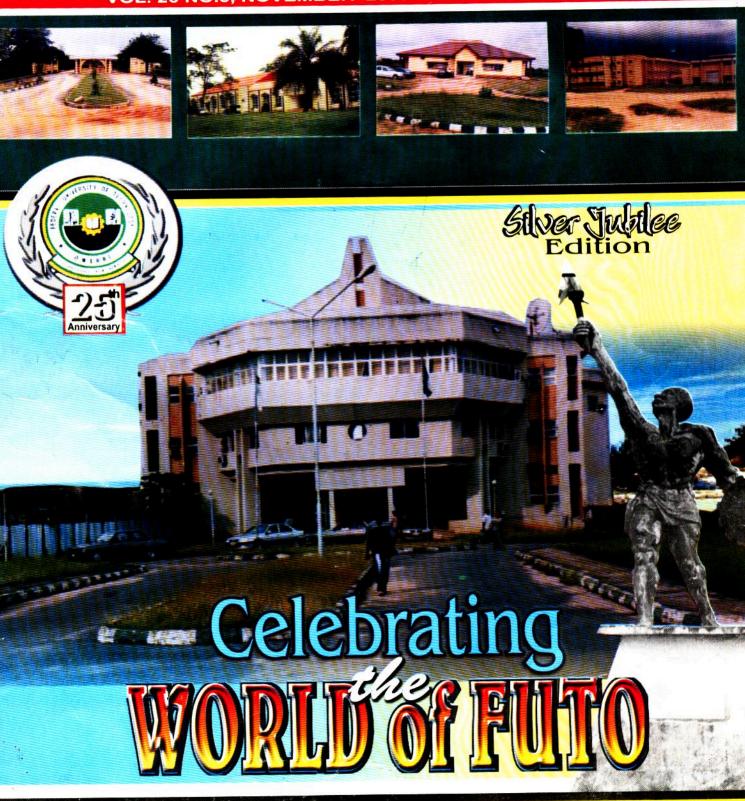
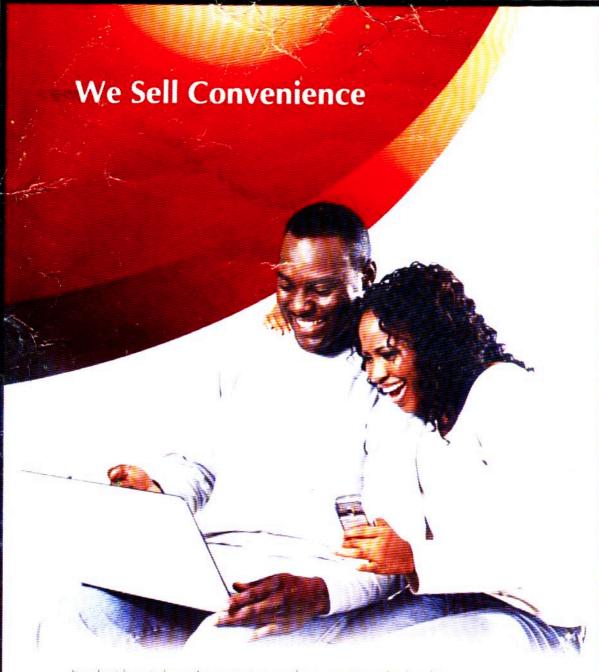


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The duration of each undergraduate programme is five academic years, divided into ten semesters; each lasting 17 weeks. A student enrolled in our university acquires learning skills which sharpen the intellect, not only for creative thinking and entrepreneurship but also for careers in Industry and Management.

You can look forward to a faculty acknowledged and highly rated for its accomplishment in teaching and research.

Our unique and serene location, so close to nature and located 25 kilometres away from the Owerri city centre contributes significantly to our academic excellence. Peace with its resultant stable academic calendar is a priority at our University.

The University, though a third generation University is renowned particularly for its Engineering disciplines and also offers a curriculum unique to it in undergraduate programmes such as Project Management Technology, Transport Management Technology, and Public Health Technology.

