of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri.

In our revealing interview with the unassuming and focused Pro-Chancellor, Umaru Faruk Abdullahi, Esq., we saw a courageous personality who very early in his tenure, reviewed the University budget for Research from N80,000.00 to N80 million.

Other interviews with the new Registrar, Mr. Charles O. Omeire, the Dean of the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET), Engr. Prof. O. O. Onyemaobi and the first Alumnus Professor in FUTO, Prof. Chinyere I. Iwuoha contained in this 'Excellence' edition were indeed splendid.

It seems to me that Prof. Onwuliri's favourite Scripture verse is "You must therefore be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matt. 5:48). It has really been rewarding and fulfilling, though very hectic for us in the Unit, trying to keep pace with a man who creates news by the minute.

We have introduced a feedback page that will be a permanent feature. We therefore look forward to receiving your comments, suggestions, contributions and criticisms too.

To our esteemed readers, we say thank you for your attention. Visit us at [www.futonigeria.net](http://www.futonigeria.net)



- Adaeze Okany



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# Onwuliri In Focus

**P**rofessor Celestine O. E. Onwuliri, a Professor of Zoology (Parasitology) and Acting Vice-Chancellor, University of Jos became the fifth substantive Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri following his appointment by the Visitor to the University, His Excellency, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, GCFR, President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria.

reception, which took place in the Vice-Chancellor's Conference Room in the Senate Building, Prof. Onwuliri attributed his appointment to God and counted on God's grace for strength, wisdom and a spirit of discernment. He promised to sustain peace and tranquility and to "collectively and assiduously move FUTO forward", through the Implementation of his 2006-2011 Strategic Plan for the University.

The new Vice-Chancellor performed his first official function,

been consultant to the World Health Organisation (WHO) and other international agencies, in service to community, Science, Technology and Education. He meritoriously served the nation as Honourable Commissioner for Information, Culture, Youth and Sports, and also as Honourable Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Imo State.

In recognition of his enormous contributions to the physical and manpower development of his community, Professor Onwuliri was conferred with the chieftaincy title *Okanmuta Nwachinemere* of Amuzi Mbaise by the Traditional Ruler of his autonomous community in December 1997.



L-R: The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri receiving the symbolic kola nuts from the immediate past Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. B. A. Nwachukwu

Professor Onwuliri's appointment which took effect from June 12, 2006, for a period of five years, was conveyed to him in a letter Ref: HME/FME/ 13/11.303 dated 7th June, 2006 and signed by the Former Honourable Minister of Education, Mrs. Chinwe Nora Obaji.

On assumption of duty on June 19, 2006 he was warmly received by the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. B.A. Nwachukwu, in the company of Management, Deans and Directors of the University.

During the formal

With the commissioning of two projects-a 500KVA transformer sub-station and the FUTO/UNICEF motorised borehole.

Born 54 years ago, Professor Onwuliri has over 28 years of University teaching and administrative experience, spread over five universities in Nigeria.

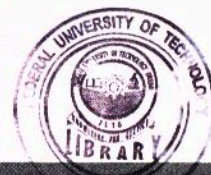
He has published more than 108 high quality Scientific Articles spread in over 52 different peer-reviewed reputable scientific national and international journals. He has also attended over 62 national and international scientific conferences and workshops. He has



VC performing his first official assignment, the commissioning of UNICEF motorised borehole & overhead tank

He is happily married to Professor (Mrs.) Viola A. Onwuliri of the Department of Biochemistry, University of Jos, and has five children.

- Adaeze Okany





# "I OWE MY APPOINTMENT TO GOD" - FUTO VC

**P**rofessor Celestine Onyemobi Elihe Onwuliri, new Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, in a gesture of recognition of Divine Providence at work, attributed his appointment to God. He made this declaration, while addressing Management, Deans and Directors, on

arrival at the University. In tandem with the Reform Agenda of the Obasanjo administration, he promised to position the University, with a view to attracting more resources from the private sector, alumni and from government and international agencies. He stated his commitment to the implementation of his

2006-2011 Strategic Plan for the comprehensive growth and development of the University.

In this encounter with FUTONews crew, he speaks of his plans for the University and his achievements so far as he clocks 100 days in office.

*Sir, Please give us a little insight on the man Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri - who is he precisely?*

**I** am Prof. Celestine Onyemobi Elihe Onwuliri, a Professor of Zoology with speciality in Parasitology. I was born into a family of warriors from Amuzi in Ahiazu Mbaise Local Government of Imo State. I schooled in my village at Community Secondary School Amuzi and finished in Division one in 1971 after which I proceeded to the University of Nigeria, Nsukka where I got my first degree in 1975 and my Ph.D in 1980 Magna Cum Lauda. I am a Catholic, second in command in the Knight of St. John International with a rank of a Brigadier General. I am married to Professor (Mrs.) Viola Onwuliri and the marriage is blessed with five children, three of whom have graduated from the university.

Chancellor (Academic) at the University of Jos after which I was appointed the Ag, Vice-Chancellor. It was from there that I applied, attended the interview and was recommended by the Governing Council and it also pleased His Excellency President Olusegun Obasanjo to appoint me as the Vice-Chancellor of this University in June this year. I give glory to God. I thank Mr. President for finding me worthy of this honourable position. I have also taken it up as a challenge to do everything humanly possible to make a success of this appointment even if it as a way of saying thank you to Mr. President.

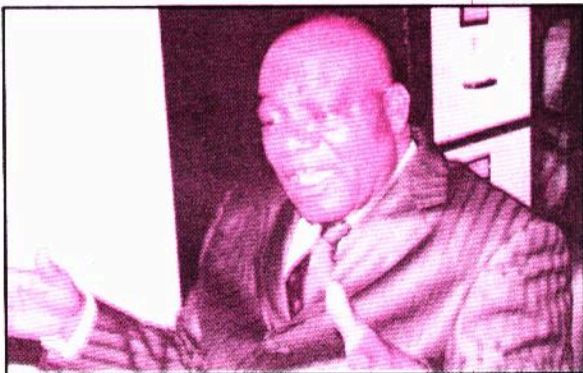
*What do you think gave you an upper hand in the interview that won you your present position?*

Well, the position of the Vice-Chancellor is not an all comers affair. It is a position where people that are experienced and innovative will surely emerge. A lot of things are taken into consideration. In addition to cognitive experience, the role one has played in the system, level of positions occupied in the past and ability to allow the university pass through you in your career all come to play.

Chairman of many Committees. As Chairman of the Endowment Committee in UniJos, I raked in N308 million for the University. I was also once the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic from where I rose to become the Ag. Vice-Chancellor in UniJos before my present appointment and all these happened in a University outside my own zone. Also, there has to be that ability to be known nationally and internationally as well as the ability to be a good teacher who motivates. I have for instance produced 20 Ph.D holders ten of whom are professors today. One is even a Deputy Vice-Chancellor here in Imo and there are others, who are professors of national repute. Currently I have over 6 Ph.D student. I'm supervising at the University of Jos.

*Sir, we would want to know your vision cum mission for this university and how you intend to achieve them.*

Before the interview, we were asked to put down our vision for the university. The uppermost in my mind is improving the quality of training and research. I would want FUTO products to be among the best in the country. The issue of producing those who will not get jobs has become a source of worry. We will all work together, motivating our staff to be alive to their responsibility. I intend to run a university that is ICT-compliant where Registry and Bursary activities will be computerised. It will be ICT in all areas. I want a university where



Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri stressing a point during the interview

*How did you feel when you learnt you had been appointed the Vice-Chancellor of FUTO?*

I felt good. I applied for the job but before then, I was the Deputy Vice-

I believe all these put together helped the Council to make their choice. I have held virtually all positions in the university system, from a lecturer, two-time HOD, three-time Dean and



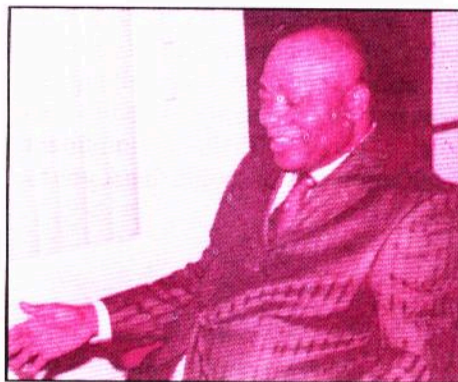
you access the internet from anywhere. A university where ICT will be used for teaching not just having centres. In no distant time, every staff will have a laptop. We are already working towards that. I am interested in a 5-year strategic plan. I have already submitted the plan to a committee that is harmonising it here in FUTO. The welfare of staff and students is paramount in my vision. I want everybody to be happy. Plans are on ground to alleviate the problems of staff having to commute about 30kms everyday to work. I have also adopted the build-operate and transfer (BOT) system to build staff quarters. Currently, I have signed memoranda of understanding with two contractors to build hostels for students. One is already on site.

I have also vowed to pay staff salaries as at when due. The issue of water and electricity is being addressed. Recently, I commissioned a 500 litre elevated tank bore hole project and a 500 KVA transformer sub-station for the students hotels. Due for commissioning presently are the Project Management and Biological Sciences buildings and these were built with internally generated revenue. I'm glad to say I don't have problems with students and no problems with cultism and for that I give God the glory. Against the opinion of most people FUTO was able to host NANS National Convention soon after I assumed office and it was successful.

Peace reigns in FUTO. We also had a peaceful and successful Students Union election and the academic calendar has been successfully completed. Right now, students are waiting for their Batch A posting. Come end of November/early December, we will hold our convocation. Without peace on campus we couldn't have achieved all these. However, we still had pockets of examination mal-practice

here and there during the rain semester examination but I can assure you that those caught will really face the music. It is my desire to also encourage vibrant and responsible staff and students unionism. FUTO is one of the few universities that is current with their academic calendar. This is a huge effort and I congratulate the staff on these monumental achievements. We are also linking up with some national and international organisations such as the IITA on mass production of cassava, the NDDC, Chevron, Texaco, banks and international organisations with regard to our energy centre.

*What was your personal opinion of FUTO before your recent appointment?*



**Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri - VC, FUTO**

I have always had a high opinion of this university. I have always admired their ability to produce very good products. That informed my sending my son here. He is an alumnus of this university. He lost two sessions waiting for FUTO. If I didn't have confidence in the University, I wouldn't have sent my children here. FUTO has a very good reputation, and even people in National Assembly are supporting the university.

*How do you see the present crop of Nigerian graduates and how do you intend to improve on that in FUTO?*

Once someone has gone through the university and come out, he or she should be able to cope, except of

course those who come to waste their time. You see graduates who did not read Banking or relevant courses are doing well in the banking industry. There is no academic staff that will be happy that his students are not doing well. Give them references, show them how to use the internet, teach the effective use of the library and you see them very productive. The problem is infrastructural development. It is not growing at the same pace with the students. We need more industries. With the present administration and reforms, we believe there will be expansion in these areas. In America and Europe you see Nigerians in all areas because they are developed. These fallow lands should be cultivated and turned into Agro-allied industries.

*Outside the office, what else do you derive pleasure in doing?*

I am a very happy person. I try my best to keep myself happy. I try to relate with everybody. I have a very close family and a close relationship with my wife. I like to see people happy and I try as much as possible to laugh up to a 100 times everyday. I also like helping people. That has formed my philosophy of training so many Nigerians. Anybody I have trained at the postgraduate level is close knit with my family. Everything I have today I owe to God and Mother Mary. When I remember that I do good to others. I don't bother myself much. My day begins with God is Mass and I don't play with my Rosary. Besides, no amount of threat or mischief can make me turn away from doing the right thing and helping people.

*You were nicknamed 'Dr. Do Good' while you were at UniJos, what informed this nickname?*

Actually I was called Dr. Kindness because I don't like seeing people suffer. I prefer students seeing us as



their parents and friends. I have always fought against anybody exploiting students. Any lecturer that takes money or has any amoral relationship with any student is not worthy to be a lecturer and I don't take such things lightly when brought before me. For me, if I give you a question requiring five points, and you give me five points. I will give you 100%. I made sure students got what was their due. That was what gave me that nickname. I believe in flexibility of borderline in presenting results. I don't see the difference between 39% and 40%, upgrade 39 to 40 to allow such a student go. An 'A' is 5 points that is 70% and above. If a student scores 69, he should be given that one mark that will give him an 'A'. The one mark he could not score could be a miscalculation. I want to see many students come out with a 1st class. We should encourage students, to reach their potentials. I believe that our students should do better than ourselves. Dr. Kindness has been a chorus since 1980 and I give glory to God.

**Sir, who are your mentors?**

My major mentor is God. I also count myself very lucky because I passed through the hands of brilliant and eminent Professors like Prof. A. O. Anya, Prof. A. B. C. Nwosu, Prof. Gabriel Umezurike and Prof. M. O. E. Iwuala. They have all attained great heights in this society. There were also Professor Donald Lee, Prof. H.J. Atkinson of the University of Leeds and Professor Chiweyite Ejike, my teacher and great person who took me to Jos. Above all, my wife has been a great mentor, she contributed immensely to my Ph.D. programme. She is an internationally acclaimed Professor of Medical Bio-Chemistry. She is largely responsible for what I am today.

**We learnt you have a First Class son? how were you able to combine your busy schedule and your role as a father and what is the secret?**

Absolute trust in God. My son attended morning mass everyday. I told them right from day one that my certificates were not transferable. I encouraged them to work hard to earn anything they want in life. Above all, I always encourage them to keep their hands clean. I feel great that his efforts were rewarded. Immediately after graduation he had well over fifteen job offers to choose from. Today he is an international staff of Schlumberger. I attended his convocation with my wife where he received a standing ovation after his valedictory speech at the great University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

**What would you like to be remembered for at the end of your tenure?**

Well, I'm just beginning. I will like to be remembered as the Vice-Chancellor that came to FUTO and moved FUTO forward, reconciled warring factions, motivated his staff and related well with students and staff.

**One last word, Sir?**

We should all come together and pray to God for help, wisdom and strength. Let's ask God to make the people working with us to realise that our stay here is but for a short time. That way we will all co-operate without rancour. Let our one day's job be pleasing to God and humanity so that we will all help move this University forward. Peace and truth have been the name of the game for U. F. Abdullahi, Esq. Here he speaks about his person, position and interest.

**From The Pro-Chancellor's Desk**

Peace and truth have been the name of the game for U. F. Abdullahi, Esq. Here he speaks about his person, position and interest.

**Sir, we all know you as the Pro-Chancellor but we hardly know much about you as a person, please tell us a little about yourself.**

My name is Umaru Faruk Abdullahi. I was born in Danlasan in Warawa Local Government Area of Kano State on 25 of April, 1948 to the family of my late father, who was a Chief of my village. Early enough, he took me to the Emir of Kano where I was turbaned in April 1991 to inherit my father's position before he died. had my junior primary school in Dawakin

Kudi between 1955 1958 and my senior primary in Wudil. My secondary education was between 1962 and 1966 at Birnin Kudu Government Secondary School. After my WAEC examination, those of us who did Mathematics were taken to British Bank of West Africa (BBWA) for a test.



*Umaru Faruk Abdullahi, Esq., Pro-chancellor, FUTO*

The test was conducted and I passed and was given employment on the same day. I started as Bills Clerk and worked for two years in that bank. From there, I proceeded to Central Bank of Nigeria in 1967 and while there I got admission for a Diploma programme in Law. I graduated in June 1971 with a Diploma in Law. I worked briefly with Kano Judiciary as a Registrar before I got admission again into Ahmadu Bello University to study Law in October 1971, I graduated with LLB in 1975. From there I went to Nigerian Law School where I finally qualified in June 1976 and have been a lawyer since then for 30 years. At the end of my NYSC in Bauchi State I proceeded to Kano State Ministry of Justice for a short while and from there I moved to the Kano State



Investment and Properties Ltd first as an Assistant Legal Adviser. That organisation is the investment vehicle of Kano State and is responsible for all shares held by Kano State. After ten years, I rose to Company Secretary/Legal Adviser and later became the General Manager Legal Services. In 1988, one midnight, my wife woke me up to say I have been appointed Commissioner for Justice, Kano State. I never lobbied for it. That was between (1988-91). I have never looked for job,

jobs just come to me. As the Attorney General of the State, I was called to Abuja for an interview with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC). I was Registrar General of CAC from June 2, 1991 to October 31, 2000. I have my own Chambers in Abuja Hamdalla Chambers; Hamdalla means "I am satisfied". In April 2005, I was appointed Chairman of Council of FUTO. I have attended many courses and conferences both nationally and internationally.

I am a born traveller and have visited at least 45 countries in the world. Have also been appointed Nominee Director in at least 27 Companies. So far, I have enjoyed the exposure and experience all these opportunities and appointments have afforded me. I have both industrial and commercial experiences without owing an industry and shop.

**As a Northerner, how has it been relating with people from this part of the country, given differences in religion and culture?**

Anywhere I go is home for me. I have been to all states in this country except Bayelsa. I was in Owerri first in 1992. Certainly I have made friends in Owerri and I enjoy Ofe Owerri very much. As for religion, it is something that comes from God and is very personal. It should not be and will not be a barrier to making friends.

**When you were appointed the Pro-Chancellor, we believe you came with a vision, having spent 17 months on seat, what would you say have been the major achievements of the 8th Governing Council of which you are the Chairman?**

Where one goes, one should have a vision. My mission is in consonance with the statutes of the University. It is my mission to continue the peaceful atmosphere in FUTO against what is obtainable in other universities. To maintain harmony in a place like FUTO is a great achievement. In the area of achievement, it is worthy to note that in the past only N80,000 was budgeted for FUTO for research, when we came, it was increased to N80,000,000.



*The Pro-Chancellor emphasizing the need for peace*

Before we constituted, there were no landlines just because of N8.8 million expressed from FUTO as counterpart funding for the project. Council approved payment of that and land lines were finally installed. Council has increased the allowance of professors. We have recently appointed new auditors for FUTO who are currently working on the account of FUTO from 2002 till date. Council has also directed that an Asset Register be opened in FUTO to enable the University know what we have on ground. That is now a ministerial directive, which we incidentally had commenced before the directive even came. Finally, Council has succeeded

in installing a substantive Vice-Chancellor for the University.

**Now that you finally succeeded in installing a new Vice-Chancellor and Registrar, how do you feel? What was the process like?**

I feel very normal. There is always a beginning and an end to everything. I notice that people in this state take appointments very seriously. It is not a big deal to appoint a Vice-Chancellor but given the scenario, it was really hectic. Unfortunately, the President did not pick any out of the first three names we sent, so the process has to be repeated. The process was indeed hectic and most times money consuming. We even faced threats here and there. I had never experienced a tense security situation like the one we did. For me as person I am never bothered by threats of death because it must come one day. There were a lot of lies in the papers. A lot of people were not happy with the nullification. God knows we never compromised our position both in the first and second exercise.

**Are you envisaging any policy change?**

I'm not aware of any change.

**What have you to say on the Federal Government Policies on Education?**

No government comes out with a policy without consulting the experts. Nobody has complained and I can't either.

**Who is your mentor?**

God my creator is my mentor.

**What principle do you hold dear to your heart?**

To be straight forward, tell the truth no matter how hurtful it is. Learn to leave things to God, no matter what comes to





## AN IVORY TOWER MUST RISE ABOVE DECADENCE IN LARGER SOCIETY - OMEIRE

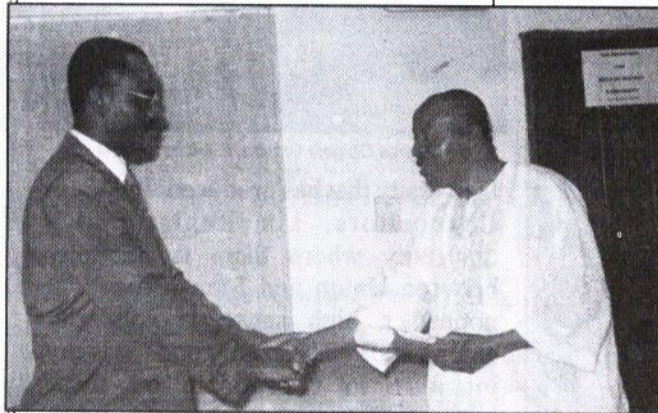
Following the appointment of Mr. Charles Obioma Omeire as the substantive Registrar of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri (FUTO), he assumed duty on July 17, 2006. He succeeds Prince J. A. Faleye, the erstwhile Registrar.

During his interaction with staff, he stated that punctuality, diligence, promptness in service delivery, integrity, righteousness, harmony and co-operation will be the hallmark of the new administration.

Religion/Political Science. I graduated with a second class upper division in 1986. After Youth Service, I went to the University of Ibadan and did a Masters Degree Programme in Political Science specialising in Public Administration in 1988. By my performance, I was eligible to directly proceed to do my Ph.D, but did not continue. My first employment was in 1989 when I was employed by the Federal College of Education, Gombe as Administrative Officer. That lasted between 1989 - 1992 when I left

Gombe for Imo State University (IMSU) where I was one of the pioneer staff. There, I worked as Senate/Council Affairs Officer and I worked closely with the then Registrar, Dr. G. C. Ukaga who was reputed to be an excellent administrator. I left IMSU in 1994 again, as pioneer staff of Micheal

Okpara University of Agriculture Umudike, then Federal College of Agriculture, Umudike. I worked first as College Officer in College of Biological/Physical Sciences after which I was discovered as it were by the Pioneer Vice-Chancellor and drafted to the Office of the Vice-Chancellor where I worked as Protocol Officer, Executive Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor and Public Relations Officer respectively. I was later posted to fix the General Administration Unit of the Registry. It was on that beat that I was until I was appointed Registrar of FUTO. Interestingly, two days before the FUTO interview, the Vice-Chancellor of Umudike invited me to his office and told me that though new in Umudike, he had heard testimonies of my person, observed me and was impressed by my performance at the Registrarship interview at Umudike



L-R: Mr. Charles O. Omeire, Registrar, taking over the baton from the immediate past Registrar, Prince J. A. Faleye

Staff have been taken to task as the new Registrar promised to abolish unwholesome practices in the work place such as merchandising, demanding or receiving gratification before performing official function, loitering, gossiping, leaning or sitting on the table, sleeping on duty, baby-sitting in the office, artisans playing draft/cards etc.

FUTONews brings Mr. Omeire home to you in this revealing interviews.

### *Sir, who is Mr. Charles Omeire?*

Thank you. Mr. Charles Omeire is by the special grace of God the incumbent Registrar of Federal University of Technology, Owerri (FUTO), someone with a very humble beginning. I am an alumnus of University of Calabar with a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Education,

you, don't blame anybody. If anything happens to me, I believe God knows about it. If anything good comes, I thank God. Don't portray what you are not. I don't believe in 'table' friends, I still keep my friends of my youth.

### *Pro-Chancellor Sir, from what do you derive joy most?*

Sports. I have been in the management of football. I play good football and I'm a good horse-rider. I am also a good family man. I enjoy my family. I have three wives and so many children.

### *We notice, you don't add Alhaji to your name?*

Alhaji means one who is performing hajj. No one can fault this my claim. I prefer the title which money cannot buy. You must have to read and learn to become a lawyer, money can't buy it. That's why I insist on Esquire.

### *What would you like to be remembered for at the end of your tenure?*

I would like to be remembered as someone who contributed positively to the development of FUTO.

### *One last word Sir?*

My advice to Council, Management, students and FUTO Community is to be upright. Don't fear telling the truth. Don't be ashamed associating yourself with FUTO.

## STOP PRESS!

### FUTO HOLDS 18TH AND 19TH CONVOCATION CEREMONIES

The Federal University of Technology, Owerri, is expected to turn out two batches of graduates during its combined 18th and 19th Convocation and Silver Jubilee Ceremonies slated for Nov. 28 - Dec. 2, 2006.

