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VISION

The Federal University of Technology, Owerri seeks to become a centre of excellence in Science and Technology for training high level manpower capable of contributing to the development of society.

MISSION

The Federal University of Technology, Owerri is empowered by the law establishing it to undertake responsibilities as follows:

- to encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction the opportunity of acquiring a higher education in technology;
- to develop and offer academic and professional programmes leading to the award of diplomas, first degrees, postgraduate degrees, research and higher degrees which emphasise planning, adaptive, technical, maintenance, developmental and productive skills in the engineering, scientific, agricultural, medical, and allied professional disciplines with the aim of producing socially mature men and women with capability not only to understand, use and adapt existing technology, but also to improve on it and develop new ones;
- to act as agents and catalysts, through post-graduate training, research and innovation for the effective and economic utilization, exploitation and conservation of the country's natural economic and human resources;
- to offer to the general population, as a form of public service, the results of training and research and to foster the practical applications of these results;
- to establish appropriate relationships with other national institutions involved in training, research and development of technologies;
- to identify the technological problems and needs of the society and to find solutions to them within the context of overall national development;
- to provide and promote sound basic scientific training as a foundation for the development of technology and applied sciences, taking into account indigenous culture and the need to enhance national unity; and
- to undertake any other activities appropriate for a University of Technology of the highest standard.

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Editor's Comment

It all began on June 19, 2006 when Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri assumed office as the fifth substantive Vice-Chancellor of our university.

Five years have come and gone since then. As Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri hands over to the sixth substantive Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C.C. Asiabaka, he speaks to us in this edition of FUTO News on the achievements of his administration (2006-2011).

Taking us back to his maiden address to the 15th General Assembly of the university on July 6, 2006, we are compelled to applaud his record of human, academic and physical development of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri. His appreciation of the human person was made evident by his focus on capacity building, staff development and expansion of academic programmes.

The amiable disposition of Prof. Onwuliri counted for much as it attracted a lot of goodwill to FUTO. The donations and support received during his administration are carried on our pages.

For us in the Information, Public Relations and Publications Unit, we give kudos to our great boss and motivator, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri who was instrumental to the successes we recorded.

To God, our Father we say, Blessed be your Holy Name.

- Adaeze Okany

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The Gist of the Man ONWULIRI

Professor Celestine Onyemobi Elihe Onwuliri, a distinguished Professor of Zoology (with specialisation in Parasitology) hails from Umuokazi Amuzi, Ahiara, Ahiazu Mbaise Local Government Area of Imo State, Nigeria.

Prof. Onwuliri is a homegrown international scientist, erudite scholar and most distinguished university administrator who was groomed at the Community Grammar School, Amuzi where he was both Deputy Senior Prefect (1967) and Senior Prefect (1970/1971).

He was admitted into St. Augustine's Grammar School, Nkwere in January 1971 for his higher school but left for the University of Nigeria in September 1971 following his admission to read Zoology at the university. He graduated in 1975 with a B.Sc. degree in Zoology (Second Class Honours, Upper Division). During his undergraduate studies, he was awarded the *University of Nigeria Foundation Aid Scholarship for Academic Excellence* (1972-1975). After his NYSC programme at the Odeda Fish Farm, Abeokuta, Ogun State (1975 - 1976), he was appointed Junior Fellow in Zoology at the University of Nigeria. After a mandatory one year of apprenticeship, he enrolled for his Ph.D Zoology (Parasitology) which he bagged in 1980 winning in the process the coveted Vice-Chancellor's prize as the *Best Overall Graduating Postgraduate Student* and the first person ever to receive this honour from the University of Nigeria.

Prof. Onwuliri has over 30 years of teaching, research and administrative experience in six universities in Nigeria and many others abroad. He was twice Head,



**Prof. Celestine O.E. Onwuliri, FAS
FUTO Vice-Chancellor**

Department of Zoology, thrice Dean, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Sub-Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Acting Vice-Chancellor, all at the University of Jos; Director, Academic Planning, Imo State University, Owerri and currently Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Owerri, a position he has held since June 2006. He was appointed the Alternate Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors

(CVC) of Nigerian Universities in July 2010 and became the CVC Chairman in March 2011.

He is very active in experimental parasitology, physiology and biochemistry of parasites, environmental parasitology, ecology and epidemiology of parasitic helminths with emphasis on communicable diseases such as Dracunculiasis (Guinea worm disease), Onchocerciasis (River



blindness disease), Filariasis, Schistosomiasis and other intestinal helminthosis.

Prof. Onwuliri has made outstanding contributions in the physiology and biochemistry of parasites, a formidable area that is not actively worked on in this country and in which he has a commanding reputation for excellence and assiduity. His description of a dichotomous pathway of energy metabolism in the infective stages of parasitic nematodes helped to confirm the presence of functional Krebs cycle enzymes in parasitic nematodes.

His work on the ecology and epidemiology of parasitic nematodes in the 1980s called attention to endemic dracunculiasis in the Guinea Savannah region of Central Nigeria. His pioneering research on onchocerciasis in Plateau State supported by landmark publications with his collaborators led to the formation of the River Blindness Foundation, now the Carter Centre/Global 2000, with headquarters in Jos, Nigeria. This remarkable achievement has provided much needed impetus for the effort to eradicate river blindness in Nigeria.

He is a committed apostle of the development of the human capital. He has successfully supervised twenty three (23) Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) candidates and 150 other candidates at M.Sc and B.Sc levels for the advancement of science and technology education in Nigeria and overseas many of whom today are distinguished professors and administrators in the university system and in other areas of human endeavour. He has also published over 150 well researched articles in peer reviewed journals and delivered several invited papers nationally and internationally.

He has served the larger society in various capacities such as National President, Nigerian Society for Parasitology (now Parasitology and Public Health Society of Nigeria) (1993-1997), two-time Honourable Commissioner for Information,

Culture, Youths and Sports, Imo State (1997 - 1999) and in between, as Honourable Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources (1998), Member, Board of Governors, University of Jos Demonstration Secondary School (1983-1997), Member, University Press (1993-2001), Chairman, Board of Directors, University of Jos Bookshop (1996-2001), Chairman, Board of Directors, NYSC Imo State (1997-1999), Chairman Imo State Broadcasting Corporation (1997-1999), Chairman, Imo Sports Council (1997-1999), who hosted the 11th National Sports Festival tagged *Imo 98*, Member of Council, University of Jos (1996-2001), First Vice-President, Supreme Subordinate Commandery, Nigeria, Knights of Saint John International (2003-2009), Member, Committee of Assessors, Nigeria National Merit Award (2002-2008); Member Federal Government Official Delegation for the 2005 Christian Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (appointed by President Olusegun Obasanjo), Member, Council Federal University of Technology Owerri (2006-date) etc. He is currently Major General and President, Supreme Subordinate Commandery, Knights of St. John International (KSJI) Nigeria (2009-date).

He is a proud recipient of several fellowships, honours and awards including *Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Science (FAS)*, *Fellow, Nigeria Society for Parasitology (now Parasitology and Public Health Society of Nigeria) (FNPS)*, *Fellow, Biotechnology Society of Nigeria (FBSN)*, *Fellow, Civilian Institute of Democratic Administration (FCIDA)*, *Fellow, Nigerian Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (FNSBMB)*, *Fellow, Association for Aquatic Sciences (FAAS)*, *Fellow, Society for Environmental Health (fseh)*, *Fellow, African Scientific Institute (ASI.F)*, *Fellow, Solar Energy Society of Nigeria (FSESN)* *Honorary Fellow, Nigerian Institute of Biomedical Engineering (Hon FNIBE)*, etc. He has also served as Consultant to several national and international agencies including the

World Health Organisation, Japanese International Co-operation Agency (JICA), Carter Centre/Global 2000 etc.

As Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Onwuliri has continued to promote science, engineering, technology and innovations for sustainable national development. He has also travelled widely for articulation of several linkages with institutions in UK, US, China, Canada, Germany, Jordan, South Africa etc.

Amongst other achievements as Vice-Chancellor, he has served as Member, Presidential Technical Committee on the Consolidation of Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria (2006-2007), Member, Ministerial Committee on the Harmonisation of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria (2006-2007), Member, British Council Prime Ministers' Initiative Strategic Dialogue (2008) etc. In addition, he was conferred with the award of excellence by the Nigerian Institute of Physics (2008), received the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) Maiden Nigerian Heroes Award in 2009 (*and the only Vice-Chancellor in the Nigerian University System to receive this award*), honoured with Best Vice-Chancellor Award by the Niger Delta Students' Association (2009), conferred with the Most Dynamic Vice-Chancellor in South-East Nigeria (2010) as well as the 2010 Most Outstanding Vice-Chancellor in Nigeria by the Association of SIFE Students Network in Nigeria etc.

A consummate and noble family man, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri is happily married to *Ezinne Noble Lady Prof. Viola Adaku Onwuliri*. Together, they have built a model family of five children, two grandchildren and many adopted children. He enjoys reading, writing, analytical discussions, table tennis, soccer and boxing.



My Maiden Address to FUTO General Assembly

I, Prof. Celestine O.E. Onwuliri speak on this time of history, June 19, 2006 to June 18, 2011 from the beginning of my tenure to its successful end.

It was on Thursday July 6, 2006 that I, Prof. Celestine O.E. Onwuliri, Vice-Chancellor of FUTO delivered my maiden address to the 15th General Assembly of the University Below, is the verbatim text.

“It is indeed, my great pleasure, on this occasion of the 15th General Assembly of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri to deliver my maiden address as Vice-Chancellor of this great University. I am today highly elated, and full of a sense of belonging, as I familiarise myself with the various segments of the University Community.

You are all aware that the Governing Council of this University faced a tortuous task in the selection process and appointment of the fifth substantive Vice-Chancellor. My gratitude goes to God for guiding the process to a peaceful and successful end, with my appointment as the Vice-Chancellor.

I am indeed also grateful to His Excellency, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, GCFR, President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria for approving my appointment as Vice-Chancellor. I wish to assure Mr. President that I will be actively involved in the vigorous implementation of the reforms agenda of this administration; particularly the National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy (NEEDS) as pioneered by the Federal Government. May I recall

that during my tour of Schools on my second day in office, I declared my commitment to 'Due Process'. It is my belief that 'Due Process' is a bottleneck against corruption, inefficiency and ineffectiveness. Its underlying relevance to the university system cannot be overemphasised and as such, it must be strictly applied to all aspects of my administration.

Let me also use this opportunity to congratulate the 8th Governing Council of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri on its determination to accomplish the daunting and unwavering task of selecting a new Vice-Chancellor for the university, inspite of the initial aborted process. Consequently, the challenge that I now face, is indeed enormous, and I must not betray the confidence reposed me by the Council.



Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri, Vice-Chancellor, former Registrar, Prince J.A Faleye (now Prince J.A. Oluwadare) and Heads/Co-ordinators of Units pose for the camera during the 15th General Assembly held on July 6, 2006.



I am determined to work with all members of the University Community towards achieving the following:

- a. Creating a good liaison between the University and the Government on one hand, and between the University and its host communities on the other.
- b. enhancing fund procurement, internal revenue generation and mobilisation as well as ensuring judicious application of financial resources.
- c. 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 etc; and in all other activities of the university.
- d. enhancing physical and structural development of the University, in keeping with our approved Master Plan, while emphasising the maintenance culture, and the elimination of waste. providing relevant, goal-oriented, qualitative undergraduate and postgraduate training, to our students and other trainees.
- e. providing adequate tools, equipment, materials and good services for the pursuit of excellence in scholarship.
- f. ensuring capacity building and gender equity at all levels.
- g. ensuring staff and students' welfare and encouraging vibrant and responsible staff and student unionism.
- h. alleviating the transport problems of staff and students who have to commute to campus daily owing to the peculiar circumstances of FUTO.
- i. eliminating/preventing cultism, examination malpractice, drunkenness and drug addiction, HIV/AIDS and other common vices and misconduct from the University.
- j. strengthening general administration in line with the changing realities of the time.
- k. extending the frontiers of the University, nationally and internationally, in a world that is becoming highly globalised.
- l. Ensuring implementation of Government policies especially on Corruption, Reforms, NEEDS (National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy), MDGS (Millennium Development Goals), etc.
- m. facilitating infrastructural development in FUTO, especially with respect to staff housing on campus and hostel development for students.

My overall vision therefore is to enhance the integrity of our academic and professional programmes and to position the University to produce world class academics and professionals who will hold their own anywhere in the world. To give effect to this vision, I have already asked Deans and Heads of Departments to set up Strategic Plan Committees that will work with a Central Strategic Plan Committee which I have set up to harmonise my draft Strategic Plan for FUTO, with the requirements and projections of the various programmes in the university carefully articulated for the next five years.

One area I must emphasise is revenue generation, which I intend to institutionalise in FUTO to become on-going and effective, involving all stakeholders especially the alumni, relevant arms of industry and the private sector, given the technological nature of our

university.

I recall that during my tour of schools, I earmarked the Schools of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology; Engineering and Engineering Technology; and the School of Science to be transformed into centres of excellence that will become major players in generating internal revenue in this University in the foreseeable future.

Furthermore, we will work to put in place a vibrant and productive agricultural farm, with a strong focus on both research and economic development; plus the establishment of new departments like Fisheries and Aquaculture Technology; and the exploitation of most of the fallow FUTO land around us for massive cultivation of cassava and plantain. The administration will also ensure positive resuscitation of all the ailing/handicapped FUTO commercial ventures namely; FUTO Consult; FUTO Community Bank, FUTO Press, etc; plus re-activating the Institute for Erosion Studies (IES), Centre for Agricultural Research (CAR), and the FUTO Extension Services etc.

At this juncture, I must state that the critical element in the achievement of these goals is the human factor. As you are aware; even with all the money in the world, and without the human resource, any plan would come to naught. Our focus and attitudinal behaviour must therefore change for the better.

Each of us must be vibrant, committed, pro-active, result-oriented and efficient. We must maximise the use of the material resources. in all our operations / activities. I therefore call on all stakeholders: staff, students, staff and student unions, host communities, government and friends of this great University to join



hands with us to build FUTO into an Institution that cannot be taken for granted in the comity of universities, nationally and internationally.

Similarly, we need peace and stability for sustainable development of our University. Hence, I wish to reiterate my promise, made on assumption of duty, that I will do everything humanly possible to reconcile all members of the University Community, so that we will together, collectively and assiduously move FUTO forward. We must allow God to lead us in oneness of purpose, in a spirit of love, fraternity, unity, and mutual co-existence in order to create the conducive environment for achieving the expected excellence in learning and scholarship in FUTO.

I am also aware of the problems facing the university, especially the dearth of infrastructure. On my part, I will work in collaboration with the Council and Management to achieve an accelerated development of FUTO as a first class university.

The enhancement of staff and student welfare is of paramount importance to this administration. For example, we will endeavour to pay salaries on time; encourage staff training, including in-service training; support attendance at conferences; award research grants to deserving staff; institute long service awards to staff; approve sabbatical leave to senior administrative staff; build on-campus staff quarters using the Build-Operate and Transfer (BOT) option etc.