The recent successful accreditation of the Master of Business Administration and undergraduate programmes of the University by the National Universities Commission (NUC), and likewise COREN accreditation are vivid proofs of academic excellence in the University.

A wide range of firms, particularly in the oil and gas sectors, industrial, banking and other sectors of the Nigerian economy regularly visit our campus on Recruitment exercise and Industrial Training (IT) placements. Scholarships for qualified students from the Federal Government and from reputable oil and gas companies abound.

Hostel accommodation is provided for the majority of undergraduates on campus, with priority given to those in the first and final years. The University is currently partnering with the private sector to build additional hostels on a 'build-operate and transfer' basis to provide decent accommodation for the increasing number of students. Also, many private apartments, close to the University are available for students who may choose the option of living off-campus, at rents which vary according to size and location.

At the University, there are sporting facilities also provided for students. Our goal is to combine academic distinction with a technological bias, character and a high dose of self-development.

We sincerely thank Mr. President and Madam Minister for honouring our invitation to be part of the celebrations. We also welcome all our distinguished guests to the Federal University of Technology, Owerri. As we hold this landmark 18th and 19th Convocation and Silver Jubilee Celebrations, I give kudos to past and present Councils, my predecessors in office, staff, students and Alumni for the successes achieved so far.

I sincerely wish to thank all those who have sent in goodwill messages and found time to join us in these happy reunion and celebrations.

Professor Celestine O. E. Onwuliri, KSJ, JP R Sc, Ph.D. (Nigeria), C. Biol., M.I. Biol. (London), FBSN, FNSP, LOHA Vice-Chancellor



Editor's Comment



In this special jubilee anniversary edition, we recount the brief history of the University, especially in terms of its leadership over the years. Under the leadership of five substantive Vice-Chancellors and five Acting Vice-Chancellors, growth and academic excellence have been vigorously pursued as evidenced by the quality of FUTO graduates. Commitment to research and infrastructural development is also not in doubt.

FUTO has indeed come of age. The story of the University is told in the Jubilee book entitled: *FUTO at 25* and I enjoin everyone to obtain a copy as a lifelong keepsake.

Credit for this edition goes to God. My thanks are due to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri, staff of the Information, Public Relations and Publications Unit and Skillmark Media Ltd., our regular printer. To Springbank Plc, Sterling Bank Plc, IBTC Chartered Bank Plc, Wema Bank Plc, Intercontinental Bank, McQuintus Ltd., RHAS Nigeria Ltd., BAA Nig. Ltd., Power Holding Company of Nigeria, Imo Orientation Agency (IOA), Skillmark Media, FUTO Landlords Association, All Seasons Hotel, Sunic Foods, Lodan Hotels and Soulmate Industries Limited, we say thank you for your goodwill messages and patronage.

The achievements of the past are worth being consolidated and celebrated. However, much still remains to be achieved. In this regard, we believe that the ICT drive of the present administration of Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri and the implementation the educational reform in Nigeria today will take FUTO to occupy a pride of place in the league of universities in the national and international scene.

God bless FUTO.

Adaeze Okany



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Programme Of Events

FOR THE

18TH / 19TH CONVOCATION AND SILIVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Monday, November 27, 2006

10.00 am: Press Briefing by the Vice-Chancellor

Interactive Session with the Press to highlight the Convocation Activities

Venue: Council / Senate Chambers, FUTO

To Attend: The Press, Principal Officers, Deans, Directors, Professors, Heads

of Departments/Units and Co-ordinators

Wednesday, November 29, 2006

10.00 am: Interdenominational Service **Venue:** 750 Capacity Lecture Theatre, FUTO

To Attend: All members of the University Community, graduands and friends of the University

Thursday, November 30, 2006

4.00pm Convocation Rehearsals at the Convocation Square

To Attend: All Graduands, Dean, Student Affairs and School Administrative Officers

Friday, December 1, 2006

11.00 am Ceremonial Tree Planting at Selected Sites

To Attend: Graduands, Principal Officers, Director, OUD, FUTO Alumni Officer, FUTO Alumni

12.00 noon Convocation Lecture entitled The Current Reforms in the Education Sector by

