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'I BROUGHT MY OWN SHOE'- PROF. S. O. AKINDELE, RUN NEW VC

Each time there is a change in leadership, people often talk about the 'big shoe' left behind by the predecessor which the successor may not fill because individuals are different and the shoe of the predecessor may either be oversized or undersized. I have good news for you all: I brought my own shoe."

This statement was contained in the opening remark made by Professor Shadrach Olufemi Akindele, the fourth substantive Vice-Chancellor of Redeemer's University Ede, who assumed duty on the 4th of December, 2023 during the unveiling ceremony organized by the University at its Senate Chamber.

Speaking at the event, Prof. Akindele outlined some of his agenda for the University, including the need for reconciliation and harmony to promoting team spirit among staff members, his unapologetic stance on faith integration and spiritual development in Redeemer's university, and his readiness to work towards fund generations. He stated that "expanding the revenue base of our university is a must if we are to avert crisis."

Prof. Akindele stated his willingness to work tirelessly to break

new ground to improve the University's revenue profile. He reiterated the need to establish more revenue-generating programmes to raise funds for the institution. He added that he would propose to council modest incentives that will motivate all stakeholders to be involved in fundraising.

He pledged that his administration will ensure that Redeemer's University achieve all-round excellence, training and linkages to enhance its ranking for better visibility. He promised to pursue accreditation with vigour, as he also stated his inclination to foster volunteering skills and community service, which will enhance the positioning of students in the international space.

As part of the efforts to make graduates internationally employable, Prof. Akindele highlighted his plan to introduce French as an internationally accepted language to interested students who desire to be relevant internationally.

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Pastor E. A. Odeyemi, who was represented by Prof. Oladele Balogun, Special Assistant to the General Overseer on




Prof. Shadrach Olufemi Akindele
Vice-Chancellor

Administration and also a member of the Council, was in attendance to present the new Vice-Chancellor to the Redeemer's University community.

The Deputy Vice-chancellor, Prof. Ahmed Parker Yerima, who had been holding forte the reins of leadership before the resumption of the new Vice-Chancellor, outlined the history of the University to the new VC and mentioned that his coming would serve as a great relief to him based on the burden of leadership that he had to shoulder in the last two months preceding the assumption of office of the new Vice-Chancellor.

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FIVE RUN LECTURERS MAKE THE TOP 500 RESEARCHERS IN NIGERIA

Five of the Redeemer's University lecturers are included in the GVe 2023 top most 500 Nigerian researchers as released by SciVal. SciVal is a research analytic tool for measuring metrics gathered from the Scopus dataset.

The five RUN lecturers included among the top 500 researchers in Nigeria in the just released document for 2023 are: Dr. Adesina Olanrewaju, Professor Christian Happi, Professor Adewale Adewuyi, Dr. Martins Omorogie and Dr. Felix Talabi.

Dr Olanrewaju Adesina once again ranked among the top 100 Researchers in Nigeria 2022 and 2023 by Scival/Elsevier. Dr. Olanrewaju Adesina is an Associate Professor and Acting Head of Department of Mechanical Engineering at Redeemer's University in Osun State, Nigeria.

Professor Christian Happi who is a distinguished Professor of Molecular Biology and Director of African Centre of Excellence for Genomics of Infectious Diseases situated in the university ranked 140, the duo of Professor Adewale Adewuyi ranked 201, Dr Martins Omorogie ranked 449 are senior faculty members in the Department of Chemical Sciences and Dr Felix Olajide Talabi, who is an Associate Professor of Mass Communication, ranked 469.

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Dr. Adesina Olanrewaju



Professor Christian Happi



Professor Adewale Adewuyi



Dr Martins Omorogie

Department of Mass Communication was among the only three Mass Communication scholars in Nigeria who made the list. Talabi is a Research Fellow at the INTI International University, Malaysia. He serves as an external examiner to many universities in Nigeria and South Africa and he has over 100 peer-reviewed publications to his credit.

SciVal is an Elsevier product that gives easy access to the research performance of over 8,500 research institutions and 220 nations worldwide. SciVal enables the individual to get access to comprehensive publication data drawn from Scopus, the largest abstract and citation database of peer-



Dr Felix Olajide Talabi

reviewed literature. It provides metrics from a top-level country to an individual researcher level spreading across all subject areas to a sub-category subject area. The analytical products and documents in Scopus and SciVal are used yearly by Times Higher Education (THE) for researchers and universities ranking all over the world.

