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- 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;
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Editor's Comment

Thank you my Lord for another year - an eventful one - about to end. It is great to have this edition at this time.

As the saying goes, *cleanliness is next to godliness*. So we bring you the news on the global hand washing day marked in FUTO. Expectedly, this event was brought to FUTO grounds by a woman; the wife of our Vice-Chancellor and Director, Centre for Women and Child Research and Development, Prof. (Mrs.) Viola Adaku Onwuliri. Please read about it on page 5 of this edition.

This time, from Council, we get news of convocation, appointments, promotions and infrastructural development. Council confirms Engr. Prof. Onyewuchi Nduwishi Oguoma as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Prof. Godwin Ifedilichukwu Nwankwor as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration). It is bounty time for staff as Council promotes 10 to professorial cadre and 55 other teaching staff, confirms 13 teaching staff, establishes *prima facie* cases for the promotion of 13 readers and 18 senior lecturers, promotes 122 senior non-teaching staff, confirms 47, converts six to teaching cadre and elevates 36 from junior to senior cadre.

In R & D on page 8, FUTO makes it to the second position at the Nigerian Universities Research and Development fair organised by the National Universities Commission at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. Prof. Adiva Boniface Udedibie, a professor of Animal Nutrition in the School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology won the second prize individual award in Agriculture for his productive research work on cassava, to earn FUTO its overall second position at the fair.

On page 9, we have the Vice-Chancellor's study visit to China and the 20th Public Lecture of FUTO by Mr. C.O. Omeire, a distinguished alumnus of the National Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru on page 10.

Health is wealth we know. So then, be wary of hypertension, with some tips from Dr. Chidi Egwim on page 20.

Stay alive! Merry Christmas.

- Adaeze Okany

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GLOBAL HAND WASHING DAY MARKED IN FUTO; Clean Hands Save Lives- Prof. Onwuliri

Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri, Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri has stated that hand hygiene is critical to good health and constitutes the single most effective practice for preventing the outbreak and spread of communicable disease in every society and every setting. He made this declaration as chief host at the 2010 Global Hand Washing Day organised in FUTO by the Centre for Women and Child Research and Development in collaboration with the World Health Organisation on October 19, 2010.

According to Prof. Onwuliri, "a staggering four billion cases of diarrhoea occur annually, resulting in an estimated 2.1 million deaths, with majority of casualties being children under the age of five". He stated that diarrhoea also accounts for 4.3% of the total global disease burden and an estimated 88% of this burden is attributed to poor hand washing culture without soap, inadequate sanitation and hygiene. These risk factors, he stated, are second, after malnutrition, in contributing to the global burden of disease.

Speaking also, the Chairman of the occasion and former Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Evan Enwerem University, Owerri, Prof. B. E.B. Nwoke lamented that hand washing was not in the consciousness of Nigerians and advised that people should inculcate the habit of regular and repeated hand washing.

In her lecture entitled "The Disease Burden, the MDGs and the Global Handwashing Event" the Director, Centre for Women and Child Research and Development, Prof. (Mrs.) Viola Onwuliri recalled that the United Nations general assembly in 2008 set out October 15 of every year to create awareness on the importance of hand washing as part

of environmental hygiene for healthy living. She noted that people contact dirt through toilets, touching of parts of the body and other materials in the environment.

Demonstrating the proper way of washing the hands, Dr. (Mrs.) Agatha Ndugbu, Senior Special Assistant to the Governor of Imo State stressed the need to wash hands thoroughly with soap to remove disease-causing pathogens which contaminate our food. Similarly, Mr. Kanayo O. Kanayo, a Nollywood Star who graced the occasion and participated in the hand washing exercise urged the audience to be vanguards of proper hand washing in order to save lives.

Highlights of the day included the de-worming of everyone present, quiz competition featuring eight secondary schools and moderated by the Co-Chairman of the occasion

and SUG President, Comrade Obinna Anyanwu. Government Secondary School, Owerri took the first position in the quiz while FUTO International School and Ikenegbu Girls Secondary School, Owerri took the second and third position respectively.

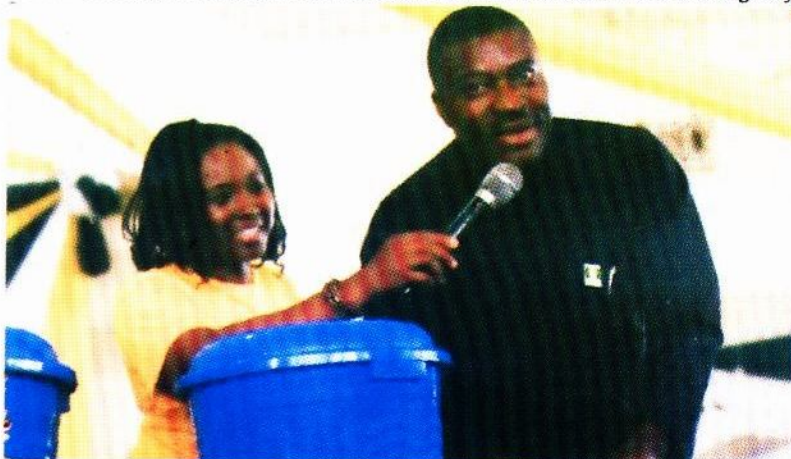
The event also featured presentation of awards by the organisers, the Centre for Women and Child Research and Development.

Dr. Aloysius Aguwa, Commissioner for Petroleum and Environment, Imo State was the special guest at the occasion. Other dignitaries at the event included the Principal Officers, Directors, Deans and Directors of the university, the Director, National Orientation Agency, other top government functionaries and media executives.

- Tessa Iwuji



Prof. Onwuliri delivering his address as FUTO marks Global Hand Washing Day.



Nollywood star, Kanayo O. Kanayo washing his hands with soap and water. With the microphone is Prof. (Mrs.) Viola Onwuliri, Director, Centre for Women and Child Research and Development, FUTO.

FUTO GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETS, CONFIRMS TWO NEW DVCs

The Governing Council of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri at its 130th meeting held on Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010 confirmed the appointment of Engr. Prof. O.N. Oguoma and Prof. G.I Nwankwor as DVC (Academic) and DVC (Administration) respectively with effect from December 9, 2010.

Council further directed that their tenure be tied to that of the incumbent Vice-Chancellor which will expire on June 18, 2011.

Profile of Engr. Prof. Onyewuchi Nduwuishi Oguoma, DVC (Academic)

- × A professor of Manufacturing System Design
- × Born in 1954 at Owerri, Imo State; married with four children

Academic Qualifications with Dates:

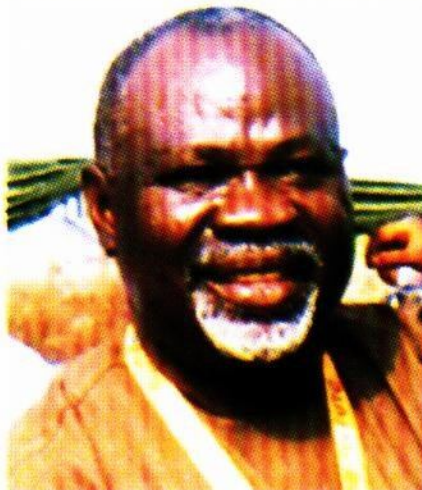
- × Two-Week Certificate Training in Project Management and Entrepreneurship Studies, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China; 2009
- × Ph.D, Engineering Production, Loughborough University of Technology, England (Manufacturing System Design); 1985
- × M.S., Mechanical Engineering, Iowa State University of Science and Technology, Ames, Iowa; 1980
- × B.S. Mechanical Engineering, Iowa State University of Science and Technology, Ames, Iowa, USA; 1978

Learned Society Membership:

- × Fellow, Nigerian Society of Engineers
- × Fellow, Institute of Industrial Administrators
- × Member, Nigerian Institute of Production Engineers
- × Registered Engineer, COREN
- × AMIMEchE, Institute of Mechanical Engineers, England
- × Member, Nigerian Institute of Management

Publications:

- × 17 publications in referred journals



Engr. Prof. O.N. Oguoma
DVC Academic

- × 6 papers presented at conferences

Post-graduate Supervision:

- × Supervised 3 Ph.D and over 10 M.Sc students

University Administration:

- × Dean, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology; 2008 - 2010
- × Chairman, University Endowment Fund Committee; 2006 - date

- × University Admissions Officer; 2005 - 2008
- × Member, Governing Council; 2005 - 2007
- × Member, Academic Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee (Non Professional); 2005 - 2007
- × Chairman, Panel of Enquiry into Student Union Activities; 2004
- × Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering; 2003 - 2005
- × Dean, Student Affairs; 2000 - 2003

Community Service:

- × Chairman, Ethics and Grievances Committee, ASUU, FUTO Branch; 2005 - date
- × Chairman, Committee on Visitation; ASUU, FUTO Branch; 2004
- × Council Chairman, All Saints Chapel, FUTO; 2004 - 2008
- × Patron, Owerri Students Association, FUTO
- × Patron, Anglican Students Fellowship, FUTO
- × Patron, National Association of Imo State Students, FUTO
- × Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary International
- × Member, Standard Tennis Court, Owerri

Hobbies

Table Tennis, Lawn Tennis and Chess

Profile of Prof. Godwin Ifedilichukwu Nwankwor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration)

- A professor of Natural Resources and Environment
- Born on May 14, 1950 at Awgbu, Orumba North LGA, Anambra State; married with six children

Academic Qualifications with Dates:

- Ph.D Earth Science, University of Waterloo; 1985
- M.Sc., Earth Science, University of Waterloo; 1982
- B.Sc. Geology, University of Nigeria, Nsukka
- GCE A/Level Federal School of Science, Lagos
- WASC Bubendorff Memorial Grammar School, Adazi; 1963

Learned Society Membership:

- Member, Council of Mining Engineers and Geoscientists
- Member, Nigerian Association of Hydrogeologist (NAH)
- Member, National Association of Water Scientists and Engineers (NAWSE)
- Member, International Association of Hydro-geologists (IAH)



Prof. G.I. Nwankwor
DVC Administration

Publications:

- 26 published papers in referred journals
- 3 chapters in 3 research books
- 10 technical reports

Post-graduate Supervision:

- Supervised 2 Ph.D and 4 M.Sc students

University Administration:

- Director, Office for University Development (OUD); 2008 - 2010
- Dean, School of Science; 2006 - 2008

Community Service:

- Member, Nigerian Nuclear Plant Committee; 2008 - date
- Consultant, Nigeria Nuclear Power Citing Project; 2009 - date
- Founder, Virginia Ben Education Foundation; 2005 - date
- Member, Anambra State Anti-Erosion Committee; 1991 - 1995
- Member, Editorial Board, Nigerian Association of Hydrogeologists (NAH); 1990 - 2000
- Member, Executive Committee, Nigerian Association of Hydrogeologists (NAH); 1990 - 2000
- Member, Awgbu Town Union

Hobbies:

Photography/Watching Scenery
Lawn Tennis
Jogging

- Compiled by Chris Ogu

Council Promotes 10 to Professorial Cadre and 213 Others, Confirms 60 and Converts 6

The Governing Council at its 130th meeting held on Dec. 9, 2010 approved the promotion of the following to the rank of professor:

SNO	Name	Specialisation	Old Rank	New Rank	Effective Date
1.	Dr. E.B.J. Iheriohanma	Sociology	Reader	Professor	Oct. 1, 2009
2.	Rev. Engr. Dr. C.N. Madubuike	Agric Engineering	Reader	Professor	Oct. 1, 2009
3.	Engr. N.A.A. Okereke	Agric Engineering	Reader	Professor	Oct. 1, 2009
4.	Dr. (Mrs.) Edna Mathews-Njoku	Agric Extension	Reader	Professor	Oct. 1, 2009
5.	Engr. Dr. G.I. Nwandikom	Agric Engineering	Reader	Professor	Oct. 1, 2009
6.	Dr. V.A. Iheagwam	Mathematics	Snr. Lecturer	Reader	Oct. 1, 2008
7.	Dr. A. Unuigboje	Chemistry	Snr. Lecturer	Reader	Oct. 1, 2008
8.	Dr. (Mrs.) S.M.O. Akhionbare	Environmental Tech.	Snr. Lecturer	Reader	Oct. 1, 2009
9.	Dr. E.E. Nkwocha	Environmental Tech.	Snr. Lecturer	Reader	Oct. 1, 2009
10.	Engr. Dr. E.N.C. Okafor	Electrical & Electronic Eng.	Snr. Lecturer	Reader	Oct. 1, 2009

Similarly, Council promoted 55 teaching staff to various ranks in the non-professorial cadre, confirmed the appointments of 13 teaching staff and established prima facie cases for the promotion of 13 readers and 18 senior lecturers.

While 122 senior non-teaching staff were promoted, 47 were confirmed and six were converted to teaching positions. Similarly, 36 junior staff were promoted to senior staff positions.

Council Approves The Construction of Vice-Chancellor's Lodge, Principal Officers Quarters and 3 Student Hostels



Council has approved the proposal submitted by Dunel Worldwide Limited Berlin, Abuja to construct a Vice-Chancellor's lodge, five residential buildings for principal officers and three student hostels on a build-operate-and-transfer (BOT) basis.

The Vice-Chancellor's lodge will incorporate the main building, a guest house, domestic staff quarters, generator house, gate/security house, driver's lodge and a car park at the cost of

N143,157,057.15. The residential buildings for five other Principal Officers of the university will include the main buildings, domestic staff quarters, generator house, gate/security house and a car park at a total value of N345,675,336.25. The construction of three students' hostels was also part of the BOT arrangement at an estimated contract sum of N3,869,066,416.71. All the projects were expected to be solely

funded by the developer and would be amortised over a period of ten years except the three students' hostels which be amortised in twenty one years.

Meanwhile the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri and the Developer/Managing Director of Dunel World Wide Limited, Berlin Abuja, Arc. Nwanne Emeh have executed the main contract agreement on terms specified in the Memorandum of Understanding.

23rd Convocation of FUTO Fixed for March 5, 2011 - Onno Ruhl, World Bank Country Director, Nigeria to deliver Convocation Lecture

The 23rd Convocation of the university and the last in the life of the Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri administration has been scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 2011.

The conferment of first degrees, diplomas and higher degrees will be preceded by a convocation lecture entitled "Nigeria's Youth: Turning Challenge into Opportunity" by Onno Ruhl, World Bank Country Director, Nigeria. For the first time in the last four years, the university intends to combine the forthcoming convocation with an endowment fund launch.

FUTO WINS 2ND PRIZE IN AGRICULTURE AT THE 4TH EDITION OF NURESDEF

The Federal University of Technology, Owerri has won the second prize in the fourth edition of the Nigerian Universities Research and Development Fair (NURESDEF) organised by the National Universities Commission at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka from November 23-26, 2010. The fair provided a golden opportunity for the academia to showcase their research breakthroughs, fabrications and inventions to the outside world.

Prof. A. B. I. Udedibie, professor of Animal Nutrition won the second prize in the individual award category in Research and Development in Agriculture, which earned FUTO its second position. Prof. Udedibie's award was for his successful research - the transformation of cassava tubers into a cyanide-free, non-dusty and long lasting cassava tuber meal for animal feed.

The Department of Information Management Technology, headed by Dr. Amaobi Uwaleke, presented 14 research projects. Although, the projects did not attract awards to the group, yet, they made good impact on the university's overall performance at the fair.

In his presentation to Senate, Prof. Udedibie reported that feeding trials with the cyanide-free cassava tuber meal have shown that it can completely



Prof. A. B. I. Udedibie
Professor of Animal Nutrition & former DVC Academic
2nd prize Individual Awardee in R&D in Agriculture

replace maize as a source of dietary energy in fish and livestock production provided the feed is adequately supplemented with high protein feeds in view of the disparity in crude protein content between it and maize. According to him, the product appears to have the potential of being the best form in which cassava could be exported or imported as fish and livestock dietary source of energy.

Acknowledging the good efforts of FUTO contingent to NURESDEF, the Vice-Chancellor congratulated and commended Prof. Udedibie for the award which he described as an honour to the university. He directed the awardee to liaise with the Director of IPTTO to work out best modalities to patent the research work.

14 FUTO Students Win Innovators of Tomorrow (IOT) Research Grant

The National STEP-B Office, Abuja has announced the 2008/2009 awardees of its innovators of tomorrow research grant valued at 105,000 US Dollars to 14 FUTO students. Prof. Chidi Akujor, Project Manager, FUTO STEP-B made this report to the Vice-Chancellor vide a memo dated December 13, 2010.

The awardees were in three categories - 11 Ph.Ds 2 M.Sc and 1 B. Tech. The PhD awards from the Department of Agric Extension went to Felix Ugwoke: *Evaluation of the Implementation of the Unified Agricultural Extension Policy in South East - Nigeria* and E.N. Okereke - Ejiogu: *Approach of Local Economic Empowerment and Environmental Management Project (LEEMP) in Imo State, Nigeria.*

From the Department of Crop Science and Technology, three got the research grants viz: C.P. Anyanwu: *Quality and Genetic Analysis of Nine Rice (Oryza Sativa L.) Genotypes using Diallel Methods*, C.T. Tom: *Evaluation of Plantain/Pigeon Pea Intercropping System in South Eastern Nigeria* and M.O. Ofor: *Effect of Post-harvest Handling on Shelf-Life and storage Quality of Tomato (Lycopersicon Esculentum) in South-Eastern Nigeria*. Ph.D Awardees from the Department of Maritime Management and Technology were Chinonye C. Ugboma: *Performance and Efficiency Measurements in Nigerian Seaports* and Chibueze Ibeawuchi: *Economic Impact Assessment of River Ports in Nigeria: A Scenario Analysis.*

J.O. Igbokwe: *Production Characterisation and Performance Evaluation of Biodiesel*; S.I. Onwukwe: *Optimising Production in Oil-Rim Reservoir with Horizontal Well*; C.A. Madu: *Generalised Gradient Approximation in the Energy Band Structure of Semiconductors*; and Sylvia I. Okonkwo: *Petrochemical Analysis and Characterisation of Compounds Responsible for In-Vitro Cytotoxic Activity of Eupatorium Odoration Leaf (LIN)* were listed as Ph.D awardees from the Departments of Mechanical Engineering, Petroleum Engineering, Physics and Industrial Chemistry respectively.