We will provide adequate hostel accommodation; build more classrooms, workshops and laboratories; provide state-of-the-art equipment and tools; build a befitting library complex and ensure that it is rich in quantity, quality and

currency of stock; provide recreational facilities, by equipping the Multi-Activity Centre (MAC), encourage religious activities on campus; establish more cyber cafes on campus etc. We shall also tackle the problem of bad roads on campus and poor environmental sanitation.

As said earlier, we will encourage vibrant and responsible staff and student unionism, where dialogue reigns supreme. To this end, I intend to meet regularly with staff unions and my administration will be proactive in all circumstances to forestall any kind of fire brigade approach to problem solving. We will ensure the security of staff and students as well as security of the university and individual property throughout the duration of this administration.

In the area of academic development, we intend to mobilise resources to ensure that all existing programmes in the university receive full accreditation as soon as possible. Accordingly, I hereby call on all Heads of Departments whose programmes currently have denied or interim accreditation to commence the remediation processes. The Vice-Chancellor's doors are open at all times for advice and necessary financial support for actualising this.

Expansion of academic units and the development and consolidation of infrastructure will be facilitated, while the creation of new Schools/Departments/Units will be pursued vigorously. To this end, I have directed the Director of Physical Planning and Development to commence work on a new Postgraduate School Building. For us to achieve the excellence in scholarship we are talking of, and dreaming about, we need to properly house our postgraduate programmes in a dignified Postgraduate School Building. Affiliations and linkages, premised on existing contacts I have with some international institutions and universities will be pursued with

renewed vigour. Furthermore a new School of Environmental Technology comprising the Departments of Architecture, Building, Geography and Planning, Urban and Regional Planning, Tourism Technology etc. will soon be created. Hopefully too, we will create the Departments of Pharmaceutical and Medical Sciences out of the School of Health Technology.

The restoration of standards in all ramifications, especially in the quality of teaching and instruction, research and service delivery, devotion and dedication to duty, punctuality, regularity and staying-on-the-job is not a subject for negotiation. It is our determination to emphasise and sincerely implement the government policies on 'Due Process' accountability, transparency, as well as equity, justice and fairness to all.

I owe a debt of gratitude to all my predecessors in office, for sustaining a legacy of peace, stability and distinction in the university's twenty six years of existence. I am fully aware that our products have distinguished themselves nationally and internationally in the past. This is a testimony to the solid foundation laid by our elder statesmen, some of whom are here today.

I also thank the former Acting Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. B. A. Nwachukwu for providing direction and leadership during the last eleven months. It is noteworthy that Prof. Nwachukwu successfully steered the 'ship' on course, until my assumption of duty as Vice-Chancellor on Monday, June 19, 2006.

I count on the total co-operation, support, commitment and loyalty of everyone, and wish you all, the best on this happy occasion. Finally I trust in God, my refuge and strength, for *unless the Lord builds the house, in vain do its builders labour* (Ps. 127 vs. 1). I look forward to exciting interactive sessions with all members of the University Community at all times".



MY POLICY THRUSTS WERE 10-FOLD

I arrived the Federal University of Technology Owerri with a five - year strategic plan set out as follows.

- To achieve a comprehensive strength in undergraduate programmes.
- To promote first class professional and postgraduate research programmes.
- To create quality academic, gender sensitive and conducive working environment.
- To attract and maintain academic and administrative staff of national and international standard.
- To promote increased generation and efficient utilisation of resources for sustainability.
- To promote increased provision and use of information and communications technology.
- To promote increased participation of a diverse range of stakeholders in university development.
- To foster reactivation and strengthening of FUTO economic ventures.
- To ensure support and sustenance of effective management policies.
- To create a healthy FUTO community.



A 70-page Strategic Plan Document which guided my administration.



ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

To further enhance the academic development of the university, this administration has expanded academic programmes from 31 to 44. These new departments are

- i. Biology
- ii. Mathematics
- iii. Statistics
- iv. Science Laboratory Technology
- v. Fisheries and Aquaculture Technology
- vi. Forestry and Wildlife Technology
- vii. Management Technology (Financial Management Option)

viii. Philosophy of Science and Technology

✓ Established a new School of Environmental Science and Technology with five new programmes/departments as follows:

- ix. Building Technology
- x. Quantity Surveying
- xi. Surveying & Geo-informatics
- xii. Landscape Architecture
- xiii. Urban and Regional Planning
- ✓ Upgraded the General Studies Unit to a full directorate status
- ✓ Established the first foundry in the university
- ✓ Restructured FUTO Extension Services into a Centre for Continuing Education
- ✓ Established a Centre for Vocational and Entrepreneurial Studies in 2008
- ✓ Established a Centre for Women and Child Research & Development
- ✓ Approved a Training Centre for Mechatronics

The following academic linkages were established and maintained by this administration.

i. Tennessee Technological University (TTU), USA



NENU President, SHI Ning-Zhong and Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri, VC FUTO signing the Co-operation & Exchange Agreement between both universities on June 24, 2007.

- ii. Northeast Normal University, Changchun, China
- iii. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA,
- iv. International Consortium/Partners for (EU-ACP) Foundation for Ethical Leadership
- v. Brandenburg Technical University, Cottbus, Germany
- vi. International Association for Exchange of Students for Technical Experience (IAESTE)
- vii. Association of Commonwealth Universities
- viii. All Nations University, Ghana
- ix. Prairie View A&M University
- x. South China Agricultural University, Guangzhou, China
- xi. Virginia State University, Petersburg, USA
- xii. Alabama A&M University, USA
- xiii. Digital Bridge Institute, Abuja, Nigeria
- xiv. University of Mines and Technology, Ghana
- xv. University of Boras, Sweden
- xvi. Sacred Hearts' Foundation, Owerri, Nigeria
- xvii. Valparaiso University, Indiana, USA
- xviii. Halmstad University, Sweden
- xix. Alcorn State University, Mississippi, USA
- xx. Helsinki University of Technology, Helsinki, Finland
- xxi. Innsbruck University, Innsbruck, Austria
- xxii. University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada
- xxiii. University of Graz, Graz, Austria
- xxiv. Girne American University, Girne, Cyprus
- xxv. Bamenda University of Science and Technology
- xxvi. Genetic Computer School, Singapore
- xxvii. University of Greenwich, UK
- xxviii. Wayne State University, Detroit, UK
- xxix. University of Sierra Leone, Freetown, Sierra Leone



ACCREDITATION STATUS

To ensure that we turn out quality graduates who can compete favourably with their peers worldwide, this administration has remained resolutely committed to maintaining the NUC benchmark. Out of our 44 programmes, 31 are fully accredited while 3 have interim status. The rest are new programmes awaiting accreditation/ resource verification.

S/NO.	DEPARTMENT	ACCREDITATION STATUS
1	Agricultural Economics	Full
2	Agricultural Extension	Full
3	Animal Science & Technology	Full
4	Crop Science & Technology	Full
5	Fisheries & Aquaculture Technology	Interim
6	Forestry & Wildlife Management Technology	Awaiting Accreditation
7	Soil Science & Technology	Full
8	Agricultural Engineering	Full
9	Chemical Engineering	Full
10	Civil Engineering	Full
11	Electrical & Electronic Engineering	Full
12	Food Science & Technology	Full
13	Materials & Metallurgical Engineering	Full
14	Mechanical Engineering	Full
15	Petroleum Engineering	Full
16	Polymer & Textile Engineering	Full
17	Information Management Technology	Full
18	Maritime Management Technology	Full
19	Project Management Technology	Full
20	Transport Management Technology	Full
21	Management Technology (Financial Management Option)	Full
22	Philosophy of Science & Technology	Awaiting Resource Verification
23	Dental Technology	Interim
24	Optometry	Awaiting Resource Verification
25	Biomedical Technology	Awaiting Accreditation
26	Prosthesis & Orthopaedic Technology	Interim
27	Public Health Technology	Full
28	Biochemistry	Full
29	Biology	Full
30	Biotechnology	Full
31	Chemistry	Full
32	Computer Science	Full
33	Geology	Full
34	Mathematics	Full
35	Microbiology	Full
36	Statistics	Full
37	Physics	Full
38	Science Laboratory Technology	Awaiting Accreditation
39	Environmental Technology	Full
40	Building Technology	
41	Quantity Surveying	
42	Surveying & Geo-informatics	Awaiting Resource Verification
43	Landscape Architecture	
44	Urban and Regional Planning	

✓ **Our Engineering programmes are COREN accredited.**

✓ **Master of Business Administration**

The MBA programme in FUTO earned full accreditation in 2009 and falls due in July 2011 for a re-visitation.



RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

In the area of research and development, we have achieved the following breakthroughs:

- i. Two FUTO Formular 1 sports cars were produced in 2008
- ii. \$750,000 STEP B research grant was received by FUTO
- iii. \$25,000 TWAS Research grant award to Dr. Emeka Oguzie and his team in Chemistry
- iv. 2nd prize in Agriculture for FUTO at the Nigerian Universities Research and Development Fair (NURESDEF), 2010
- v. Prof. C. N. Ubbaonu 2011 Local Raw Materials Content Award from the Raw Materials Research and Development Council (RMRDC)

Other Productive Works include

- vi. Thermocontrolled grain dryer
- vii. Fruit juice extractor
- viii. Motorised wheelchair and crutches
- ix. Electronically controlled garri fryer
- x. Kerosene-powered cassava dryer
- Xi. Production of lower fat pork



Side view of one of the FUTO Formula 1 sports cars.



The award winning Ubena Wine produced by Prof. C.N. Ubbaonu.



Motorised wheelchair.



One of the two FUTO Formular 1 sports cars produced in 2008.



CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS/ EXHIBITIONS HOSTED

Within the tenure of this administration the following conferences / workshop /exhibitions were hosted by the university.

- Training the Trainers Workshop on HIV/AIDS and Sexuality Education, April 24-25, 2007
- HIV/AIDS Peer Educators' Training Workshop, July 12-13, 2007
- HIV/AIDS Awareness Campaign, July 31, 2007
- 1st National Conference of the National Aeronautics Research Association, Nov. 15-16, 2007
- 1st International Conference on Mission to Mars: The African Perspective, Oct 22-23, 2007
- 27th Annual Conference of the Nigerian Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Nov. 6-9, 2007
- 4th Annual Conference of the Zoology Society of Nigeria, Nov. 21-23, 2007
- 5th Annual Conference of the National Association of Teachers and Researchers of English as a Second Language
- Equipment Maintenance / Manpower Development Centre Workshop for Technologists in FUTO
- 1st Anti-Corruption Lecture, March 31, 2008
- One-Day Interactive Workshop for University Administrators, Sept 22, 2008
- 31st Annual Conference of the Nigerian Institute of Physics, Oct 16, 2008
- 6th Annual National Conference of the Health Promotion Research Association of Nigeria
- International Conference on Renewable and Alternative Energy, March 30, 2009
- Workshop on On-line Resources for Effective Teaching and Research
- Workshop on Quality Assurance, May 12, 2009
- National Workshop for Career Administrators in Institutions of Higher Learning, July 7-8, 2009
- International Conference on Global Food Crisis, April 19-24, 2009
- 5th National Conference of the Organic Agriculture Project in Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria, Nov. 15-19, 2009
- 2-day Seminar on Defence Driving Techniques, Oct. 19, 2009
- 2nd Mid-term Conference of the Reading Association of Nigeria, Dec. 7-11, 2009
- 1st Gender Day and Gender Policy Workshop, March 24, 2010
- Internet for Jobs Seminar, April 28, 2010
- *FUTOLITE 2010* Exhibition, April 27, 2010
- ETF Workshop on Research Methodology in Engineering and Technology, April 26-30, 2010
- 2nd International Conference on Renewable and Alternative Energy, May 16-20, 2010
- 2010 Agricultural Day / Exhibition, April 15, 2010
- 2010 World Environment Day Seminar on Biodiversity and Climate Change, June 3, 2010
- 2010 Food Week, April 26-30, 2010
- One Day Seminar by the Nigerian College of Optometrists, May 28, 2010
- FUTO Consult Training Workshop for Microfinance Banks, May 24-June 11, 2010
- Pre-Accreditation Orientation Seminar, May 5, 2010
- 54th Annual General Meeting of the Association of Deans of Agriculture in Nigeria, May 28, 2010
- 24th & 25th Combined Annual Conference/Silver Jubilee of the Association of Aquatic Sciences of Nigeria, June 14-17, 2010
- 34th Annual Conference of the Parasitology and Public Health Society of Nigeria, Sept 22-25, 2010
- 2010 Supplementary Microfinance Certification Training for Operators of Microfinance Banks in Nigeria, Sept. 13-30, 2010
- 2010 3rd Quarter Zonal SIWES Co-ordinator's Meeting
- Global Hand Washing Day, Oct. 18, 2010
- 34th Annual Conference of the Nigerian Society for Microbiology, Oct. 18-22, 2010.
- 2010 National Solar Energy Forum, November 3-6, 2010
- 2010 World AIDS Day, December 1, 2010
- The Inaugural General Assembly and First Conference of the Nigerian Young Academy, May 23-25, 2011



University Lecture Series

It is on record that this administration has within its tenure consistently empowered the University Lecture Series Committee to organise the inaugural and public lecture series and have so far recorded 5 Convocation, 10 Inaugural, 1 Valedictory and 17 public lectures in the last five years.

Convocation Lectures:

- i. December 1, 2006; 18th & 19th Convocation; *Human Capital: A Strategic Asset to National Development* by Mrs. Oby Ezekwesili, Hon. Minister of Education
- ii. February 15, 2008; 20th Convocation; *Making Finance Work for the Poor* by Prof. Charles C. Soludo, Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria
- iii. December 5, 2008; 21st Convocation; *Nigeria's Oil and Gas Sector Reforms and Vision 20 2020* by Hon. Dr. Emmanuel O. Egbogah, Special Adviser to the President on Petroleum Matters
- iv. March 5, 2010; 22nd Convocation; *Thirty Years of Universities of Technology in Nigeria How Far?* by Prof. Julius Okogie, Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission
- v. March 4, 2011; 23rd Convocation; *"Nigeria's Youth Turning Challenge into Opportunity"* by Mr. Onno Ruhl, World Bank Country Director

Valedictory Lecture:

- 1st: *The Third Revolution in Science* by Prof. Amagh Nduka, Sept. 1, 2010

Inaugural Lectures:

- 11th: *Salvaging our Food from Fungal Roi to Ensure Food Security* by Prof. Joshua O. Uzuegbu on Oct. 29, 2008
- 12th: *Inland Water Database: A Sine-qua-non for Fisheries Development in Nigeria* by Prof. Chukuwemekanim S. Nwadiaro on May 7, 2009
- 13th: *Food Security and Mitigation of Climate Change through Ecosystem-Based Agriculture* by Prof. Magnus O. Ofoh on May 27, 2009
- 14th: *Unconventional Feed Resources for Livestock Development and Food Security: Paradigms for Nigerian Livestock Industry* by Prof. Babs Esonu, June 24, 2009
- 15th: *Project Management: A Catalyst for Rapid Industrial Development for Emerging Economies* by Prof. Edem O.P.

