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AN ADDRESS DELIVERED TO THE MILITARY GOVERNOR OF
IMO STATE, LT. COMMANDER AMADI IKWECHEGH, BY THE
PRO-CHANCELLOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING
COUNCIL OF THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY,
OWERRI, ALHAJI SULAIMAN LIMAN, ON 12TH SEPTEMBER
1986

Military Governor Sir, the newly reconstituted University Council, of which I am the Chairman, feels privileged to be able to pay this courtesy call on you. On behalf of myself, the members of the Governing Council and the entire University Community I wish to sincerely congratulate you on your appointment as the Military Governor of Imo State, and to wish you a successful and happy tenure of office. We would like to assure you of our continued loyalty to the Federal Military Government and our determination to do all at our disposal to further the objectives of the Government for the development of Education and Technology in this country.

2. As you may be aware, this University was established in 1980, in direct response to Nigerian needs for skilled and technological manpower for the development of the technology base of the national economy. The major role, among other things, is to train the required manpower for the technological take-off of the Country. Since the establishment of the University, it has tried to fulfil this noble objective.

3. The University is presently operating on a temporary site called Lake Nwaebere Campus, which belongs to the Federal Government Girls College Owerri. Facilities on the temporary site have now been

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over-stretched, and still the permanent site, which had been acquired and is now being developed is yet to be ready for occupation. Because of the present economic situation in the country, only a few projects have been embarked upon, which are at various stages of completion. We hope that sometime next year some of the facilities would be ready for use along side the facilities at the temporary site.

4. Our relationship with the community had been quite cordial, and we had hoped that no problem would arise once we had started developing the permanent site, but Sir, I feel unhappy to report that recently some of our projects had been disrupted by some sections of the community as a result of which the early completion and use of the very few facilities being developed on the site are being hindered. A particular example is the disruption of our electricity supply sub-station project on two occasions by the villagers who had pulled down the work already done by the contractors at the site. We have failed to understand the reason why the villagers are doing this since the area is part of the land acquired for the University by Government, and 50% compensation had been fully paid to them as agreed between them and the University. The agreement was that as soon as 50% compensation had been paid, construction on the permanent site could start. I understand that the Vice-Chancellor has already written you a memo to that effect, and had appealed that you

intervene in the matter. I wish to reiterate the appeal.

5. The Governor may also wish to know that the first set of students of this University were admitted in October 1981. I am happy to report that some of them had graduated in the 1985/86 session and had joined the National Youth Service Scheme, which started in September this year. The convocation for the award of degrees had been scheduled for 13th of December 1986, and I hope that you will find it possible to grace the occasion. A special invitation is being sent to you in due course.

6. You may wish to know that the University is operating the School system and has the following four schools, namely:-

(I) THE SCHOOL OF NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES (SNAS),

which runs the following programmes:-

Physical Sciences Programme Area

Industrial Mathematics

Industrial Physics

Applied Geosciences

Materials Science

Chemical Sciences and Technology Programme Area

Industrial Chemistry

Polymer & Textile Science & Technology

Chemical & Petrochemical Science & Technology

Food Processing Technology

(II) THE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY (SEET)

which runs the following programmes:-

Agricultural Engineering Programme Area

Soil & Water Engineering Technology

Farm Power & Machinery

Engineering Technology

Chemical & Petroleum Engineering Programme Area

Petroleum Engineering Technology

Civil Engineering Programme Area

Water Resources Engineering Technology

Building & Construction Engineering Technology

Public Health Engineering Technology

Electrical & Electronic Engineering Programme Area

Electronic Engineering Technology

Power Systems Engineering Technology

Communications & Computer

Engineering Technology

Mechanical Engineering Programme Area

Industrial and Production

Engineering Technology

Airconditioning & Refrigeration Engineering
Technology

Metallurgical & Materials Engineering Programme Area

Metallurgical Engineering Technology

Materials Engineering Technology

Ceramics Engineering Technology

(III) THE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY (SAAT)

which runs the following programmes:-

Crop Production

Animal Production

Agricultural Economics and Management

(IV) THE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY (SMAT)

which runs the following programmes:

Maritime Management Technology

Transport Management Technology

Project Management Technology

7. The total number of registered students in the 1985/86 session is 1010 broken down as follows:-

<u>School</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
School of Natural and Applied Sciences	- 293	55
School of Engineering and Engineering Technology	- 476	12
School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology	- 98	9
School of Management Technology	- 62	9
Total	- 929	81 = 1010