While Uwaoma Aguwa and V.E. Ogwudire from the Department of Crop Science got the master degree awards, Chidinma Ike of the Department of Agricultural Extension got the B.Tech. Award.

NIGERIAN EDUCATION AND RESEARCH NETWORK, A MUST FOR NIGERIA!

-Prof. Onwuliri Joins Study Visit to China

The Federal Government of Nigeria has been challenged to take urgent and sustained steps to establish the Nigerian Education and Research Network (NERNET) to serve as the backbone of a renewed commitment to exploiting modern technologies, especially ICT for national development. "Government must be made to see this as sine-qua-non to realising the goals of Vision 20-2020 and overall national technological transformation. The time for this is NOW!" This declaration was made by participants from the Nigerian university system, the National Film Institute and the National Research Institute for Chemical Technology on a study visit to China between November 19 and December 4, 2010. They noted that well developed higher educational institutions held the key to the much desired transformation of the Nigerian economy.

Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri, Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, who was part of the 29-man team in China for the study visit funded by the Science and Technology Education at Post Basic Level (STEP-B) noted that the visit which had exposed Nigerian academics and policy makers to current trends and best practices in higher education, with emphasis on possibilities of partnership and co-operation with international institutions, professional associations and the organised private sector will impact positively on Nigeria.

The highlight of the study was the visit to CERNET (China Education and Research Network) headquarters. They noted that CERNET is a Chinese government funded project handled by the Chinese Ministry of Education and charged with the responsibility to manage all education portals, connectivity, domain registration, and all other e-education issues for all the educational institutions in China. According to Prof. Onwuliri, CERNET started in 1988 as a network project conceived by five of China's major universities and has 10 regional centres, 38 provincial nodes, with distributed bandwidth capability of 15G interconnecting 2000 institutions (universities, educational organisations, and research institutes).

As an important national education and research infrastructure, CERNET supports many key national network applications including online recruitment for universities, admissions,

distance learning, digital library, GRID for education and research and makes outstanding contribution to education in China. "The key transformational development of China in the last few years had their roots in the catalytic effect of the establishment of CERNET" he reported.



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

The team was taken through the blueprint of the China Next Generation Internet (CNGI), which is co-ordinated by CERNET. CNGI is aimed at constructing China's next generation internet backbones, developing key network technology and major applications for the next generation internet, promoting industrialisation and application deployment, and participating in related international co-operation and playing important roles in standards setting.

The team visited the headquarters of Huawei Technologies, one of the Chinese companies operating in Nigeria. Locations visited included the production exhibition hall; data centre; automatic logistics centre; Huawei University and video conferencing and telepresence exhibition centre.

The two teams also met with officials of Tsinghua University, which is one of the top 100 universities in the world and ranks number 1 in China. Established in 1911, it has a student population of about 32,000 with over 7,000 at PhD level and nearly 10,000 at Master level. Most activities are online driven based on the CERNET backbone, with over 1,200 professors, 1,100 Associates, and 1,100 post-doctoral staff, nearly 4 million library collections and 70TB of resource data as well as over 200 research institutes.

Prof. Onwuliri further noted that on December 2, 2010, the team visited the headquarters of Lenovo, a major manufacturer of laptops, desktops and e-education resources. The company was established in 1984 with a grant of only 25,000 US Dollars by the Chinese Government and currently has an average annual turnover of about 25 billion US Dollars. The team also visited the Beijing University of Post and Telecommunications (BUPT). BUPT has developed into an important research and development centre in the field of information technology and telecommunications in China. It has achieved a lot in the fields of communication network, information processing, network management, information security, optical fibre communications, wireless communications, computer application, binary optics, artificial intelligence and robot, he reported.

It may be recalled that Prof Onwuliri led the second batch of participants to China. Other team members were Prof. D. V. Uza, Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi; Prof. Adebisi M. Balogun, Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Abeokuta; Prof. Olugboyega Cornelius Ademosun, Project Manager (STEP-B), Federal University of Technology, Akure; Prof. Valentine Ayobore Aletor; Project Proponent (STEP-B), Federal University of Technology, Akure; Prof. N. M. Gadzama; Project Proponent (STEP-B), University of Maiduguri and former Vice-Chancellor, University of Maiduguri; Prof. Bartho Okolo, Vice-Chancellor, University of Nigeria, Nsukka; Prof. Isaac Asuzu, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Project Manager (STEP-B), University of Nigeria, Nsukka; Osinem Emmanuel Chukwugozie, Project Proponent (STEP-B), University of Nigeria, Nsukka; Prof. S. G. Tyoden, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jos; Prof. Berthrand Nwufu, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Jos; Dr. Hussaini F. Umar, Federal Ministry of Education, Abuja; Dr. Bennett Nwanguma, University of Nigeria, Nsukka; Mr. Ben Essien, Technical Assistant to the STEP-B Project and focal person for the centres of excellence sub-component of the Project; and Dr. Joshua Atah, Project Manager (STEP-B), National Universities Commission and Member of the Technical Committee on the Ng-REN Project. A first batch of 14 participants undertook the China study visit from November 19-27, 2010.

OMEIRE BREAKS THE JINX; DELIVERS 20TH PUBLIC LECTURE

History was made on December 15, 2010 when Mr. Charles Obioma Omeire, Registrar of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri mounted the rostrum as the first non-teaching staff to deliver a public lecture at the university. In his lecture: "Town and Gown Dialectics: a Healthy Partnership or Marriage of Convenience", the 20th in the public lecture series, Mr. Omeire posited that quality of local leadership, disposition of university authorities to host communities, land issues, conduct and behaviour of staff and students residing in the host communities constitute contemporary challenges in town and gown relationship in Nigeria.



FUTO Registrar, Mr. C.O. Omeire delivering the 20th Public Lecture at the Hall of Mercy, FUTO on Dec. 15, 2010.

Mr. Obioma Omeire, an alumnus of the esteemed National Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru and a Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Management pointed out that town and gown marriage was most likely to be enhanced under a united, enlightened and selfless leadership than under a fractionalised uneducated, despotic and dubious leadership.



C.O. Omeire, mni, receiving the pride of FUTO - the *Machoman* - from the Vice-Chancellor after delivering the 20th Public Lecture.

In his words, "the challenge before administrators and proprietors of tertiary institutions is to structure university processes and decision making to maximise the chance of creating win-win results among universities and their host communities."

He proposed the constitution of a standing university / community relations committee, the institution of scholarship programmes for indigent indigenes at all levels of education, execution of well sustained livelihood projects in host communities, and above all the promotion of multiple communication strategies. The university chief administrator suggested the appointment of a qualified person from the host community as member of the university governing council and the payment of adequate compensation to land owners, the

priority consideration of indigenes in admissions and recruitment processes as means of peaceful co-existence of town and gown.

On the part of the host communities, he recommended the inclusion of high level university staff in traditional councils and the development of local partnerships as well as social interactions and property ownership by university staff.

Speaking during the lecture, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri thanked the lecturer for a well researched lecture and urged other professional administrators to

follow suit.

The intellectual event was graced by Dr. (Mrs.) Gloria Omeire, the wife of the public lecturer; Dr. C.C. Eze, Honourable Commissioner for Commerce and industry, Imo State, Dr. Emmanuel Nzegbule, representative of the Vice-Chancellor, Micheal Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Dr. (Mrs.) A.N. Nwosu, representative of Rector Federal Polytechnic Nekede, Rev. Dr. T.I. Igwe, former registrar, FUTO (1989-1997), and a host of other dignitaries.

-Eucharia Onuoha

VICE-CHANCELLOR ONWULIRI DELIVERS THE UNAA GOLDEN JUBILEE LECTURE AT OWERRI - Honoured With UNAA Distinguished Leadership Award

The University of Nigeria Alumni Association, Owerri branch has honoured Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri, Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri with the *Distinguished Leadership Award* at the Imo Concorde Hotel, Owerri. The colourful ceremony which was put together as part of events marking the golden jubilee celebration of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka featured among other things a public lecture entitled "The University of Nigeria, Nsukka and National Development" delivered by Prof. Onwuliri.