The Hon. Minister of Education, Dr. (Mrs.) Oby Ezekwesili is expected to deliver the Convocation Lecture.



where I emerged the 3rd candidate. He said he would want me to work with him as his Executive Assistant. This was happening on Tuesday. By Thursday, the FUTO interview was held and by Monday the next week, there was already indication that I had been appointed the Registrar of FUTO. Even at that he insisted I worked with him. I left Umudike as Executive Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor. I am a modest person, a practicing Christian and one who is very conscious of the fact that God has been very kind to me. I utilize any opportunity available to serve God and humanity. As a person, I am disciplined and cherish integrity, discipline and truth from those around me. These are principles very dear to me. I abhor injustice, victimisation or oppression. I believe that wherever one is, one should see it as the making of God and use the platform to serve God and people.

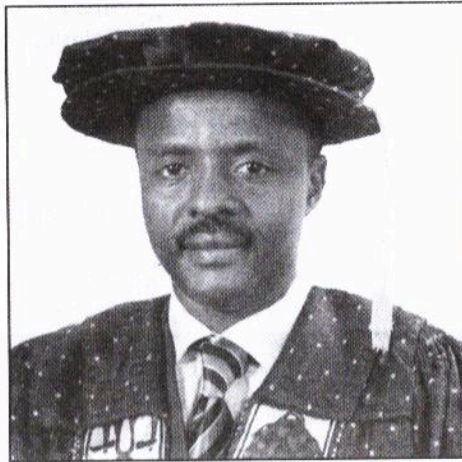
***At what point did you start showing interest in the position you are presently occupying and what was your attraction to FUTO among other universities?***

My coming to FUTO was God's design. I never deliberately wanted to be here. While preparing for the Umudike interview, I accidentally saw FUTO advertisement for the position of Registrar in the newspaper.

At first, I didn't give it much thought. My wife however encouraged me; she was not very comfortable with Umudike and she encouraged me to apply to FUTO. I did and prepared and by God's own design, I was adjudged the best candidate inspite of my inadequacies. I am here as a divine messenger and ambassador, and not as a stooge or surrogate of any person or group of persons. That consciousness will guide my actions here in FUTO. My emergence as Registrar is a clear affirmation of the sovereignty of God and the fact that whatever God has ordained will come to pass.

***What were the good things you met on ground and in what ways would you want to improve on them?***

When I came here, I met a university with a solid structure, rich tradition, a



Mr. Charles Obioma Omeire, Registrar, FUTO

University that has produced five Vice-Chancellors, six Registrars, a university where there is harmony between Union and Management. I noticed a high sense of solidarity among staff. These are good. It is my intention to consolidate on these laudable achievements and work towards improvement on arrears of deficiency. So far, I have interacted with a cross section of staff. But owing to crowded schedule, I have not been able to complete my familiarisation tour. I have emphasised the fact that we are here to work towards the improvement of the system and to work towards restoration of the dignity, aura and reverence for which the university is known.

As I have said earlier, the University is one of the three institutions that is hallowed and sacred, the other two being the Church/Mosque and the law court. These institutions require a comportment that is distinct from being casual or ordinary. It is a privilege for anyone to be in the University setting either as a staff or student. Consequently, those who find themselves in the system must stand out because an ivory tower must rise

above the decadence in the larger society. We would therefore insist on diligence, commitment, exemplary service, punctuality and integrity.

***What was your reaction when you realised you had been made the Registrar of FUTO?***

I felt humbled like David, and I cried unto God. I wondered who am I and what is my family that God has brought me this far. For me, it is a big challenge and heavy responsibility and I continue to ask close associates to continue to pray that God will grant me wisdom, discernment and favour to see me through.

***Who is your model?***

My primary model is our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who exemplified servant and shepherd leadership. I look forward in all I do to look like him. I have also drawn inspiration from people I have worked with one way or the other. These include Dr. G. C. Ukaga, Professor Placid Njoku, Professor Ikenna Onyido. My late father was also a great influence on my person. He was outstanding for discipline, hardwork and integrity and I inherited these qualities from him.

***What about your upbringing would you say has contributed more to your success so far in life?***

My background has been a very instructive one. I come from a family that is united and God fearing, where you are given opportunity to be yourself. I was brought up to respect elders, constituted authority and to strive for excellence. These have one way or the other influenced me.

***When you are not working, what else do you do in your spare time?***

I enjoy reading the Bible. When there is time, I watch movies.



***Giving your busy schedule as a Registrar, do you still find time to be with your family and play the father figure role?***

I am married to a wife who is my closest friend and companion. I also enjoy a very close relationship with my family. I cherish my family. We pray together. We have a very strong family altar. My wife is a lecturer at Umudike.

***In the short period, you've been on seat as the Registrar, how would you describe your relationship with staff?***

They have been very supportive. The staff accepted me for who I am. I promise to run an open administration not a bicycle leadership where you have those at the head having no regard for those under them. I am impressed with the reception accorded me by both teaching and non-teaching staff and even co-contestants for the position.

***What's your view about the nation's present educational policies and in what areas would you suggest improvement?***

Every society gets the education it deserves. I believe the educational system is a reflection of the system. The society is at a loss, so is the educational system. Education is capital intensive, it requires funding. Government needs to improve on the area of funding. The staff are doing their best to impact knowledge and to render services towards improving quality. There is need for the system to be reformed further to meet the expectation of the industry with regards to curriculum. These should be addressed.

***One last word:***

We have a new administration, with a new Vice-Chancellor and Registrar. The Vice-Chancellor has a passion for excellence. He is someone who is very desirous of changing the

system for better. My appeal is that we all give him support as he drives the system through a part of excellence. I also acknowledge the supremacy of God and humanity realising that God rewards everyone here and hereafter. I also wish to commend the IPRP Unit. I met an IPRP Unit that is well knitted and fully developed and I hope they sustain and improve on what is on ground.

## AT LAST, A FOUNDRY IN FUTU

A Foundry in a University of Technology should be commonplace. It has however not been so. FUTONews brings you the journey so far from Prof. O. O. Onyemaobi, Dean of the biggest School, the School of Engineering & Engineering Technology.

***Sir, we learnt there is a Foundry in FUTU, what is it all about?***



*Prof. O. O. Onyemaobi, Dean, SEET*

A foundry is a place you cast materials in metal form for industries. What happened is that some years ago, the University had an induction tunnel and that was during the time of Engr. Prof. C. O. G. Obah, that induction tunnel was fired and then, we had problems with it. But before then, they had sent some members of staff for training in Lagos and they came back. The tilting mechanism of the induction funnel was not operational, it didn't work, so we tried to work on it, change it or repair it,

but it has not been possible. A foundry is a place like I said earlier, where you can cast metal spare parts and make most the things we use in our industries and the ones we use even in our day to day life. Most of them are cast materials.

There are different types of casting. If you go to Lagos, you get a lot of foundries that are working. Most of the foundry men were trained by the railways and you find some of them in Ikeja and also in Nnewi, we have a lot of foundries that are working where most spare parts are cast and many materials are made.

That's basically what we do in the foundry. We cast materials, spare parts or new things. One or two years ago, Engineering Materials Development Institute in Akure was given the contract to fabricate, or design a rotary furnace and we are fortunate to be one of the Universities that got it. Prof. Adewoye who used to be the Director is now in Abuja. It was during Njoku's administration that the rotary furnace was brought.

We had an initial teething problem for it to be brought here, but because Engineer Prof. Adewoye is quite accessible to us, their engineers brought it and decided to install it. After installation, they fired it and it was successful. We are very happy to have it. Now all the theories we have been teaching students, they can now see it practically. It was fabricated locally by Engineering Materials Development Institute, Akure under the directorship of Engr. Prof. O. O. Adewoye. That institute is an arm of the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology, Abuja.

***Given the importance of the foundry to the engineering school, why is it coming so late?***

Well, like I said earlier, we had a foundry at first which did not work. It was given to us during the World Bank Assisted Programme but that one hasn't worked.



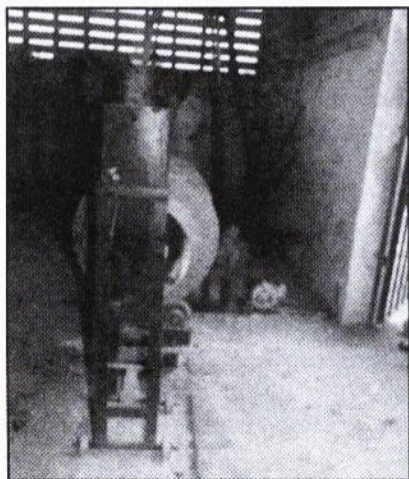
We are still working on it, we hope it will be serviced, in fact, Engr. Prof. Adewoye has promised he's going to bring people who will service it. So by the time it is serviced and it works, we will have two units, a rotary furnace and an induction furnace. That induction furnace is more of an industrial one, and it can do more work than this other one. The temperature it will go to will be higher than the temperature that can be absorbed by the rotary one.

*Given the nature of the foundry and its importance, would there be room for commercialisation?*

We hope that by the time we do more work, we can go to town and that will attract commercial attention. Very soon, this will be on ground, possibly as soon as we round off our exams.

*Of what benefit will the foundry be to the students, the staff and entire host community?*

Quite a lot, quite a lot. Like I said before, before now we were teaching theories to the students, but now they will have a foundry to do their practical work. It used to be only when they go on industrial attachment that they can do this aspect. But now they can do the practical along side the theory work. We also have a course Eng. 201, Workshop Practice II, which has a



**The Foundry in FUTO**

foundry section involves all the students in Engineering, School of Science, Project Management. It and will benefit quite a lot of the students.

*Sir, we just learnt you've been re-elected as Dean for another two years. What in your opinion informed your re-election?*

The first time I ran as Dean of SEET some two years ago, there were few things I had in mind I wanted to do. I planned helping more staff and carrying the staff and students along. We were facing accreditation, both COREN and NUC accreditation. I felt that I will help the University as Dean of SEET achieve all their accreditation. By the special grace of God, when we had the NUC accreditation visit, all the departments in SEET were fully accredited. This has never happened before, that was something that happened under me as the Dean of SEET. For instance, FST that hadn't full accreditation was fully accredited under my former deanship. Also MME is now fully accredited. Also when we had COREN accreditation, which gave us accreditation for five major departments in SEET. Under my tenure also, the lecturers were moved from cubicles here in SEET to their permanent offices. The former cubicles are now lecture rooms. These are all achievements that informed my re-election. We had a drawing room which was taken over by water, and so I converted the former Conskiptech Laboratory into a well equipped drawing room. There were also a lot of promotions and I championed the checking of exam malpractice. So when a man had done all these, it is natural for him to be re-elected.

*Do you still have things you wish to improve upon?*

I still have two Departments to be accredited by COREN. I have quite a lot of lecturers I whom would like to encourage to register with COREN and also get their Ph.D.

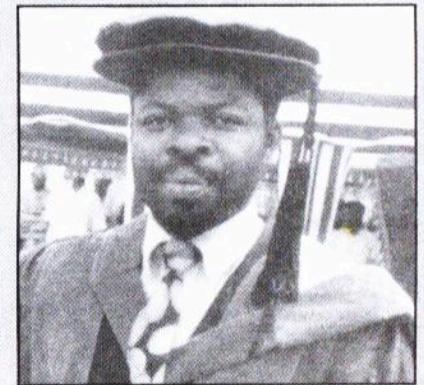
I will also want to encourage students to do their projects on time.

### **IWUOHA ASSUMES PRIDE OF PLACE IN FUTO AS FIRST ALUMNUS PROFESSOR**

A distinguished alumnus of the third generation FUTO has recently earned a well-deserved promotion to the esteemed institution of Professor. We invite you to hear from our own Prof. Chinyere I. Iwuoha.

*Sir, please tell us a little about yourself*

I am Professor Chinyere I. Iwuoha from Umuenyi Autonomous Community in Isiala Mbano LGA of Imo State. I am the third living son of my late parents. I was born on Saturday, 31st August 1957.



**Prof. Chinyere Isaac Iwuoha**

had primary education between 1963 and 1972 at Calabar, Abeokuta and my hometown.

I couldn't start secondary education immediately after, because of both the war and indeed financial constraints. In 1976, I entered Obazu Community Secondary School, Mberi and came out in 1981 with 4As and 4 Cs, the eight papers I registered. Before the end of the last session in the school, I already enrolled for JAMB. I got admission



same year I graduated and was thus the first set of graduates that this University (FUTO) produced in 1985/86 session. I came out of the University with a Second Class Upper division with a CGPA of 4.06.

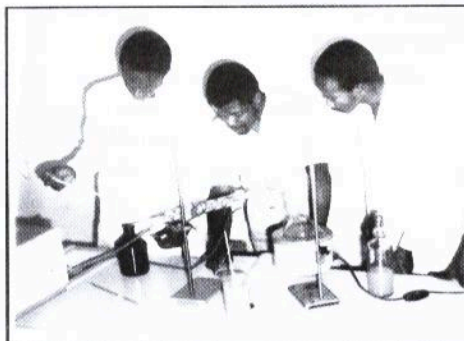
I served in Kwara State for NYSC in 86/87 session. While serving, I got a letter from FUTO saying I had been given scholarship by Tate and Lyle. That took me to the University of Ibadan where I did my Masters degree programme within record time of twelve months. That was in the 1987/88 session. I joined the services of FUTO in 1980 as Assistant Lecturer in 1992. I was promoted to Lecturer II, registered for a part-time Ph.D programme in the same year because I understand that to be the standard degree for teaching in the University. By 1995, I was again promoted to Lecturer I and got another promotion in 1998 to Senior Lecturer. I must state here that, though it seemed I was climbing fast, I had mentors who were very supportive and encouraging; their mentorship gave me the necessary and requisite impetus to advance. I was again promoted in 2001 to a Reader. Along the line, I got a research study fellowship from an Organization in Sweden (International Foundation for Science) as study grant. I happened to be the 10th student that matriculated in the history of FUTO and now its first Professor of Food Science and Technology. I have been part of a team that produced one Ph.D graduate. I have singly supervised three Masters degrees and more than twenty first degree graduates.

**You were once a student of this great University, how can you compare your days as a student and those of the students you now teach?**

That is a question concerning two different worlds of affairs, FUTO of my days was far more advanced than the FUTO I see now. In those days, there were deliberate, conscious efforts

to learn. There was this general respect for elders and constituted authorities, good conduct inside and outside the University. For instance in my days, if you place a notice on the board, it will be there until the paper changes colour (from white to dirty-brown). However, these days, you hardly leave the notice board before the notice is torn into shreds off the board.

Then, there were efforts to acquire information and do assignments. People used to struggle and take pride



*Prof. Iwuoha (centre) as an undergraduate experimenting in the 1980s*

to do. Students then went for information and put the information to use. Nowadays, they want it from "paper to paper" and not from "paper to brain". One of the features of degeneracy is the magnitude and sophistication of exam malpractice these days.

**Would you say FUTO fits into the vision you had of her in the 21st century?**

We started on a temporary site. The facilities here now are much more compared with the transit ones. It has to fulfill the vision of "gown to town". For instance, the type of water we should be having here should be produced by FUTO. In terms of energy, FUTO should not be depending on NEPA, FUTO in the 21st century should be self-sufficient, energy-wise. Our mechanical workshops should be expert-consulting outfit, information for

instance should now be gathered on the table of every staff (full ICT offices for every senior staff and PG student). Most manual things should have vanished by now. Locally, FUTO has set a standard that sold the students in the past. Now there is degeneration. Parents should stop manipulating the results and admission of their children. The last FUTO post UME assessment (i.e 2005/2006), exposed most of these evils. For instance, a lady from Bayelsa who scored 293 in JAMB made less than 60 out of 400 points in post UME. How do you reconcile that?

The Alumni as any other trade union always comes to the Chief Executive or Office of the University development to air our feelings concerning the standards because most of them (Alumni) are employers. The first first-class lady in the history of FUTO graduates was from the Department of FST. She sat for a Bank aptitude test scheduled for 1st class graduates, came tops and was employed as against those who graduated in other fields. If you visit any examination venue, what you see will disgust you. That is the level the system has gone down to.

**Having attained the peak of your career, how do you feel to being addressed as a Professor?**

How I feel? I feel glad and challenged because people are expecting more from me. Everything I do will attract attention. My critics now increase. The promotion challenges me to be more humble than I have ever been. Pomposity should be put aside. I know I should read more than before and strive to replicate myself; else if I leave the system I will be permanently forgotten. Of course any Professor who does not replicate himself/herself is finished, because when he/she is out of the stage, will



seem he/she never was in that profession/carrer.

*In what ways would you use your present position to improve the lot of your students?*

I will use my ideas to improve the lot of the students. Designing more researches and professing (allowing and injecting/propelling) fresh ideas.

*Would you say the degeneration of the standard has crept into the academia?*

Yes, degeneration has equally crept into the teaching staff. Some have the job in their blood, ready to go extra mile. Some others are so much interested in money. Otherwise, how do I explain a situation were someone returns an "A" grade to a student who does not worth a "C" grade because of money? Some lecturers are not outright progressive. There are different categories of lecture. There are those who aspire to be very useful and there are the frustrated ones who have excessive love for money.

*What do you do in your spare time?*

I used to do a lot of sports as a student. I don't think I have been doing enough sports lately. At home, I play music. I eat cautiously. No excess calories. I am not so much of an out door person. Besides I am a Pentecostal so all the preaching and dancing is enough exercise for me.

*Who are your mentors?*

One of my mentos is Professor E.N.T. Akobundu. When I came into FUTO in 1989, he started challenging me to begin checking my works and assess myself. This helped me to know when I was being wrongly assessed. He always encouraged me to be productive. He used to always emphasize that "A job is not finished

until it is well done". Encouragement and positive propelling are what I also do to those under me.

Another of my mentors is Professor J. C. Obiefuna. I can hear his voive ringing in my ears, "publish or perish". He encouraged me to show it by action so that people will talk about the result. He also told me "it is better to be time-barred than to be paper-barred". And he has always been willing to help when called upon.

*Last Word:*

My last word is that those who are coming up the ladder should be ready to work hard and have the humility to go through tutelage. The humility to go through a mentor is very challenging.

- *Interview by FUTO News Crew*

## FUTO VC LAUDS PRESIDENT OBASANJO

### *Due Process is Bottleneck Against Corruption*

Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri, the new Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri during a familiarisation tour to the School of Science (SOSC) lauded the Reform Agenda of His Excellency, President Olusegun Obasanjo.

According to him, 'Due process' was remarkably noteworthy, as a bottleneck against corruption, inefficiency and ineffectiveness. Against that background, he charged staff of the School to apply the principle of 'Due Process' to improve service delivery. He described SOSC as "my own School, having been there as an external examiner in the past". He said that his visit was to identify areas of strength / weakness; opportunities and

threats in the School, so as to determine the way forward.

In his response to the Associate Dean of the School of Science, Prof. K. M. Ibe, who gave a run-down of the problems faced by the school, the Vice-Chancellor noted that as a pioneer School, offering service courses to the entire University, the burden on the lecturers would be great with facilities over stretched, and promised to address their problems.

For Prof. Onwuliri, fund raising must be made an institutionalised programme in FUTO, since in his words "I am in hurry to achieve the way forward".

On behalf of the entire University Community, he expressed profound sympathy over the tragic loss of the brother of Prof. M. O. E. Iwuala, Dean, School of Science. He bemoaned the untimely death of the deceased and affirmed his care for, and concern about the welfare of staff.

Earlier in the School of Health Technology (SOHT), the Dean, Prof. (Mrs.) B. N. Anyanwu told the Vice-Chancellor that the School had five departments, located in one building, with only one classroom and without any, laboratories and academic staff offices.

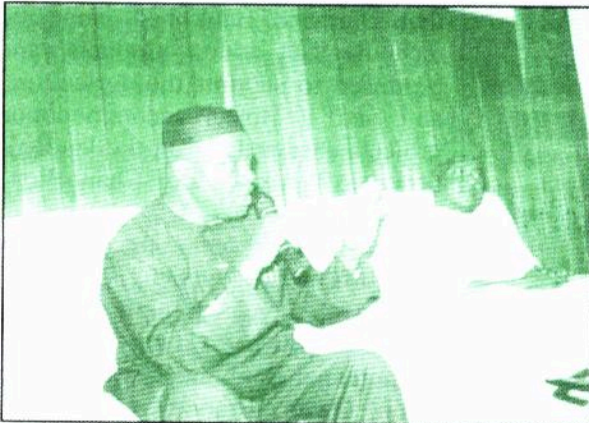
The Vice-Chancellor indicated special interest in the School and said that he hoped to improve its image and status and to maximise its competitive advantage. He said that two new departments, Pharmaceutical and Medical Sciences would be created within the School before the end of his tenure.



# VC, FUTO PAYS HOMAGE TO GOVERNOR UDENWA

In a remarkable display of recognition and respect, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri, Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri on September 7, 2006 paid a courtesy call on His Excellency, Chief Dr. Achike Udenwa, Executive Governor of Imo State.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, he had sought to see the host Governor soon after assumption but learnt he traveled out of the country. He expressed gratitude to the Governor



The VC, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri speaks of his vision while the Executive Gov., Chief Achike Udenwa listens with keen interest

For his congratulatory letter to him and for the goodwill messages published in the media.

He noted that though the University was Federal-owned, he had come to show his love, support and solidarity. Prof. Onwuliri also intimated him with his vision which include the transformation of FUTO into an ICT compliant University, the commencement of a new School of Environmental Technology. He also said that he had recently signed some memoranda of understanding with private sector investors to build staff quarters, student hostels and an International Secondary School. Finally he appealed to Governor Udenwa, as an alumnus of FUTO to build a structure

In his response, the Governor thanked the Vice-Chancellor for deeming it fit to call on him and wished him a successful tenure. He commended the University for tailoring its curriculum to resource needs and for providing graduates who had made the country proud.

To reverse the trend of under-development, and unemployment he charged universities to lay a foundation that will address the manpower needs of the country in

the next ten to twenty years. He also promised to fully rehabilitate the road leading to the University.

On the Vice-Chancellor's entourage were Mr. C. O. Omeire, Registrar; Mr. R. U. Akujobi, Bursar; Chief J. E. Nwogu, University Librarian; Internal Members of Council Prof. M. O. E. Iwuala and Dr. C. O. Emerole; Engr. Prof. B. A. Nwachukwu the immediate past Acting Vice-Chancellor and Aadaeze N. Okany, University PRO.

On the Government side were Engr. Chief E. Udeagu, Deputy Governor; Dr. Mrs. Gloria Chukwukere, Honourable Commissioner for Education; Engr. Ben Ekwueme, Special Adviser on Project Monitoring and Implementation; High Chief Zeek Martins Nnadozie, Special Adviser on Security Matters and Dr. (Mrs.) Caroline C. Amadi, Special Adviser on Investment Co-ordination.

Others were Sir, Angus Oguike, DG, Imo Orientation Agency; Ichie Fide C. Nwaogu, Principal Secretary to the Executive Governor; and Barrister Austin Otuokere, Director of Protocol.

## A MAN AND HIS VISION

The vision of the new Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri is fast being concretised.



Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri in a warm hand shake with Mr. Uche Okoli CEO, Euro contractors & Sterling Builders Limited after the Signing of Agreement

After extensive discussions and negotiations, the University has signed an agreement with Euro Contractors and Sterling Builders Limited for the development of staff quarters, five students' hostels with 140 room per block and the establishment of FUTO International Secondary Schools, Owerri (FISO) envisaged to take off in October 2006.

In addition, a conclusive agreement has been signed with the Intercontinental Bank Plc to provide education portal services for the University. EduPortal is expected to provide for automated school fees payment, on-line registration, tutorials, speedy access to information, records and improved teaching and learning.