Akpan on Nov. 25, 2009

- 16th: *Scaling Up Agricultural Technologies for Food Security and Poverty Reduction: Whose Knowledge Counts; the Farmer or the Scientist?* by Prof. Chigozie C. Asiabaka on Feb. 15, 2010
- 17th: *Foundation Engineering in a Difficult Environment* by Prof. Chukwunonye O. Owuama on June 10, 2010
- 18th: *Training in Geophysics: The Challenges of Oil Exploration, Gully Erosion and Water Resources Development* by Prof. Nathaniel Nze Onu on March 16, 2011
- 19th: *Aquatic Resource Management: A Tool for Food Security in Nigeria* by Prof. (Mrs.) Harriet Chinyelu Nwigwe on March 30, 2011
- 20th: *Enhancing the Acceptability and Economic Value of Local Foods through Product Development and Promotion* by Prof. Collins N. Ubbaonu on May 25, 2011

Public Lectures:

- 11th: *The Digital Promise and Health Informatics* by Prof. (Mrs.) Egondu R. Onyejekwe, A Lead Scholar on April 3, 2008
- 12th: *Biomedical Technology and Healthy Human Life* by Dr. G.C. Okoye on September 10, 2008
- 13th: *Problem-Based Learning: The Really Effective Education Pedagogy for Africa* by Prof. P.B.U. Achi on Sept. 18, 2008
- 14th: *University as Effective Centres for Science and Technology Development* by Prof. Christopher Okoro on February 12, 2009
- 15th: *Neuromorphs and Versatile Bioacquisition Systems* by Dr. Ndubuisi Ekeke on May 22, 2009

- 16th: *The Role of Physiotherapy in the Concept of Public Health* by Dr. (Mrs.) Doris Iro on January 14, 2010
- 17th: *Instilling Moral Ethics in the University Community: A Sine-qua-non for National Development* by Prof. (Mrs.) Beatrice N. Anyanwu on June 23, 2010
- 18th: *Hydrogeo -environmental Assessment: The Challenges and Promises* by Prof. Kasimir M. Ibe on July 7, 2010
- 19th: *Geographical Information Systems* by Engr. Dr. Theodore Onyeche on August 5, 2010
- 20th: *Town and Gown Dialectics: A Healthy Partnership or Marriage of Convenience* by Charles O. Omeire, on December 15, 2010
- 21st: *Ageing Challenges and Options in the 21st Century Developing Countries* by Dr. Nnamdi J.I. Oziri on January 12, 2011
- 22nd: *Nuclear Plant Development: the Benefits and Challenges to Nigerian Economy* by Dr. Olisa O. Okeke on February 23, 2011
- 23rd: *Fisheries and Aquaculture Development in Nigeria: Challenges and Possibilities* by Prof. Donald Igwegbe Anadu, on May 27, 2011
- 24th: *Environmental Health and Sanitation as Panacea to Disease Control and Prevention*, by Dr. Agwu Nkwa Amadi, on May 31, 2011
- 25th: *Systeme International and the Final Evolution of Time* by Dr. Atu Ausaji Ayuk on June 3, 2011
- 26th: *Confronting Nigeria's Sustainability Issues: lesson from the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill* by Dr. Asopuru Okemgbo, on June 8, 2011
- 27th: *Environment Development and Sustainability: The Role of Universities in the 21st Century* by Dr. Michael A. Nwachukwu on June 10, 2011



ENDOWMENTS



Endowment:
Zinox ICT Centre
Sponsor:
Dr. Leo Stan Ekeh
Value:
Direct financing by donor
Completion Date:
2007

Endowment:
Mechanical Engineering Building
Sponsor:
Nigerian Breweries Plc
Value:
N76,955,369.00
Completion Date:
2008



Endowment:
Madam Mgbogo Okiro Building
Sponsor:
Sir Dr. Mike Okiro
Value:
N65,245,460.00
Completion Date:
2008

Endowment:
Chevron ICT Centre (on-going)
Sponsor:
NNPC/Chevron Joint Venture
Value:
1 million US Dollars



Endowment:
NDDC Hostel Project (on-going)
Sponsor:
Niger Delta Development Company
Value:
Direct Financing

Endowment: SPDC Petroleum Engineering Chair
Sponsor: Shell Petroleum Development Co. Ltd.
Value: N55,000,000.00

Endowment: Ndukwe Osogho-Ajala Endowment in Food Science and Technology in honour of Late Dr. Onyekwere S. Eke
Sponsor: Sir Ndukwe Osogho-Ajala, OON
Value: N2,000,000.00



INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT

My administration has made remarkable progress in infrastructural development with the following:

- i. Construction of 260-room Student Hostel by NDDC, 2006 (on-going - 50% completed)
- ii. Recovery of FUTO Prime Estate at Abuja, February 2007
- iii. Completion and commissioning of the Centre for Continuing Education Building, April 2007
- iv. Completion and commissioning of the Biological Sciences Building (Phase 1), April 2007
- v. Completion and commissioning of the Zinox Computer Building, July 2007
- vi. Completion and commissioning of the 750-Capacity Lecture Theatre (Hall of Mercy), July 2007
- vii. Completion and commissioning of the Convocation Arena Pavillion, October 2007
- viii. Completion and commissioning of the 135 room Student Hostel, October 2007
- ix. Completion and commissioning of the Mechanical Engineering Building, October 2007
- x. Construction and Commissioned of Ultra Modern University Gate by FUTO Alumni Association, 2007
- xi. Asphalt Overlay of Road 1, 2007
- xii. Review of the University Master Plan, June 2008
- xiii. Procurement of three 500 KVA Generating sets, 2008
- xiv. Re-roofing of the Senate Building Phase 1, August 2008
- xv. Commencement, completion and commissioning of the Biological Sciences Building (Phase II), September 2008 (sponsored by ETF 2003/2004/2005)
- xvi. Commencement, completion and commissioning of the 200-capacity Lecture Theatre for the School of Health Technology (SOHT), November 2008
- xvii. Commencement, completion and commissioning of 200-capacity Lecture Theatre for the School of Management Technology (SMAT), November 2008
- xviii. Commencement, completion and commissioning of 200-capacity Lecture Theatre for the

- School of Agriculture (SAAT), November 2008
- xix. Commencement, completion and commissioning of 200 capacity Lecture Theatre for the School of

- xxiii. Commencement, completion and commissioning of AfriHUB @ FUTO Centre, October 2008
- xxiv. Construction and commissioning of 50 room Madam Mgbogo



School of Agric & Agric Technology Lecture Theatre



Project Management Building

- Engineering (SEET), November 2008
- xx. Commencement, completion and commissioning of 200 capacity Lecture Theatre for Science (SOSC), November 2008
- xxi. Commencement, completion and commissioning of 200-capacity Lecture Theatre for Postgraduate School (PGS), November 2008
- xxii. Commencement, completion and commissioning of the FISO Classroom Block, November 2008

- Okiro Academic Staff Office Block, October 2008
- xxv. Construction and commissioning of Mechanical Engineering Workshop, October 2008
- xxvi. Grading of Eziobodo earthen road, 2008
- xxvii. Construction of a standard soccer pitch at the University Sport Complex, July 2008
- xxviii. Construction of Chemical Engineering Building, 80% completed
- xxix. Completion, Furnishing and equipping of Petro-chemical