NUC, RUN DENOUNCE LIST OF FAKE PROFESSORS IN NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has denounced the list of fake professors in some Nigerian Universities being circulated in the media by some mischief makers as reportedly published by a Lagos-based electronic media as untrue and could not have emanated from the apex regulatory educational body without due consultation with their accredited universities.

According to Dr. Noel Abiodun Saliu, Deputy Executive Secretary in Charge of its Academic Directorate, he explained that such information should be taken as mischievous and unfounded; and could not have emanated from the National Universities Commission (NUC).

He asserted that such publication should be taken as the handiwork of mischief-makers who are out to destroy the hard-earned reputation of



those prestigious institutions whose names were mentioned and to undermine the work of the apex regulatory educational agency.

In a statement made available by Adetunji Adeleye, Deputy Director, Corporate Affairs Directorate, Redeemer's University, Ede, Osun State, he rejected, denounced and dissociated the university from such abominable publication.

He noted that the persons whose names were listed as professors in Redeemer's University are NOT our staff and have never worked in

Redeemer's University at any point in time, in ANY capacity whatsoever. He hereby informed the public that "these 'professors' are not known to us and anyone who deals with them as individuals or a group, do so at his or her own risk".

He warned the public to be wary of fake news and advised them to always cross-check facts from the National Universities Commission which is the apex regulatory educational body that oversees universities in Nigeria.

RUN VC COMMISSIONS NEW LIQUID-PACKAGING MACHINE AT RUN BUSINESS VENTURES

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Shadrach Akindele has commissioned a state-of-the-art automatic liquid packaging machine acquired by the Redeemer's University Business Ventures (RUN CONSULT) recently.

During the commissioning ceremony, Prof. Akindele noted that the use of the automatic liquid packaging machine would create an educational opportunity for students volunteering at the Venture. He added that it would allow them to learn practical skills while contributing to its operations. "The advanced technology would streamline operations and provide students with valuable skills through hands-on experience", he said.

While speaking at the event, RUN Business Ventures Manager, Mr. Adepoju Adewunmi revealed that the automatic liquid packaging machine can seal an impressive forty sachets of



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Shadrach Akindele recently commissioned the new Liquid-Packaging Machine at Redeemer's University Business Ventures.

water in one minute, this outweighs manual processes, enabling packagers to increase production output.

According to him, introducing this cutting-edge technology aligns with Redeemer's University's

commitment to fostering a conducive learning environment and equipping students with practical skills beyond the classroom. The automatic liquid packaging machine would enhance the production capability of the outfit.

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY TO PARTNER WITH REDEEMER'S UNIVERSITY

Liberty University, a prominent faith-based institution in the United States of America, has expressed interest in establishing a strategic partnership with Redeemer's University. The initiative was communicated during a courtesy visit to Redeemer's University by representatives from Liberty University.

Professor Ben Kalu, M.D., a distinguished Professor of Biology and the Faculty Chair at Liberty University, led the delegation during the discussion with the Deans and Directors of Redeemer's University to express their desire to establish a collaborative relationship between the two educational institutions.

Prof. Kalu underscored Liberty University's steadfast commitment to its Christian foundation. He described the institution as "unapologetic" about its faith in Christ. He further reiterated the significance of Liberty University's unwavering commitment to faith in an environment where the mention of 'Christ' is sometimes perceived as unsettling to the status quo. The proposed collaboration therefore



Middle: Vice-Chancellor, Redeemer's University, Prof. Shadrach Akindele flanked by the Chair & Professor of Biology, Liberty University, US, Prof. Ben Kalu (third from left) and his wife (fourth from the right); the management team, and other senior members of staff during the courtesy visit of Liberty University delegates.

seeks to break new ground in fostering understanding and cooperation between institutions with strong religious affiliations.

The focal point of the discourse centred around the proposal for an exchange program between the two universities. Professor Kalu asserted that such an initiative would facilitate academic exchange and serve as a bridge between the diverse cultural and

educational backgrounds of both institutions.

The partnership aims to create a platform for collaborative research, faculty exchanges, and joint academic programs. As discussion progresses, both Liberty University and Redeemer's University are poised to explore avenues that will elevate their academic standing and contribute to the global discourse on the integration of faith in higher education.

ENCOMIUM, EULOGIES AS UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN RETIRES

The pioneer chaplain of the Redeemer's University was recently celebrated by the University staff as well as the Association of Nigerian University Professional Administrators (ANUPA) RUN chapter and students as he retired from the services of the university.