**Up VC!**

## FUTO MBA COMES TOP

The Federal University of Technology, Owerri has received a stamp of authority and confirmation of high academic standards in its Master of Business Administration (MBA) Programme from no other



body than the National Universities Commissions (NUC), Abuja.

The result of the 2006 Accreditations Exercise for the MBA programme in Nigerian Universities which took place from June 25 - July 4, 2006 was conveyed to the Vice-Chancellor in a letter dated August 8, 2006 and signed on behalf of the Executive Secretary, NUC by Prof. P. C. Njoku, Director, Quality Assurance.

By this certification, the Federal University of Technology, Owerri has earned FULL ACCREDITATION status in the exercise and will be in good standing for the next three academic sessions.

Similarly, five of the six Engineering departments assessed by the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) between March 5-9, 2006 viz Agricultural Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Electrical/Electronic Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Material and Metallurgical Engineering have been fully accredited for another period of five years, 2006 - 2011, while the Civil Engineering department received interim accreditation for two years.

In a letter addressed to the Vice-Chancellor, the Council of COREN also stated that the Department of Petroleum Engineering and Polymer/Textile Engineering will be re-visited on a future date.

**AS A NEW CHAPTER UNFOLDS, VC EDUCATES STAFF ON WORK ETHICS**

The new Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri on July 18, 2006 jointly addressed the staff of the Vice-Chancellor's Office and the Information, Public Relations and Publications Unit.

During the meeting he enjoined the staff to work diligently and in friendship with one another to achieve

his vision as Vice-Chancellor. He described the office of the Vice-Chancellor as the engine house of the University and charged the staff to be punctual and to recognise their special role in quick service delivery.

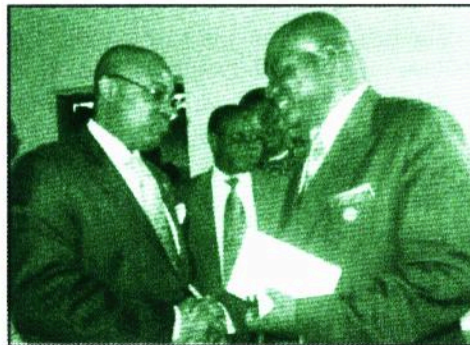
**The Vice-Chancellor called for total commitment and loyalty and assured staff that tools and requirements needed to work will be provided.**

He decried the current situation where confidentiality was thrown to the dogs and warned staff to desist from rumour mongering.

The staff pledged their loyalty and used the forum to inform the Vice-Chancellor of their problems.

**ICT IN FUTO RECEIVES BOOST FROM DIAMOND BANK**

The increased provision and use of Information Communication Technology, one of the primary goals contained in the vision of Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri, Vice-



L-R: Mr. U.K. Eke, Executive Director, Commercial Banking; Diamond Bank, Chief J.E. Nwogu, University Librarian and Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri, VC

Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri on Monday August 14, 2006 received a boost with the formal presentation of twenty sets of Hewlett Packard computers donated by Diamond Bank Plc.

The Vice-Chancellor while receiving the computers from Mr. U. K. Eke, Executive Director, Commercial Banking said he was delighted by the quick response of Diamond Bank to his Strategic Plan for the University and commended their prompt fulfillment of the promise made during an earlier courtesy call on him.

Prof. Chidi Akujor, Director, ICT had also during the presentation noted that the University would strive to lead in the ICT revolution, in its status as the pioneer Federal University of Technology in Nigeria, and expressed hope that the bank will continue to assist the University.

Earlier, Mr. Eke emphatically stated that Diamond Bank had pioneered technological driven products, and promised to support the agricultural and Staff / Hostel accommodation projects encapsulated in the laudable Strategic Plan of the Vice-Chancellor.

Among those present at the ceremony were Millicent Nwaogu, Divisional Head, Commercial Banking (South); K. Onuorah, Group Head, Commercial Banking East 2; Chiaka Osuji, Owerri Branch Manager and Chief S. T. Soivieddine, Managing Director, RHAS Nig. Ltd. FUTO Officers included Mr. Charles Omeire, Registrar, Mr. Robinson Akujobi, Bursar, Chief J. E. Nwogu, University Librarian and Engr. Prof. O. N. Oguoma, Council Member. Deans, Directors, HODs were also represented at the ceremony.

**AGRIC TO GENERATE 50% OF IGR**

**-I want to see a Productive Agric Farm - New VC**

Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri, Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri has challenged the School of Agriculture and





Agricultural Technology (SAAT) to generate 50 percent of the university's internally generated revenue. He made this declaration during his familiarisation tour where he met with the Dean, Professors and Heads of Departments in the School at the SAAT Conference Room.

He said that the transformation of SAAT into a Centre of Excellence and a major revenue earner was a priority for his administration. He noted that the School possessed the intellectual capacity and urged the teaching staff to bring to bear their expertise on the development of areas like fishery, cassava and plantain production. He said that he wanted to see a productive agricultural farm that could be proudly showcased to national and international research and developmental bodies.

Addressing the complaints of inadequate office space, furniture and persistent power outage made by Dr. P. C. Obasi, the Associate Dean and representative of the Dean (SAAT), the Vice-Chancellor promised to work with Council to alleviate the constraints of the workforce.

Earlier at the School of Management (SMAT) the Dean, Prof. C. C. Ntamere welcomed the Vice-Chancellor and his team. He lamented the lack of infrastructure, especially in view of the MBA Accreditation due to take place soon.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor promised to approve funds for the immediate provision of all requirements for a successful accreditation of the MBA performance. He described the School as "the goose that lays the golden egg" and assured the Dean that he would recognise hard work, and at the same time pay honorarium to lecturers teaching programmes that were not NUC-funded.

At the Post-graduate School the Dean, Prof. C. I. Anunuso reviewed

the programmes offered by the School and observed the pleasant coincidence of producing two successful doctoral candidates, just as the new Vice-Chancellor was touring. He however complained about the PG School not having a building of its own and as such, was greatly hindered in its operations and advancement.

The Vice-Chancellor considered the absence of a PG building a minus for the University. According to him, excellence in scholarship is a must and is anchored and demonstrated in post graduate training, more so to provide the optimal student/teaching staff ratio for about 76 universities in Nigeria.

He thereafter directed the Dean to put forward a proposal for a Post graduate building, within the context of the University Master Plan for urgent consideration and approval by Council.

### VC PROMISES TO CREATE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN ENGINEERING

With a burning desire to transform the citadel of learning called FUTO, the new Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri said he would stop at nothing in making the (SEET) FUTO a centre for excellence, even as he promised to establish a new School of Environmental Technology.

He made this declaration while on a familiarisation tour. He used the opportunity to reiterate his commitment to his assignment as Vice-Chancellor and further stated that he would follow the path of reform and sustained development.

The Vice-Chancellor affirmed his belief in the calibre of manpower in the University. Professors, he said should pass on their talent, just as he advised them to reproduce themselves and emphasise post graduate training. He further challenged the School to generate funds through adaption and

fabrication of technology. He noted the gender inequality in headship appointments and said he would correct the imbalance, in line with the Millennium Development Goals. Also, of major concern to him, was the rampaging scourge of HIV/AIDS in Nigeria.

The Dean of the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET), Engr. Prof. O. O. Onyemaobi proudly asserted that SEET was known for keeping standards and had secured full NUC accreditation in all its Engineering programmes. While stating that "without SEET, no FUTO", he pledged their loyalty and support to the Vice-Chancellor.

He also requested Management to complete the academic staff offices, recruit teaching staff and provide additional pews for student lecture halls. On a final note, he advised the new Vice-Chancellor to guard against sycophants who always sow seeds of discord and division and ultimately spell doom for any administration.

### RESEARCH PIVOT OF DEVELOPMENT - OMOKARO

The Dean of the University of Calabar Post-Graduate School and Chairman, Committee of Deans of Post-graduate Schools in Nigeria, Prof. D. N. Omokaro while in FUTO on August 18, 2006 declared that Research was the measure of the ranking of the University System and the foundation for development.

He said this while on a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor after an on-the-spot assessment of the of the Post-graduate School in FUTO. According to him, the abysmal level of funding led to the dismal ranking of Nigerian Universities.



He therefore called for the ploughing back of 20% of resources generated from PG schools for their continued growth and development. He solicited the support of the Vice-Chancellor in introducing Research and Training as funding elements in the budget.

Earlier, the Secretary of the Committee and Dean, PGS Unilag, Prof. F. O. Olatunji informed his host that the Committee, founded in 1987 to contribute to Post-graduate development in Nigerian universities was mandated to interact with Vice-Chancellors the private sector, the National Assembly, NUC, ETF and other bodies to provide an enabling environment for research.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri warmly welcomed the team and thanked them for rising to the challenge. He said that the first thing he did on assumption of duty was to secure the approval of both NUC and Council for a befitting Post-graduate School building which would occupy a position of prominence.

While noting that the development of Post-graduate training was of paramount significance, he urged the academia to show full commitment to academic excellence.

Furthermore, the NUC Director, Quality Assurance, Prof. Placid C. Njoku who was coincidentally in FUTO at the time stated that the NUC Nigerian Universities Research and Development Fair gave visibility to intellectual ability and was in consonance with sustaining quality assurance in the University system. He commended the Committee for sensitising the Vice-Chancellors on the significance of Research.

The Dean of the Post-graduate School in FUTO, Prof. C. I. Anunuso was present at the meeting. The visiting team was later hosted to a special luncheon, with Principal Officers,

Dean, PGS-and Secretary, PGS Chief R. U. Ugbolue present.

- *Stories by Adaeze Okany*

## **FUTO HOLDS PUBLIC LECTURE ON BIRD FLU**

In the first week of February 2006, the news of the outbreak of Bird Flu in Sanbawa farm in Kaduna, spread like wild fire all around the country. The unfolding scenario sent shock waves, fear and uncertainty down the spine of both farmers and consumers of products alike.

Rising to the challenge, the Department of Animal Science and Technology in FUTO held a public Lecture on Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) in Nigeria.

The former Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University, Engr. Prof. B. A. Nwchukwu in his opening remarks, commended the Department of Animal Science and Technology for initiating the public lecture, which he considered to be more than a mere academic exercise. He stated that the University's mandate was not only to produce experts in Agriculture and Agricultural Technology, but to also research into and proper acceptable solutions on related national and international problems.

According to him, the unpleasant scourge was no doubt, a cog in the wheel of the agricultural progress of the world and noted that through the lecture, the university would be fulfilling a critical aspect of its objectives.

The first lecture was presented by Prof. M. U. Iloeje; a guru in Animal Genetics. His presentation could best be described as a dilated analysis of the phenomenon under study. He identified the prevalent bird flu as H5N1 and emphatically warned that people should not eat infected poultry products.

The second lecture titled "The Aetiology, Epidemiology, Management and Control of Avian Influenza (Bird Flu)" was presented by Dr. I. C. Okoli, a Senior Lecturer and veterinary doctor in the Department of Animal Science and Technology, while the Director of Health Services, Dr. C. O. Emerole delivered the third paper; "The Implication of Avian Influenza on Human Health".

The fourth, "Bird Flu - The Farmers Experience" was presented by Chief (Sir) Duru, the Chairman of Poultry Farmers Association of Nigeria, Imo Sate Chapter. Sir Duru in his presentation literally painted the picture of the agony poultry farmers had gone through due to the outbreak of Bird Flu, while labeling it, "political farmers politics". He stated that the agony of the farmers was aggravated by the mismanagement of information by the media, who blew the news out of proportion. He implored the Federal Government to treat the farmers as disaster victims, by granting them aids and not loans, to save the sector from total annihilation. He also advised farmers to insure their farms against disasters.

The last paper for the day "Avian Influenza - My Personal View" was delivered by Prof. A. B. I. Udedibie, through a representative Mr. E. B. Etuk. In his presentation, he stressed that the world and Nigeria in particular had over reacted to Avian Influenza while stressing that it was a money spinning plan set into motion by some greedy people, citing Anambra State, where false news of bird flu infection was promptly contradicted by the State Government.

The lecturers in their presentations agreed that poultry product from uninfected farms were safe for consumption and advised that poultry products should be well cooked before consumption. They



recommended the quarantine of infected areas while infected birds were to be incinerated or buried. They also noted that Imo State had not experienced any outbreak.

The occasion which was moderated by the HOD AST, Dr. B. O. Esonu, had in attendance, the Dean (SAAT), Prof. E. T. Eshett, Prof. M. I. Nwufu, representatives from the Federal and State Ministries of Agriculture, large and medium scale poultry farmers and staff and students of FUTO.

- Ademola Adedokun

### FUTO SATELLITE CAMPUS BIRTHS WUKARI JUBILEE UNIVERSITY

The expansive programme of the the satellite campus of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri has given birth to the first and only community University in Nigeria, Wukari Jubilee University.

This was made known by Mr. Ben Umafuje, leader of the Igbo Community in Wukari, Taraba State, during the Vice-Chancellor's Courtesy visit to the Chancellor of the University, His Royal Majesty, Dr. Shekarau Angyu Masa-Ibi.

The Community Leader commended the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri,



The VC, Prof. C.O.E Onwuliri in a chat with the Igbo Community in Wukari, Taraba State

Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri for his developmental efforts in University administration and highlighted some of their problems which included

giving admission to their children.

In response, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri expressed satisfaction with the peaceful conduct of the Igbo Community in Wukari.

He also assured them of continued support of the University. Also contributing, His Royal Majesty, Dr. Shekarau Angyu Masa-Ibi said the Igbo Community in Wukari invest over 75% of their income in developing the area.

"I am an Igbo man, even though I do not know how to speak Igbo," he declared.

- Tessy Iwuji

## IITA, FUTO VC PARLEY

The Vice-Chancellor of FUTO, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri has approved the immediate commencement of Integrated Cassava Farm Project in FUTO.

He gave the approval during a courtesy visit by representatives of the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) led by Dr. Eme Okoro, Principal National Co-ordinator of the Institute. Speaking during the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor said that their visit would quicken the commencement of mechanised agriculture in the University and opined that encroachment on its large expanse of the land would be a thing of the past. The Vice-Chancellor solicited the technical support of Dr. C. C. Ezedinma and Dr. J. Lemchi of the Department of Agricultural Economics, currently on leave of absence and working with the Institute, to achieve the set goals.

He urged the National Co-ordinator



L-R: Dr. Eme Okoro, Principal National Coordinator, IITA; Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri, VC, FUTO; Mr. Charles O. Omeire, Registrar, FUTO

IITA to draft a Memorandum of Understanding between the University and IITA for Management consideration and approval.

Earlier during the visit, Dr. Okoro congratulated the new Vice-Chancellor on his appointment and briefly explained the mission and vision of the Institute. He said that the institution had carried out extensive research on the development of cassava production, processing and marketing. The integrated cassava project, he stated was one of the fruits of IITA research which Mr. President believed would affect the economy of Nigeria positively.

He said he decided to come to FUTO after learning about the Vice-Chancellor's Strategic Plan which listed among others mechanised agricultural development in FUTO.

He remarked that the University was in a unique position to collaborate with IITA in the area of production of cassava machines, which has not been so far successful.

Dr. C. C. Ezedinma during his presentation intimated the Vice-chancellor that the IITA research projects were are being sponsored by the Federal Government, NDDC and SPDC and noted that an Integrated Cassava Resource Centre could be established in FUTO by IITA if the project was pursued vigorously.



## FUTO LIBRARY NOW ICT COMPLIANT

History was made on of June 15, 2006 as the immediate past Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. B. A. Nwachukwu commissioned the ICT Unit of the Library. The University Librarian, Chief J. E. Nwogu who was on hand to receive the Acting Vice-Chancellor said that the University Library was one of the ten beneficiaries of the Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) project, through which ten of the computers installed in the Unit were made available. The other computers and furniture he explained were procured and installed using funds made available by the former Acting Vice-Chancellor. He proudly displayed the customised computer tables and modern swivel chairs, a global trend to facilitate easy movement.

Declaring the ICT Unit open, Engr. Prof. Nwachukwu congratulated the University Librarian and his team for the judicious application of funds so far allocated to the Library while promising that the power problem would be addressed. He also announced the award of the N60m Library Phase II Building Contract.

According to him, N30 million had also been approved for equipping, furnishing and landscaping. He praised the Governing Council for approving funds for the project, while stressing that the University had not lost sight of the importance of staff development, as some Library staff would be going for training in the French Embassy soon.

He also used the forum to encourage commercial units in the University to compete with other contracting companies in Tender bidding and noted that if successful, held enormous financial benefits for the University. Reacting to an observation made by The Director of ICT, Prof. C. Akujor

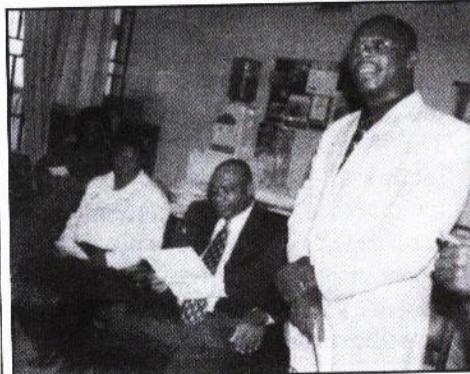
About the possible integration of all ICT Centres in the University under one umbrella, he stated that an ICT Building which will serve as a co-ordinating unit for all other ICT projects in FUTO was about to be put in place by Chevron.

The former Acting Vice-Chancellor and his entourage was shown round the new ICT Library Unit. One of the striking features was the server cubicle which was expected to serve all the computers in the unit and also replace library cards.

The Commissioning ceremony was witnessed by the former Registrar, Prince J. A. Faleye, the Bursar, represented by Mr. A. C. Ekeke, Dean, SOSC represented by the Associate Dean, Prof. K. M. Ibe, Dean, SOHT Prof. (Mrs.) B. N. Anyanwu and the Dean of Student Affairs, Engr. Prof. E. E. Anyanwu. Also present were, the Dean of the Post Graduate School, Prof. C. I. Anunuso, Directors and the University Public Relations Officer.

### GENERAL STUDIES, A RESERVOIR OF INTELLECTUALS - VC

The Vice-Chancellor of FUTO, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri on Friday July 21, 2006 has during a courtesy Visit to him by staff of the General



Dr. O. Emejulu, then Head, General Studies speaking during the VC's visit

Studies Unit described it as a reservoir of intellectuals which should have been accorded a Directorate status as done in other Universities. While sympathising with them for the marginalisation they had suffered in the past, he assured them that his advent as Vice-Chancellor would put things right.

He urged them to present their proposal to Senate for consideration assured them of his support. He also stated that the registration of students for GS courses will henceforth be done in the Unit. The Vice-Chancellor directed that the Unit should commence work on a book on the history of FUTO which would be launched during the forth-coming 25th year anniversary celebration of the University.

Presenting his address earlier, the Head of the Unit, Dr. O. A. Emejulu had presented a proposed plan to be implemented between 2006 to 2011, in line with the Vice-Chancellor's Strategic Plan for the University. He stated that the relegation of the University derailed its mandate to produce all round, broad based, versatile and multi-dimensional graduates.

The proposed new departments to be established from General Studies according to him would include Philosophy of Science and Technology, Human Communications Technology and Industrial and Labour Relations Technology.

Dr. Emejulu appealed to the Vice-Chancellor to give the Unit a befitting building of its own, a Language Laboratory a departmental library, and special consideration in disbursement of funds.

On behalf of the Unit, he presented a gift to the Vice-Chancellor, pledging total loyalty and support.



## ONWULIRI MAKING FUTO A MARKET PLACE OF IDEAS

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Celestine O. E. Onwuliri has stated that he has commenced the process of making FUTO a market place of ideas.

He made this known during his meeting with representatives of Bank PHB in his office on August 23, 2006. The Vice-Chancellor urged the bank to partner with his team in the development and transformation of the University through project financing. He informed of his intention to build staff quarters on campus using the build operate and transfer option and assured them of the security of any investment made in the University. The Vice-Chancellor also opined that the bank could sponsor research and massive mechanised farming in the University.

According to him, his administration would be open minded and fair in its dealings with financial institutions.

The Regional Director of the bank, Mr. Emma Okoro assured the Vice-Chancellor that the bank would do all within its power to assist the University staff while promising that the Multi Business Activity Centre being proposed by the bank for the University would soon take off.

## VC WOOS UBA TO INVEST IN FUTO

Business Manager, Mr. Eastace Nosike has promised that the United Bank for Africa Plc would be involved in some projects envisioned by the new Vice-Chancellor of Federal University of Technology Owerri, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri. Speaking during a courtesy

visit to The Vice-Chancellor in his office, Mr. Nosike, promised to package all the proposed areas to the Management of the Bank.

He also informed the Vice-Chancellor that a new ATM Machine to provide easy cash withdrawals for staff had been approved and was ready for installation in the University. He further solicited the strengthening of the good relationship between the Bank and the University through the allocation of new accounts to UBA.

Speaking earlier, the Vice-Chancellor had told the bankers that there were so many areas of investment in the University noting that the University's ICT was still at its lowest level. He also listed the construction of staff residential quarters and agricultural projects as part of his vision for the University and assured them of the security of investments in the University.

Also in company of the UBA Business Manager were C. C. Amakor and Modestus Okeke.

- Stories by Ademola Adelakun

## UNITED NATIONS CITES DEVELOPMENT CENTRE IN FUTO

The Youth Enhancement Organisation (YEO) is to cite its Development Centre in the Federal University of Technology, Owerri. The project which is to be financed by the United Nations is to commence before the end of the year. This was made known by the President of the Organisation, a 500 level student of the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Ambassador Obinna Egbuka during a courtesy call (with members of the Board of Trustees) on the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri.

Ambassador Egbuka pleaded for the full support of the Vice-Chancellor towards the realisation of the project. He thanked the Vice-Chancellor for giving them the opportunity to meet with him and prayed God to guide him throughout his tenure. He also congratulated the Vice-Chancellor and pledged support for the success of his administration.

According to the President, the Organisation started seven years ago as an anti-cult club, geared towards organising workshops and seminars for the youth.



Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri, VC, FUTO, in a friendly tete-a-tete with Ambassador Obinna Egbuka, President, YEO

The Vice-Chancellor assured them of his support and assistance. He noted that their activities were relevant to the goals of the National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy (NEEDS) and Millenium Development Goals (MDG) and so will be encouraged by Management.

The President was accompanied on the visit by Mr. Vitus Ekeocha, YEO patron and other members of the Board of Trustees.

- Adaeze Okany

## STUDENT HOSTELS AND STAFF QUARTERS NOW A REALISTIC VISION

The vision of Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri, the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri to build more hostels for student and staff quarters through the build - operate and transfer (BOT)



arrangement, is beginning to crystallise into reality as the University Management has signed an agreement with Euro Contractors and Sterling Builders Limited to build five student hostels on campus. According to the Contract Agreement which was signed by the Chairman/C.E.O. Of Euro Contractor and Sterling Builders Limited, Mr. Uche Okoli and the Vice-Chancellor of FUTO, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri on September 1, 2006,

the hostels would be managed by the contractor for twenty years before transferring ownership to the University while the University would make available 4,455.76 hectares of land for the project, which would commence ninety days after the signing of the agreement.

Furthermore, it is expected that the project would be in 5 phases Phase one, which is one block of 140 rooms would be completed within 24 months from the date of commencement of construction.

Also present during the signing of the agreement was the project Director, Arc. Mike Adimorah and Principal Officers of the University.

### **MAYSSA PROMISES TO DELIVER PHASE 3 OF SENATE BUILDING IN SIX MONTHS**

The Manager, Business Development of MAYSSA International Nigeria Limited, Mr. Essien Ekong has promised to deliver Phase 3 of the Senate Building in six months in the absence of any hindrances. He made this pronouncement during the formal handing over of site to the company.

Also speaking at the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri opined that Management would be happy if the project was

realised in time stressing that the University was in dire need of office accommodation.