Senate Building Phase II



Senate Building Phase III

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| <p>Building by PTDF, November 2009</p> <p>xxx. Reconstruction of the Institute of Erosion Studies Building, 2009</p> <p>xxxi. Construction of the Directorate of General Studies Building, October 2009</p> <p>xxxii. Completion of Students' Union Secretariat, January 2010</p> <p>xxxiii. Provision of 2No 50,000 gallons capacity boreholes</p> <p>xxxiv. Renovation of the University Staff School, 2009</p> <p>xxxv. Completion of Convocation Square building module - Diamond Bank at the Convocation Square</p> <p>xxxvi. Renovation, construction of borehole and procurement of school bus for the University Staff School, December 2009</p> <p>xxxvii. Construction of Senate Building (Phase II), completed (2010)</p> <p>xxxviii. Construction of Senate</p> | <p>Building (Phase III), completed (2010)</p> <p>xxxix. Construction of FUTO Water Processing Plant Building, completed (2010)</p> <p>xl. Construction of Postgraduate School Building, 65% completed</p> <p>xli. Construction of Library Phase 2A, 92% completed (2010)</p> <p>xlii. Construction of the University Auditorium donated by Intercontinental Bank, 85% completed</p> <p>xliii. Construction of Textile and Polymer Engineering Building, completed (2010)</p> <p>xliv. Construction of Equipment Maintenance Centre Building (70% completed)</p> <p>xlv. Construction of Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Chaplaincy Building Project, (on going)</p> <p>xlvi. Construction of Anglican Chapel of Light Building Project (on-</p> |
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- going)
- xlvii. Construction of many small-scale business enterprises and eating houses etc.
- xlviii. Construction of FUTO Consult Administrative Block, completed (2010)
- Xlix. Construction of University Staff Quarters, with 14 units built completed (2009)
- i. Construction of Biochemistry Administrative Block, completed (ETF 2006/2007 & 2008)
 - ii. Construction of Biochemistry Laboratory and Installation of laboratory and teaching equipment (completed 2010)
 - lii. Resurfacing of Road 2 - from lhiagwa gate
 - liiii. Installation of a N130m Geosciences Workstation for the Department of Geology by Esso Exploration and Production Nigeria Ltd., February 2010
 - liv. Donation of \$1million for the construction of FUTO ICT Centre by the NNPC/Chevron Nigeria Limited Joint Venture
 - lv. Received N3 billion ETF Special Intervention Fund for 2010 (ETF)
 - lvi. Construction of School of Health Technology building (on going)
 - lvii. Construction of School of Environmental Sciences and Technology building - (on going)
 - lviii. General sanitation of the environment.
 - lix. Centre for Energy and Power Systems Research Building (on-going)
 - lx. Centre for Vocational & Entrepreneurial Studies Building (on-going)
 - lxi. Construction of the Centre for Women and Child Research & Development Nursery School/Day-Care Centre
 - lxii. Centre for Women and Child Research & Development Guest House (on-going)
 - lxiii. Centre for Women and Child Research & Development Auditorium (on-going)
 - lxiv. FISO Classroom and Laboratory Blocks



Information Communication Technology

I recall that the promotion, increased provision and use of Information and Communication Technology remained a focal point of my administration.

Our university was a major beneficiary of an AfriHUB Centre, constructed and equipped by AfriHUB LLC and Zinox Technologies under the Private Partnership Programme (PPP) of the federal government. The

centre which was commissioned on May 15, 2009 provides compulsory ICT training for all FUTO undergraduates.

Similarly, following persistent contacts by the Vice-Chancellor, the NNPC/Chevron Joint Venture released an initial tranche of 700,000 US Dollars to the university, out of a total sum of one million US Dollars for the construction of the FUTO ICT

building. On-line student registration commenced in FUTO within my first year of assumption of office as Vice-Chancellor while computers have been made available to academic and other departments of the university to engender ICT literacy and efficiency.

The University Library also houses on-line resources and provides internet facilities.



AfriHUB @ FUTO ICT Centre



Student Welfare

The welfare of our students has remained top on our priorities.

- i. Maintained stable academic calendar.
- ii. Maintained NUC carrying capacity for FUTO in a bid to enhance the welfare of students
- iii. Created a conducive environment for teaching and learning
- iv. Introduced e-registration in 2006/2007 academic year
- v. Introduced student work-aid scheme
- Vi. Introduced ICT training for students before graduation
- vi. Promoted vibrant Students' Union Government
- vii. Sponsored students to national and international competitions: NUGA, 2009 Federation of Engineering Organisation Congress, Kuwait, SIFE World Cup, USA etc
- viii. Completed 135-room hostel
- ix. Rehabilitated student hostels
- x. Completed and commissioned the SUG secretariat

A pictorial of some teaching and learning aids provided in the new Polymer & Textile Engineering Workshop



PET bottle blow moulding machine



Injection moulding machine.



Extrusion machine fabricated by students for the production pipes.



STAFF WELFARE/DEVELOPMENT

Within five years, this administration has improved staff welfare considerably.

- i. Inaugurated and awarded 12 categories of awards, including long service awards to 215 staff.
- ii. Introduced a new *Scheme of Service for Junior and Senior Non-teaching Staff*.
- iii. Over 59 teaching staff were promoted to professorial cadre, 36 of which were promoted to rank of Professor during my administration as follows:

- ✓Prof. C.I. Iwuoha
- ✓Prof. G.C. Eheduru
- ✓Prof. (Mrs.) R.N. Nwabueze
- ✓Prof. B.O. Esonu
- ✓Prof. A.E. Iheonye
- ✓Prof. G.N. Onuoha
- ✓Prof. J.S. Orebiyi
- ✓Prof. F.O.U. Osuala
- ✓Prof. C.N. Ubbaonu
- ✓Prof. L.E. Aririatu
- ✓Prof. O.M.I. Nwafor
- ✓Prof. M.C. Ofoh
- ✓Prof. C.O. Owuama
- ✓Prof. V.I. Ibekwe
- ✓Prof. (Mrs.) H.C. Nwigwe
- ✓Prof. S.O.E. Ogbogu
- ✓Prof. C.B.C. Ohanuzue
- ✓Prof. (Mrs.) K.B. Oyoh
- ✓Prof. B.C. Anusionwu
- ✓Prof. I.C. Ndukwe
- ✓Prof. N.J. Okeudo
- ✓Prof. (Mrs.) N.N. Oti
- ✓Prof. E.B.J. Iheriohanma
- ✓Rev. Engr. Prof. C.N Madubike
- ✓Prof. (Mrs.) Edna Matthews-Njoku
- ✓Engr. Prof. G.I. Nwandikom
- ✓Prof. C.M. Agu
- ✓Prof. A.M. Ette
- ✓Prof. S.M. Nzotta
- ✓Prof. P.C. Obasi
- ✓Prof. M.A.C.A. Odii
- ✓Prof. U.U. Egereonu
- ✓Prof. N.N.O. Oguoma
- ✓Prof. G.A. Anyanwu
- ✓Prof. O.A. Emejulu
- ✓Prof. N.C. Nwezeaku

- iv. Over 39 *Prima facie* established for professorial promotion.
- v. Over 313 teaching staff received their promotion
- vi. Over 1292 senior non-teaching staff received their promotion
- vii. Over 1001 junior staff received their promotion
- viii. Regular payment of staff salaries, allowances and entitlements
- ix. Sponsored over 1,500 staff to national and international conferences

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

As a way of further actualising the mission and vision of this university and in line with our Strategic Plan (2006-2011) this administration has made a remarkable impact in the following areas:

- i. Maintained stable academic calendar
- ii. Introduced on-line course registration
- iii. Produced 1st Strategic Plan Document
- iv. Produced University Digest 2008, 2009, 2010
- v. Received the University Master Plan
- vi. Produced a new Academic Brief
- vii. Established FUTO International School
- viii. Created the position of Director, Quality Assurance
- ix. Created the position of Director, Linkages and Advancement
- x. Created the position of Chief Examiner of the university
- xi. Created the position of Alumni Relations Officer
- xii. Published FUTO at 25 to commemorate the silver jubilee of the university
- xiii. Established Servicom Unit
- xiv. Inaugurated Anti-Corruption Committee
- xv. Introduced monthly community prayer tagged 'FUTO Prays'
- xvi. Upgraded FUTO Community Bank to the status of a Microfinance bank now called FUTO Microfinance Bank
- xvii. Established FUTO Host Community Forum & Boundary Verification Committee
- xviii. Generated an average of N750m per annum as Internally Generated Revenue from July 2006 to date
- xix. Established an Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Office (IPTTO)
- xx. Established FUTO Farms Limited
- xxi. Constituted a Gender Committee that has now produced a Gender Policy Document for FUTO
- xxii. Reinvigorated FUTO Consult Limited into a vibrant economic venture
- xxiii. Relocated FUTO Liaison Office and opened a guest house in Abuja
- xxiv. Established a Science and Technology Post-Basic (STEP-B) Project Office
- xxv. Inaugurated a HIV/AIDS Committee
- xxvi. Improved facilities in the Health Centre manned by appropriate and qualified personnel

REGULARITY OF CONVOCATION AND MATRICULATION CEREMONIES

Since its inception, this administration has been very consistent in ensuring the regular matriculation and graduation of students thus:

- i. 18th & 19th Convocation Ceremonies: Nov 28-Dec 2, 2006
- ii. 20th Convocation Ceremony: Feb 11 -16, 2008
- iii. 21st Convocation Ceremony: Dec 1-6, 2008
- iv. 22nd Convocation Ceremony: March 1-6, 2010
- v. 23rd Convocation Ceremony: March 1-5, 2011
- vi. 25th Matriculation Ceremony: February 24, 2007
- vii. 26th Matriculation Ceremony: March 15, 2008
- viii. 27th Matriculation Ceremony: January 31, 2009
- ix. 28th Matriculation Ceremony: February 27, 2010
- x. 29th Matriculation Ceremony: February 19, 2011

ALUMNI RELATIONS

The Alumni body is a formidable group/stakeholder of the university and it has been so recognised during my administration.

- i. Inaugurated FUTO alumni branches in Abuja and Uyo
- ii. Created the office of Alumni Relations Officer
- iii. Facilitated the election of the first alumnus as member of the University Governing Council representing Convocation

HOST COMMUNITY RELATIONS

We have also extended a good hand of fellowship to our host communities through the following channels

- i. Medical outreach
- ii. Sustained good relations with host communities
- iii. Participated in host community events
- iv. Public Relations to host communities
- v. Approved admission requests and minor contracts for indigenes of our host communities



INFORMATION

To ensure free flow of information amongst the internal and external public of the university, my administration equipped and stimulated the Information, Public Relations and Publications Unit to publish regular quarterly editions of the university newsletter, **FUTONews**, which is one of the best news magazines in the Nigerian university system. To that effect, 20 editions of FUTONews were published during my tenure..





TROPHIES

- I. Dental Technology Board of Nigeria (DTRBN) trophy, March 2008
- ii. 3rd position in National Mathematics Competition for University Students, November 2008
- iii. 1 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze medals at the 22nd NUGA Games; February 26-March 8, 2009
- iv. 2nd position in SIFE Nigeria National Competition and N100, 000.00 cash prize, July 2009
- v. Spirit of SIFE Award 2009
- vi. 1st position, KPMG Market Economics Topic League 3, 2009
- vii. 1st position, First Bank Sustainability Topic League 3, 2009
- viii. Entrepreneurship Topic League 3, 2009
- ix. 1st position, GT Bank Business Ethics Topic League 3
- x. 1st place First Bank League
- xi. Most Creative Queen Award for Miss FUTO-Stephanie Obele-at the Miss University Nigeria 2009
- xii. 3rd position, Zain Africa Challenge, January 2010
- xiii. 1st position, 2010 SIFE Nigeria National Competition

DONATIONS

The friendly posture of my administration has attracted numerous donations which included:

- I. N130m Geoscience Workstation from Esso Exploration and Production Nigeria Limited in conjunction with Schlumberger and CBC Computers Limited
- ii. 52 seater M/Benz Marcopolo bus from Governor Ikedi Ohakim
- iii. 16-seater Toyota Hiace bus to FUTO Students' Union Government from Governor Ikedi Ohakim
- iv. Coaster bus from Engr. Dr. Chimaobi J. Ibeneche MD, NLNG
- v. One Nissan Xterra Jeep from Petrogas Development Company Limited
- vi. 18-seater Nissan Urvan air-conditioned bus from Intercontinental Bank Plc.
- vii. Toyota Hiace bus from Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society (NMGS) funded by NAPIMS/AGIP
- viii. 500KVA generating from NDDC
- ix. Mic 21 Russian fighter aircraft engine from the Nigerian Air force
- x. N4.5m for upgrading of facilities in the Hall of Mercy by National Universities Commission
- xi. 110 Zinox Laptops from Dr. Ernest Ndukwe former Executive Chairman, Nig. Communications Commission
- xii. VSAT Communication with wireless radio from NOTAP
- xiii. 20 sets of HP computers from Diamond Bank Plc
- xiv. 10 sets of computer, 2 printers and a scanner from Engr. G. Massari
- xv. 7 sets of computer and one printer from His Royal Majesty, Dr. Shekarau Angyu Masa-Ibi, Aku Uka of Wukari
- xvi. Office equipment from SMEDAN
- xvii. ID card production machine from Springbank Plc
- xviii. Laboratory equipment from World University Services (WUS), Germany
- xix. 20 1-MAC computers from Emerald Energy Resources Limited
- xx. Fairly used 80-ton injection moulding machine from Mr. Kay Keswani
- xxi. 199 book titles from Shell Petroleum Development Company
- xxii. Bound copies of Vanguard Newspapers donated by Chief Chidi Nkwopara
- xxiii. 10 Geology textbooks from Prof. M.A. Nwachukwu
- xxiv. 25 English & Literary textbooks from Dr. Ngozi Anyachonkeya
- xxv. 24 book volumes from Dr. Chuks Osuji,
- xxvi. 10 book volumes from HRH Eze Sr, J.O. Muruako, Nnaochie 11 of Ihiagwa
- xxvii. 308 book volumes from Book Aid International
- xxviii. Book donations from FUTO Alumni in Diaspora
- xxix. *Engineering Thermodynamics* from Uche Oteh
- xxx. 50 book volumes of *University Administration and Management: The Nigerian Experience* from Prof. M.U. Iloeje
- xxxi. 217 book and journal titles on HIV/AIDS from Prof. (Mrs.) Viola Onwuliri, wife of the Vice-Chancellor
- xxxii. 20 volumes of *Relationship Marketing in Nigeria: A functional Approach* from Engr. Vita Abba, Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council
- xxxiii. Copies of *Reflection on the Practice and Principle of Transportation and Workshop Management* from Engr. Isaac Iwuoha
- xxxiv. 3 copies of *Rural Poverty in Nigeria* from Prof. Uzo Igbozuruike
- xxxv. 38 novels from Dr. E.C. Ibe
- xxxvi. 5 copies of *The War Within* by Rev. Canon Surveyor A.C. Chukwuocha
- xxxvii. The establishment of a Public Procurement Research Centre in FUTO by the Bureau of Public Procurement of the Presidency