Prof. Onwuliri, a professor of parasitology and distinguished fellow of the Nigerian Academy Science pointed out that investment in education makes for national development. He recalled that the University of Nigeria came into existence on October 7, 1960 as the first indigenous and autonomous university. He noted that the university played a pioneering role in the development of higher education in Nigeria particularly in the area of curriculum development. "The course credit system (that is practised by every tertiary institution in Nigeria today) was the brainchild of the university" he declared.

According to the lecturer, it was the University of Nigeria that introduced the concept of General Studies into the Nigerian university system. He described the University of Nigeria, Nsukka as a builder and accumulator of human capital and stated that "no aspect of the university education in Nigeria could be exempted from the influence and impact of the University of Nigeria as it pioneered



Prof. Onwuliri delivering the UNAA golden jubilee lecture at Owerri.
Seated L-R: Her Excellency Dr. (Mrs.) Ada Okwuonu, His Excellency, Dr. Ikedi Ohakim, Senator Osita Izunaso, Rt. Hon. Chief Goodluck Nanah Opiah, Dame Eunice Okoro and HRH C.I. Ilomuanya, Obi 1 of Obinugwu at the lecture.



Dame Okoro presenting the *Distinguished Leadership Award* to Prof. Onwuliri on the occasion.

the continuous assessment system; the term paper and thesis for undergraduates; vocational education; continuing education system; and student work aid scheme".

He emphasised the invaluable and tremendous role played by the University of Nigeria, Nsukka in the socio-economic transformation of Nigeria, having produced by 2009, a total of 119,287 graduates in various disciplines including master and doctorate degrees.

He concluded with an affirmation that graduates of the university were visible in all spheres of national life both in the public and private sectors, making significant contributions aimed at nation building. Earlier the Chairman of the occasion and the Chief Judge of Imo State, Hon. Justice B. A. Njemanze, a UNN alumnus had described the event as a celebration of the emancipation of man. On his part, Chief E. C. Iwuanyanwu, *Ahaejigamba Ndigbo* stated that the occasion calls for thanksgiving to God.

- Tessy Iwuji

NUC RELEASES RESULTS OF 2009 ACCREDITATION EXERCISE

The National Universities Commission has released the results of its accreditation of academic programmes in Nigerian universities conducted in December 2009 and June 2010. In the Commission's letter No. NUC/ES/412/Vol.7/155 dated September 17, 2010 to the Vice-Chancellor, the results indicate that out of the three programmes due for accreditation in FUTO, two had full accreditation status while one got interim accreditation. Details of the results were given as follows:

S/NO	PROGRAMME	TOTAL SCORE	APPROVED STATUS	MATURITY DATE
1	Management Technology (Financial Mgt option)	86.0%	Full	2015
2	Geology	79.5%	Full	2014
3	Fisheries and Aqua Culture Technology	81.1%	Interim	2011

The Vice-Chancellor has directed the Director of Academic Planning and Development to liaise with the Dean of School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology and the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture Technology to initiate immediate remedial measures for the department.

DENTAL TECHNOLOGISTS REGISTRATION BOARD OF NIGERIA COMMENDS FUTO

A 4-member Educational Committee from the Dental Technologists Registration Board of Nigeria visited FUTO from November 3-4, 2010 for professional accreditation of the Dental Technology Programme in the university.

Speaking during a courtesy call on Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri, Vice-Chancellor, the team leader and Co-ordinator, Dental Technology Programme, University of Maiduguri, Mr. Dibal praised the establishment of a Dental Technology programme in FUTO, being the first university to so in Nigeria.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Onwuliri revealed that in addition to the School of Health Technology, Building Phase II which was under construction, more facilities would be provided for the department from the N3 billion PTFD intervention fund.

Other members of the team were Mrs. Wali, Chief Dental Technologist of the Federation, Mr. Owunwa, Federal School of Dental Technology, Enugu and Mr. Uguda, Head Dental Technology, School of Health Technology, Abeokuta.

-Chris Ogu

ELECTION OF CONGREGATION REPRESENTATIVES TO UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Congregation, at its 44th meeting presided over by the Vice-Chancellor on November 4, 2010 conducted a free and fair election to fill its vacant positions in seven university committees. The following staff emerged as Congregation representatives in the committees indicated against their names:

S/No	Committee	Congregation Representatives
1	Board of Trustees of Endowment Fund	Prof. (Mrs.) Nnenna N. Oti
2	Senior Staff Training Committee	Dr. G. F. Okorafor Dr. A. C. Ogbonna
3	Staff School Board of Management	Engr. Dr. N. A. A. Okereke Dr. I. J. Ogoke
4	Adisory Committee on Student Discipline	Engr. A. I. Ogbonna Dr. (Mrs.) G. N. Ezeh
5	Security Advisory Committee	Dr. P. O. Ogbuide Mr. C. E. Nmezi
6	Health Services	Mrs. C. R. Nwifo Dr. A. C. C. Akujobi Dr. C. Z. Akaolisa Dr. A. A. Nwuta
7	Comonials Committee	Dr. Ikenna Nwachukwu

FG TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE IN FUTO

The Federal University of Technology, Owerri has been selected by the federal government as a beneficiary of Information Technology infrastructure under the auspices of the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA).

NITDA is an agency in the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology charged with the development of information technology in Nigeria. Through this intervention, NITDA will provide internet services (bandwith), other computing components including desktop computers. NITDA is expected to manage the centre for one year, after which the university will take over the management of the infrastructure.

NDDC REHABILITATES ROAD ON FUTO CAMPUS

Following the intervention of both the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Engr. Vita Abba and the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri, the Niger-Delta Development Commission (NDDC) has since November 4, 2010 commenced the rehabilitation of the back gate road.

The contractor, M/S Intellectual Capital Development Limited has given assurance that the road will be fully asphalted and will be completed within 33 days..



Road work in progress.

FUTO Celebrates NIGERIA @ 50

On Saturday, October 2, 2010 the Federal University of Technology, Owerri joined the federal government, state governments and institutions around the country in marking the golden jubilee of Nigeria tagged "Nigeria @ 50". The ceremony which was hosted by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri at the Vice-Chancellor's lodge attracted Principal Officers, Deans, Directors and other university functionaries. Below is the ceremony in pix.



Dancing time to celebrate Nigeria!



A cake for Nigeria @50 is cut by FUTO community with Prof. & Mrs. C.O.E. Onwuliri in the centre.



The women are the lead to the dinner table. First is Prof. (Mrs.) Viola Onwuliri, wife of the Vice-Chancellor.

HRH EZE OKORO OF EZIOBODO PAYS COURTESY VISIT ON VICE-CHANCELLOR

The newly enthroned traditional ruler of Eziofodo autonomous community, His Royal Highness, Eze Lucky I. N. Okoro, Eze Oha III of Eziofodo on October 4, 2010 paid his maiden courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri.

Welcoming Eze Okoro to his office, Prof. Onwuliri congratulated him on behalf of the Council, Senate, Principal Officers, staff and students of FUTO on his ascension to the throne as Eze Oha III of Eziofodo. He recalled that his first attempt to see the new traditional ruler was not realised due to the Eze's travel outside the state. He thanked Eze Okoro for his expression of humility and fraternity in visiting FUTO and assured him of a cordial relationship and the total support of the entire university.

In his response, HRH Eze Okoro thanked God for having a federally owned technological university cited in his community. According to Eze Okoro, "FUTO is my community and FUTO is doing very well. I say this everywhere I go". Finally, he noted that being an educated and enlightened traditional ruler, much was expected of him and promised that peace will prevail during his reign.

The Vice-Chancellor presented gifts and souvenirs to the traditional ruler and wished him a peaceful reign. On Eze Okoro's entourage were Mr. Charles Anyasodor and Mr. Augustine Onyemeze, Senior Special Assistant and Personal Assistant to His Royal Highness respectively.



His Royal Highness, Eze Lucky Okoro speaking during his visit to the Vice-Chancellor.

Brig. Gen. Danpome Familiarises with Prof. Onwuliri

The newly posted Commander, 34 Artillery Brigade, Obinze, Brig. Gen. A.I.G. Danpome has paid a courtesy visit on the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri at the Vice-Chancellor's Lodge on December 12, 2010. Brig. Gen. Danpome who packed into the commander's residence opposite the Vice-Chancellor's Lodge the previous day, said it was necessary for him to familiarise himself with

his closest neighbour.

Responding, Prof. Onwuliri expressed deep appreciation to Brig. Gen. Danpome for his maturity and love of neighbour shown through the visit.

Both men assured one another of full co-operation and assistance at all times.