Earlier, the Principal Consultant, Architect Ifeanyi of Desgroup, commended the company for starting on a good note and also thanked the Vice-Chancellor for honouring the invitation, while stressing that it would be in the interest of the company to finish the project in time for use by the University. He urged all the parties involved in the construction to work as a team towards the realisation of the project.

Also present during the occasion were the Registrar, Mr. Charles O. Omeire, Director PP&D, Engr. N. Okoro, the University PRO, Miss Adaeze N. Okany, key staff of the Physical Planning and Development Unit, MAYSSA International Limited, Desgroup and Pijai Project Surveyors.

*- Ademola Adelakun*

Earlier, the Headmistress, Mrs. Sybillia Anyanwu in her welcome address thanked the Vice-Chancellor and his entourage on behalf of the staff and students. She pointed out that the staff school, being the baby of the University, should not be neglected and made it known that the school had produced many prominent men and women. She also brought to the attention of the Vice-Chancellor some of the problems facing the school.

Accompanying the Vice-Chancellor on the visit were the Registrar, Mr. Charles Omeire Bursar, Mr. R. U. Akujobi, University Librarian, Chief J. E. Nwogu, former Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Engr Prof. B. A. Nwachukwu, Barr. H. O. Mezieobi, Co-ordinator, Legal Matters Unit, Adaeze N. Okany, University PRO and Chief Security Officer, Mr. C. Anuforo.

**- Emmanuel Onwurah**

### **VC ABOLISHES TYPEWRITER, DEPLOYS COMPUTERS TO UNIVERSITY STAFF SCHOOL**

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri has while on his first visit to the University Staff School, made a donation of four computers and a printer and abolished the use of typewriter in the school. He used the opportunity to inspect facilities in the School and the new Library under construction.

He commended staff and assured them that his administration will commence the second phase of the school. He charged the Headmistress to resuscitate the Parents/Teachers Association stressing that it would be helpful in solving most of its present problems.

### **ZINOX MAKES GOOD HIS PROMISE**

*-Donates N4.5M towards ICT Project*

The Chief Executive Officer of Zinox Computers, Chief Dr. Leo Stan Eke has presented a cheque of N4.5m



*The VC poses for the camera with the CEO, Zinox Computers, Chief Leostan Eke, Principal Officers, Directors & Staff of FUTO*

to the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, towards the completion of the ICT Block which he donated to the university during the 2004 convocation ceremony.



Presenting the cheque to the Vice-Chancellor during a recent visit to the university, Chief Eke who regretted the delay in executing the project, stated that the ICT centre was not a political project and should not be seen as such adding that FUTO was not the first university he had made such donations to.

He described the education industry as the platform for development in the country adding that he saw his role in the development of the industry as a call to serve God and humanity. Chief Eke explained that the N4.5 million was for the ICT building, while the equipping of hardware and software would be done on completion of the building.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri thanked the Zinox Chief Executive for the interest and passion he has exhibited in making sure that FUTO does not lose out in the ICT world of today.

He stated that it was in recognition of his zeal to bring the internet to the door step of every Nigerian that he was nominated for honorary degree award in far away University of Jos during his tenure as the Ag. Vice-Chancellor adding that he was happy that such recognition had been accorded him earlier by FUTO.

The Vice-Chancellor therefore urged Chief Eke to keep the passion aflame as generations unborn would not forget his impact in a hurry.

Among key functionaries that graced the occasion were the Principal Officers, Deans of Schools, Directors, Heads of Departments and Union Executives.

*-Ndidi Eziolisa*

## **NWACHUKWU DONATES BOOKS AND FOSSIL SETS TO FUTO**

M. A. Nwachukwu of Shippensburg University has through GEOPROBE Int'l Consultants Ltd., Owerri donated a total of ten recent reference Geology text books and two sets of teaching aid fossils, valued at \$800 to the Department of Geology.

He has also urged the Department to set up a modern laboratory hooked to the internet to facilitate the teaching and learning of Geo-Science. If completed, the donor promised to provide and install Geo-Science softwares and CDs including GIS, Remote Sensing, Structural Geology, Mapping Techniques etc.

The books include 'Modern Physical Geology' 2nd Edition 1997 by Thompson and Turk (with full CD text); 'Earth, An Introduction to Physical Geology' 6th Edition (1999) by Tarbuck and Lutgeus; 'Earth, Geological Principles and History' 2002 by Chernicoff, fox and Tanner, and 'Essentials of Geology' 2004 by S. Marshark (with full CD text).

## **VC INSTITUTES UNIVERSITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXHIBITION**

The Vice-Chancellor of FUTO, Prof. Celestine Onwuliri has announced the introduction of a University Research and Development Exhibition to showcase the University's prowess in the areas of research, innovations and inventions. According to the Vice-Chancellor, this will enable the University to reward practical research-oriented staff and generate revenue through private sector investment in intellectual development.

This was made known during the courtesy visit of FUTO Chapter of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) to the Vice-Chancellor.

During the visit, the Vice-Chancellor thanked them for their concern for the progress of FUTO and for maintaining a harmonious relationship with the University Management, and promised to sustain the good relationship by giving the Union members their due and responding to their problems promptly.

Earlier, while congratulating the Vice-Chancellor on his appointment, the Chairman of ASUU, Prof. N. N. Onu assured him of the support of the Union towards realising his vision for the University. He drew the attention of the Vice-Chancellor to the problem of insufficient office space for academic staff and also urged him to reconcile all parties in the University.

In a similar vein, the Secretary, Dr. G. F. Okorafor advised the Vice-Chancellor to ensure that round pegs were put into round holes, in matters of appointments into strategic positions in the University. The Treasurer, (Dr.) Mrs. Edna Mathews-Njoku drew his attention to the issue of non payment of allowances to Head of Departments and non-remittance of tax deductions to the Board of Internal Revenue, which had made it impossible for members of staff to get tax clearance from the Board.

In his contribution, Engr. C. E. Chinweze, Officio member of ASUU suggested that fallow land in the University could be ploughed and leased out to indigenes for farming, while the University buys back the farm products for sale to large scale consumers. He pined that it would solve the problem of encroachment. The vote of thanks given by the Vice-Chairman, Engr. Dr. Remy Uche brought the courtesy visit to an end.



## STAFF DEVELOPMENT, A MUST IN FUTO

The Vice-Chancellor of Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri has promised to encourage staff development in the University. He made this known during a courtesy call by the ASUTON executives to his office on Friday, July 21, 2006.

Speaking during the visit, the Vice-Chancellor thanked them for identifying with his administration. He encouraged them to continue to carry out their responsibilities and noted their significant role in achievement of its objectives as a University of Technology.

Reacting to the problem of misappropriation of Direct Technology and Laboratory Cost (DTLC) funds, the Vice-Chancellor urged the union to ensure their members, involvement in the purchase and management of laboratory equipment and materials. He assured them that the review of Duty Tour Allowance and the Scheme of Service would be looked into.

Earlier the Chairman of the Association of university Technologists of Nigeria (ASUTON) Engr. V. O. Egwu pledged their loyalty to the Vice-Chancellor, while assuring him of the co-operation of members. He urged the Vice-Chancellor to address the problem of inadequate laboratory space and the up grading of laboratory equipment, most of which he said were obsolete.

In her contribution, the Treasurer of the Union, C. Akobundu urged the Vice-Chancellor to sponsor ASUTON members on courses to keep them abreast with new developments. She also suggested that big generators should be installed in schools, instead of the small one being purchased by departments which normally cause noise and pollution.

The Financial Secretary, Mr. N. Umeh and the PRO, Mr. U. C. Inyama were also present

- Ademola Adedokun

## GENERAL STUDIES UNIT NOW A DIRECTORATE

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the restoration of the General Studies Unit to the status of a Directorate with effect from the 2006/2007 academic session.

At the 6th meeting of the Principal Officers held on August 7, 2006 Management noted the strategic importance of the General Studies Programme and the fact that at its inception, the Unit was designed and designated as a directorate, and therefore directed that the directorate status be restored.

To that effect all General Studies courses will with effect from the 2006/2007 academic session be registered for by students at the General Studies Directorate.

It is expected that with the new development, the Directorate will realise the objectives for which it was established.

## ONWULIRI DELIVERS AS PROMISED

In keeping to his promise on assumption of office as the Vice-Chancellor of FUTO to introduce a Work Aid Scheme to help indigent students, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri has approved the appointment of Mr. ThankGod Eze of the Department of Chemical Engineering under the Student Work - Aid-Scheme programme.

According to him the scheme will function in accordance with the regulations governing the conditions of service of the Student Work-Aid Scheme of the University. The Scheme, he said was come out of his desire to assist indigent but hard working and intelligent students to sustain themselves while studying to better their lot.

According to the letter conveying the offer, signed by the Co-ordinator of Establishment and Junior Personnel Matters, Chief C. E. A. Anaba on behalf of the Registrar, the offer to Mr. Eze will last for one year in the first instance and will attract a monthly stipend of six thousand naira and shall be subject to the regulations governing the conditions of service of the Work-Aid Scheme of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri

- Ndidi Eziolisa

## VC ADDRESSES 15TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 5th Substantive Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri on July 6, 2006 addressed the 15th General Assembly of the University. The address which touched almost all aspects of the University administration could be described as a drilling pipe into the seed of time, as the renowned professor of Zoology, who was two time Commissioner in Imo State and recently Acting Vice-Chancellor of University of Jos bore his mind on the present and unfolded his vision for the future.

At the beginning of his historical speech, he gave thanks to God for making his appointment possible and also extended his gratitude to





President Olusegun Obasanjo for approving his appointment, while assuring him of his loyalty to the Federal Government.



Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri delivering his maiden address to the University community

He congratulated the 8th Governing Council of FUTO for successfully conducting the interviews for Vice-Chancellor and Registrar, stressing that he would not betray the confidence they reposed in him. He further promised that he would do everything humanly possible to reconcile all members of the University Community so that they could work together to move FUTO forward. He went further to enumerate the priority of his administration thus:

- ✍ creating a good liaison between the University and the Government on one hand and between the University and its host communities on the other
- ✍ enhancing fund procurement, internal revenue generation and mobilisation as well as ensuring judicious application of financial resources.
- ✍ enhancing performance at all levels in the University, through the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT), and the strict observance of 'Due Process in admissions, employments, promotions and contract awards and in all other aspects of the University.
- ✍ enhancing physical and structural development of the University in keeping with our approved Master Plan, while emphasising maintenance culture and the elimination of waste.

✍ providing relevant goal-oriented, qualitative undergraduate and postgraduate training for, our students and other trainees

✍ providing adequate tools, equipment, materials and good services for the pursuit of excellence in scholarship. Ensuring capacity building and gender equality at all levels

✍ ensuring staff and student welfare and encouraging vibrant and responsible staff and student unionism. Alleviating the transport problems of staff and students who have to commute to campus daily owing to the peculiar circumstances of FUTO.

✍ eliminating cultism, examination malpractice, drunkenness and drug addition, HIV/AIDs and other common vices from the University.

✍ strengthening general administration in line with the changing realities of the time.

✍ extending the frontiers of the University, nationally and internationally in a world that is becoming highly globalised.

✍ ensuring implementation of Government policies especially on corruption, Reforms, NEEDS, MDGs etc.

✍ facilitating infrastructural development in FUTO especially with respect to staff housing on campus and hostel development for students.

Prof. Onwuliri told the assembly that he would institutionalise revenue generation in FUTO as an on-going programme, involving all stakeholders.

To further increase the level of internally generated revenue he, promised to resuscitate all the ailing / handicapped FUTO commercial ventures.

The Vice-Chancellor also called for a total attitudinal change while imploring all staff to be committed, pro-active, result-oriented and efficient. He stated that prompt payment of salaries will be

maintained while staff training would be a major focus of his administration.

He used the opportunity to call on Heads of Departments whose programmes currently have denied or interim accreditation to commence the remediation process while assuring them of his advice and necessary financial support.

He was full of gratitude to his predecessors whom he said sustained a legacy of peace, stability and distinction in the University. The ceremony witnessed by Principal Officers, Deans and Directors, HODs, HOUs, Co-ordinators, the Student's Union Government a large turn out of staff and the media was indeed rewarding for Prof. Onwuliri who summed it up in the following words "Unless the Lord builds the house, in vain does its builders labour" (Ps. 127 vs 1).

- Ademola Adelokun

## 8 FUTO STUDENTS GET SENATOR AJOKU'S SCHOLARSHIP

*The under listed FUTO students have won the Senator Eze Ajoku's Scholarship Award. The students were among the 48 awardees of Owerri Zone. Each of the six higher institutions in the state get eight awards, six of which were for indigent but intelligent students and two for physically handicapped students.*

*The Awardees were: Anthony Anyanwu of Polymer & Textile Engineering; Bartholomew C. Eke of Civil Engineering; Ikenna C. Emekalam of Civil*



*Engineering; Ekene G. Ihemeje of Project Management Technology; Valentine C. Ugorji of Maths / Computer Science; Doris. O. Uzosike, of Petroleum Engineering; Ejike Osuji of Agrc. Engineering; and Ifeanyi Njemanze of Chemical Engineering.*

## PRIZE GIVING DAY @ USS

Delivering a lecture during the 2006 Graduation and Prize Giving Day Ceremony of the University Staff School, Chief J. E. Nwogu, University Librarian delivered a talk "Eze Goes to School" where he likened the pupils to the main character in the book. He urged them graduating pupils to see their graduation from primary to secondary school as an achievement and a stepping stone to a greater future while encouraging them to be good ambassadors of FUTO. He said the school was synonymous with academic excellence and high level of morality and prayed that God would protect and guide them where ever they went.

Delivering her speech during the occasion, the Headmistress, Mrs. S. I. Anyanwu stated that the out-going primary six pupils had proved worthy both in character and learning. Described them as peaceful and hard working he said they scored 98% in the State Common Entrance Examination and produced the highest number of pupils that scored above 90%. She also stated that the school scored 100% in the First School Leaving Certificate exam with 13 distinctions and 35 credits.

She commended Management for supporting the school without which the laudable achievement would have been impossible.

She solicited the support of the University Management in procuring

graduation gowns, sports equipment, swings, jerseys and musical instruments while urging the University authority to also institute Prizes for brilliant children.

She thanked Prof. S. C. Ugbohue for his yearly prize of N5,000, in honour of his late wife Mrs. Joan Ugbohue and urged other parents to follow his example other prize winners at the ceremony were

The Best Girl in Common Entrance was Nneoma Akaji, while Godson Ibeji carted away the prizes for English, State Common Entrance, Best Behaved Boy, Neatest Boy and Overall Best Pupil of the Year.

Ugonna Chinedu - Best in Mathematics  
Emeka Igbojiaku - Best in Science  
Ugonna Chinedu - Best Behaved Girl -  
Chioma Oguoma - Neatest girl  
Chisom Njokur - Best in Sports  
Emeka Igbojiaku - Head boy  
Kelechi Ogu - Head girl

- Ademola Adedokun

## CHANCELLOR COMMENDS VC

His Royal Majesty, Dr. Shekarau Angyu Masa-Ibi, Chancellor of Federal University of Technology, Owerri, has welcomed the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof.



L-R: Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri, VC, FUTO with HRM, Dr. Shekarau Angyu Masa-Ibi, Chancellor, FUTO

Celestine O. E. Onwuliri and expressed his gratitude to God for his appointment as the 5th

Substantive Vice-Chancellor of the University.

The Chancellor stated this in his Palace at Wukari in Taraba State, when the Vice-Chancellor paid him a courtesy visit. According to him, the University had existed without a substantive Vice-Chancellor, adding that from what he knew of Prof. Onwuliri, he would effectively run the affairs of the University.

He expressed joy over the peaceful atmosphere in the University and promised to give his support to the efforts of the administration.

The Royal Father advised the Vice-Chancellor to appreciate the problems of staff and students and urged him to proffer solutions to problems wherever he was called upon to do so.

Earlier, the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri had informed him that the University had been doing well since he took over, adding that it had concluded its 2005/2006 calendar year.

He also informed the Chancellor that the 18th and 19th Convocation of the University had been scheduled for November 28 to December 2, 2006,

noting that the Chancellor would play a major role. "Honorary degrees would be conferred on well meaning Nigerians", the Vice-chancellor said.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Chancellor that the University had gone a long way in attracting



well-meaning Nigerians to build hostels for our students using Built-Operate and Transfer (BOT) option adding that two companies had responded. "We are also pioneering with banks to upgrade Information and Communication Technology, ICT, the Vice-Chancellor stated.

The Vice-Chancellor was accompanied on the visit by the Registrar, Mr. Charles Omeire, the Bursar, Mr. R. U. Akujobi, the University Librarian, Chief J. E. Nwogu and the University Public Relations Officer, Miss Adaeze N. Okany.

- Tessa Iwuji

## GOMWALK HAPPY WITH ONWULIRI

The Pioneer Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Prof. U. D. Gomwalk has described Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri as an open-minded man.

Prof. Gomwalk who is presently the pioneer Vice-Chancellor of Wukari Jubilee University in Taraba State, said he was not surprised at the appointment of Prof. Onwuliri as the substantive Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri.

Prof. Gomwalk who played host to Federal University of Technology, Owerri Vice-Chancellor and his entourage said Wukari Jubilee University had three colleges - College of Management Studies, College of Social Sciences and College of Natural and Applied Sciences, on ground with a total student population of 60.

Earlier, Prof. Onwuliri had described Prof. Gomwalk as a pioneer Vice-Chancellor of many universities adding that he would ride on the wings of his predecessors and invited him to the 18th and 19th Convocation

Ceremonies of the University coming up on November 28 through December 2, 2006.

It would be recalled that the Federal University of Technology, Owerri satellite campus, Wukari gave birth to the Wukari Jubilee University.

- Tessa Iwuji

## OGANIHU AMUZI HONOURS ONWULIRI

The saying that a prophet is not honoured in his home was contradicted on July 29, 2006 when Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri Vice-Chancellor, FUTO was celebrated by his people in their multitudes, under the auspices of Oganihu Social Club of Amuzi (OSCA).



The VC, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri and his wife, Prof. (Mrs.) Viola Adaku Onwuliri

In a very colourful ceremony which featured several traditional dances and displays, speeches and tributes, Prof. Onwuliri and wife, Prof. (Mrs.) Viola Adaku Onwuliri were toasted to the delight of both the local and University communities.

The Chairman of the occasion, Oganihu Nze J. N. Iwuji described Prof. Onwuliri as Christ-like; emotionally stable; a gifted son and an academic superstar.

Also, in a welcome address, OSCA Chairman, Oganihu B. N. Kemdirim recalled with glee and pride the many

Firsts recorded by Prof. Onwuliri, especially as first Amuzi Commissioner and Vice-Chancellor. He described the honoree as an achiever even in areas unrelated to his profession. He challenged the new Vice-Chancellor to be wise and courageous and to ensure that his administration impacts positively on the ranking of the University, staff, student and on his community, Amuzi.

The community also demonstrated their confidence and belief in Prof. Onwuliri's ability to excel by the many speeches and praises showered on him.

In his response, Prof. Onwuliri counted his blessing from God and the Blessed Virgin Mary and thanked his teachers for laying a solid foundation upon which he had achieved success. Of course, he did not forget to appreciate the wonderful contributions and support of his benefactors and particularly acknowledged his wife as a pillar of motivation and support and a driving force behind his achievements.

Present at the occasion were Principal Officers of the University, Prof. E. E. Anyanwu, Dean, Student Affairs, Dr. E. E. Ejike, HOD, Chemistry, Mr. Chukwumeka Nwafor, Head, Public Sector Desk (Eastern Region) of Wema Bank, Oganihu H.A. Onwuliri, founding Chairman and wife.

- Adaeze Okany





# It's Congratulations Galore

**T**here is time and season for everything, and so Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri has continued to receive an outpouring of felicitations from well meaning Nigerians, family, colleagues friends alike following his appointment as fifth substantive Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri. Read on...

It is with delight that I wish to congratulate you on your appointment as the Vice-Chancellor of our University, the Federal University of Technology, Owerri.

Your appointment to head the Institution for us is very symbolic in a number of ways. As an indigene and former Commissioner in the State, you are no doubt very familiar with the peculiar needs of Imo State and it is our expectation that will use the new office to further uplift the state.

On behalf of my family, Government and people of Imo State, I congratulate you on this most deserving appointment and God bless.

**-Achike Udenwa  
Governor, Imo State**

**My Dear VC,**

I am pleased that at last a substantive VC has been appointed to manage the affairs of one of the foremost citadels of learning, east of the Niger.

I am quite confident that your tenure will usher greater peace and development on campus, and enhance a more cordial relationship between the University and our government.

It is our prayer that God will grant you the wisdom and courage to move the University forward.  
Congratulations!

**- Orji Uzor Kalu  
Governor**

I write on behalf of the 10<sup>th</sup> Governing Council of the University of Jos to congratulate you over your recent and well deserved appointment as new Vice-chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri by the President and Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria Chief Olusegun Obasanjo.

... Council was highly elated and felt justified that one of its outstanding Professors, who was recently appointed as Acting Vice-Chancellor for the University of Jos, was similarly recognised by the Federal Government.

Council prayed the Almighty God to grant you wisdom, good health and strength of character to succeed in this exalted position.

Once more, congratulations.

With high regards

**- Z. D. Galam  
Registrar/Secretary to Council**

*Congratulations Daddy!*

*Our Dear Mum & Daddy,*

*Achievement, accomplishment and recognition are what counts in the race of life, while true greatness lies in service to God and humanity.*

*By His Grace, you have not lacked any of these. Continue to ride high.*

*Daddy, congratulations on your well deserved appointment as the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri (FUTO).*

**-Ijeoma Onwuliri Dozie, Kennamdi, Emeka, Chinemerem, Tochukwu & Amarachi Onwuliri, Getrude and Prisca Njoku**

*Congratulations on another successful step in life. Your vision, love, hardwork, character have now been appreciated by your appointment as the Vice-Chancellor, FUTO.*

It's true ... "A gold fish has no hiding place".

May God continue to guide you and grant you long life and more wisdom to achieve greater heights.

**-Ezinna Sir Dr. C. U. U. U.  
Kadurumba  
Michael Okpara University of  
Agriculture, Umudike**

Your choice as the new Vice-Chancellor of FUTO is widely acclaimed as well deserved and a blessing to the Institution.

**- Nigerian Library Association  
Imo State**

On behalf of my family, I congratulate you on your well deserved appointment as the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri (FUTO).

Your appointment is an eloquent testimony of your excellent diligence and perseverance.

However, it is important that you always dwell in the consciousness that it is God that has lifted you to this enviable position that great mortals wish and aspire to attain in life. He definitely has a purpose for doing so.

It is imperative that whoever God calls, He equips. I am confident that He will grant you the requisite grace, wisdom, strength and good health as you selflessly serve Him in FUTO.

My prayer is that your tenure will be characterised by peace, stability and progress for the University and its stakeholders.

Once more, accept my congratulations.

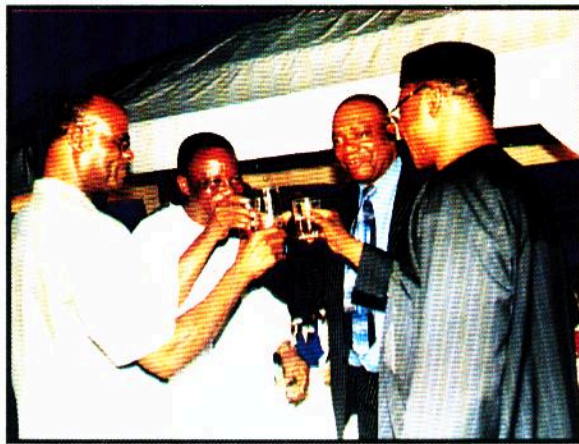
**- C. O. Omeire & Family**

Honour, success and achievements are not won on a platter of gold, but by hardwork and ambition. Honour is give to whom it's due.