Minister of Education, Dr. (Mrs.) Oby Ezekwesili

Venue: 750 Capacity Lecture Theatre, FUTO

To Attend: All members of University Community, invited guests and graduands

2.30pm Post-Convocation Lecture Luncheon (On Invitation)

Venue: Council/Senate Chambers, FUTO

7.00 pm Alumni Night / Chancellor's Cocktail **Venue:** Vice-Chancellor's Lodge, Court Road, Owerri

To Attend: Graduands, Principals Officers, Deans, Directors,

Professors, Heads of Departments/Units and Co-ordinators

Saturday, December 2, 2006

10.00 am: - Silver Jubilee Celebrations/Book Launch: FUTO at 25

12.00 noon: - Admission to First Degrees and Higher Degrees, Post Graduate

Diplomas and Award of Prizes

Venue: - Convocation Square, FUTO

To Attend: -All members of the University Community, Graduands, Parents/

Guardians and their guests,

- Higher Degree Graduands and their guests, and Invited guests.

3.00 pm -Post-Convocation Luncheon (On invitation)

Venue:-Council/Senate Chambers, FUTO

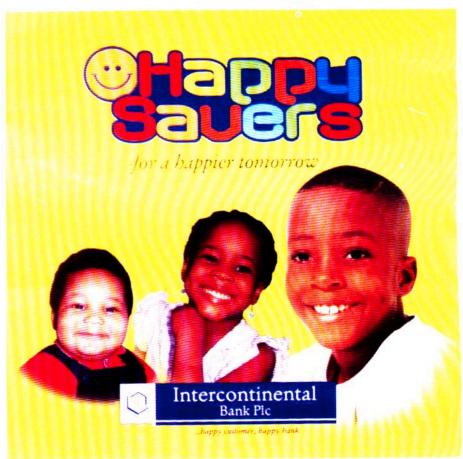
7.00 pm -Silver Jubilee Dinner and Presentation of Long Service

Awards to Staff

Venue: - Vice-Chancellor's Lodge, Court Road, Owerri

To Attend: - Staff





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The Federal University of Technology, Owerri (FUTO) was born on October 1, 1980 under the democratic dispensation of President Shere Shegari in response to the need for the development of a technology-based economy, which required skilled, innovative and technology-oriented manpower.

A Governing Council headed by the first Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, His Royal Highness, Chukwuemela Nnam Obi II, Eze Ogba of Ogbaland was appointed with Dr. F. O Esiri, OFR, as its first Chancellor.

FUTO had a humble beginning at the premises of the Government Technical College, Owerri with a few staff borrowed from the State Civil Service and Professor Umaru Dechi Gowmwalk as its first Vice-Chancellor.

As a young University in a temporary home, the University experienced the initial teething problems associated with growth but was however able to open its doors for its first intake of students in October 1981. The University operated on a temporary site, the Lake Nwaebere Campus, uptill 1992/93 session when it relocated to its permanent site situated about 25 kilometres south of Owerri metropolis.

The Federal University of Technology, Owerri has matured in many respects. From its first student enrolment of 225 in 1981, it has grown in student population to 22,581 (22,007-undergraduate; 574-post-graduate) students in 2005/2006 session. The University has matriculated 24 sets of students and is graduating its 18th and 19th sets of graduands on December 2, 2006. At the moment , the University offers first degree programmes in five Schools split into 30 Departments with a Directorate of General Studies. The fifth undergraduate school namely, School of Health Technology, comprising five departments admitted its first set of students in the 2003/2004 academic year.

Outstanding also in its academic development was the establishment of a School of Postgraduate Studies and the conferment of its own higher degrees. The University has also transformed its Satellite campuses into Sandwich and Weekend programmes under its Extension Services.

A new Governing Council was appointed in 1984 with Chief Okon W. Inyang as the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council and His Royal Majesty, Justice Ambrose Ezeolisa Allagoa, Mingi XI, the Amanyanabo of Nembe appointed as the University's second Chancellor. Justice Allagoa was succeeded by His Royal Majesty, Dr. Shekarau A. Masa-Ibi, the Aku Uka of Wukari as the third Chancellor in July 2001.