- Chris Ogu

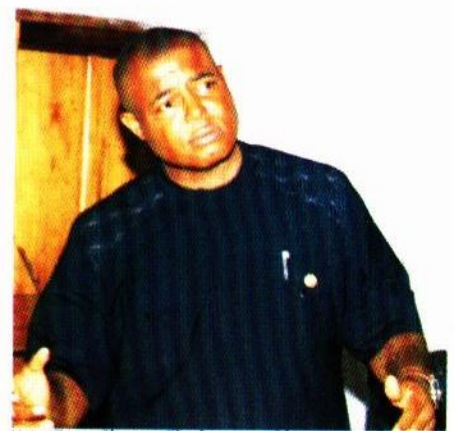


The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Onwuliri welcoming the Brig. Gen. A.I.G. Danpome to the Vice-Chancellor's lodge.

HON. ELEZIANYA CALLS ON THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

The Executive Chairman of Owerri West L.G.A. Hon. Engr. Ikenna Elezianya on Friday, December 10, 2010 alongside members of his council paid a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor of FUTO, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri. According to Hon. Elezianya, the aim of the visit was to parley with the Vice-Chancellor and his Principal Officers to ensure a cordial relationship between FUTO and the Owerri West Council and to forestall any misunderstanding that could prop up between them.

While commending FUTO for its prompt payment of capitation rates for its staff, he observed that the current staff strength needed to be reflected in the new computation. He prayed the Vice-Chancellor to enhance the admission quota to students of the host communities and to reserve some contract jobs for indigenes of Owerri West Local Government Area. He complained that all the toll fees paid by commercial drivers who shuttle to and fro FUTO went to FUTO Students' Union Government, thereby denying the local government of revenue and sought for a amicable resolution of the matter. He told the Vice-Chancellor that the Council would be glad if FUTO secondary students and pupils participate in march pasts and other events during national celebrations in the country.



Hon. Engr. Ikenna Elezianya making a speech during a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor.

The Vice-Chancellor in his own remarks thanked the Chairman for coming with all his executives. He noted that the citing of FUTO uplifted the local government and enjoined the Chairman and Council to use their God given opportunity to raise the image of Owerri West. The Vice-Chancellor informed the Chairman that FUTO students put Owerri West on the global map when they represented Nigeria in the Students in Free Enterprise World Cup in Los Angeles, USA recently.

In the area of admissions and contracts he stated that the university had always given preference to qualified indigenes of host communities. He also encouraged them to invest in FUTO Microfinance Bank as that would help in boosting the economy of the local government.

Principal Officers present were the Registrar, Mr. C. O. Omeire and the Bursar, Mr. R. U. Akujobi.

- Betty Onuoha

NSM HOLDS 34TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Nigerian Society for Microbiology (NSM) held its 34th annual conference on Tuesday, October 19, 2010 at the PTDF auditorium, Federal University of Technology, Owerri.

The epoch making event brought together high profile dignitaries, including the President, Nigerian Society for Microbiology, Prof. G. C. Okpakwasili and other members of the national executive council of the society. In his speech at the opening ceremony, Prof. Okpakwasili

thanked the Vice-Chancellor for gracing the occasion and for providing them a conducive environment to exchange experiences and knowledge and to disseminate research results.

Earlier, in his welcome address, the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri thanked the organisers of the conference for the choice of FUTO as a venue for the conference, recalling that various national and international organisations, agencies and

societies have continued to exploit the friendly, serene and peaceful environment of FUTO to host their meetings. Prof. Onwuliri prayed the conference delegates to advance research on microbiology.

The Chairman, Local Organising Committee and HOD, Microbiology, FUTO, Prof. Jude-Anthony N. Ogbulie co-ordinated events at the 5-day forum.

Over 15 papers were presented at the conference.

- Betty Onuoha



FUTO VC, Prof C.O.E. Onwuliri, FAS delivering his address at the opening ceremony of the 34th annual conference of the Nigerian Society for Microbiology. Next to him are Prof. G.C. Okpakwasili, president of the society and other resource persons.



Prof. Jude Anthony N. Ogbulie, LOC Chair & HOD, Microbiology, FUTO speaking at the opening conference.



Prof. M.I. Nwufo (centre), DVC Admin with conference participants at a cocktail party hosted for the NSM delegates at the Vice-Chancellor's lodge.

FUTO HOSTS "NASEF 2010"

The Federal University of Technology, Owerri between November 3-6, 2010 hosted the 2010 National Solar Energy Forum "NASEF 2010" organised by the Solar Energy Society of Nigeria. Coming on the 30th year anniversary of the society, the forum attracted a large turnout of dignitaries and participants from far and near.

In a keynote address titled "Alternative Energy Sources: Nigeria's Challenge" the Chief Executive Officer, Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission, Mallam

Imamuddeen Talba, represented by Mr. Barnabas Azubuike, Assistant General Manager, Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency noted that the desire for improved power supply and the need for private sector participation led the federal government to establish the Electric Power Sector Reform Programme in 1999.

X-raying the current state of Nigeria in terms of alternative energy sources, Mallam Talba advocated a fuel mix which will include hydro generation, coal and other renewable forms of energy.

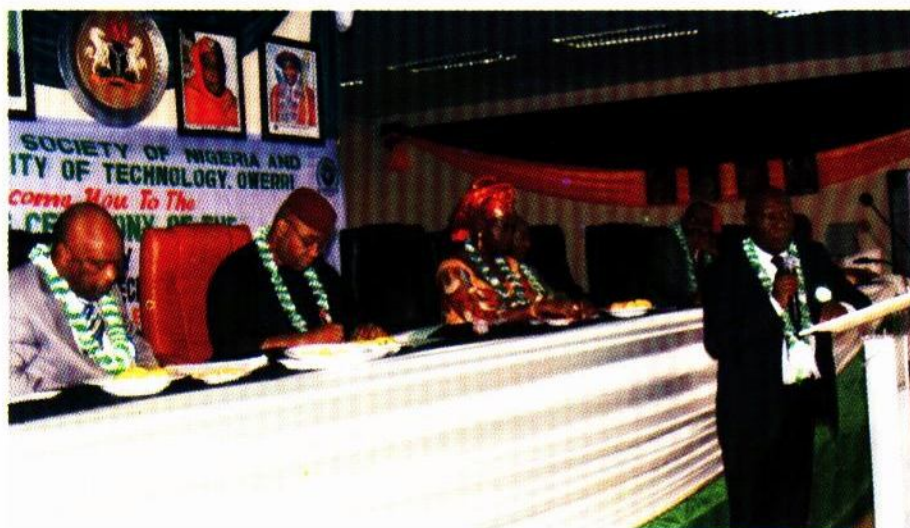
He noted that out of the 35 generation licenses so far issued, 31 were for thermal power projects while coal, hydro, solar and wind had one generation licence each.

Earlier in his welcome address, FUTO Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri expressed delight at the choice of FUTO for the 30th year anniversary forum of the society. He stressed the need to harness the various alternative energy sources bearing in mind their inexhaustibility and environment friendly nature and noted that efforts in this direction will go a long way towards the actualisation of the federal government's 7-point agenda, Vision 20: 2020 and the MDGs.

The forum also featured exhibition of the latest solar technology as well as conferment of excellence award in solar energy on the Governor of Imo State, His Excellency, Dr. Ikedi Ohakim who was represented by Dr. (Mrs.) Ngozi Anyikwa, Honourable Commissioner for Public Utilities and Rural Development. Fellowship awards were conferred on Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri, Prof. R. A. Shehu, Engr. Prof. D.C. Onyejekwe, Engr. (Prof.) E.E. Anyanwu, Prof. Ogbuagu, Prof. F. C. Eze and Engr. Dr. W.I. Okonkwo.

The national executive was present and led by the President, Prof. T.A. Kuku. Others were Dr. B.G. Danshehu, Vice-President; Dr. A.O.C. Nwokoye, Secretary; Prof. Rose Osuji, Treasurer; Prof. P. A.C. Okoye; Dr. J.I. Eze, Technical Secretary; Dr. W.I. Okonkwo, PRO; and Engr. Y. Ganda, Assistant Secretary.

The event was organised by a 13-man LOC, chaired by Prof. B. N. Onwuagba, Director, Centre for Energy Power Systems Research, FUTO.



Prof. T.A. Kuku, President of the Solar Energy Society of Nigeria delivering his welcome address at the opening ceremony.



A cross section of delegates to the conference including Engr. Prof. E.E. Anyanwu (2nd left) and Prof. F.C. Eze (4th Left).