# PHOTO DIARY



L-R: The Registrar, Mr. C.O. Omeire seated next to the Pro-Chancellor, U.F. Abdullahi, Esq during a dinner hosted by the VC in honour of the 8th Governing Council.



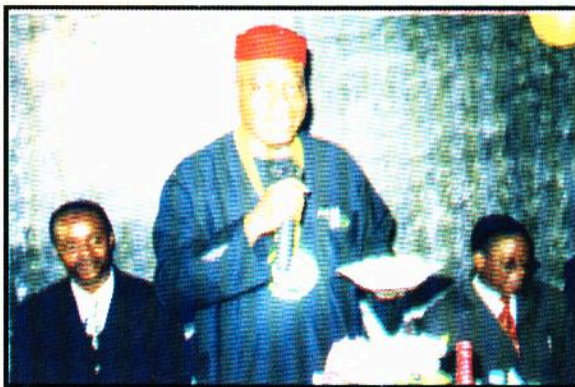
A historic moment indeed at the Council Dinner, L-R: Prof. A. Nduka, 2nd FUTO VC; Engr. Prof B.A. Nwachukwu, immediate past Acting VC; Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri, 5th and incumbent VC and Prof. J.E Njoku, 4th FUTO VC toast to the success of the University.



100 DAYS IN OFFICE - VC commissioning one of the two laboratories in the School of Science



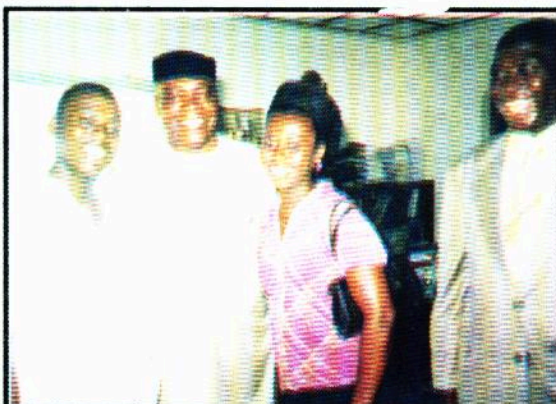
A view of the Project Management Building also commissioned by the VC, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri on 27th Sept. 2006.



In a post - commissioning ceremony, VC (standing) is flanked by the Registrar (left) and the University Librarian.



The Vice-Chancellor, former Registrar, Prince J.A Faleye and Heads/Co-ordinators of Units pose for the camera during the 15th General Assembly.



All beaming with smiles, the VC, Prof. Onwuliri poses with newly wedded Mr. And Mrs. Gift Mbah, 2006 graduating students of Animal Science and Technology while Mr. Uche Okoli, CEO, Euro Contractors & Sterling Builders Ltd looks on in admiration.



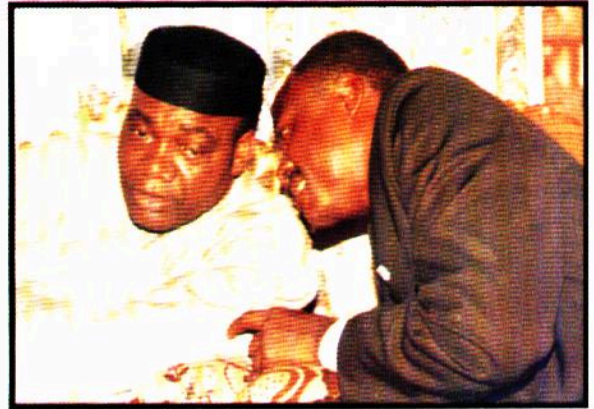
The Vice-chancellor, Prof. Celestine Onwuliri in a discussion with Dr. (Mrs.) E.N. Iheanacho, Deputy Director, Guidance & Counselling in his office.

# A DATE WITH HIS ROYAL MAJESTY

It was a worthwhile and interesting two day trip to Wukari in Celestine O.E. Onwuliri led other Principal Officers on a courtesy visit to His Royal Majesty, Dr. Shekarau Angyu Masa-Ibi. While on the trip, the Vice-Chancellor visited the University where Prof. U.D. Gomwalk heads as Vice-Chancellor.



HRM, Dr. Shekarau Angyu Masa-Ibi addressing his August visitors



Prof. Celestine O.E. Onwuliri in a tete-a-tete with the University Registrar, Mr. Charles O. Omeire



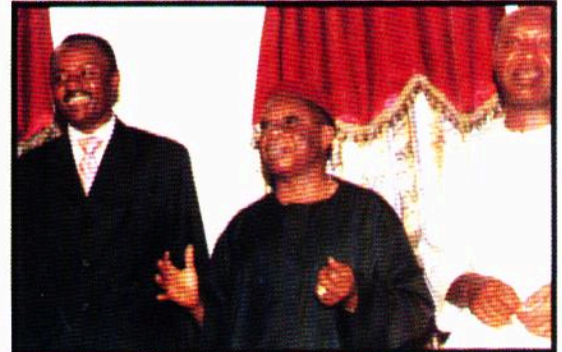
L-R: The Registrar, Mr. Charles Omeire and the University Librarian, Chief J.E. Nwogu during the visit



The Chancellor, HRM Dr. Shekarau Masa-Ibi hands over two copies of his autobiography on him to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O.E. Onwuliri



VC conducts a birthday song to the delight of the Chancellor who turned 70 on September 19, 2006



L-R: The Registrar, Mr. Omeire with the University Bursar, Mr. R.U. Akujobi and Librarian, Chief J.E. Nwogu joyfully sing along with the VC



Emmanuel W. Masa-Ibi, son and official spokesman of the chancellor

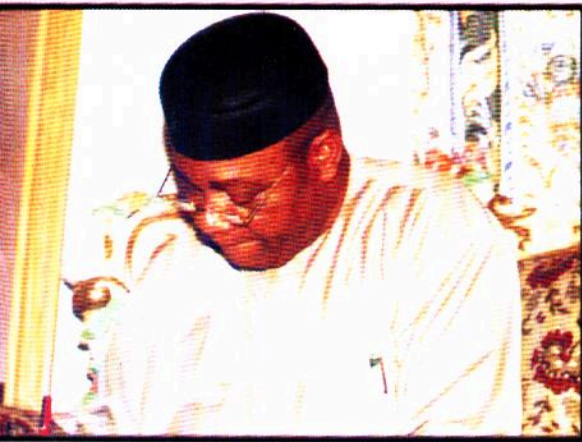


A Palace vocalist eulogising the VC and entourage

# DR. SHEKARAU ANGYU MASA-IBI



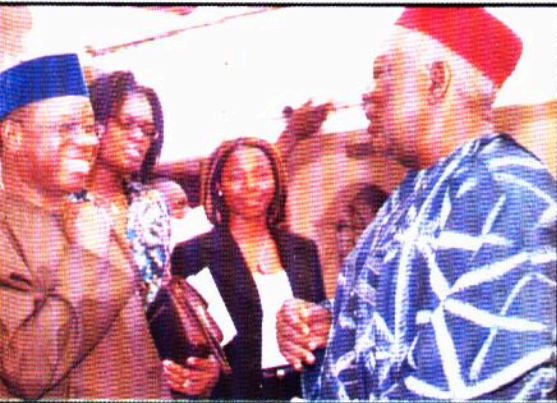
from far away Taraba State when the new Vice-chancellor, Prof. Celestine O.E Onwuliri, paid a courtesy visit to the highly respected Chancellor of the University, Prof. U.D Gomwalk. On the trip, the VC and entourage visited the Wukari Jubilee University.



Prof. Celestine O.E Onwuliri signs the Visitors register during the Courtesy call on the Chancellor



The chancellor (middle) in a group photo with VC, Principal Officers and some palace staff



Chief J.E Nwogu, University Librarian in an animated discussion with the Chancellor while Miss Adaeze N. Okany, University PRO and Miss Tessy Iwuji look on.



The Chancellor, poses with Principal Officers, other University and palace staff and representatives of the Igbo Community in Wukari.



L-R: Prof. U.D Gomwalk, pioneer FUTO VC and current VC, Wukari Jubilee University and Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri, FUTO VC



L-R: The Registrar, Mr. C.O. Omeire in a discussion with the Registrar, Wukari Jubilee University



Prof. Gomwalk warmly receives FUTO Bursar, Mr. Robinson U. Akujobi



The University PRO, Adaeze Okany in a hilarious mood while being introduced to Prof. Gomwalk



# For The Love of Excellence...

The Oganihu Social Club, Amuzi (OSCA) Mbase turned out in their number to celebrate their own, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri, Amuzi's first Best Graduating Post graduate Student, first Honourable Commissioner and now first Vice - Chancellor. FutoNews brings you snapshots taken at the ceremony.



The Vice - Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O.E Onwuliri and his wife, Prof. (Mrs) Viola Adaku Onwuliri stepping out of their home joyously, in readiness for the party.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O.E. Onwuliri flanked by the University Librarian, Chief J.I. Nwoogu, Dean, Student Affairs, Prof. E.E Anyanwu and others arriving the venue of the celebration.



Guests in rapt attention at the ceremony



Prof. Onwuliri presenting a captivating folk-lore while the wife sings along.



Members of the Oganihu Social Club of Amuzi agog with pleasure



VC's wife, Prof. (Mrs.) Viola A. Onwuliri dances to traditional beats of the Amuzi womenfolk.



The VC in a group photograph with wife, Mr. R.U. Akujobi, Bursar (1st right), Prof. E.E Anyanwu, Dean, Student Affairs (2nd right), Dr. E.N Ejike, HOD, Chemistry (4th left) University PRO and others.







*Congratulations on your fresh appointment.*

**- Prof Peter U. Okorie**

*This is to congratulate you on your deserved appointment as the substantive Vice-Chancellor of FUTO.*

*We wish you a successful and hitch free tenure and above all pray that the Almighty God will continue to give you strength, wisdom and foresight throughout your tenure...*

**-The Entire Management & Staff of Consultancy Service Limited UNIJOS**

*Strides are Strides*

*But some are landmarks.*

*As you keep your appointment with destiny as Vice-Chancellor, FUTO*

*...May achievements such as this continue to dot the path of your life, as one day fades into another. May God's blessings, continue to illuminate this path wherever it may lead; and may His Grace and Love, be your daily companion all the days of your life.*

**- Greg & Mercy Chido Amajuoyi**

*You have every reason to be proud because we are proud of you and all that you have achieved.*

*To us of the Sterling Bank Plc is a further testimony of your sterling qualities. May God Almighty grant you more wisdom and guidance in all your future pursuits.*

**- Sterling Bank Plc**

*Mbaise Development Association, Jos*

*congratulates you on your new appointment.*

*"The best is yet to come".*

**-Mbaise Development Association, Jos Branch**

*Your hallmark of excellence cannot go unrecognised.*

*Your achievements speak aloud for themselves.*

*This is to say CONGRATULATIONS for a well deserved honour to an outstanding and distinguished achiever who is totally committed to excellence.*

*May God Almighty continue to guide you and grant you long life and more wisdom to achieve greater heights. Management & Staff Wema Bank PLC*

*This is an honour well deserved, which comes from your outstanding achievements. May the Almighty God continue to shower His blessings on you as you keep on enjoying the fruits of your labour.*

**- Ugochi Odoala**

**On behalf of the family**

*Congratulations on your well-deserved appointment.*

**- Ikechukwu (Caje) & Felicia Okwujiaka**

*I was overwhelmed, hearing of your appointment as Vice-Chancellor, FUTO. Congratulating you on this occasion is simply paying glowing tribute to excellence, hardwork and perseverance. Surely, it's the Lord's doing!*

*With your warmth, hard work and exemplary character, the best is yet to come.*

*May the Almighty continue to guide you and grant you long life to enable you partake from the fruits of your labour. Once more, congratulations and God's grace in Jesus name, Amen.*

**- Prof. Isaac S. R. Buiswat**

*Your new appointment does not come as a surprise to those that know you well. It is a reward for merit. Your spirit of hardwork, dedication to duty and impeccable trust in God have brought you this far. Indeed, it is an achievement and a thing of joy, not just for yourself, but your whole family, friends and well wishers. You deserve the best. Wishing you more grease to*

*your elbow and a fulfilled life time. Congratulations!*

**- Prof. & Mrs. E. O. P. Akpan**

*Many will exult at the sound of your victory, but I am not surprised because honour is not blind, it goes to whom it is due. You deserve it because you have always possessed a wonderful vision with reliable quality and sophisticated contributions which are outstanding.*

*May the good Lord grant you more wisdom that will spur you to greater efficiency.*

*Congratulations!*

**- Mr. Augustine Okubuikie**

*Good things are happening in your way, they don't come easy, they come as a result of hard work, dedication & perserverance. You are a symbol of excellence, may you continue to rise higher and higher. Amen!*

**- Dr. & (Pharm) Mrs. F. C. Onwuliri**

*Congratulations on your well-deserved appointment as the Vice-Chancellor, FUTO.*

*May the good Lord grant you the wisdom, courage, good health and graces you need to carry out your functions excellently well.*

**Sir & Lady Emmanuel N. Egbe KSJ & Family**

*God is divinely positioning you for relevance. You are a voice and not an echo. Its your turn to be heard. God has seen you through to this enviable position that great mortals wish and aspire for. Achievement and recognition in life depend not on the length of day or duration of life, but in God's mercy, determination, perseverance and the will to succeed.*

*For leading others by example and showing this generation that true greatness is not only how blessed one is, but also the ability to encourage others to be their best.*



*May God continually uphold you and sustain you as you remain a model and pillar of our society.  
Best wishes*

*Dear Prof. Onwuliri,  
Your achievements are definitely not by chance, but through hard work, the will to succeed and God's mercy, in all your undertakings. You have demonstrated that hardwork pays.*

*Today, everyone's heart is lifted and thrilled in joy, admiration and sincere appreciation that God has accorded you special privilege above equals...*

*May these tidings of joy, garments of honour and bold imprints last for a life time.  
Congratulations & Best Wishes!*

**- Prof. E. O. Nkemakolam  
Provost, College of Education  
Technical, Arochuku**

**From Members Of Zoology Unijos**

*-Sir,  
Big congratulations. The good Lord will see you through. Continue with your good works.  
- Dr. E. Omoregie*

*-Sir, this is well deserved. Congrats and good success in your tenure.  
- Dr. (Mrs.) G. S. Mwansat*

*-May God protect and guide you in your new assignment.  
Best wishes.  
-Prof. & Dr. (Mrs.) J. A. Ajayi*

*-Prof.,  
You have made it once again, your present status has really proven the sky is just your starting point.  
- O. N. Goselle (JP)*

*-Sir,  
The big appointment came when you worked hard. The Lord is your strength always.  
- Dr. D. A. Dakul*

*-Sir,  
A BIG Congratulations. May the Lord grant you wisdom and good success in your new and well deserved office.  
- Bose Ogwurike*

*-Congratulations Sir, May the good Lord guide and direct you as you face this onerous task. The Lord is your strength, I am optimistic that by the grace of God, you will perform creditably.  
- Prof. N. N. James Nugu*

*-Dear Sir, congratulations on your well deserved appointment! Wishing you success in your tenure.  
- Prof. D. D. D. & Prof. T. V. P*

*-“Aka Igwe” Congratulations. May the good Lord grant you protection and wisdom to tackle the onerous task of Vice-Chancellor, FUTO.  
God bless  
- Prof. E. B. C. Ufodike*

*-My Dear Prof,  
There is only way for you to go: up, up and up. Congratulations!  
-Dr. G. N. Imandeh*

*-Prof,  
Good news refreshes the bones and a desire fulfilled is sweet to the soul. You deserve this kind of upliftment that has come your way. A VERY BIG CONGRATS.  
- SOM*

*-Prof,  
Congratulations! It is the Lord's doing and its marvellous in our eyes. He will see you through.  
- NBM*

*-“HSK”  
All the very best is being wished you as you leap frog to a new era of service & stewardship. Cheers!!  
- G. I. A.*

*-Congratulations Prof.  
Please keep the light burning. God bless  
- E. L. Jatau*

*-Prof,  
Congratulations and pray for a successful tenure.  
- KVA*

*-Prof,  
The glory of God shall not depart from you in Jesus' name.  
- D. D. Pam*

*-Prof, may the Good Lord continue to keep you at the top as a head always in Jesus name. Amen.  
- Mrs. Lucy Akpa*

*-The Lord will continue to guide you as you administer leadership on a truthful ground and remember to carry every staff along.  
- Mr. S. N. Damos*

*-Up-Cele  
Hardwork is always rewarded. There is no doubt about that. May God's presence ever remain with you through out the tenure.  
- Prof. J. O. A. Onyeka*

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*A Gold fish has no hiding place.  
Your recent upliftment is a clear indication of your hardwork, commitment, diligence and leadership skills.*

*May this mark the beginning of many more good things to come.  
Congratulations!  
- SWAAN  
Plateau State Chapter*

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## THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE TO PEACE - PRO-CHANCELLOR

In the words of the Pro-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri Umaru Faruk Abdullahi Esq, there is no alternative to peace and only peace can guarantee progress and sustainable development in the University.



L-R: Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and wife

Speaking during a Dinner hosted by the new Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine Onwuliri in honour of Council members of the University on July 28, 2006, the Pro-Chancellor observed that FUTO has had its own share of turbulence and had emerged from it stronger than ever before.

He used the opportunity to formally present the new Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri and new Registrar, Mr. C. O. Omeire to the University community. While commending the new Vice Chancellor for the way he had handled the affairs of the University so far, he stated that his good start attested to the fact that FUTO Governing Council had done a good job.

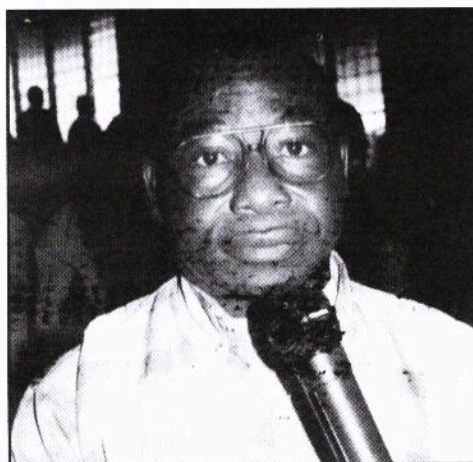
He urged members of the University Community to work harmoniously with the new Vice-Chancellor and Registrar, while assuring them of the co-operation of Council to build on the gains of the past. He thanked the Vice-Chancellor for the dinner which he said had provided a relaxed forum for interaction.

Speaking during the Dinner, the Vice-Chancellor stated that FUTO was destined for greatness considering its well organised administrative and academic structure. He observed that his goal for the University will be achieved through the goodwill of the entire University Community and extended a hand of friendship and love to all.

The Dinner which was held at the Vice-Chancellor's Lodge, Owerri had in attendance, all Council Members, Principal Officers, Deans, Directors and past Vice-Chancellors and the immediate past Acting Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. B. A. Nwachukwu.

## FUTO COMMUNITY REACTS

The address of the new Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri to the 15th General Assembly on July 6, 2006 drew a standing ovation from the University Community. It elicited reactions from staff on issues of concern and interest.



Mr. Ben Ogazi of the Estate & Works Department, FUTO

Reacting to the complaint on the stagnation of staff and non-recognition of pioneer staff, Prof. Onwuliri stated that action will be taken to approve and implement the new Scheme of Service just as his administration would introduce long service awards to deserving staff.

On the issue of neglect of the University Staff School he told the Assembly that he had already held discussions with the Headmistress on the way forward. He revealed his intention to establish a University Secondary School of international repute. In response to comments by Prof. N. N. Onu, Head of the Department of Geology, Prof. Onwuliri said he opted for the (BOT) build-operate and transfer rather than leave a trail of debts long after his tenure.

The Head of Department of Project Management and Technology, Dr. G. F. Okoroafor advised the Vice-Chancellor to note the various areas of strength of the University, stressing that the School of Management contributes over 50% of the University internally generated revenue.

Prof. M. O. E. Iwuala, former Dean of the School of Science and University Orator while giving the vote of thanks said he hoped that the University administration will receive necessary financial support from Government to realise the vision of Prof. Onwuliri whom, he described as a God fearing, humble resourceful, and result-oriented administrator.

Present during the occasion were other University Principal Officers, the immediate past Acting Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. B. A. Nwachukwu, Prof. E. O. I. Banigo, Prof. A. Nduka, Deans of Schools, Directors, HODs/HOUs, staff and students of the University.





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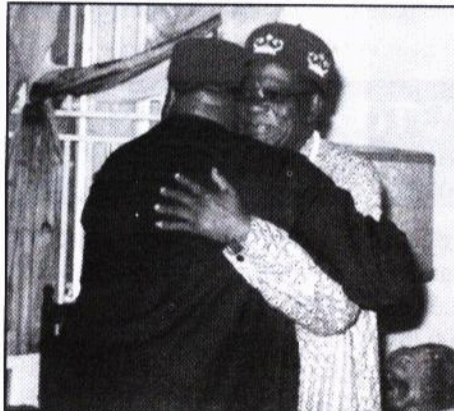
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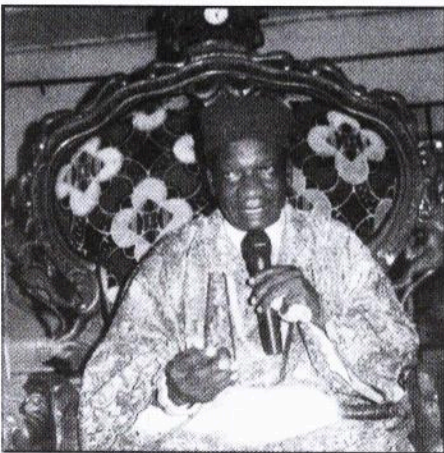
The University community will be sustained.

The Traditional Prime Minister, Chief J. C. Amechi gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the community in which he commended the friendly gesture of the Vice-Chancellor.

**I WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH HOST COMMUNITIES-FUTO VC**

The 5th substantive Vice-Chancellor of FUTO, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri has promised to do everything possible to maintain a cordial relationship between FUTO and its host communities. The Vice-Chancellor made this known during a courtesy call on the Eze of Emeabiam, His Royal Highness Eze Dr. A. A. N. Okerefor in his palace.

During the visit, Prof. Onwuliri stated that he had come to pay homage as custom demanded as a sign of his respect for the Royal fathers of the host communities. He praised the people of Emeabiam for their hospitality and



HRH Eze Dr. A. A. N. Okerefor

thanked them for leaving in peace with the University Community. He also promised that the University will do everything necessary to endear the people of Emeabiam to itself, and to

also contribute to the development of their community, while hoping that the community will reciprocate the good gesture.

Eze Okerefor reminded the Vice-Chancellor to assist the community in the area of employment and admission of qualified youth. He finally assured the Vice-Chancellor that the traditional rulers will play their part diligently as they had always done in the past.

The Eze presented a huge white turkey to the Vice-Chancellor as a sign of peace. Present during the occasion are Executive members of the town union and the Eze's cabinet members.

**LAND ENCROACHMENT IS UNFAIR TO FUTO**

Okolochi has condemned the encroachment on FUTO land by the landlord communities, while speaking during a courtesy call on him by the new Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri and his entourage. Elderly Eze Nwabiri, very articulate and full of wisdom said that it was out of place to renege on an agreement which had been sealed by the payment of compensation to land owners. He implored indigenes to desist from such acts as it was unjustifiable and unfair to FUTO.

He advised the new Vice-Chancellor to always recognise that peace was the ultimate and urged him to work hand in hand with other great minds in the University to improve the lot of FUTO. Eze Nwabiri stated that the courtesy call by the new Vice-Chancellor was a good gesture and a sign to the Royal Fathers that he held them in high esteem. He prayed that God will continue to continue to grant the Vice-Chancellor wisdom and reminded him about the right of the host communities in student admissions, employment and petty contracts in the University.

