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(2nd left) The guest speaker at the Governing Council retreat which was held recently at the Redemption Camp, Mowe, Emeritus Prof. Olufemi Bamiro, who is the Pro-Chancellor, Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State; Pastor E. A. Odeyemi, Pro-Chancellor, Redeemer's University, Ede, Osun State; Mrs. Sola David-Borha, Former member of Redeemer's University Governing Council with other council members.

'REDEEMER'S UNIVERSITY MUST NOT REST ON HER OARS'

The Pro-Chancellor, Redeemer's University, Ede, Pastor E.A. Odeyemi has said that the university should not rest on her oars. He made this statement during the two-day retreat held with the Management team and members of the Governing Council of the university recently.

In a short interview with the pressmen at the Redemption City, Mowe, he stated clearly that the just-ended retreat had given everyone the opportunity to have an elaborate review of what had been done so far, so as to know if the institution is doing well or not. In addition, he stated

that every lesson learnt from the facilitators of the retreat will further change the trajectory of the university.

In his concluding remarks, he assured everyone that this great citadel of knowledge will receive freshness due to the newly acquired knowledge at the retreat.


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DON DECRIES INDISCRIMINATE USE OF THE FEDERAL CHARACTER PRINCIPLE

Dr. Omojola Awosusi, former Registrar, Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti, has advised the Federal Government to de-emphasize the concept of the son of the soil in the appointment of employees into the university system. He decried that the indiscriminate use of the Federal character principle should be discontinued to enhance meritocracy. He criticized a situation where a state of origin is being used for admission of students into Nigerian Universities and charged the government with expanding infrastructural space that would enable students with disabilities to be enrolled. He made this statement during the 8th Lecture Series of the Redeemer's University Registry Annual Workshop



5th Left: The convener of the 8th Annual Registry Workshop, Mr. Olukayode Akindele, Registrar, Redeemer's University flanked by Prof. Anthony Akinlo, Vice-Chancellor, Redeemer's University and other eminent personalities at the opening of the event held at South Atlantic Petroleum Auditorium, Faculty of Engineering, Redeemer's University, Ede, recently.

held at the South Atlantic Petroleum Auditorium, Faculty of Engineering of the university, recently. Similarly, the former Vice-Chancellor, University of Ibadan, Emeritus Professor Olufemi Bamiro, has called on local universities to proffer local solutions to national problems and advised them to influence what goes on in their national development strategies. Professor Bamiro stated that helping to translate new knowledge and evidence into policy for national governments should be a key priority for universities if they want to address the sustainable development goals, adding that the significant challenges in Africa when tackling issues such as

health, education, and climate change was substantial, but where most of the relevant research was done by academics in the US or the UK. Meanwhile, the Registrar, Redeemer's University, Mr. Olukayode Akindele, has reiterated the need for effective leadership in Nigerian institutions as very important to the system's success. He stated that leadership is not about a glorious crowning act. It is about keeping your team focused on the goal and motivating them to do their best to achieve it, especially when the stakes are high and the consequences matter. He added that leadership is about laying the groundwork for others to succeed and then standing back to let them shine.



Mr. Olukayode Akindele
Registrar

THE FINAL YEAR NURSING STUDENTS VISIT INTERNATIONAL BREWERIES, ILESA

As part of the requirement for the fulfillment of the award of Bachelor of Nursing Science degree, the final year students of the Department of Nursing Science paid a facility visit to the International Breweries, Ilesa, recently.

The visit exposed the students of Nursing to the areas of occupational, public and industrial health practices in a manufacturing concern.

Speaking on the visit, Dr. (Mrs.) Olusola Ogunfowokan, Head of the Department of Nursing Science explained that



Final Year Nursing students during their visit to International Breweries, Ilesa

the facility tour was to expose their students to modern practices in Industrial Nursing, adding that the exposure was

necessary as part of the training students are expected to receive even as theory is blended with practice.

PROF. AHMED YERIMA WINS N2.5 MILLION GRANT



The Provost, College of Postgraduate Studies, Redeemer's University Ede, Professor Ahmed Yerima, has won a research grant of N2,500,000.00 for script writing on two of the Nigeria's statesmen and cultural heroes, former Emir of Kano, Sanusi Lamido Sanusi and Late Emir Ahmadu Ibrahim Bello, Sardauna of Sokoto and former premier of Northern Nigeria.

In response to the development, the management noted with pride that his scholarly recognition to write and direct such theatrical performances are testaments to his role in the cultural renaissance of his fatherland as an authority in his field endeavors.

DR. OMOYELE REMAINS RUNCED'S ACTING DIRECTOR

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Anthony Akinlo has approved the renewal of appointment of Dr. S.O. Omoyle, as the Acting Director, Redeemer's University Centre for Entrepreneurial Development Studies for another year.



It will be recalled that he was first appointed on 10th May, 2021 by the current administration and ever since then, he has been working to reposition RUNCED as a leading centre for entrepreneurship through training of students and which also interact with various stakeholders through community service engagement of the informal sector of the society in order to enhance their quality of service delivery towards national development.