- Chris Ogu

HALMSTAD UNIVERSITY TECHNICAL TEAM VISITS FUTO

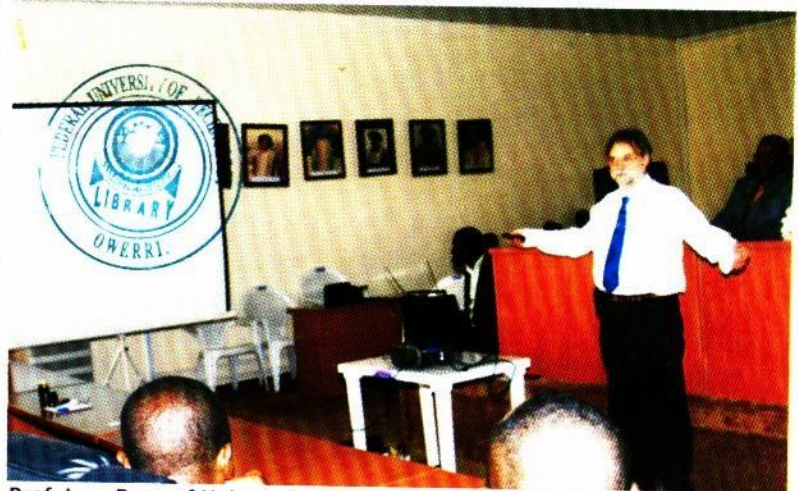
A three-man technical team from Halmstad University, Sweden led by Prof. Lars Bean were in FUTO recently on a three-day visit to conclude arrangements towards actualisation of linkage and collaborative activities between their university and the Federal University of Technology, Owerri.

In his presentation, Prof. Lars Bean described Halmstad University as a five-school university of 12,000 students and 540 employees with focus on organisational development, production, product processing and quality life. He pointed out that universities cannot effectively play their role in the society without grants and proposed a joint research with industries and government for more meaningful development of universities.

During the visit, the team toured and interacted with staff and students of the various schools and departments in the university. Speaking during a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor by the team, the Chairman, Committee of Deans, Prof. G. E. Nworuh who stood in for the Vice-Chancellor linked the visit of the team to the Vice-Chancellor's earlier trip to Sweden where a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by both universities. He expressed the hope that the visit by the Swedish team will strengthen the existing relationship and concretise the linkage programme.

In company of Prof. Bean were Prof. Hakun Petterson and Mike Danibvic.

- Ndid Eziolisa



Prof. Lars Bean of Halmstad University, Sweden making his presentation at the Council /Senate chamber in FUTO.



L-R: Prof. G.E. Nworuh, the Halmstad professors and Prof. M.O.E Iwuala.

IBE AND NWACHUKWU BACK FROM CUTEC TRAINING

Dr. Anthony E. Ibe, HOD, Forestry and Wildlife Technology and Dr. U. N. Chukwuocha of the Public Health Technology have undertaken a five-day training in Geographical Information System (GIS) organised by CUTEC Institute GmbH, Germany from November 8-12, 2010 at the Ondo State liaison office, Abuja.

FUTO AND THE UNIVERSITY OF BORAS SIGN MOU AS DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

The Federal University of Technology, Owerri and the University of Boras, Sweden have signed a memorandum of understanding as development partners. The MoU covers joint research activities such as joint research programmes and projects; exchange of faculty members and research scholars; exchange of undergraduate and graduate students; organising joint symposia, workshops and conferences; and exchange of scientific materials and information.

All parties to this understanding have agreed to actively commit resources, both human and material, plus available strategies, expertise and technological facilities to promote research, exchange programmes and to seek and sustain external funding for collaborative projects.

Benefits for Nigeria are expected from the Boras/FUTO collaboration viz:

- building strong, local competence to address major problems of national interest, thus becoming a leader on the African continent for renewable energies and materials from waste;
- talented Nigerian youths will be equipped with unique competence and thus look forward to a bright professional future. They will be empowered to contribute in the shaping of the economic future of their country;
- new local companies and employment opportunities will emerge as new industrial solutions are developed and implemented in the regions of Nigeria; and
- Nigerian universities, together with the municipalities/states they reside in, become role models for a sustainable society in Nigeria.

LABORATORY EQUIPMENT DONATED TO FUTO BY WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICES (WUS), GERMANY

The World University Service, Germany recently donated laboratory equipment to FUTO through the facilitation of the German Ministry of Development and Economic Co-operation.

A representative of the German Embassy in Nigeria, Mrs. Sophia Armanski formally handed over the equipment at a colourful ceremony held in the University Senate Chamber on Tuesday, October 12, 2010.



Prof. M.I. Nwufu, DVC Admin receiving the laboratory equipment from Mrs. Armanski to the delight of the Principal Officers.

KESWANI DONATES 80-TON INJECTION MOULDING MACHINE TO FUTO

The MD/CEO, Ethylene Lubricants and Co Ltd, Mr. Jay Keswani, an Indian has donated a fairly used 80-ton injection machine and a grinding machine to the university. The machines when fully installed will enhance teaching and research, particularly in the Physics, Chemistry and Engineering departments.

In an acknowledgment letter to the donor, written on behalf of FUTO by Prof. C.B.C. Ohanuzue, Director, Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Office, he recognised the patriotic role played by Sir Ndukwe Osogho-Ajala, a member of Council in the realisation of the donation.

FUTO RECEIVES A NEW AIR-CONDITIONED BUS

On December 7, 2010, the Department of Geology took delivery of a brand new 18-seater Toyota Hiace air-conditioned bus (2009 model) from the Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society (NMGS).



According to Prof. C.J. Iwuagwu, HOD, Geology, the donation was sponsored by AGIP to assist universities in Geosciences field work activities. FUTO and the Niger Delta University were the two beneficiaries.

3RD BIENNIAL LECTURE OF FUTO ALUMNI

Avoid Waste or Recycle it -Engr. Onyeche

Engr. Theodore Ifeanyi Onyeche, International Manager, CUTEC Institute GmbH, Germany has said that the careless handling of waste and the ecosystem is detrimental to the survival of man on earth. He stated this at the third biennial lecture "The Contemporary and Emerging Global Environmental Challenges and Sustainable Solutions for the Nigerian Situation" at the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, Lagos.

According to Dr. Onyeche "environmental pollution are very expensive consequences of irresponsible and uncontrolled waste production and disposal. Epidemics can be inevitable, very expensive and deadly". He warned

against surface wastes which contaminate the ground waste and produce a high concentration of poisonous, cancerous and explosive gases even 100 years after the disposal of the waste.

Defence for life must become priority, Dr. Onyeche posited. He recommended the worldwide biopuster technology as an environmental friendly waste disposal system and an antidote to climate change.

The one day alumni lecture which was chaired by Vice-Admiral Mike Akhighe (rtd.) had the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri as the chief host and Dr. Muiz Banire, Honourable Commissioner for Environment, Lagos State as the keynote speaker.



L-R: Prof. E.T Eshett, Mr. Andrew Ejayeriese, Mr. Rex Elem, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri and Vice-Admiral Mike Akhighe (rtd.) listening to Engr. Theodore Ifeanyi Onyeche as he delivers the third biennial lecture.



A cross section of special guests, FUTO alumni and their spouses at the lecture.

FUTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, UYO CHAPTER INAUGURATED

FUTO Alumni Association was enlarged with the establishment and formal inauguration of the Uyo branch in Akwa Ibom State on Saturday, December 4, 2010. Administering the oath of allegiance on the executive to inaugurate the chapter, FUTO Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri acknowledged the contribution of the alumni association to the development of the university.

While delivering his inauguration speech, the Vice-Chancellor, who spoke through Prof. G.E. Nworuh, Dean, School of Management Technology noted that the alumni were major stakeholder in the university and had to play a crucial role in sustaining and developing the system.

In his speech, the National President of FUTO Alumni Association, Mr. Andrew Ejayeriese challenged members of the new branch to build on the resilient FUTO spirit of excellence to ensure that the branch stands and indeed surpasses other branches in terms of sustainability, financial strength and development. He assured them of the unflinching support of the national body at all times.

Uyo Branch EXCO

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| Inuaeyen Inuaeyen | - President |
| Victoria Akpan | - Vice-President |
| Linus Edidiong | - Secretary - General |
| Dannis Ethoro | - Asst. Secretary-General |
| Victor Irhiaebhlo | - Treasurer |
| Etem Akanimo | - Financial Secretary |
| Inemesit Urui | - Public Relations Officer |
| Monday Osuala | - Director of Socials |
| Engr. Martins Nwankwo | - Internal Auditor |

The ceremony, which was chaired by Prof. B.I. Umoh Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Akwa Ibom State University had Mr. S. E. Akpan, Registrar (formerly a Deputy Registrar in FUTO) and Chief Akparawa Nse Ubeh, Chairman, Conference of Alumni Association of Nigerian Universities also in attendance. Prof. Babs O. Esonu, University Alumni Relations Officer, FUTO; Mr. Felix Chukwu, immediate past National President of the association; Engr. Ime Asuquo, Director of Works, Akwa Ibom State University and other personalities graced the occasion.

- Chris Ogu

ASUU Elects New Officers

Newly elected members of executive of the Academic Staff Union of Universities, FUTO Branch on Wednesday, December 22, 2010 paid a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri. Speaking during the meeting, the re-elected Chairman, Dr. R.A. Ejimofor said that the new exco came to present themselves to the Vice-Chancellor and also wish him and his Principal Officers a merry Christmas.