According to him these were the major reason for allowing the acquisition of their land for the establishment of university rather than the little compensation for economic trees.



L-R: The VC, Prof. Onwuliri being introduced to HRH Eze Nwabiri (sitting) by Prof. B. A. Nwachukwu

While urging him to operate an open door policy, he promised that when the royal fathers of the host communities meet, they will reciprocate his courtesy call.

The Vice-Chancellor in his remark affirmed his willingness to help the community and promised to treat the Royal fathers as sons do their fathers.

On the entourage of the Vice-Chancellor were; Prince J. A. Faleye, former Registrar, Mr. R. U. Akujobi, Bursar, Chief J. E. Nwogu University Librarian, Prof. B. A. Nwachukwu, former Acting Vice-Chancellor, Prof. M. O. E. Iwuala, Council member, and Miss Adaeze N. Okany, the University PRO.

- Stories by Ademola Adelakun

**EZE OMADIKE WISHES VC WELL**

The Vice-Chancellor on a courtesy visit to His Royal Highness, Eze Morrison S. J. Eke, Omadike of Umuoma Nekede was welcomed by the Eze and members of his cabinet. Eze Omadike thanked the Vice-Chancellor for calling on him, noting

that had paid him a visit from FUTO. The Eze praised the Vice-Chancellor for his intimidating credentials which gave him the position, and prayed that he will end well, having started well.



*Eze Omadike welcoming the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Onwuliri*

He also used the opportunity to ask for admission, employment and scholarship quota and compensation for their land which they donated to the University. These he believed will enhance the relationship between FUTO and the community.

The Vice-Chancellor Prof. Celestine Onwuliri in his remarks thanked his host for welcoming him and his Principal Officer, he said that the visit was to concretise the relationship between FUTO and the Umuoma community. He informed the Eze and his cabinet that his administration would soon embark on large scale farming which will also be of benefit to the community and advised them against encroachment on FUTO land. On the issue of compensation he promised to convey their demand to the Council.

Among the Principal Officers that accompanied the Vice-Chancellor on the visit were the Registrar, Mr. Charles O. Omeire, Bursar, Mr. R. U. Akujobi, University Librarian, Chief J. E. Nwogu, and Barr. H. O. Meziobi Co-ordinator / Legal Matters Unit, University Public Relations Officer, Adaeze N. Okany and Chief Security Officer, Mr. C. Anuforo.

**- Emmanuel Onwurah**

## VC VISITS CP

While on a courtesy visit to the Imo State Commissioner of Police, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri thanked his host for the cooperation and goodwill that exists between the Imo Police Command and the University.

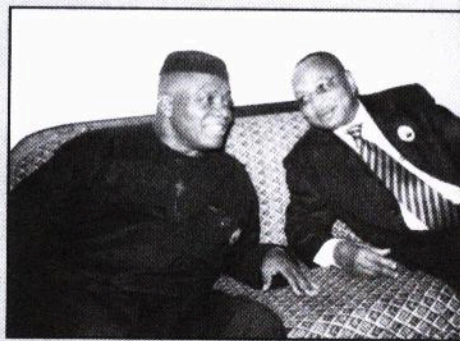
According to him he was satisfied with and appreciated their level of assistance and promised to sustain the harmonious relationship between them.

In his response, Police Commissioner J. O. Moronike stated that his recent posting to the State was a second coming for him, having served as a Youth Corper in the old Imo State.

He also confirmed that his predecessor had briefed him on the cordial relationship existing between higher institutions in the state and the Police and said he would promote it.

## DG IOA VISITS FUTO

The Director General of the Imo Re-orientation Agency, Sir Angus Oguike during a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri, said that the Imo State Re-Orientation Agency had set up an orientation club in the university to help fight cultism, examination malpractice and unethical conduct.



*L-R: Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri, VC, FUTO in a relaxed mood with Sir. Angus Oguike, DG, Imo Re-orientation Agency*

He also explained that the Agency was educating students on the implication of allowing themselves to be used as thugs by politicians.

Sir. Oguike congratulated Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri on his new appointment and wished him the best during his tenure. On behalf of the Imo State Governor and Board of Imo Re-orientation Agency, he decorated the Vice-Chancellor with a badge to make him 'orientation compliant'.

The Vice-Chancellor welcomed the Director-General and thanked him for their visit. He stated that his vision for the University will be in tandem with both President Obasanjo's Reforms and Governor Udenwa's Tripod Vision.

He promised to invite the Agency for its yearly orientation programme for freshmen and women. He praised the Agency for her good work and wished that other states could emulate.

**- Ademola Adedokun**

## ANUPA FUTO BRANCH WELCOMES NEW VC :

On September 13, 2006 the Association of Nigeria University Professional Administrators (ANUPA) Federal University of Technology, Owerri branch paid a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri

Speaking during the occasion, the Chairman of the Association, Chief Rufus O. Ugbolue congratulated the new Vice-Chancellor on his appointment and welcomed him to FUTO, the City of Iron and Steel'. According to him the body was a common umbrella for all professional



succession to the Registrar in the Nigerian University system, be it Federal, State or Private and was



The Vice-Chancellor, Principal Officers, and Executive members of ANUPA pose for the camera after the courtesy call

Constituted to the promotion and advancement for professionalism in university administration, knowledge and practice.

He thanked Management for encouraging the body through sponsorship of about forty members to its annual conferences within the last four years while appealing that the number be increased to fifteen for the 2006 conference. He urged Management to implement the Journal and Learned Society allowances based on ANUPA membership as was the case in other universities.

Chief Ugbolue also called the attention of the Vice-Chancellor to the problem of distortion of hierarchy through employment and conversion. He cited examples of situations where secretarial and clerical staff were converted to the rank of SAR and AR based on salary scale, their experience and year of graduation notwithstanding, while observing that sometimes, staff of other institutions with no cognate experience or relevance to University administration are employed at higher levels of administrative cadre to the chagrin of serving administrators.

He also briefed the Vice-Chancellor of the proposed plan of the association to acquire a fifteen-seater bus and said the University Management would be invited to aid the association during the launching.

Reacting, the Vice-Chancellor thanked the Executive for coming and for their concern for the maintenance of professionalism in the administrative cadre of the University, stressing that the University relied on the body for its day to day administration. He implored them not to relent in their effort while assuring them that Management would do all within its power to follow due process in the administration of the University, and to make the University comfortable for all.

Amongst members of the Association at the zonal meeting were Chief G. O. Wogu, former Eastern Zonal Vice-President, Mr. J. U. Nnabuihe, National Trustee, and Mr. O. Nwagwu Chairman, FUTO branch. The meeting was well attended by the Executive and members of FUTO branch and by Chairman and Secretaries of branch within the zone.

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## OWHONDAH COMMENDS VC

The Eastern Zonal Vice-President of SSANU, Mr. S. C. Owhondah has commended the Vice-Chancellor for the cordial relationship existing between SSANU members in FUTO and Management.

Speaking during the Eastern Zonal meeting of the Association he also urged his members to be dedicated to duty.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri at the opening ceremony welcomed the Eastern Zonal Executive of the Association. He made it known that he was delighted that FUTO was playing host at this time as it afforded him the opportunity to interact with the zonal hierarchy of the Union for the first time since his appointment as fifth substantive Vice-Chancellor of the University.

The Vice-Chancellor noted that SSANU was dear to him and observed with satisfaction, the high level of maturity and commitment to peace, harmony and prompt service delivered by its members. He re-affirmed his promise to pay salaries on time, encourage staff training and attendance at conferences.

## FUTO VC AND SSS ADOPT PRO-ACTIVE STRATEGY

The new FUTO Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri and his newly appointed co-helmsman at the Imo State Security Service, Mr. Adebowale A. Amoo have agreed to adopt a pro-active collaborative strategy in the symbiotic relationship between the two institutions.

Prof. Onwuliri, who was at the Office of the Imo SSS Director noted that the need to forge a good working relationship with the SSS informed his courtesy call, so soon after his assumption of duty in the University.

He described the body as the eyes and ears of the University and a co-partner in eradicating cultism and sustaining peace within the campus and environs.

In his remarks, the out-going Acting Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. B. A. Nwachukwu commended the Imo State command for its prompt response to the security needs of the University and hoped it would extend the same support to the new Vice-Chancellor.

The SSS Director, Mr. Amoo thanked the Vice-Chancellor for the visit. He







noted that since the University was a consumer of intelligence, he could not afford to work at cross purposes with it. Also present during the interaction were the Assistant Director of Operations, Mr. O. K. Opaola and the Asst. Director, Administration and Logistics, M. I. Lawal. Accompanying the Vice-Chancellor on the visit were the former Registrar, Prince J. A. Faleye, and Miss Adaeze N. Okany, the University Public Relations Officer.

- Adaeze Okany

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## **FUTO NEEDS A BEFITTING UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY**

- EZE NJEMANZE

His Royal Majesty, Eze (Dr.) E. E. Njemanze, the Ozuruigbo V of Owerri, has urged the new Vice-Chancellor of FUTO, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri to endeavour to build FUTO Staff



*Prof. Onwuliri congratulating HRM, Eze (Dr.) E. E. Njemanze at 70 while the Registrar smiles in agreement*

quarters, which according to him would Encourage the growth of a University Community in FUTO. He stated that university communities had special qualities which usually benefitted the staff, their children and the neighbouring communities. FUTO should not be left out of this university tradition he said, while addressing the Vice-Chancellor and his entourage during their courtesy visit to his palace.

The Eze congratulated Prof. Onwuliri on his appointment as Vice-Chancellor and urged the University Management and staff to co-operate with him for the greater good of all, noting that the University was very close to his heart and he wanted to continue to be proud of it.

Earlier during the visit, the Vice-Chancellor had assured the Eze that he would work with his Management team to make FUTO an enviable citadel of learning, where students would obtain high quality education for the benefit of mankind. He also reaffirmed his resolve to maintain and improve the peaceful co-existence between FUTO and its host communities.

The Vice-Chancellor used the opportunity to also congratulate Eze Njemanze on his 70th birthday, which coincided with the visit. According to him, the Eze was a worthy custodian of the tradition and culture. He urged the Royal father and his cabinet to continue to protect the tradition of the people as displayed during the visit.

He later presented a birthday card and conducted a happy birthday song in his honour.

- Ademola Adelakun

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## **VC OKAYS THE BUILDING F RAON SECRETARIAT IN FUTO**

The new Vice-Chancellor of FUTO has given the President of Reading Association of Nigeria (RAN) Dr. Obiajulu Emejulu his consent to build the secretariat of the Association on FUTO campus.

Speaking during the courtesy visit of the National Executive of the

association to his office, the Vice-Chancellor thanked them for their personal sacrifice towards achieving their noble vision of re-inculcating the reading culture in Nigerians.

Recounting the influence of literary materials in his life during his secondary and university days, he urged RAN to canvass the abolishing of stringent rules on subject selection in secondary schools. According to him, Science students should be allowed to also offer subjects in the Arts and Humanities.

Speaking earlier, the National President, Dr. Obiajulu Emejulu congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on his appointment and hoped that he would bring his wealth of experience to bear in FUTO. He saw the aim of the association was to encourage good reading culture, which had been eroded with the advent of video games, internet chats, phone texts etc. He urged Management to reconsider including speed Reading as a course in the University's curriculum as was being done in some other universities. Without a strong foundation in reading and literary skills, students would be under achievers, he concluded.

The Vice-President of RAN, Dr. Lulu Uwatts thanked the Vice-Chancellor for his encouragement and hoped that he would honour their invitation whenever he was called upon to be a part of the associations campaign for the development of good reading culture.

Those present during the visit were; the National Secretary, Miss Ijeoma Arguba, Treasurer, Mr. Uche Uwakwe, Co-ordinator South/East, Dr. Gabriel Igbe, Co-ordinator South/West, Dr. Nkechi Christopher and Mr. Dan Amadi, of the General Studies Unit.

- Ademola Adelakun



## FCMCS X-RAY CENTRE COMMENCES SOON

The FUTO Community Multi-purpose and Co-operative Society will soon open an X-ray centre as a means of providing effective health care for the University community.

This was made known when the President of the society and members of the Executive paid a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri. According to the President, Dr. O. T. Ebiringa, the x-ray business will be fully subscribed to by the students and entire FUTO community.

The group used the opportunity to congratulate the Vice-Chancellor on his appointment and informed him that in accordance with the Bye-laws of the organisation, the Vice-Chancellor was the Chairman, Board of Trustees. He traced the existence of the Society to June 30, 2001 at the instance of Dr. Obiajulu Emejulu, supported by Engr. Damian Dike and Mr. C. N. Chukwu with the aim of improving the welfare of both staff and students of the University.

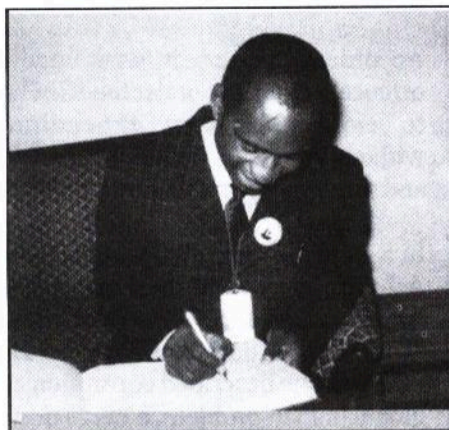
According to him the society was registered in February 2002 with 30,750 nominal shares valued at N1,537,500.00 which had since increased to 102,575 valued at N5,641,625.00 with a membership strength of 716. FCMCS, he stated paid out a dividend of N2 per share after its first year of operation.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor, commended the group for the effective management of the society adding that his administration will support them to sustain its growth and development. He also urged them to embark on farming, fishery and piggery as it would boost the financial resource base of the society.

**- Emmanuel Onwurah**

## NIPOST TO RENDER PROMPT SERVICES TO FUTO

The Area Postal Manager of NIPOST Imo Territory, Mr. A. E. Abianga has reassured the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri of prompt service delivery and efficiency of its cost effective EMS Speed Post



*Mr. A. E. Abianga signing the Visitors' Book Network. He urged the Vice-Chancellor to avail NIPOST the opportunity to render service to the University.*

He promised an increase of 5 percent over the ten percent discount already enjoyed by the University on its bulk mails. He made these promises during a courtesy call on the new Vice-Chancellor in his office. Earlier during the visit to the Vice-Chancellor, he congratulated him on his appointment and commended his past performance in the state as two-time Commissioner, a pointer to the fact that he would be a blessing to the University Community, and prayed God to continue to guide his step as he worked for the progress of the University.

The Vice-Chancellor in his remarks stated that he was impressed by the new innovations towards revitalising NIPOST. He described his appointment as a gift of God and urged his visitor to pray for the actualisation of his vision for the University.

He implored the NIPOST boss to make the post office in the University more attractive, by introducing computers and possibly a cyber-cafe. He also commended the vision to encourage letter writing especially among youths and assured the organisation of patronage by the University.

## PRE-MOBILISATION ORIENTATION FOR FUTO OUT-GOING STUDENTS

The Imo State Director of NYSC, Obong Paul Ata and his team visited FUTO recently on a Pre-Mobilisation Orientation tour to higher institutions. During the occasion, Obong Ata took time to lecture the prospective Corps members on the objectives of the Scheme.

He stated that the scheme was introduced to inculcate patriotism and loyalty in the the Nigerian youth and to develop common ties and promote national unity.

He advised the students to guard their call up letters jealously as it was their only ticket for the service year. He warned that the call up letters should not be laminated and against unnecessary travelling during the service year and stressed that if they must travel, they should seek permission.

## MEDIA ASSURES FUTO OF PUBLICITY

The Vice-Chancellor of FUTO, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri has been assured of full publicity by the media during his tenure as the Chief Administrator of the University. The declaration was made by the NUJ Chairman, Chief Fidel Onyeneke during a media dinner hosted by the Vice-Chancellor for media executives and representatives and used the



occasion to thank him for recognising the importance of the media and for his past achievements in the state.

In like manner, the Chairman, Correspondents' Chapel of the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ), Mr. Damian Opara congratulated the Vice-Chancellor for inviting them to the special event and assured him that the cordial relationship between the Chapel and FUTO will continue throughout his tenure.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Onwuliri thanked the media for honouring his invitation despite the short notice. He said that the forum was to concretise the good relationship existing between the Federal University of Technology, Owerri and the media in the state and commended them for advancing the image and good cause of the University.

All were treated to a sumptuous dinner by the Catering Unit of the University.

Also present at the occasion were the Bursar, Mr. R. U. Akujobi, the University Librarian, Chief J. E. Nwogu, former Vice-Chancellor, Prof. J. E. Njoku; Deans Directors, Professors and a full array of media Executives and Representatives from the print and electronic media in Imo State and environs.

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## ICPC MONITORS VARSITY FUNDS

The Director of Education (Anti-graft Commission) Mrs. Rashidat Okoduwa has expressed dismay at the level of rot in the accounting system of the nation's university system.

According to Mrs. Okoduwa, the

Independent Corrupt Practices (and other related offences) Commission ICPC will henceforth monitor the use of funds by the universities. Explaining the rationale behind the new focus on university accounting system, the Commission's chief stated that the idea was not only to prevent illegal diversion of public funds, but to create a graft free environment in which future leaders were being groomed.

According to her, it was now an offence punishable under the ICPC act to embark on any expenditure, without adequate budgeting backing and statutory approval.

In a recent lecture by Okoduwa at the Adekunle Ajasin University, Akunaba - Akoko, Ondo State, titled: "University Administration and Due Process" she described corruption as a global human problem, a pervasion of normally and the exploitation of one's office for personal advantage".

In a bid to toe the due process line, the Bursar of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri Mr. R. U. Akujobi has in a memo to all Heads of Departments outlined the guidelines for the disbursement of Direct Teaching and Laboratory Cost Fund (DTLC) as follows:

every Head of Department should constitute a DTLC Committee.

the Committee will articulate the requirements of the Department, obtain quotation and make a formal request to the Vice-Chancellor for approval.

where the Vice-Chancellor approves such a request, a Job Order/LPO should be issued to whoever that has been recommended and approved for the job.

the processed Job Order / LPO should be collected by the contractor/supplier.

when supplies have been made to the department, a Stores Officer of the Bursary Department would be

requested to assess and certify that supplies have been received and that the items are in compliance with the specifications. Where a Job Order is issued, an Estate and Works Officer will be required to certify that such a job has been satisfactorily done.

The Contractor will then be requested to submit his bill along with the Stores Received Voucher, and the Job Order/LPO to the Bursary Department for payment.

- Ndidi Eziolisa

## FUTO IS FREE OF VICES

The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology (FUTO), Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri has said that some of the vices plaguing most Nigerian Universities do not exist in FUTO.

Prof. Onwuliri stated this during the courtesy visit to the Chancellor of the University, His Royal Majesty, Dr. Shekarau Angyu Masa-Ibi.

According to him, the University enjoys peace and tranquility as cult activities do not prevail. The Vice-Chancellor who said the University is involved in the Reforms Agenda of the government expressed delight with the co-operation he had been receiving from staff and students.

He recalled that the University had successfully hosted the National Convention of the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) with representatives from 56 tertiary institutions from across Nigeria adding that it also held a successful Students' Union election.

- Tessy Iwuji



# NAISS PLEDGES LOYALTY TO FUTO VC

The National Association of Imo State Students (NAISS) has pledged their loyalty and support to the new Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri, who according to them was God sent and an answer to their prayers. This was made known during a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor by the National Executive Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri, who according to them was God sent and an answer to their prayers. This was made known during a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor by the National Executive

According to the National President, Mr. Galore Onyekwere the mandate was to protect their good image and dignity of Imo State students in FUTO and other higher institution in Nigeria.

He stated that the association will cooperate with the Students Union President to surmount any pressure on students' to cause unrest on campus and guard them from being misused by few disgruntled elements on campus. The NAISS President intimated the Vice-Chancellor on their plan to organise a solidarity visit to him which would involve all Union leaders in the University and also convene a press conference where they will make their voice heard. He named Prof. Onwuliri a Grand Patron of NAISS, a position held by every Vice-Chancellor of Imo origin.

The Vice-Chancellor in his response commended the oratory of the NAISS President and stated that he would do all he could as a Patron to assist the association.

He stated that the development of the University was a project for all stakeholders, stressing that the indefatigable President of Nigeria had already embarked on a reform, which had touched every strake of

Government. He urged everybody to support the move and to assist FUTO Achieve its mandate as a University of Technology. He emphatically stressed that there should be no room for distraction at this point in time.

He stated that his administration will try to carry everybody along including, even those who may be aggrieved in one way or the other.

Those present in the meeting were Chief Macdonald Amadi, Patron, Chibuike Ugah, Secretary, Comrade Stanley Kabuor and, Akanazu Eze, Owerri Zonal Co-ordinator.

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## CORRESPONDENTS' CHAPEL HOSTS VC

The Correspondents' Chapel of the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ), Imo State Chapter played host to the new Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at the NUJ Press Centre, Owerri.

The duo of Mr. Damian Opara, Chairman, Correspondents' Chapel and Mr. Fidel Onyeneke, NUJ Chairman welcomed the Vice-Chancellor and thanked him for honouring their invitation less than one month in office as Vice-Chancellor.

They harped on the harmonious relationship they have had with FUTO and promised to protect the interest of the University.

During the interactive session, moderated by Mr. Emma Okere of the

Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria, he said the annual event was a no holds barred forum which featured personalities whose achievements had positively impacted on humanity.

On the issue of the Reforms Agenda of President Obasanjo, the Vice-Chancellor said that he was a major beneficiary of the wind of reforms and will pursue and sustain it particularly, in encouraging women empowerment and value re-orientation in the University system.

On the issue of relevance to society, the Vice-Chancellor said that the proposed School of Environmental Technology will address the problem of environmental degradation suffered mostly by the South-East and South-South Zones of Nigeria.

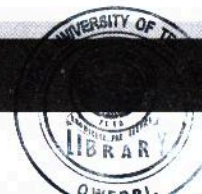
He listed the maintenance of peace and stability Information Communication Technology, application of Due-Process, quick service delivery, and creation of an Advancement Office for fund generation as top on his priority.

On relationship with the media, he noted that he had always maintained a good rapport with the media, even during his tenure as two time commissioner for Information Culture, Youth and Sports and as Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources. He thanked the Chapel for its encouragement and support, particularly Champion Newspapers for featuring him as an Icon.

- Adaeze Okany

## MBAISE COMMUNITY IN OWERRI CONGRATULATES VC

The Mbaise Community in Owerri on July 19, 2006 paid a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology Owerri, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri.





Speaking during the visit, Mr. Godwin Anyanwu, Chairman of the Association congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on his appointment. He stated that his academic records and performance at the University of Jos and the confidence reposed in him by the Federal Government proved his worth and he prayed God to give him wisdom.

In his reaction, the Vice-Chancellor thanked them for their concern and goodwill. While urging them to pray for him and the success of his administration, which stressed that his elevation was not only for him and his family but for the entire Mbaise community and all whom the growth of the University will positively affect now and in future.

Also present during the visit were the Secretary of the Association, Mr. V. E. Njoku, Prof. Aham Anyanwu Chief M. I. Onyedilefu, Mr. Benedict Ogazi, and T. N. Kemdirim

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Speaking during the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor thanked them for their support and encouragement. He noted that their members play very important roles to keep the University moving and urged them to enlarge their membership in FUTO.

The NAEC Co-ordinator, Imo State Chapter, Chief E. O. Eke-Opara while delivering his speech congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on his appointment and pledged the allegiance of the members of the

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Also present during the visit were Mr. Anthony Amadi, Okechukwu Okoro, Mr. Ejiofor, Mr. D. O. Umunna, Mr. John Emeonu and Mr. Shedrack Korie.