A third Council was appointed in 1986 with Alhaji Sulaiman Liman as its Chairman and Pro-Chancellor and was succeeded in 1990 by His Royal Highness, Alhaji Sabi Idris, the Emir of Gwanara who served as Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the fourth and fifth Governing Councils. Between 1997 and 1999, Professor Chiweyite Ejike presided over the 6th Governing Council as the Chairman/Pro-Chancellor. He was succeeded in April 2000 by Dr. Theo Chike Osanakpo, SAN who served as Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the 7th Governing Council till May 2004. Umaru Faruk Abdullahi, Esq. became the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the 8th Governing Council on April 28, 2005.

FUTO has had five substantive Vice-Chancellors in the persons of:



Prof. Umaru D. Gomwalk (1980 - Sept. 1987) Pioneer Vice-Chancellor



Prof. Amagh Nduka (Oct. 1987- Dec. 91)



Engr. Prof. Chuka O. G. Obah (Jan. 1992 to Dec.1999)



Prof. Jude E. Njoku (Aug. 7, 2000 - March 23, 2005) The Best Vice-Chancellor Awardee for 2003.



Currently, Professor Celestine Onyemobi Elihe Onwuliri is at the helm of affairs as the 5th substantive Vice-Chancellor of this great University, having been appointed on June 12, 2006 by the Visitor, His Excellency, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, GCFR, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed

Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Prof. Onwuliri who assumed duty on June 19, 2006 is committed to enhancing performance at all levels in the University through the use of ICT and the strict observance of *Due -Process* in all aspects of the University Administration.

Of significant mention are the new FUTO International Secondary School, the newly commissioned Project Management, NDIC, Biological Sciences and 750-Capacity Lecture Theatre.

In between these administrations, the University was administered by five Acting Vice-Chancellors:



Prof. Uwadiegwu B. C. O. Ejike (Oct. 1991 to Jan. 1992)



Prof. Jude O. Duru (Jan.-Feb. 1996)



Prof. Charles C. Ntamere (Dec. 30, 1999 to Aug. 2000)



Prof. Innocent C. Ogwude (March 24, 2005-July 2005).



Engr. Prof. Benjamin A. Nwachukwu (July 15, 2005-June 2006)

FUTO has consistently produced graduates who are occupying significant positions in the socio-economic life of the nation and hence has brought the university of an enviable position.

Today at 25, FUTO rejoices as it marks its Silver Jubilee in a double celebration with its 18th/19th Convocation ceremony.

Given the storms the University has weathered, and the great goals it has achieved in the area of producing qualitative and goal-orientated graduates, FUTO indeed has every reason to belebrate.





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On behalf of the Council, Senate, Congregation, Staff and Students of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri I welcome His Excellency

Chief Olusegun Obasanjo GCFR

President and Commander -in-Chief Federal Republic of Nigeria

His Excellency
Chief Dr. Achike Udenwa (Onwa)
Executive Governor, Imo State

The Minister
Mrs. Oby Ezekwesili
Honourable Minister of Education

and
all our distinguished guests who found
time to share in our joy and celebrations.
May the Good Lord reward and bless you all.

Prof. C.O.E Onwuliri
Vice-Chancellor

Photo Story



Former Governor of old Imo State, His Excellency Sam O. Mbakwe leading His Excellency Alex Ekwueme in a ceremonial procession at the official opening ceremony of the University



Former Vice-President, Alex Ekwueme cutting the tape to officially commission FUTO



Pioneer Students of FUTO; Picture taking on October 2, 1981



Pioneer Students pose during the First Matriculation Ceremony of the University on Jan. 9, 1982



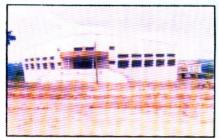
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New School of Agriculture Building