Dr. Ejimofor stated that ASUU, FUTO branch appreciated the cordial relationship that exists between it and FUTO Management and requested to be allowed to get involved in the selection process for the already advertised position of Vice-Chancellor.

NEW ASUU FUTO EXCO

Dr. R.A. Ejimofor	-	Chairman
Dr. I.I. Ibeawuchi	-	Vice-Chairman
Dr. A.C. Ogbonna	-	Secretary
Dr. A.B.C. Akujuobi	-	Financial Sec.
Mary C. Oga	-	Treasurer
Dr. H.C. Iwu	-	Internal Auditor
Dr. Steve Onyeagocha	-	Investment Sec.
Dr. A.P. Uzoije	-	Welfare Sec.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Onwuliri acknowledged the receipt of his Christmas gift from ASUU and for those given to other Principal Officers, a gesture which he described as unprecedented. He directed the Registrar to send a commendation letter to ASUU Chairman for the good relationship between ASUU and Management.

The Vice-Chancellor congratulated the new exco and stressed the need for peace especially as the process for the selection of a new Vice-Chancellor had started. He urged ASUU to shun all acts capable of disrupting the process while assuring that the union's opinion would be considered at the appropriate time.

Also present at the meeting were Engr. Prof. O.N. Oguoma, DVC (Academic); Prof. G.I. Nwankwor DVC (Administration); Mr. C.O. Omeire, Registrar and Mr. R.U. Akujobi, Bursar.

- Chris Ogu

SUDDEN DEATH SYNDROME -Hypertension

The disease of interest deserving great attention is high blood pressure. This disease which is described as "the silent killer" is symptomless for many years, until a vital organ such as the heart, kidney, eye or the brain is damaged. A survey in USA shows that 38% of the adult black population and 29% of the adult white population are suffering from high blood pressure. Out of these, only two-thirds seek medical attention.

In FUTO, the monthly statistics of the health centre shows that only 2% of the staff are treated for high blood pressure. High blood pressure is diagnosed when there is a sustained systolic blood pressure of 140mmHg and above and a diastolic pressure of 90mmHg and above (BP > 140mmHg).

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Untreated hypertension can lead to malignant hypertension which rapidly leads to stroke, heart failure and death.

High blood pressure is said to be essential hypertension when no known cause could be found. It is inherited and results from many conditions such as heart disease, arterial disease and others. In some patients, the cause is kidney disease, adrenal disease such as pheochromocytoma, hormonal disorder, the use of oral contraceptives, corticosteroids or drugs such as cocaine, licorice and alcohol. Sedentary lifestyle, obesity, and excessive amount of table salt in food have been found to cause high blood pressure. Disease conditions such as coactation of oarta, pregnancy and acute lead poisoning are known causes of high blood pressure.

Precaution should be taken by every adult to avoid falling victim to this silent killer which cuts across all social status, sexes and races. Every adult should develop the habit of checking his or her blood pressure at least once a month. When one experiences symptoms such as headache, dizziness, blurring of vision, excessive weakness, palpitation, tremor, irregular heart beat, anxiety or chest pain, it is necessary to consult a medical doctor and get blood pressure and heart check, carry out the prescribed medical laboratory investigations and obtain treatment.

-The writer, **Dr. Chidi Egwim**, is a Principal Medical Officer at the University Health Centre.

FUTO HIV/AIDS COMMITTEE MARKS 2010 WORLD AIDS DAY

FUTO community, on Wednesday, December 1, 2010 marked World AIDS Day under the auspices of FUTO HIV/AIDS Committee. The United Nations theme for the year was "Universal Access and Human Right".

Speaking to a target audience of students from FUTO International School at the opening ceremony, the Chairman of the occasion, Prof. O.

N. Oguoma described the seminar as timely especially as lack of access to information and education have militated against global response to the HIV/AIDS scourge. He admonished the youths to observe total abstinence and charged couples to be faithful to each other so as to curb this dreaded disease.

In his welcome address on the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri through

Prof. G. E. Nworuh, Chairman, Committee of Deans welcomed all to the occasion and congratulated the FUTO HIV/AIDS Committee led by Prof. (Mrs.) Viola Onwuliri for taking up the challenge to educate the university community on the HIV/AIDS epidemic. He noted that since sexual intercourse is the predominant means of transmission of the virus globally, it had become imperative that concerted efforts must be made at all times to check the spread of the virus through access to information and education.



Co-ordinator, FUTO HIV/AIDS Committee, Prof. (Mrs.) Viola Onwuliri conferring with Prof. G.E. Nworuh, VC's representative and Engr. Prof. O.N. Oguoma, chairman of the occasion.



Students of FUTO International School Owerrri saying no to sex.



SUG President, Comrade Michael Obiukwu (3rd left) and other SUG executive officers join Prof. (Mrs.) Viola Onwuliri in lighting the symbolic candles.

The lead paper was delivered by Rev Sr. (Dr.) Evangeline Oparaocha, Associate Dean, School of Health Technology. She stated that the rate of infection in Nigeria, with 6.5 million of her citizens living with the disease, has been described as one of the most rapidly increasing rates of HIV/AIDS cases in West Africa and accounted for nearly 10% of HIV/AIDS burden in the world. According to her, one million Nigerian children have already been orphaned by HIV/AIDS. She asserted that total abstinence was the best way to avoid HIV/AIDS. However, for those already living with the disease, she called on the Nigerian government to allocate sufficient funds for treatment especially in increasing access and subsidising anti-retroviral medication. She stressed that people living with AIDS can, with 100% adherence to their drugs live a healthy and active life.

The Co-ordinator of FUTO HIV/AIDS Committee, Prof. (Mrs.) Viola Onwuliri advised FISO students to say no to sexual temptations so as to safeguard their future. Stickers with the inscription "Say no to sex" were given to everyone and candles were lit as a symbol of access to human rights.

Other resource persons who presented papers at the occasion were Rev. Fr. Dr. Lawrence Iwuamadi, Chaplain of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Chaplaincy, FUTO; Venerable Kelechi Okere, Chaplain, Anglican Chapel of Light, FUTO and Mr. Martins U. Dike, a member of FUTO HIV/AIDS Committee.

- Betty Onuoha

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Prof. Onwuliri Conferred with Chieftaincy Title of Ugo Nmuta Mbase

Prof. Celestine O. E. Onwuliri, the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology Owerri, was on November 20, 2010 conferred with the chieftaincy title, *Ugo Nmuta Mbase* by the 81-member Mbase Council of Traditional Rulers at the Mbase Stadium, Aboh Mbase. The honour was in recognition of "Prof. Onwuliri's remarkable and distinctive achievements in university administration, human capital development, his patriotism to the Mbase nation as well as his respect and regard for the Mbase traditional rulers."



Prof. Celestine Onwuliri poses with his wife, Prof. (Mrs.) Viola Onwuliri after his conferment.

The colourful ceremony attracted a cream of government functionaries, politicians, FUTO Principal Officers, the academia, illustrious sons and daughters of Mbase and traditional rulers of Imo State.

Prof. Onwuliri is NO. 5 Clan Chief in Ikeduru - Named Ezinwanwa Ikeduru

The Ezinwanwa Ikeduru title has been conferred on Prof. Celestine Onwuliri as the number five clan chief in the Ikeduru community. The conferment was made by 17 *Ndieze Ikeduru* on Thursday, December 16, 2010 at the palace of HRH Eze Dr. Collins Otumbadi Onuoha, *Ofo 1* of Umuofor, Amaimo Ikeduru.

Pontifical Honours for Prof. Onwuliri



Prof. Onwuliri was conferred with Pontifical Honours by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI on Thursday, November 25, 2010 at the 6th convocation ceremony of Catholic Institute of West Africa, Port Harcourt, Rivers State. The honour which was on the recommendations of the Bishops of the Association of the Episcopal Conference of Anglophone West Africa (AECAWA) was in "recognition of the selfless remarkable contributions of Prof. Onwuliri to the church and state."

In accepting the honour, the Vice-Chancellor pledged to continue to work tirelessly and selflessly for the upliftment of humanity and advancement of civilisation and the evangelisation of the people.

Again, on November 27, 2010 the Catholic Archbishop of Onitsha, His Grace, Most Rev. Valerian M. Okeke conferred an award of recognition on Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri as part of activities marking the 125 years of the Catholic faith in Eastern Nigeria and part of Cameroun. The award was made "in recognition of the Vice-Chancellor's remarkable contributions to the building of a peaceful nation, virile polity where common good takes priority, promoting enabling values, working for harmonious, co-existence, spreading the good news of Christ to the glory of God and the good of humanity".



HRH Eze Engr. Ben IK Nwaneri, MASEE, FHNR, Eze Ubi 1 of Owubinubi conferring the *Ezinwanwa* chieftaincy title on Prof. Onwuliri.