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The Federation of Mbaise Workers Association of FUTO has on Thursday, August 10, 2006, paid a courtesy visit to new Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri.

During the visit the Chairman of the Association, Dr. P. C. Obasi congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on his appointment which he said was a divine answer to their prayers and a fulfilment of their dream of having one of their own at the helm of affairs. He affirmed the confidence in the ability of Prof. Onwuliri to fulfill all the dreams he had for the University.

Dr. Obasi assured the Vice-Chancellor of the support of all Mbaise indigenes in making his administration successful. He used the opportunity to draw the attention of the Vice-Chancellor to the problems of inadequate power and water supply on campus.

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- Stories by Ademola Adalokun

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The Union used the forum to congratulate the new Vice-Chancellor on his appointment and prayed for God's blessing upon him. Speaking during the visit, Mr. Plangzak appealed to the Vice-Chancellor to address the problem of nomenclature/stagnation of its members, non-payment non accident bonus, High Risk allowance and honorarium for work done during Council meetings.

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## "MY PREDECESSOR'S PLEDGE WILL BE FULFILLED", VC PROMISES FUTO CHAPLAINCIES

The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri has assured the FUTO Catholic and Anglican Chaplaincies that the N500,000 pledge made to each of them by the immediate past Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. B. A. Nwachukwu would be fulfilled by his administration.

He made this known during courtesy calls on him by the of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Chaplaincy and the Chapel of Light Anglican Communion. During the visits the Vice-Chancellor thanked the Chaplaincies for showing their support and identifying with his administration, and urged them to be shining examples to the students who look up to them for moral and spiritual guidance. He also implored them to assist in the fight against cultism, drug addiction and other social vices which negate the ideals for which the University stood for.

Prof. Onwuliri told them that one of his dreams for the University was to see all FUTO Chaplaincies in their permanent building before the end of his tenure as Vice-Chancellor. He solicited their unalloyed support and prayers towards realising his vision for FUTO.

Prof. I. C. Ogwude, Chairman, St. Thomas Aquinas Chaplaincy Council, Prof. B. N. Onwuagba and Prof. O. N. Oguoma, Chairman of Council of the All Saints Chapel, had during separate courtesy visits pledged the loyalty and support of members of their Chaplaincies to the new administration.

- Ademola Adelakun

# LABOUR NEWS

## VC JOINS NASU AS HONORARY MEMBER

The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri was conferred with honorary membership of the Non-Academic Staff Union (NASU), by its Chairman, Comrade J. K. Okere during a courtesy visit by the Union Executives to the Vice-Chancellor on Friday, July 14, 2006.



L-R: Prof. Onwuliri and Comrade Okere

Speaking during the occasion, Comrade Okere congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on his appointment and stated that NASU members were ready to work hand in hand with him to ensure the progress and development of the University.

The Chairman described NASU as one of the best Unions on Campus, accommodating both junior and senior staff. He urged the Vice-Chancellor to always give its members their due so as to maintain the good relationship existing between the Union and Management.

The Vice-Chancellor in his response thanked them for identifying with him and commended their efforts towards towing the part of dialogue in areas of dispute with the University Management.

He implored the Union leaders to encourage their members to contribute their own quota in terms of service delivery, no matter how small and insignificant it may seem. He observed that the Union was a determining factor in the success of any University administration.

He finally called on the Union to contribute meaningfully in the area of revenue generation and promised to support them in their programmes. In the company of the Chairman were the Secretary, Comrade Jude Nkwocha; Treasurer, Comrade John Emeana; Comrades J. C. Okukuaji, and Ralph Opara, Don Ofoegbu, Jude Amohu, and Karimu Ajala, all executive members of NASU.

## FUTO VC HAS FOUR WIVES-SSANU BOSS

The Chairman of SSANU, Mr. Oliver Nwagwu has described the position of the new Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri as that of a polygamous husband with all four staff unions as his wives. He said this during the courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor by the SSANU Executive and hoped that his administration will uphold justice and fair play to all workers.

He brought to the notice of the Vice-Chancellor the non-payment of Responsibility allowance to SSANU members on HATISS 13 and above and 15% Science/Maths teachers allowance to Staff School teachers and requested



prompt implementation and payment of arrears of both allowances.



The Vice-Chancellor in a group photograph with SSANU EXCO and PRO

The SSANU Chairman complained bitterly about the stagnation of some members of the Union and called for the adoption and implementation of the revised Scheme of Service. He also drew the attention of the Vice-Chancellor to the existing law on employment which provided that senior staff should not be hired beyond HATTISS 9 to make room for progression, stating that the proposed idea of employing staff to fill Deputy Registrar and Deputy Bursar positions should not be encouraged.

He further urged the Vice-Chancellor to maintain the three-year promotion period currently in force in FUTO and also demanded a 100% upward review of Duty Tour Allowance for staff in line with a similar approval for some selected staff.

While requesting the Vice-Chancellor to look into the non-remittance of cheques to SSANU, he pledged the loyalty of the Union to the new Vice-Chancellor and promised to partner with him throughout his tenure.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor thanked the Union leaders for coming and for their solidarity letter earlier sent. He said that he was pleased to note that they were committed to prompt service delivery and assured them that his administration will implement all government circulars concerning the Union. He further stated that the approval of the new career structure

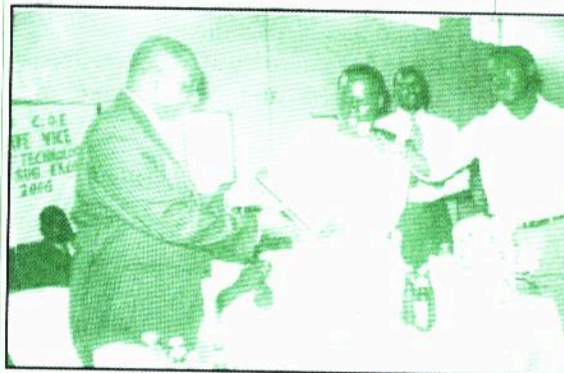
will be expedited while the Union funds will be remitted as and when due.

The Vice-Chancellor, implored them to remind their members to maintain confidentiality of official secrets and correspondences. Also present were the Vice-Chairman, Mrs. L. C. Ekwemalor; the Secretary, Mr. C. J. Ogbonna; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. C. Ezewilo; Treasurer, Mr. C. N. Odoh; PRO, Mr. C. A. Amachi; Financial Secretary, Mr. L. N. Onuoha, and Mr. U. O. Mgbeahuru.

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## SUG RECEIVES VC IN GRAND STYLE

The Students' Union Government of FUTO headed by Comrade Victor Wallace Unegbu on Friday, July 14, 2006 organised a grand reception in honour of the 5th substantive Vice-Chancellor of FUTO, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri, at the University Multi-Activity Centre (MAC). Speaking during the occasion, the former SUG President congratulated



The Vice-Chancellor receiving the Grand Patron Award from former SUG President, Comrade Unegbu

The new Vice-Chancellor on his appointment and poured encomium on him for his past achievements. While reaffirming his resolve to embrace dialogue in all matters between the SUG and Management, he assured the Vice-Chancellor of the support of the student body in maintaining peace on

Campus at all times and expressed hoped that his administration will address all the problems facing students.

During the interactive session, the Vice-Chancellor promised to give prompt attention to matters relating to student welfare and urged them to always attend classes and face the business for which their parents sent them to the University, so as to graduate with high grades.

The highpoint of the ceremony was the investiture of Grand Patron and Life Patron Awards on the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri and the Dean of Student Affairs, Engr. Prof. E. E. Anyanwu, respectively.

Earlier on Monday, June 26, 2006, the Students' Union Government had paid a courtesy call on the new Vice-Chancellor, who promised to encourage vibrant and responsible student unionism. Other SUG officials who came to pay homage to the Vice-Chancellor were the Vice-President, Chioma Amadiakwa; Moses Ofukwu, Secretary General; Uchechi Ukaigwe, Assistant Secretary General; Mark Anthony Akaeze, Financial Secretary; Cynthia O. Obike, Treasurer; and Joseph Kalu, Public Relations Officer.

Comrades Ugochukwu Obinna, Ernest D. Njoku, Ebelechukwu Ebede and Paul Anagbogu, Directors of Welfare, Transport, Socials and Sports respectively were also present.

- Ademola Adelakun





## OSUALA HEADS SUG

The Sunday Osuala-led Students Union Government has been inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri. Speaking at the Inauguration and Swearing In ceremony of the SUG Executive for the 2006/2007 academic session the Vice-Chancellor commended the Dean Student Affairs, Prof. E. E. Anyanwu and the Chairman, Independent Student Electoral



Mr. Osuala taking the oath of office

Committee for the peaceful conduct of the elections and urged the new executive to carry everybody along.

Responding, the SUG President, Sunday Ifeanyi Osuala, a fourth year student of Agricultural Economics stated that his administration was determined to work with Management towards achieving the goals and aspirations of the University.

Other members of the Executive include Chika Osunwa of the Department of Petroleum Engineering, Vice-President Samuel C. Abiaka of the Department of Maths and Computer Science, Secretary-General, Anita Olisamedua of the Department of Financial Management Technology, Assistant Secretary-General, Collins Odeke of the Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department, Financial Secretary, and Chinelo Alozie of the Department of Physiotherapeutic Technology, Treasurer.

Others are Samuel Mahakwe of the Mechanical Engineering, Department; Public Relations Officer Celestine Didigwu of Chemical Engineering, Director of Welfare, Solomon Okeke, Director of Socials; Cisse Bright Ehirim of Civil Engineering Director of Sports and Chidi Ikeh of the Department of Petroleum Engineering, Director of Transport.

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# Sports Corner

## FUTO STUDENTS WIN MEDALS

Federal University of Technology, Owerri recently organised a reception for its sportsmen and women who won medals in the 2004 and 2005 (NUGA) National University Games, the German Open and French Open Taekwando Championships.

The Director of Sports, Mr Gab A. E. Emejeamara presented the medallists to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri who was represented by the Dean Post -graduate School, Prof. C.I. Anunuso.

The recipients were Chinedu Obiora a final year student of the Department of Food Science and Technology Training Programme who won bronze in Taekwando, Andy Spencer Umoren a final year student of the Department of Material and Metallurgical Engineering who won bronze in Tennis, Osuji Amaechi a final year student of the Science Laboratory Technology Training Programme and who won a silver medal in Judo. Alisha Micheal a final year student of Project Management Technology Department won a bronze in Taekwando and Yagazie Chukwumerije a final year student of Mechanical Engineering won a gold medal in the German Open and French Open Taekwando Championships gold medal in the NUGA games.

The Vice-Chancellor thanked them for doing the university proud and assured them of his support whenever needed.

Present at the occasion were the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. E. E. Anyanwu, the former Director, Academic Planning and Development, Prof. O. E. Okorafor, the Director, Centre for Industrial Studies, Dr. A. E. Iheonye the former Associate Dean,

Student Affairs Dr.(Mrs.) C. O. Chukuezi, the HOD Environmental Technology, Prof. C. D. Okereke and Director, Health Services, Dr. C. O. Emerole.

*"Well Played Every One"*

**Football is Amusement!**

**I feed on Football!**

**Football is Life!**

**I drink football!**

**I sleep on football!**

**I wake up with football!**

**I drive with football!**

**I travel world wide with football!**

**I kiss football!**

**I work on football!**

**I play football!**

**I watch football always!**

**In fact I love football**

**Make biz contact on football!**

**Join me now and enjoy football!**

**For we all speak football**

**Football is good for all of us!**

**It's a good game!!!**

**Talk 2 me if you love football too!!!**

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**And We will speak football!!!**

**For football is Mathematics Well played**

**Written By:**

**Evang. Coach Emma IK Amadi Sports Unit, FUTO**



### FUTO STAFF SCHOOL CATCHES THEM YOUNG

The Federal University of Technology, Owerri Staff School held her 2006 Inter-Athletic Competition which saw children from the Kindergarten class to Primary six competing in different events.

During the occasion, the former Acting Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. B. A. Nwachukwu who was represented by the Dean of Student Affairs, Engr. Prof. E. E. Anyanwu chaired the occasion. In his opening remarks, he praised the Acting Headmistress and the staff for organising the competition while promising that he will continue to support them in their efforts to maintain and improve standards. He stated that children needed physical exercise to grow into healthy adults and implored the teachers to keep up the good work.

The Headmistress, Mrs. Sybillia I. Anyanwu in her address thanked the University Management for its support. She stressed the importance of sports in the upbringing of children, and said that the school Management decided to embark on the competition to groom new talents for the future of sports in Nigeria, since, according to her, great talents start to manifest at a very tender age and if well nurtured become the stars of tomorrow.

She also called on the Management to come to the aid of the school by providing it with a new bus and new classrooms to accommodate the increasing number of pupils.

At the end of the competition, the Registrar's house (Blue) came first while the Vice-Chancellor's house (Red) came second. The University Librarian's house (Yellow) was third while Bursar's house (Green) came fourth. The Vice-Chancellor's house was awarded the March past trophy.

Those present at the occasion included; Eze Ihiagwa, His Royal Highness Eze J. Muruako, Prof. O. N. Oguoma, Council member and University Admissions Officer and Mrs. S. U. Nwogu, Headmistress, Federal Polytechnic Staff School Nekede.

# OUR YOUNG CHAMPIONS SLUG IT OUT



*The Registrar's House, the overall winner of the competition*



*Vice-Chancellor's House*



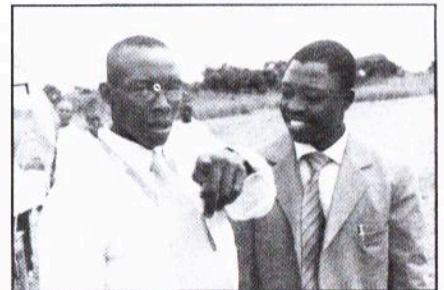
*The Headmistress, Mrs. Sybillia I. Anyanwu showcasing the trophies*



*L-R: Prof. B. A. Nwachukwu, Chief J. E. Nwogu, Mr. R. U. Akujobi and others*



*University Librarian's House*



*L-R: Mr. Emeka Illoegbunam, a Journalist and Mr. Ademola Adelakun of IPRP Unit*



*Cross-Section of dignitaries at the occasion*



*Bursar's House*

**EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENTS****PROF. ONWULIRI @ SOUTH EAST CONSULTATIVE MEETING**

**P**rof. C. O. E. Onwuliri, Vice-Chancellor, FUTO was recently in Abakaliki for the South East Zonal Consultative Meeting on the Review of the National Policy on Education (NPE 2004). We bring to you his verbatim presentation at the forum.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

It is indeed, my great pleasure on the occasion of this very important Zonal Consultative Meeting, to make my contribution to the review of a very important national document, the National Policy on Education (NPE).

This effort at reviewing the National Education Policy is both timely and necessary. First, as a policy, a periodic review is necessary to align it with developing current national initiatives, as well as, emerging global trends. When the National Policy was first enunciated in 1977 the educational system was 'manual'-driven, while almost 30 years on, education has become electronically/globally ICT-driven and Nigeria cannot be an exception. That is why we now have such concepts as e-education, e-classrooms, e-library or even e-governance.

However, one significant improvement in Education in Nigeria, which we need to proudly acknowledge is the enlargement of opportunities particularly at the primary level stimulated by the commencement of Universal Basic Education (UBE). It is estimated that there are about 30 million pupils enrolled in the nation's primary schools currently and this number is expected to rise rapidly as the scope of UBE is expanded to include the "Home-grown feeding programme". The first graduates of

UBE will be leaving school later this year, injecting an estimated 4.5 million pupils into JSS1. This implies that we expect about 4 million pupils to sit for SSCE/NECO examinations in 2012 and about 90 percent of that figure may seek for places at the tertiary level of education.

This is where there is a disconnect. The tertiary level of education lacks the capacity to meet the challenges posed by this surging statistic. One major effect of this constricted opportunity at the apex of the educational ladder is to create desperation, and this encourages malpractice and other associated vices.

Accordingly, a critical challenge of the current exercise at reviewing the National Policy on Education is to expand the resource capacity of tertiary education in Nigeria. Tertiary education is crucial to our efforts at reducing poverty, is a vehicle for technological advancement and a catalyst for increasing labour productivity.

We should also note that universities, although sitting at the apex of the education ladder need not dominate or even suffocate the education landscape. Universities have special roles to play distinct from those of polytechnics and other tertiary institutions, while these institutions need not aspire to be universities. They have their special roles that are not necessarily inferior in any respect to universities.

**2. THE FOCUS OF THIS MEMORANDUM**

The main thrust of the current review of the National Policy on Education ought to include a general improvement on quality of education at all levels and the enlargement of access to tertiary education especially those provided by Polytechnics/Monotechnics,

Colleges of Education and most importantly Universities. These efforts to improve quality should be made within the scope of the reform programmes of the present Federal Government which include elements of National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy (NEEDS) and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). This will imply developing set objectives that broaden the participation of the education sector in the reform process. These broad objectives could be stated as:

- (i) Increasing carrying capacity at the tertiary level, while encouraging the promotion of gender equity.
- (ii) Using higher education as a tool for skill acquisition, social cohesion, ethnic harmony, job creation, poverty reduction (including retraining of work force/in service training).
- (iii) Infusing discipline in tertiary education (which includes eliminating malpractices and cultism).
- (iv) Strengthening private sector-public partnership, including making research findings available for private sector adaptation.
- (v) Using higher education to mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS and other endemic diseases.
- (vi) Strengthening ICT capabilities in tertiary education (including setting up of model e-classrooms).
- (vii) Raising the profile of research in tertiary institutions as a vehicle for technological advancement.

**3. THE IDENTIFIED GAPS**

(i) While we seek to increase available places in higher education for products of the present secondary schools, we need to realise that a majority of these graduates are really unsuitable for higher education



places. This is the result of the expansion of opportunities without congruent improvement in quality. Higher institutions are now faced with the task of mounting remedial programmes to prepare many candidates for admission into universities particularly in the core science subjects of mathematics, physics, chemistry and biology. When this policy was formulated no one envisaged this or we decided not to acknowledge its existence.

One may argue that if quality assurance mechanisms are instituted at the UBE and post UBE levels, then remediation may be unnecessary but how soon will this be practicable. It is therefore important to consider institutionalising remedial and pre-degree programmes at the tertiary level with adequate budgetary provisions for their smooth operation.

(ii) Through out the NPE document the meaning and purpose of education was generally spelt out but not so with the 'school' or "educational institution". This current effort at revising the National Policy should define nationally what constitutes a 'school' at UBE and Secondary (SS1-3) levels with our National context. This definition is necessary to guide both private operators and even state governments in setting up and recognising 'setups' as either Primary (UBE) and Secondary (SS 1-3) schools. A situation where people rent small flats or construct shanties and call them schools cannot be accepted as they end up breeding individuals who constitute problems at later stages of the pupil's development, as well as, problems for the higher institutions. For example, in the modern era what constitutes a school should have specified classroom spaces, laboratories, library, play ground etc. as minimum requirements.

#### 4. NEW POLICY

(i) It is also important to clearly state

the level of education that is a fundamental right for which access must be provided unhindered. Beyond this level the institution would need to operate in a manner that would permit generation of adequate financial revenue for normal operations.

(ii) Higher education is impossible to execute without books and access to information, so we need to incorporate a National Book Policy that will give the practitioners of tertiary education unhindered access to books, journals and other information resources. Such a policy must remove duty on books.

(iii) Finally, it should be a National policy to develop a multi-disciplinary program to tackle the HIV/AIDS pandemic in Nigeria through tertiary education curricula. It is at this level that we can get a critical mass of educated people who can impart the awareness of dangers of unhealthy sex practices from National Youth Service (NYSC) to their work places. They will also be able to contribute to the fight against HIV/AIDS through research. Because of the gravity of the HIV/AIDS pandemic we need to develop institutional educational HIV/AIDS policy, which might include the right of persons including UBE pupils already infected with the disease in the educational work place.

#### CONCLUSION

I have acknowledged the progress made so far and I have indeed, in this short paper highlighted some of the areas of our educational sector that I believe require most urgent attention. The focus has been in my primary constituency- tertiary education- essentially because we believe tertiary institutions, in the end, should

produce graduates with skills that respond to labour market and national economic and technological imperatives.

Admittedly, our approach to this review exercise should be holistic, which implies a balance between the UBE, Senior Secondary and tertiary levels in both quality, quantity and the demands of the economy. What we fail to do at the early stages usually spirals into more serious impediments at the later stages of the educational ladder. In the end whatever policy we arrive at should produce healthy graduates and practitioners suitable for an emerging and technology driven Nigerian economy.

#### ACHI @ COREN

Engr. Prof. (Chief) P. B. U. Achi was in May 2006 appointed a Resource Person by COREN. His Lecture titled *Continued Accreditation of the Engineering Teacher in a Developing Economy*, was presented on July 25, 2006 at the International Conference Centre Abuja.

#### PROF. AKUJOR ON BOARD TASK FORCE TO RESTRUCTURE TELECOM SECTOR

The Director of Information Communication Technology ICT in the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Professor Chidi Akujor has been selected as a member of a twenty-six man 'Presidential Task Force on the Restructuring of Government Institutions and Organisations in the Telecommunication and Information Technology Sector in Nigeria'.

The Task Force which has the approval of President Olusegun Obasanjo is headed by the Minister of Communications, Chief Cornelius Adebayo and has the Director, Political Affairs in the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the



Federation, Mr. S. K. A. Ajabe as its scribe. The Task Force was inaugurated by the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Obong Sir Ufot J. E. Ekaette on Tuesday, August 29, 2006 at the Conference Hall, of in the Federal Secretariat Complex Phase I Abuja.

Also on board the task force are the Honourable Minister of Science and Technology, Prof. T. T. Isoun, Honourable Minister of Information and National Orientation, Mr. Frank Nweke (Jnr.), Economic Adviser to the President, Dr. Osita Ogbu and Executive Vice-Chairman, Nigeria Communications Commission, Engr. Ernest Ndukwe among others.

**ANANABA APPOINTED MEMBER NTCEP**

The Federal Government has appointed Prof. Simon Enyinnah Ananaba, a Geophysicist in the Department of Geology, a member of the "National Technical Committee on Earthquake Phenomena (NTCEP)

The team is to assess the potential danger posed to these Nigerian frontline states bordering the Cameroun, by the continuous emission of poisonous gas by the Volcanic Lake Njos and Monoun in the Cameroon. Prof. Ananaba, who represented the National Universities Commission (NUC) in the team has since returned to the University following the completion of the assignment.

**ESHETT BAGS CIDA AWARD**

Professor Ebong Thomas Eshett, Dean, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT) has been elected a Fellow of the Civilian Institute of Democratic Administration (CIDA).

The Award which took place on Saturday, July 15, 2006 tagged 'Recognition of Excellence' was in recognition of his contribution to the progress of the society. A quiet and confident achiever, Professor Eshett has made tremendous impact in Agriculture with his research and scholarly publications in a wide spectrum of local and international scientific journals. He

has to his credit twenty eight publications largely in reputable international journals, chapter contributions in four text books and papers in at least five international conference proceedings published in the United States of America, Canada, Republic of China and Nigeria amongst others.

In recognition, the Council of the Civil Democratic Administration conferred on him by the Professional Fellowship of the Institute. By this award, he is qualifies to use the designatory letters CIDA after his name. Prof. Eshett had earlier been honoured by the Akwa Ibom State Association in Imo State with an Award of Excellence.

**SAI RESEARCH MERIT AWARD FOR DR. OFOH**

Dr. Magnus Chima Ofoh, Head of the Department of Crop Science and Technology, FUTO has won the Support Africa International (SAI) Research Merit Award for 2004.