Newly commissioned 750-Capacity Lecture Theatre



New Project Management Building



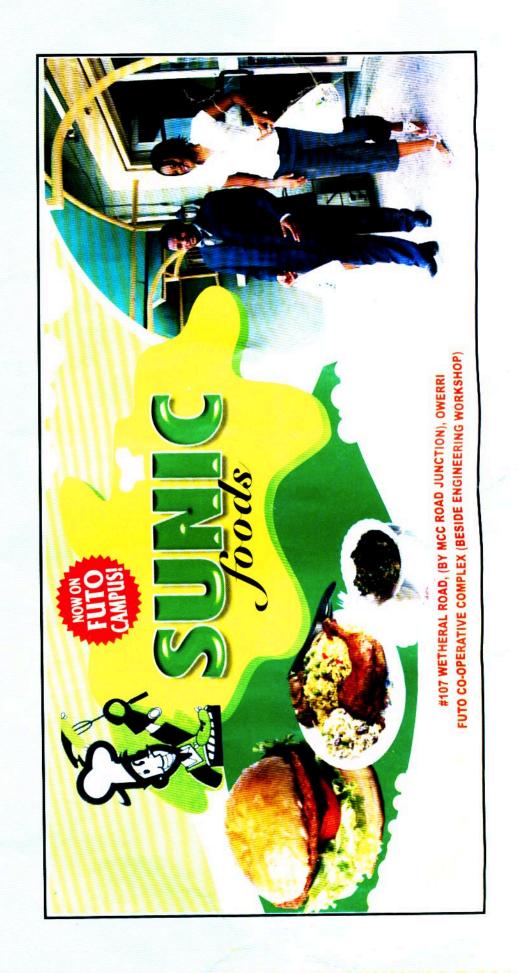
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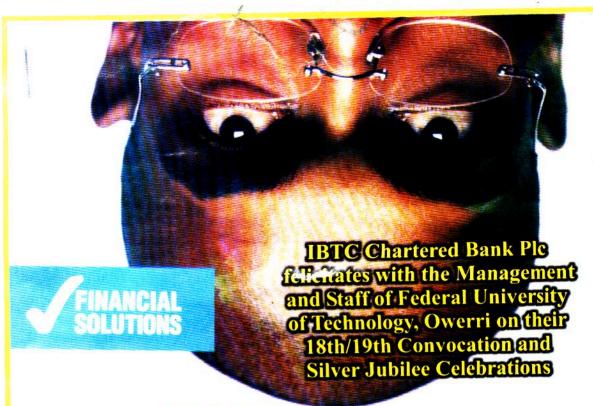


The bridge built over Otamiri River on campus



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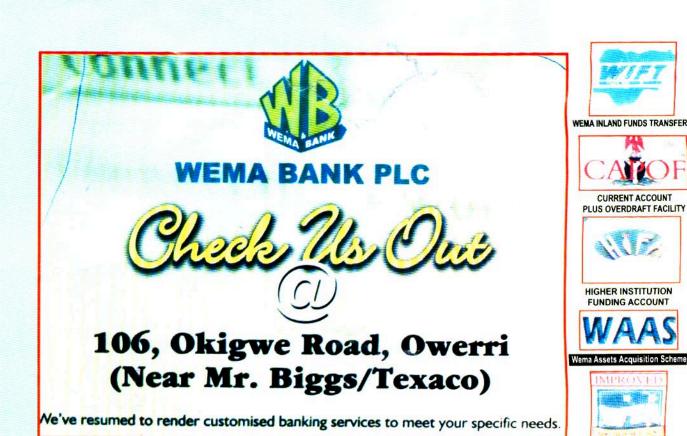


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As you celebrate your 25 years of existence, we associate ourselves with your achievements so far and wish you many more years of outstanding contributions towards the development of our great country.

Congratulations!

Sir Angus Oguike Director-General



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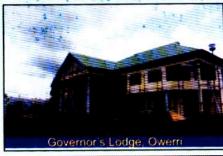
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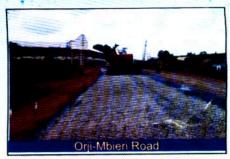


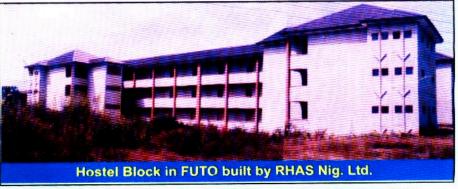












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