Pastor Akosile who joined the university on April 2nd, 2007 served the university in various capacities including being the Chairman of the committee that composed the university anthem in 2007. He became the Director of Chaplaincy in 2022 and he served in that capacity till his retirement. Pastor Akosile's tenure was marked not only by his spiritual leadership but also by the enduring generosity that defined his character.

The event was cloaked with an atmosphere of celebration as ANUPA RUN chapter joined in the chorus of admiration. Mrs. Mojisola Oje, who is the Registrar, Redeemer's University also spoke of Pastor Akosile's thoughtful generosity. "Baba gives with much thoughtfulness," she said. This captures the essence of his benevolent spirit.

The University Librarian, Dr. Adeleke who was also in attendance acknowledged Pastor Akosile as a 'father figure', The sentiment was echoed by other younger colleagues who highlighted the unique connection they shared despite the generational gap. According to Mr. Ademola Adedeji, "Despite the age difference between Baba and I," he remarked, "we relate and gist about sports, drama, and other things. I want to thank you, sir, for this privilege."

As the send-forth unfolded,



Registrar, Mrs. Mojisola Oje presenting gift to Pastor Samuel Akosile during the sendforth held in his honour.

various members of the university staff conveyed their heartfelt messages of appreciation. Each testimonial resonated with gratitude for Pastor Akosile's impact on both individual lives and the university chapel. The collective sentiment expressed gratitude for his service to Redeemer's University as a whole.

In response to the overwhelming goodwill messages, Pastor Akosile, with humility and gratitude, expressed his appreciation for the university's show of love. He urged everyone present to continue serving the university with dedication,

emphasizing the importance of considering their service as unto the Lord. His parting words underscored the significance of maintaining strong relationships with one another, reinforcing the sense of unity that defined his tenure.

As the curtains closed on this chapter of Pastor Samuel Akosile's journey, the air was filled not only with the echoes of appreciation but also with the lasting impact of a man who had touched the lives of many. The send-forth was not just a farewell; it was a celebration of a legacy that would endure in the hearts and minds of the Redeemer's University community.



Middle: The pioneer chaplain, Pastor Samuel Akosile flanked by the Association of Nigerian University Professional Administrators (ANUPA) during the sendforth held in his honour.

Photo Speak



Vice-Chancellor, Redeemer's University, Prof. Shadrach Akindele (seventh from the right); Professor of Forestry, Federal University of Agriculture Abeokuta (FUNAAB), Prof. Adegboyega Aduradola (seventh from the left) and his Wife, Prof. Remi Aduradola and other management team with Deans of Faculties and Directors of Directorates, during Annual Staff Retreat at the SAPETRO Hall in the University Campus, Ede.



Vice-Chancellor, Redeemer's University, Ede, Prof. Shadrack Akindele (fifth from the left) flanked by Chair and Professor, Centre for Natural Sciences, Liberty University, US, Prof. Ben Kalu (fifth from the right) and his Wife, Prof. Amy Kalu (middle) and other management team with Deans and Directors and among other of the University staff, during the Annual Staff Retreat Day 2 at the SAPETRO Hall, Ede.



Middle: Vice-Chancellor, Redeemer's University, Prof. Shadrach Akindele; and his wife; General Overseer, Christ Proclaimers Global Mission, Ibadan, Rev. Sunday Awe (fifth from left); other management team; Deans of the Faculties and Directors of Directorates during January 2024 covenant hour tagging the new beginning at the University Auditorium, Ede.



Standing from L-R: Registrar, Mrs. Mojola Oje; Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ahmed Verima; Council Member, Prof. Oladele Balogun; New Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Shadrach Akindele and his Wife; University Librarian, Dr. Akinniyi Adeleke and Ag. Bursar, Mrs. Patience Sallu, during the Assumption of Office of the fourth Substance Vice-Chancellor at the Office of the Vice-Chancellor, Ede.



His Royal Majesty, Oba Munirudeen Adesola Lawal, LAMINISA 1, (third from the left) flanked by the New Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Shadrach Akindele (middle) and his Wife and other management team, during courtesy visit of Redeemer's University management team to the palace of Timi Ede.



Middle: Vice-Chancellor, Redeemer's University, Prof. Shadrach Akindele; and his wife; General Overseer, Christ Proclaimers Global Mission, Ibadan, Rev. Sunday Awe (3rd from left) and other management team during January 2024 covenant hour tagging the new beginning at the University Auditorium, Ede.



A cross section of December 2023 Celebrants



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