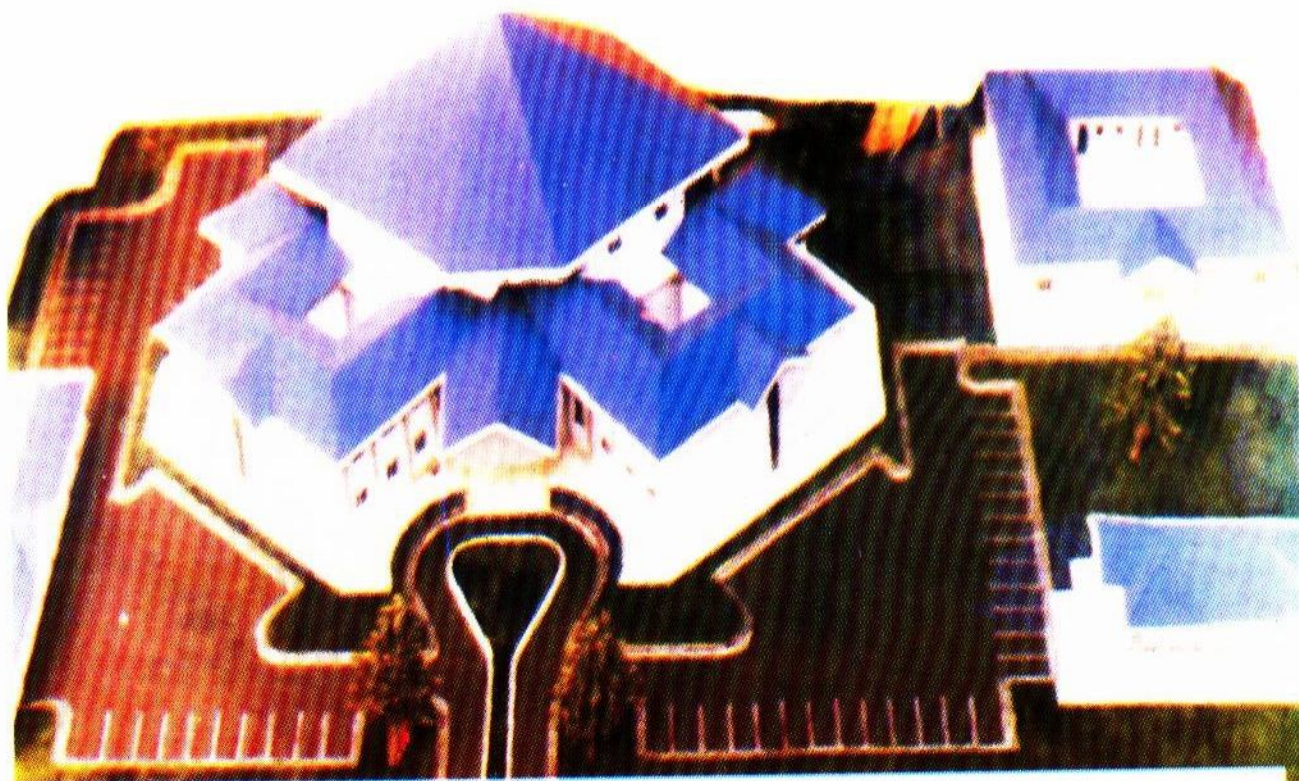
FUTOWA

The Federal University of Technology Owerri Women Association (FUTOWA) under the exemplary and resourceful leadership of my wife, Prof. Lady Viola Adaku Onwuliri made significant contributions to the growth and development of FUTO in several ways.

Women at Geneva, Switzerland in February 2008.

Graduating Student in Transport Management Technology.

- Launched a N150 Fund Raising Ceremony on November 26, 2009 for its Women and Child Research & Development Centre. The Centre has since been upgraded to an academic
- Flagged off Igbo Language campaign in the university. FUTO now offers two Igbo courses IGB 101 (Introduction to Igbo Grammar) and IGB 102 (Introduction to Igbo



Proposed Women and Child Research & Development Centre FUTO Owerri

- Successfully launched and operated the FUTO Bus Shuttle Scheme.
- Participated at the meeting of the International Federation of University
- Instituted two academic prizes in perpetuity: *Best Overall Female Graduating in the University* and *Best Culture*) as General Studies courses.
- Initiated and completed its Nursery School/Day Care Centre which will be commissioned on Wednesday, June 15, 2011.



Spiritual Development

One of the most remarkable achievements made by this administration is the high level of spiritual development prevalent on campus. This is evident, not only in the high discipline and devotion to God by both staff and students, but also by the competitive spirit inherent in the different denominations in erecting befitting structures for the worship of God.

By the grace of Almighty God, the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Chaplaincy Church was started and 80% completed by my administration.

Also the Anglican Chapel of Light as well as the All Saints Chapel Church buildings are at advanced levels of construction.

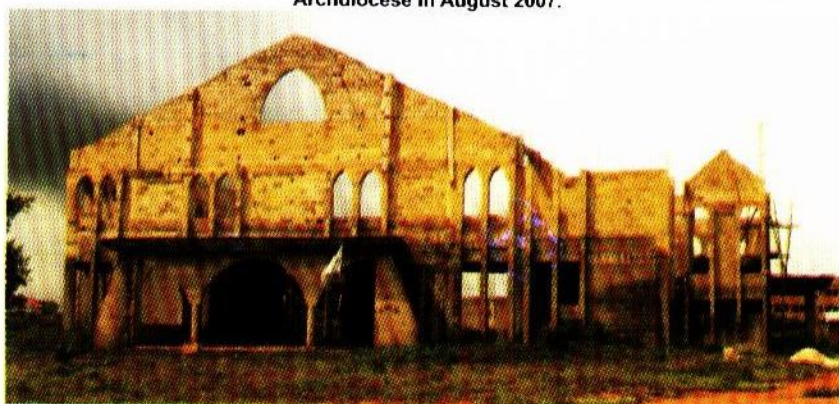
Meanwhile the university allocated land to the Muslim community on which to build their Mosque.



The St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Chaplaincy (STACC) FUTO nearing completion.



The Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Chaplaincy FUTO consecrated by His Grace Most Rev. Dr. A.J.V. Obinna, Archbishop of Owerri Archdiocese in August 2007.



On-going Church building project of Anglican Chapel of Light, FUTO.



On-going Church building project of the All Saints Chapel, FUTO.



PEACE ON CAMPUS

The maintenance of peace has been sacrosanct all through my tenure. Without peace, nothing is achieved. That I have today given a run-down of developments in our university is testimony to the peace, stability and harmonious co-existence on campus all these five years.

CHALLENGES

Although we have listed some of these modest achievements in the implementation of our Strategic Plan for FUTO (2006-2011), we still have a lot of challenges to surmount in our quest to remain the leading institution in technological and entrepreneurial education in Nigeria. A lot of these challenges hinge on provision of adequate infrastructural facilities including instructional materials, and ICT materials to enhance teaching, learning and research. This pertains especially to our new School of Environmental Sciences and Technology with six (6) departments, our new Philosophy of Science & Technology programme where we intend to build the 1st Museum of History of Science and Technology in Nigeria, the new Department of Mechatronics in our School of Engineering and Engineering Technology etc. Accordingly, we would appreciate any form of support from all and sundry especially the private sector, government at various levels, the industries, our well wishers, friends of the university and in particular our Alumni and Alumnae.

Sign-off

To Almighty God who has been the source of strength and inspiration for this administration, I give all the glory.

It is with all sincerity that I express my gratitude to the former President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Nigeria, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo for appointing me to serve my fatherland in this capacity. To our beloved President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, I thank you for the bold move in establishing nine new universities to enhance the effective education of our youths and create the enabling environment for effective learning. By this singular action you have tremendously enhanced access to university education in Nigeria.

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And finally to my beloved wife, Prof. (Mrs.) Viola Onwuliri, (Up Vic). I commend you for faithfully standing by me, creating the conducive atmosphere at home and the academic support that helped me to actualise my dreams and aspirations for this great university. Thank you also for being a great mother for FUTO.

To you the very distinguished members of the fourth estate of the realm, I owe a lot of gratitude for your eloquent support. I urge you to continue to give FUTO the necessary publicity.

Thank you all and may God bless us all.

Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri, FAS