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**Honourable Commissioner for
Commerce and Industry, Imo State**

Dr. C. C. Eze, a Reader in the Department of Agricultural Economics, School of Agriculture & Agricultural Technology has been appointed the Honourable Commissioner for Commerce and Industry, Imo State.

Dr. Eze who has been sworn into office was the Associate Dean, Postgraduate School.

APPOINTMENTS
Deanship Appointments

The Vice-Chancellor has made the following deanship appointments for a period of one year with effect from December 14, 2010.

S/NO	NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
1.	Engr. Prof. E.E. Anyanwu	Dean, School of Engineering and Engineering Tech.	Dec. 14, 2010
2.	Engr. Dr. Remy Uche	Acting Dean, Student Affairs	Dec. 14, 2010

Directorship Appointments

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of the following directors.

S/NO	NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
1.	Prof. C.I. Iwuoha	Director, Office for University Development	Dec. 14, 2010
2.	Prof. B.O. Esonu	University Chief Examiner	Dec. 14, 2010

CHANGE OF NAME

S/NO	OLD NAME	NEW NAME	DEPARTMENT/UNIT
1	Miss Chizoma B. Akuneme	Mrs. Chizoma B. Opara	Info. & Comm. Tech.
2	Miss Elizabeth N. Anunuobi	Mrs. Elizabeth N. Ibekwe	Crop Science and Tech.
3	Miss Anthonia N. Chide	Mrs. Anthonia N. Cornelius Ibe-Osuji	Bursary
4	Miss Anne I. Durunna	Mrs. Anne I. Peter-Ikechukwu	Food Science & Technology
5	Miss Franca U. Ekezie	Mrs. Franca U. Nwosu	Chemical Engineering
6	Miss Rosemary C. Njoku	Mrs. Rosemary C. Okonkwo	Agric. Economics
7	Miss Glory N. Nwachukwu	Mrs. Glory N. Onwuegbuchunam	Dental Technology
8	Mr. Samuel Nwagwu	Mr. Samuel Abasim	Estate and Works
9	Miss Josephine C. Nwosu	Mrs. Josephine C. Obibuenyi	Academic Planning and Development
10	Miss Ijeoma A. Obiji	Mrs. Ijeoma A.I. Duru	Chemistry
11	Miss Nnennaya M. Okoreaffia	Mrs. Nnennaya M. Azuma	Statistics
12	Mrs. Ann Onyia	Mrs. Ann Nworgu	Security
13	Miss Theresa C. Onyia	Mrs. Theresa C. Amadi	Senior Personnel Matters
14	Miss Nneka Opara	Mrs. Nneka V Benjamin	Legal Matters
15	Miss Jovita U. Ozurumba	Mrs. Jovita U. Chikwe Ogbonna	Computer Science
16	Miss Catherine O. Ukachukwu	Mrs. Catherine O. Chike-Onuegbula	Polymer & Textile Eng.

UPGRADING

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the upgrading of the following staff:

Engr. P.I. Anyanwu of the Department of Polymer and Textile Engineering from the rank of Lecturer 11 to Lecturer 1 with effect from September 22, 2008.

Engr. Prosper Oghome of the Department of Chemical Engineering from the rank of Lecturer 11 to Lecturer 1 with effect from March 22, 2008.

Engr. Samuel C. Ohanyere of the Department of Agricultural Engineering from the rank of Lecturer 11 to Lecturer 1 with effect from April 21, 2008.

Mr. Michael I. Onyijekwe of the Department of Petroleum Engineering from the rank of Assistant Lecturer to Lecturer 11 with effect from March 22, 2010.

Mr. Etus Chukwuemeka of the Department of Information Management

Technology from the rank of Graduate Assistant to the rank of Assistant Lecturer with effect from March 3, 2010.

Mr. Anthony Kerunwa of the Department of Petroleum Engineering from the rank of Graduate Assistant to the rank of Assistant Lecturer with effect from November 30, 2009.

Ms. Kelechi O. Mejeha of the Department of Microbiology from the rank of Graduate Assistant to the rank of Assistant Lecturer with effect from January 27, 2010.

Mr. Raymond O. Opara of the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering from the rank of Graduate Assistant to the rank of Assistant Lecturer with effect from February 25, 2010.

PASSAGES

The Vice-Chancellor and the entire university community mourn the death of the following staff:



Mr. James N. Aneke
Lecturer II, Department of Chemistry
Died: July 4, 2010
Buried: August 6, 2010



Miss Elizabeth Odom
Snr. Personal Secretary, Physical Planning and Development Unit
Died: August 1, 2010
Buried: August 19, 2010



Mr. Donatus Okorafor
Asst. Patrol Supervisor, Security Unit
Died: Sept. 12, 2010
Buried: Sept. 30, 2010



Mr. Lazarus Obi
Snr. Foreman, Estate & Works
Died: August 6, 2010
Buried: Sept. 15, 2010



Mr. Jude M. U. Amohu
Asst. Chief Laboratory Supervisor, Department of Maritime Management Technology
Died: Sept. 11, 2010
Buried: Oct. 14, 2010



Mrs. Cyrina Anyanwu
Clerical Supervisor, Department of Material & Metallurgical Engineering
Died: Oct. 28, 2010
Buried: Sept. 12, 2010



Mr. Adolphus Amadi
Contract Staff, Security Unit
Died: Sept. 12, 2010

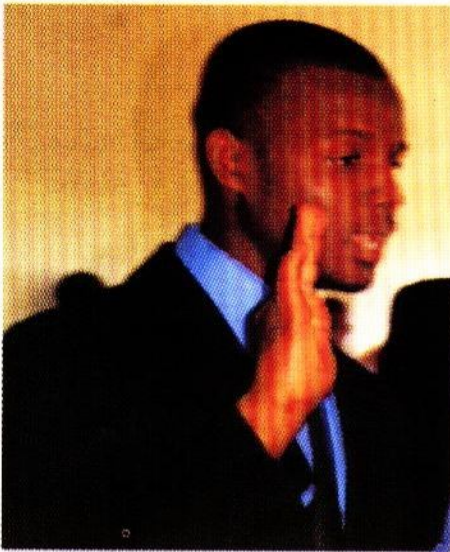


Mr. Leonard Anyasodor
Asst. Patrol Supervisor, Security Unit
Died: Nov. 23, 2010
Buried: Dec. 10, 2010

May their souls rest in perfect peace. Amen. Farewell, dear colleagues.

Inauguration of STUDENTS' UNION GOVERNMENT FOR 2010/2011 ACADEMIC YEAR

Following the successful conduct of its election on September 8, 2010, the new Students' Union Government was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri on Friday, October 29, 2010.



The new executive members are: Michael Chigozie Obiukwu, President; Uchechi Juliet Eze, Vice-President; Chinonso Chigozie Ugorji, Secretary-General; Uchechi Miriam Orji, Assistant Secretary-General; Henry Okonko, Financial Secretary; Judith Nkeiruka Okanume, Treasurer; Enyinnaya Nwokonkwo, PRO; Chidi Ariko, Director of Welfare; Kingsley Ezerue, Director of Transport; Chibuzor Ifeanyichukwu, Director of Socials and Anthony Nna, Director of Sports.

For the first time, the Centre for Continuing Education has two representatives to the second-tier SUG body the Students' Representative Council (SRC).

FUTO SIFE AT 2010 SIFE-WORLD CUP IN LOS ANGELES, USA

A team of 14 FUTO SIFE students accompanied by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. O. E. Onwuliri were at the at SIFE-World Cup in Los Angeles, USA from October 6-12, 2010 to represent SIFE Nigeria. Egypt emerged SIFE world cup winners with China U.S.A and India in 2nd, 3rd and 4th places.

40 countries in all participated at the event. It will be recalled that FUTO SIFE team emerged as national champion at the 2010 SIFE Nigeria national competition on July 9, 2010 at the Sheraton Hotel, Abuja.

The FUTO SIFE team has Dr. O.T. Ebiringa as Faculty Advisor with a student membership of 117. SIFE an acronym for 'Students in Free Enterprise' is a body of young active students who share in the dream of making the world a better place. Its focus is to create legitimate economic opportunities for people in its host communities through free enterprise education. The organisation which came to FUTO in 2005, was founded in Missouri, USA in 1975 and it came into Nigeria in 2000.



Photo shot taken at the cultural fair on October 10, 2010, preceding the SIFE world cup competition.
1. Alozie Okechukwu 2. Uche Chukwuka 3. Chukwuka Monye 4. Gennesaret Ajuka 5. John Ndubuisi



The Vice-Chancellor takes a snapshot with SIFE FUTO Team Leader and presenters before the commencement of the SIFE World cup in US. L-R: Joseph Agomuo, Uche Chukwuka, Gennesaret Ajuka, Estoria Onyeonu, VC, Prof. Celestine Onwuliri, Onyiyechi Ejiribe, John Ndubuisi, Alison Opara, Chukwuka Monye and Kufre Itina.