RUN PROMOTES SEVEN ACADEMIC STAFF TO PROFESSORIAL CADRE

In line with her policy thrust to make the welfare of staff a priority, the Governing Council of the Redeemer's University led by Pastor E. A. Odeyemi has promoted seven academic staff into the professorial cadre based on the recommendation of external assessors in their various fields. Their appointment was backdated to 1ST October, 2021.



Pst. E. A. Odeyemi
Pro-Chancellor,
Redeemer's University

On top of the list is Professor (Mrs.) Olusola Akinbobola, who made history as the first home-grown professor of Psychology and the second female professor to be appointed in the Faculty of Social Science of this prestigious university.

Others are: Dr. M.O.M. Akpor-Robaro, Senior lecturer at the Department of Business Administration and Marketing, who is also the head of his department, was appointed an Associate Professor. The head of the Department of Economics, Dr. Rasaki S. Dauda also became an Associate Professor.

It was an epic moment for the department of Mass Communication as four senior lecturers became Associate Professors. They are Dr. Omowale Adelabu, Dr. Felix Talabi, who is the head of Department of Mass Communication, Dr. Bernice Sanusi, and Dr. Emmanuel Ifeduba.

The management has congratulated every one of them and hopes that they would reciprocate this gesture through diligence and dedication to their job.

RUN MANAGEMENT APPOINTS 5 NEW HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

Professor Anthony Akinlo's led management of the Redeemer's University has appointed Professor Adewale Oyeyemi as the Head of the Department of Physiotherapy in the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences. This appointment is to take effect from 1st July, 2022.



Prof. Anthony Akinlo
Vice-Chancellor

While Dr. Oluropo Dairo and Dr. Olanrewaju Adesina have been appointed as the acting head, of the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering and Department of Mechanical Engineering in the Faculty of Engineering, respectively.

In the same vein, Dr. (Mrs.) Janet Jooda and Mr. Opeyemi K. Olayanju have also been appointed coordinators, of the Department of Computer Engineering and Department of Civil Engineering, respectively.

According to the memo signed by the Registrar, Mr. Olukayode Akindele, their appointments are to commence on 1st August, 2022.

The management, therefore, wishes all of them a successful tenure and a value-adding contribution to the development of their various departments and faculties.

FINAL-YEAR NURSING STUDENTS TAKE COMMUNAL INTERVENTION PROGRAMMES TO OWODE MARKET

The final year Nursing Students of the Redeemer's University, Ede, Osun State, recently carried out communal intervention programmes at Owode Market in Ede.

The communal intervention programmes were executed to ameliorate different challenges facing the people at the market. The efforts were designed to solve health related illnesses and diseases like Diabetes, Hypertention, Covid19 and Sexually Transmitted Diseases.

The intervention services that were recorded are: Blood Pressure Check, Glucose Test, Hepatitis B virus test, Distribution of Condom, dispensing of medications such as Malaria tablets, Vitamin C and Paracetamol e.t.c. Also Covid-19 vaccines were administered to the people in the market.

Many people in the market took part in the outreach which has been adjudged by the beneficiaries as one of the best of its kinds in recent time.



INFECTIOUS DISEASE: BRINGING TESTING TO REMOTE PARTS OF AFRICA

Christian Happi, a biologist who directs the African Centre of Excellence for Genomics of Infectious Diseases in Nigeria, has spent his career developing methods to detect and contain the spread of infectious diseases that spread to humans from animals. Many of the existing ways to do so are costly and inaccurate.

Christian Happi directs the African Centre of Excellence for Genomics of Infectious Diseases in Nigeria. Fikayo Oyewale

For instance, in order to perform a polymerase chain reaction, or PCR, test, you need “to go extract RNA, have a machine that's \$60,000 and hire someone who is specially trained,” Dr. Happi said. It's both costly and logistically implausible to take this kind of testing to most remote villages.

Recently, Dr. Happi and his collaborators used CRISPR-Cas13a



PROF. CHRISTIAN HAPPI
Director, ACEGID

technology (a close relative of CRISPR-Cas9) to detect diseases in the body by targeting genetic sequences associated with pathogens. They were able to sequence the SARS-CoV-2 virus within a couple of weeks of the pandemic arriving in Nigeria and develop a test that required no on-

site equipment or trained technicians just a tube for spit.

“If you're talking about the future of pandemic preparedness, that's what you're talking about,” Dr. Happi said. “I'd want my grandmother to use this in her village.”

The CRISPR-based diagnostic test functions well in the heat, is quite easy to use and costs one-tenth of a standard PCR test. Still, Dr. Happi's lab is continually assessing the accuracy of the technology and trying to persuade leaders in the African public health systems to embrace it.

He called their proposal one that “is cheaper, faster, that doesn't require equipment and can be pushed into the remotest corners of the continent. This would allow Africa to occupy what I call its natural space.”