8. Military Governor Sir, although this is a Federal University, we are always conscious of the special responsibility it has to its immediate environment. We have tried to reflect this, within the general policy guidelines given by the Federal Government, as indicated in Table I (attached), which shows the total undergraduate students enrolment up to the 1985/86 session, by School, State and Sex. As you will see from the table, Imo State has got more than its fair share of students admitted. The situation is summarised as follows:- Out of 10110, Imo State has 57.7%, followed by Anambra State 11.9%, followed by Bendel State 7.6% etc. The least representations are from Kaduna and Bauchi States with 0.1%, while Kano, Niger, Gongola and Sokoto States have had no student representation at all.
9. The same is true of our staffing. (See Table 2 attached). As of now out of the 792 senior staff the University has, 60.95% came from Imo State followed by Anambra with 10.95%. The percentage of non-Nigerians among the staff is 4.79%.
10. Of the 179 Junior Staff we have to date, Imo State has 117 or 67.05%. See table 3 (attached). We are also mindful of the distribution of Junior staff by Local Government Areas (see Table 4 attached). Thus, of the 117 Junior Staff from Imo State, Owarri Local Government Area has the lion share of 97 or 83.26%, followed by the

Abon Mbair Local Government Area came third, with 1/4 or 10.4%.

11. We have been briefed by the Vice-Chancellor, of the cordial relationship that has existed between the Government of Imo State and the University, and we trust that this will continue to be maintained.

We also trust that your Government will continue to show fuller understanding of the problems of the University, and render such assistance that will foster the rapid development of the young institution to better serve the country as a whole, and Imo State in particular.

12. Once again we thank you very much Sir, for sparing time from your tight schedule to receive us.

Thank you and God bless.

Alhaji Sulaiman Liman,
Pro-Chancellor and
Chairman of Council.

Table 1

TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ENROLLMENT
1985-86 BY SCHOOL, STATE AND SEX

S T A T E S	S C H O O L S										GRAND TOTAL	%age Female Students (by States)	%age of Total Students
	S N A S		S E E T		S A A T		S M A T		T O T A L				
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			
Anambra	40	3	65	6	13	3	15	-	133	17	150	11.3%	14.9%
Bauchi	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	0.1%
Bendel	27	2	36	-	7	-	7	-	77	2	79	2.6%	7.8%
Benue	4	-	7	-	1	-	-	-	12	-	12	-	1.2%
Borno	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	0.2%
Cross River	22	3	28	-	5	1	4	-	59	4	63	6.3%	6.2%
Gongola	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imo	151	34	255	5	66	5	33	4	535	48	583	8.2%	57.7%
Kaduna	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	0.1%
Kano	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kwara	9	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	12	1	13	7.7%	1.3%
Lagos	1	1	3	-	2	-	1	-	7	1	8	12.5%	0.8%
Niger	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ogun	8	3	11	-	-	-	1	-	20	3	23	13.0%	2.3%
Ondo	6	1	8	-	2	-	1	-	17	1	18	5.5%	1.8%
Oyo	9	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	27	-	27	-	2.7%
Plateau	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4	-	0.4%
Rivers	12	1	7	-	-	-	-	1	19	2	21	9.5%	2.1%
Sokoto	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Nigerians	-	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	3	2	5	40.0%	0.5%
TOTAL	293	55	476	12	98	9	62	5	929	81	1,010	8.0%	100%
GRAND TOTAL	348		168		107		67		1,010				
% Female Students (by School)	15.8%		2.4%		8.4%		7.5%		8.0%				
% of Total Students	31.5%		18.3%		10.6%		6.6%		100%				

SENIOR STAFF BREAKDOWN BY STATES OF ORIGIN

S/NO	S T A T E S	NUMBER OF SENIOR STAFF	PERCENTAGE
1	Imo	178	60.95
2	Anambra	32	10.95
3	Bonogi	19	6.50
4	Cross River	12	4.10
5	Rivers	10	3.42
6	Oyo	7	2.39
7	Kwara	6	2.05
8	Plateau	5	1.71
9	Ondo	3	1.02
10	Benue	1	0.36
11	Bauchi	1	0.34
12	Kano	1	0.34
13	Niger	1	0.34
14	Borno	1	0.34
15	Ceun	1	0.34
16	Ifeos	1	0.34
17	Kaduna	1	0.34
18	Sokoto	1	0.34
19	Gongola	1	0.34
20	<u>OTHERS</u> NON-MIGRIANTS	11	4.79
Total		292	100%

Table 3

JUNIOR STAFF BY STATE OF NIGERIA AS AT 31/7/86

S T A T E S	NUMBER OF JUNIOR STAFF	PERCENTAGE
Anambra	5	1.04
Bauchi	8	1.67
Benue	5	1.04
Bendel	5	1.04
Borno	2	0.41
Cross River	10	2.08
Gongola	3	0.62
Kaduna	2	0.41
Kano	-	-
Kwara	1	0.20
Lagos	-	-
Ogun	-	-
Ondo	-	-
Oyo	5	1.04
Niger	-	-
Plateau	12	2.50
Rivers	4	0.83
Sokoto	-	-
Imo	477	87.05
Total	479	100%



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