The award announced in the April 2006 publication of Research and Development in Sub-Saharan Africa by SAI, Germany is for his research paper 'Towards Fostering Subsistence Agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa: Constraints and strategies'. In his publication, he noted that as opposed to the success made in increasing food production through high input technologies and mechanisation in temperate area, attempts to do is sub-Saharan African had resulted in ecological destabilisation, food shortage, malnutrition and poverty. Against this background, he stated that the only option for countries in that region was to re-embrace the traditional system of farming unique to its agro-ecosystem (Subsistence Agriculture).

**MADUBUIKE, SELECTED UNTO GOD**

Very Rev. Dr. Chimaobi N. Madubuike of the Department of Agricultural Engineering was on Sunday, September 17, 2006 Inducted as a Presbyter of the Methodist Church of Nigeria in the Cathedral of Unity, MCC/Uratta Road,

Owerri. The officiating Bishop Rt. Rev. C. K. Uche (JP) while delivery a sermon described Very Rev. Dr. Madubuike as a shepherd of souls, one separated unto God. He noted that his new position was crucial as a call to serve the church and nation, and charged him to be fearless in calling people to repentance through the word of God and by exemplary conduct.

Two other Presbyters, Very Rev. Israel A. Igwe and Very Rev. Joseph U. Esheya were also inducted in a solemn ceremony witnessed by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri, Mr. R. U. Akujobi, Bursar, Engr. Prof. O. N. Oguoma, Prof. O. Ogbobe, Engr. C. E. Chinweze, Pharm (Mrs.) N. Onwudike, and a large congregation.

**CPN RECOGNISES UZOH**

Mr. O. F. Uzoh of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science has been appointed into two committees of the Computer Professionals (Registration Council) of Nigeria, CPN.

They are the Education and Training Committee and the Registration, Regulation and Control Committee.

**ANABA ATTENDS 9TH EASTERN ZONAL CONFERENCE OF CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT OF NIGERIA**

The PAR/Ag. Co-ordinator, Establishment / Junior Personnel Unit Chief C. E. A. Anaba recently represented the University at the just concluded 9th Eastern Zonal Conference of the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management, with theme Strategic Plan: The Human Tonic for National Development from May 31, 2006 to June 2, 2006. Newcastle Hotel, Owerri

He also attended the Advanced Human Resources Management Workshop organised by the Centre for Management Development (CMD) Ikeja, Lagos from August 14, -18, 2006.





# APPOINTMENTS

## G. I. NWANKWO, NEW DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

The Vice-Chancellor has appointed Prof. G. I. Nwankwo the Dean of School of Science.

### DIRECTORSHIP APPOINTMENTS

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment /re-appointment of the following into directorship positions in various institutes, centres and units of the university.

S/NO	NAME	INSTITUTE/CENTRE UNIT	STATUS	EFFECTIVE DATE
1.	PROF. M. O. E. IWUALA	ACADEMIC PLANNING & DEV.	DIRECTOR	OCT. 1, 2006
2.	ENGR. DR. S. O. E. OGBOGU	COMPUTER CENTRE	AG. DIRECTOR	OCT. 1, 2006
3.	DR. (MRS.) C. O. CHUKUEZI	DIRECTORATE OF GENERAL STUDIES	AG. DIRECTOR	OCT. 1, 2006
4.	PROF. C. C. ASIABAKA	FUTO EXTENSION SERVICES	DIRECTOR	OCT. 1, 2006
5.	PROF. C. AKUJOR	INFO. & COMMUNICATION TECH	DIRECTOR	OCT. 1, 2006
6.	PROF. N. N. ONU	INSTITUTE OF EROSION STUDIES	DIRECTOR	OCT. 1, 2006
7.	DR. O. A. EMEJULU	FUTO CONSULT LIMITED	AG. MANAGING DIRECTOR.	OCT. 1, 2006
8.	PROF. E. O. P. AKPAN	MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM	DIRECTOR	OCT. 1, 2006
9.	PROF. C. D. OKEREKE	OFFICE FOR UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT	DIRECTOR	OCT. 1, 2006
10.	ENGR. S. N. ASOEGWU	CENTRE FOR INDUSTRIAL STUDIES	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	OCT. 1, 2006
11.	DR. I. N. EMEROLE	FUTO CONSULT LIMITED	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	OCT. 1, 2006
12.	DR. F. O. U. OSUALA	FUTO EXTENSION SERVICES	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	OCT. 1, 2006

### REAPPOINTMENT AS UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS OFFICER

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the reappointment of **Engr. Prof. O. N. Oguoma** as the University Admissions Officer with effect from Oct. 1, 2006.

### APPOINTMENT AS GENERAL MANAGER

The Vice-Chancellor has appointed **Prof. A. E. Agbogu** as the General Manager FUTO Press Limited with effect from October 1, 2006.



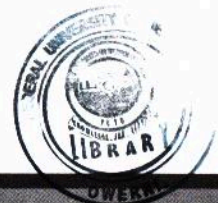
### HEADSHIP APPOINTMENTS

The Vice-Chancellor has made the following Headship Appointments/Reappointments for a period of one Academic year.

S/NO	NAME	DEPARTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
1.	DR. N. N. O. OGUOMA	AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS	OCT. 1, 2006
2.	ENGR. DR. G. A. NWANDIKOM	AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING	OCT. 1, 2006
3.	DR. (MRS.) EDNA MATHEWS-NJOKU	AGRIC EXTENSION	OCT. 1, 2006
4.	DR. (MRS.) E. U. OGUNDU	ANIMAL SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	OCT. 1, 2006
5.	PROF. G. O. C. ONYEZE	BIOCHEMISTRY	OCT. 1, 2006
6.	DR. (MRS.) H. C. NWIGWE	BIOTECHNOLOGY	OCT. 1, 2006
7.	ENGR. DR. (MRS.) K. B. OYOH	CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	OCT. 1, 2006
8.	DR. E. N. EJIKE	CHEMISTRY	OCT. 1, 2006
9.	DR. C. A. AGU	CROP SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	OCT. 1, 2006
10.	DR. D. O. ONWUKA	CIVIL ENGINEERING	OCT. 1, 2006
11.	DR. M. S. AMAESHI	DENTAL TECHNOLOGY	OCT. 1, 2006
12.	ENGR. DR. E. N. C. OKAFOR	ELECT / ELECT ENGINEERING	OCT. 1, 2006
13.	DR. (MRS.) S. AKHIONBARE	ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY	OCT. 1, 2006
14.	PROF. C. I IWUOHA	FOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	OCT. 1, 2006
15.	DR. A. O. SELEMO	GEOLOGY	OCT. 1, 2006
16.	ENGR. PROF. O. E. OKORAFOR	MATERIALS & METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING	OCT. 1, 2006
17.	DR. S. C. INYAMA	MATHS / COMPUTER SCIENCE	OCT. 1, 2006
18.	DR. O. M. I. NWAFOR	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	OCT. 1, 2006
19.	DR. V. I. IBEKWE	MICROBIOLOGY	OCT. 1, 2006
20.	DR. E. ESENWA	OPTICAL TECHNOLOGY	OCT. 1, 2006
21.	DR. A. I. EKEJIUBA	PETROLEUM ENGINEERING	OCT. 1, 2006
22.	DR. C. G. OSUAGWU	PHYSIOTHERAPEUTIC TECHNOLOGY	OCT. 1, 2006
23.	PROF. F. C. EZE	PHYSICS	OCT. 1, 2006
24.	DR. G. F. OKORAFOR	PROJECT MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY	OCT. 1, 2006
25.	DR. K. E. IHEJIRIKA	PROSTHESIS/OBTHOPAEDIC	OCT. 1, 2006
26.	PROF. M. E. ENYIEGBULAM	POLYMER & TEXTILE ENG	OCT. 1, 2006
27.	DR. O. C. ABANOBI	PUBLIC HEALTH TECHNOLOGY	OCT. 1, 2006
28.	PROF. G. E. OSUJI	SOIL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	OCT. 1, 2006
29.	DR. K. U. NNADI	TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY	OCT. 1, 2006

APPOINTMENT OF CO-ORDINATORS  
THE VICE-CHANCELLOR HAS APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING AS CO-ORDINATORS

S/NO	NAME	INSTITUTE/CENTRE UNIT	STATUS	EFFECTIVE DATE
1.	DR. P. C. NJOKU	STUDENTS INDUSTRIAL WORK EXPERIENCE SCHEME (SIWES)	CO-ORDINATOR	OCT. 1, 2006
2.	DR. A. O. OJIAKO	SCIENCE LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY TRAINING PROGRAMME (SLTTP) /PRE-DEGREE	CO-ORDINATOR	OCT. 1, 2006





## NWORUH, APPOINTED FIRST CHIEF EXAMINER

The Head of Information Management Technology in the School of Management Technology (SMAT), Prof. G. E. Nworuh has been appointed the Chief Examiner for the 2005/2006 Rain Semester Examination.

The appointment, the first in the University and a novel introduction by the new Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri was communicated to him through a memo ref. FUT/VC/GEN. 46 dated 26th July 2006 signed by the Vice-Chancellor.

According to the letter which took immediate effect, Professor Nworuh as Chief Examiner will be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor and is expected to perform some functions among which are

- ✎ To supervise the conduct of the examination.
- ✎ To report all cases of exam misconduct/malpractice to the Vice-Chancellor and ensure prompt disposal of all cases of exam misconduct/malpractice.
- ✎ To ensure that all scripts are marked in good time and results prepared for approval.
- ✎ To submit a written report on the conduct of the exam to the Vice-Chancellor with recommendations.
- ✎ To perform any other function that will lead to a hitch-free administration of examination.

The Chief Examiner was also expected to co-opt five senior academic staff, one each from each school to assist him in carrying out the assignment creditably.

### APPOINTMENT OF CO-ORDINATORS

The following have been appointed Acting Co-ordinators

S/NO	Name	Unit	Effective Date
1.	Chief C. E. A. Anaba	Estab/Junior Personnel	Jan. 30, 2006
2.	Mrs. A. C. Udunwa	Estab/Snr. Personnel	June 16, 2006
3.	Miss C. C. Ibenegbu	Senate Affairs	June 6, 2006

### CONSTITUTION OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY STRATEGIC PLAN

In pursuance of his broad-based vision for the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, has constitute the following Technical Committee of the University Strategic Plan that will implement the rational, comprehensive and unified guidelines to the growth and development of FUTO, over a period of five years (2006 - 2011).

The special Committee is urgently required to fine-tune the details of the plan, work out the cost implication and provide direction for achieving the desired goals within the plan period.

### Membership

Prof. M. O. E Iwuala (SOSC)	Chairman
Registrar	Member
Bursar	Member
University Librarian	Member
All Deans of Schools	Member
Director, Computer Centre	Member
Director, ICT	Member
Director, Academic Planning and Development	Member
Director, Physical Planning and Development	Member
Engr. Prof. O. N. Oguoma (SEET)	Member
Prof. E. O. P. Akpan (SMAT)	Member
Dr. G. F. Okorafor (SMAT)	Member
Dr. (Mrs.) Edna C. Matthews-Njoku (SAAT)	Member
Mr. Chidozie Uba	Secretary

### SILVER JUBILEE PLANNING COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri has constituted a 9-man Silver Jubilee Planning Committee, to undertake the preparation of the publication 'FUTO at 25 in liaison with the Directorate of General Studies; to identify deserving staff for Long Service Award, and to take action towards a successful Silver Jubilee celebration in December 2006. The committee is headed by Rev. Fr. Prof. L. C. Asiegbu with Prof. C. D. Okereke, Prof. A. E. Agbogu, Engr. Dr. G. I. Nwandikom, Dr. O. Emejulu, Dr. (Mrs.) R. N. Nwabueze, Barr. H. O. Meziobi, Dr. (Mrs.) Chinwe Anunobi and Mr. C. N. Ogu (Secretary) as members.

### PROF. OGUOMA HEADS ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

The Prof. O. N. Oguoma-led Endowment Fund Committee, recently constituted by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri has been charged with organising and raising N2 billion Endowment Fund.

To execute this herculean task, the Committee has the following membership.

Prof. O. N. Oguoma	-	Chairman
Prof. C. C. Asiabaka	-	Member
Prof. P. B. U. Achi	-	Member
Prof. K. Okpala	-	Member
Prof. C. E. Akujor	-	Member
Dr. R. Uche	-	Member
Dr. (Mrs.) E. C. Mathews-Njoku	-	Member
Arc. A. N. Chukwendu	-	Member
Mr. M. Aligbe	-	Member
Miss Aadaeze Okany	-	Co-opted Member
Mr. U. B. Dialah	-	Secretary

### PROF. M. I. NWUFO RETAINS CHAIRMANSHIP OF RE-CONSTITUTED CEREMONIALS COMMITTEE

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri has reconstituted the Ceremonials Committee though retaining its Chairman, Prof. Martin I. Nwufu. Other members of the Committee are Mr. C. O. Omeire, Registrar; Chief J. E. Nwogu, University Librarian, Engr. Prof. O. Ogbobe, Chairman, Business Committee of Senate, Prof. C. I. Anunuso, Chairman Committee of Deans, Prof. M. O. E. Iwuala, University Orator, Prof. E. E. Anyanwu, Dean, Student Affairs; Prof. M. E. Enyiegbulem and Dr. C. B. C. Ohanuzue, Vice-Chancellor's nominees.

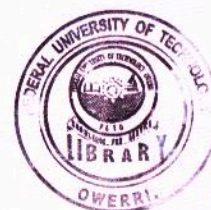




## PROMOTIONS

**ACADEMIC STAFF PROMOTIONS (PROFESSORIAL)  
ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ACADEMIC STAFF APPOINTMENTS AND  
PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE, ASAPC (PROFESSORIAL), THE GOVERNING COUNCIL HAS  
APPROVED THE FOLLOWING PROMOTIONS.**

S/NO	NAME	DEPARTMENT/UNIT	FORMER RANK	NEW RANK	EFFECTIVE DATE
1.	Akpan, E. O. P. (Dr.)	Proj. Mgt. & Tech	Reader	Professor	Oct. 1, 2003
2.	Iwuoha, C. I. (Dr.)	Food Science & Tech.	Reader	Professor	Oct. 1, 2005
3.	Anusionwu, C. C. (Dr.)	Physics	Snr. Lecturer	Reader	Oct. 1, 2005
4.	Chukwudebe, G. A. (Dr.)	Elect & Elect Eng.	Snr. Lecturer	Reader	Oct. 1, 2004
5.	Effiong, E. E. (Dr.)	Chemical Eng.	Snr. Lecturer	Reader	Oct. 1, 2004
6.	Emejulu, Obiajulu (Dr.)	General Studies	Snr. Lecturer	Reader	Oct. 1, 2004
7.	Ibekwe, V. I. (Dr.)	Microbiology	Snr. Lecturer	Reader	Oct. 1, 2004
8..	Mejeha, I. M. (Dr.)	Physics	Snr. Lecturer	Reader	Oct. 1, 2005
9.	Nzotta, S. M. (Dr.)	Proj. Mgt. & Tech.	Snr. Lecturer	Reader	Oct. 1, 2003
10.	Ofoh, M. C. (Dr.)	Crop. Science & Tech.	Snr. Lecturer	Reader	Oct. 1, 2002
11.	Ogbogu, S. O. E.	Elect & Elect Eng.	Snr. Lecturer	Reader	Oct. 1, 2001
12..	Ogbulie, J. A. (Dr.)	Microbiology	Snr. Lecturer	Reader	Oct. 1, 2004
13.	Ohanuzue, C. B. C. (Dr.)	Polymer & Textile Eng.	Snr. Lecturer	Reader	Oct. 1, 2004
14.	Okeudo, N. J. (Dr.)	Animal Science & Tech.	Snr. Lecturer	Reader	Oct. 1, 2005
15.	Onu, D. O. (Dr.)	Agric Extension	Snr. Lecturer	Reader	Oct. 1, 2005
16.	Oti, N. N. (Dr.)	Soil Science & Tech.	Snr. Lecturer	Reader	Oct. 1, 2005
17.	Oyoh, K. B. (Dr.)	Chemical Engineering	Snr. Lecturer	Reader	Oct. 1, 2005
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**EYA, OBIKEZIE BAG Ph.D**

Dr. D. D. O. Eya of the Department of Physics in the School of Science has bagged a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) Degree in Physics and Industrial Physics (Solid State Physics) from Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka.

Dr. S. O. Obiekezie of the Department of Biotechnology in the School of Science has bagged a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) Degree in Microbiology from the Abia State University, Uturu.

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**UPGRADINGS**

*The upgrading of the underlisted staff have been approved by the former Acting Vice-Chancellor.*

**Dr. E. N. Amasike** of the Department of Transport Management and Technology from Lecturer 1 to Senior Lecturer with effect from March 1, 2006.

**Mr. Ejem E. Agwu**, of the Department of Transport Management Technology from the rank of Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer with effect from September 6, 2005.

**Rev. Charles C. Alajemba** of the Department of Project Management and Technology from the rank of Research Assistant to Assistant Lecturer with effect from February 19, 2004.

**Mrs. Chinwe I. Chikwendu** of the Department of Industrial Microbiology from Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer with effect from June 22, 2005.

**Mr. Kevin N. Nwaigwe** of the Department of Agricultural Engineering from the rank of Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer with effect from January 25, 2006.

**Calista I. Nwankwo** of the Department of Chemical Engineering from Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer with effect from April 22, 2006.

**Euphemia Chima Nwaokorie** of the Department of Maths/Computer Science from the rank of Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer with effect from January 25, 2006.

**Mr. Fidelis O. Nwosu** of the Department of Agricultural Economics from Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer with effect from May 1, 2006.

**Mr. Donatus E. Onwuegbuchunam** of the Department of Transport Management Technology from the rank of Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer with effect from September 6, 2005.

**Chika Yinka-Banjo** of the Department of Maths/Computer Science from Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer with effect from December 9, 2005.

**Mrs. Angela N. Nwachukwu** of Internal Audit Unit from the rank of Confidential Secretary II to Personal Secretary II with effect from October 1, 2005.

**RENEWAL OF CONTRACT APPOINTMENTS**

The Vice-Chancellor has renewed the contract appointments of:

**Prof. I. A. Njiribeako** as a Professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology, for a period of one year with effect from October 1, 2005

**Dr. E. C. Ibe** as a visiting Scholar in the Department of Chemical Engineering for a period of two years with effect from February 28, 2006.

**Mrs. J. S. Nse** as a Graduate Assistant in the Library Department for a period of two years with effect from August 7, 2005.

**Mrs. R. A. Nwosu** as a Senior Master in the University Staff School for 2005/2006 academic session which ends in July 2006.

**Mr. Augustine Obilor** as a Plant Operator for a period of two years with effect from August 31, 2006.

**Mr. Augustine A. Nwankwo** of the Estate and Works Department for a period of two years with effect from August 9, 2005.

**Mr. Jacob Agbovwe** as a Senior Patrolman in the Security Unit for a period of one year with effect from April 28, 2006.

**Benjamin Nwachukwu** as a Patrolman in the Security Unit for a period of one year with Feb. 28, 2006.

**Mr. Obinna Ekejiuba**, as a Watchman in the Security Unit for a period of one year with effect from September 30, 2005.

**SABBATICAL LEAVE**

The Vice-Chancellor has approved a one year sabbatical leave for the following academic staff

**Rev. Fr. Prof. L. C. Asiegbo** of the General Studies Unit for the 2006/2007.

**Engr. (Pastor) Lawrence O. Ettu** of the Department of Civil Engineering with effect from January 1, 2007 academic year.

**NWAOGU GOES ON STUDY LEAVE**

The Vice-Chancellor has approved a two year study leave with pay for Mr. Ugochukwu C. Nwaogu of the Department of Chemistry, with effect from October 1, 2006.

Mr. Nwaogu is billed to undertake the Erasmus Mundus Master Programme in Materials Science at the University of Aveiro Portugal and is expected to resumed duty on October 2, 2008.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The Governing Council at its 119th meeting held on July 28, 2006 approved the extension of the Leave of Absence of the following.



**Mrs. Nkeiru A. C. Kamalu** of the Senate Affairs Unit of the Registry for a period of one year with effect from July 1, 2006.

**Dr. C. I. Ezedinma** of the Department of Agricultural Economics, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology for a period of one year with effect from May 20, 2006.

#### RETIREMENT

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the commencement of annual terminal leave of

**Prof. B. A. Nwachukwu**, the immediate past Acting Vice-Chancellor with effect from Friday July 21, 2006.

**Prof. U. B. C. O. Ejike** of the Department of Maths/Computer Science with effect from August 16, 2006.

Mrs. Racheal Obuma of Estate and Works Unit with effect from July 6, 2006 to September 5, 2006.

#### TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENTS

The University Governing Council has upheld the recommendations of the Senior Staff Disciplinary Committee on the case of gross misconduct and has approved the termination of the appointments of:

**Mr Uchenna Obih** of the Department of Agricultural Economics with effect from February 13, 2006.

**Mr Albert I. Ugochukwu** of the Department of Agricultural Economics with effect from February 13, 2006.

#### CHANGE OF DEPARTMENT

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the inter-departmental transfer of Dr. Agwu N. Amadi of the Department of Biotechnology in the School of Sciences to the Department of Public Health in the School of Health Technology.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

##### AKAFORO, SYLVIAS.

I, formerly known and addressed as Miss Sylvia Adaku Chukwu of the Junior Personnel Matters Unit, now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. Sylvia Stanley Akaforo. All former documents remain valid.

##### ANOSIKE, ONYEMAECHEI .F.

I, formerly known as Miss Felicia Onyemaechi Eze now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. Felicia Onyemaechi Anosike. All former documents remain valid.

##### ANYAOHA, NDIDI .P.

Formerly known and addressed as Miss Ndidi Ikwuanusi of the Agric Extension Department, now wishes to be known and addressed as Mrs. Ndidi P. Anyaoha. All former documents remain valid.

##### AWODIJI CHIOMA .C.

Formerly known and addressed as Miss Chikezie Mbaegbu of the Civil Engineering Department now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. Chioma T. Awodiji. All former documents remain valid.

##### IWUAGWU, MAUREEN

I, formerly known and addressed as Miss Maureen Onyirioha now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. Maureen Iwuagwu. All former documents bearing former name remain valid. Federal University of Technology, Owerri and the public note.

##### ONYEAGORO, NGOZI

I, formerly known and addressed as Miss Ngozi Linda Iheakam of the PP&D Unit now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. Ngozi Linda Onyeagoro. All former documents remain valid.

##### IUKAIGWE, SANDRA .A.

I, formerly known and addressed as Miss Sandra Ogbuagu of the Chemical Engineering Department now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. Sandra Alford Ukaigwe. All former documents remain valid.

#### APPRECIATION

1, Mrs. Loveth C. Ekwemalor Senior Assistant Registrar and Vice-Chairman, SSANU wish to thank all Who contributed to make the burial ceremony of my late mother a success. I pray for God's divine visitation on all your endeavours in Jesus name. Amen.

#### TEARS, AS WE MOURN...

For the staff and students of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri it has been a period of mourning, having lost Maryam Ahmed, Eugene Ugwuegbu and Charles Uzoma to the cold hands of death.



**Maryam Ahmed** was until her death on Saturday, August 12, 2006 a Higher Executive Officer in the Centre for Energy and Power Systems

Research. She joined the services of the University in 2001 and had earlier served in the SIWES and Guidance and Counselling Units.



**Mr. Eugene Ugwuegbu**, a Security Officer in the Security Unit died on Saturday, August 12, 2006, after a brief illness

and buried on September 30, 2006.

The deceased served the University meritoriously for twenty five years prior to his death.



**Mr. Charles Uzoma**, a Senior Patrolman in the Security Unit died on Saturday, April 29, 2006 after

a brief illness. Mr. Uzoma who joined the University in 1998 has since been buried in his hometown.



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