Culled from: The New York Times

ACEGID WINS THE MOST OUTSTANDING GENOMICS LABORATORY IN NIGERIA AWARD

The African Centre of Excellence for Genomics of Infectious Diseases (ACEGID) won the Sterling Bank's Most Outstanding Genomics Laboratory in Nigeria award during the 8th Nigeria Health Excellence Award (NHEA).

The award ceremony held on June 24th, 2022 at Eko Hotel & Suites, Victoria Island, Lagos. The award was received on behalf of the Centre by Dolo Nosamiefan, Program Manager at ACEGID.

“For us to make good progress in our public health, we must leverage technology for the surveillance, diagnostics, therapy, and management of infectious diseases,” said Prof. Christian Happi,



ACEGID's Director. “We are committed to generating and sharing the evidence needed to make informed policies. This award is dedicated to the young African scientists whose valiant work brought this recognition to ACEGID.”

The Centre had earlier been announced as a co-winner of the 2021 Al-Sumait Prize for African Development and had received the 2021 Gold Medal Prize Award from

the Nigerian Academy of Science.

ACEGID continues to lead the deployment of genomics to combat infectious diseases with the ultimate goal of hunting down pathogens before they can wreak havoc on humanity.

ACEGID emerged winner of the award after being nominated alongside three other genomics laboratories in the Special Recognition Award category of the NHEA.



Photos Speak



The Vice-Chancellor, Redeemer's University, Prof. Anthony Akinlo (middle); with his management team flanked by the Board Chairman, Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria, (NMCN) Dr Bola Ofi (fourth from the right) and her team during the Department of Nursing Science Accreditation in Redeemer's University, Ede, Osun State, Nigeria. Recently.



The Vice-Chancellor, Redeemer's University, Prof. Anthony Akinlo (third from the left); with the Director of the African Centre of Excellence for Genomics of Infectious Diseases (ACEGID), led by Prof. Christian Happi (fourth from the left) and the ACEGID team; Recently, the World Health Organization (WHO) delegates are on a facility tour of the ACEGID's facility.



The Vice-Chancellor, Redeemer's University, Prof. Anthony Akinlo (fourth from the left); wife of the VC, Prof. Olayinka Akinlo (third from the left) with his Management team flanked by Pastor and Pastor Mrs Johnson Adediran of RCCG Region 3, Osun State (middle); and his team during the courtesy visit to the University, recently.



The Vice-Chancellor, Redeemer's University, Prof. Anthony Akinlo (middle); flanked by Prof. Omar Rahaman, distinguished professor of Geology at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife (second from the left); with Architect Demilade Ajayi, representative of Josephus Institute of Earth Sciences Building (second from the right); Mrs Olayinka Otairu, Deputy Director, Directorate of Works and Physical Planning (left); and Dr Uzodimma Durugbo, Department of Biology, Redeemer's University (right) during the attendance note for the Inauguration of Josephus Institute of Earth Sciences, held at the VC's office. Recently.



The Provost, College of Postgraduate Studies, Prof. Ahmed Yerima (seventh from the right); Ede South Local Government Inspector, Mr. Adeniyi Adewale (Fifth from the right); Deputy Registrar, Academic Affairs, Mr. Akintola David (eighth from the left); University Chaplain, Pastor Akosile Gbenga (eighth from the right), and other participants flanked by the NYSC Corps Members during the awareness visit to Redeemer's University College of Post-Graduate Studies Programme for NYSC Corps Members currently serving in Ede-South Local Government The area held at the Redeemer's University Auditorium, recently



Provost, College of Postgraduate Studies, Prof. Ahmed Yerima (third from the right) while presenting the trophy to the winner (Faculty of Law) at the 3rd Redeemer's University Inter-Faculty Debate Competition held on the campus recently.

REDEEMER'S UNIVERSITY GOVERNING COUNCIL ABOLISHES TRANSCRIPT FEES

As part of efforts toward strengthening ties and encouraging the growth and development of the Alumni Association, the Governing Council of Redeemer's University Ede, has abolished the payment of transcript fees for its alumni seeking admission into postgraduate programmes within the College of Postgraduate Studies of the institution.

In a document by the Registrar and Secretary to Council, Mr. Olukayode Akindele, this decision was reached at the 65th Statutory Meeting of Council and is geared toward ensuring the advancement of the Alumni.

Reacting to the development, the Senior Alumni Relations Officer of the institution Mr. Olufemi Bellos lauded the Governing Council for being proactive in taking the decision as



according to him, “this is one of the things we have been working on to ensure that we have more alumni coming back to patronise the PG programmes of the university and in so doing, start contributing their quota towards the development of the university”. According to Mr. Bellos, you can only be committed where you are valued and the University has shown by this gesture, that the alumni are indeed valued.

It will be recalled that some time ago, in a bid to promote the postgraduate programmes of the university, the Governing Council made all masters programmes tuition-free for everyone, thereby providing easy access to quality education for desirous and qualified members of the public in line with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4 of the United Nations (UN).



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