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REDEEMER'S UNIVERSITY MATRICULATES 2,033 STUDENTS

The Vice-Chancellor of Redeemer's University Ede, Prof. Shadrach Akindele, has urged the new students of the institution to strive for excellence and not settle for mediocrity. He gave this charge at the 19th matriculation ceremony, which held recently.

Speaking to the 2,033 matriculating students, Prof. Akindele said that the event was a significant milestone as it was his first matriculation as the fourth substantive vice-chancellor of the institution. He pointed the students to the University's values, underscoring the mission of pursuing truth, wisdom, and understanding in alignment with the Christian principles of love, compassion, and justice.

The new helmsman, who is a forest biometrician with a remarkable record of mentoring students in higher institutions, admonished the students to view their time in school as an opportunity for academic achievement, personal spiritual growth, passion exploration, purpose discovery, and the cultivation of lasting relationships. He stressed the importance of approaching academics with a spirit of inquiry and intellectual curiosity.

He congratulated parents and



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Shadrach Akindele delivering his address at the 2024 matriculation event.

guardians, urging them to collaborate with the institution to nurture the students into future role models. Akindele advised the matriculating students to draw strength from challenges, expressing gratitude to God for the ceremony and declaring, "Indeed, our Redeemer is Strong." In line with the Redeemer's University tradition, he christened them "Mountain Top Set," emphasizing that they belong to the top.


The 19th matriculation ceremony of Redeemer's University witnessed 1,841 undergraduates and

192 postgraduate students taking the matriculation oath for the 2023/2024 academic session.



A cross section of new students during the matriculation ceremony

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8th from the Left: Managing Director, SESBY Travels, Mrs. Adeola Sesby-Banjoh flanked by the management team, staff and students during the maiden edition of the Faculty of Management Sciences Lecture Series.

CEO SESBY TRAVELS PLEDGES ENDOWMENTS TO RUN STUDENTS

In line with the mandate of rewarding academic excellence, the Redeemer's University Ede, through its outreach to corporate organizations and individuals, has received a pledge of fifty thousand naira each for the best graduating female student in Hospitality and Tourism Studies with a minimum of second-class upper division and best-graduating student in Transport Management for the next ten years from the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of Sesby Travels Limited, Lagos, Mrs Adeola Sesby-Banjoh.

The Sesby Travel boss, who is a tourism expert, announced this during the maiden Faculty of Management Science Lecture Series recently held at the Sapetro Lecture Theatre, Faculty of Engineering building.

Speaking at the event,

she noted the vital connection between theory and practice in education. She defined "Nexus" as the link between theoretical knowledge and real-life situations, highlighting the importance of theory in explaining phenomena and guiding practical applications. She stressed the need for employers to facilitate smooth integration and transition for new employees, focusing on talent management, performance, and development. "employers must focus on talent management principles, employee performance, and development," she said.

Mrs Adeola highlighted that the goal of employee integration extends beyond profit-making to ensure employee satisfaction and fulfilment. She urged employers to provide support and

resources for struggling employees, emphasizing teamwork over unhealthy competition to achieve organizational goals.

While encouraging the students, she advised them to seek internships in organizations, emphasizing the invaluable real-time experience that would be gained.

In the same vein, Professor Kenneth Okpala, a lecturer in the Accounting department, Faculty of Management Science, supported this advice, noting that in developed countries, the choice of courses is influenced by industry needs. He called on employers to create productive atmospheres for employees to thrive, citing the diminishing presence of training schools for graduates in major Nigerian companies, thereby affecting overall productivity.



The Deputy Director & Head, Migrant Resource Centre of the Federal Ministry of Labour & Employment, Ms. Maurine Ovie (5th from the Left); Management team; Director, CGHDS, Dr. Oluwatoyin Ilesanmi and other participants during the seminar organised by the Centre for Gender, Humanitarian and Development Studies (CGHDS).

RUN VC, EXPERT DECRY INCREASE IN ILLEGAL MIGRATION

The Vice-Chancellor of Redeemer's University, Prof Shadrach Akindele, who was represented by the Provost, College of Post Graduate, Prof. Olalere Adeyemi has expressed concern over the rate of illegal migration from the country despite the obvious danger attached to it. He further advised the students, particularly those who have decided to travel abroad, to employ the right channel to avoid falling victims of slavery. This was said at an advocacy programme organized by the Centre for Gender, Humanitarian and Development Studies (CGHDS) in collaboration with the Migrant Resource Center of the Ministry of Labour and Employment recently in Redeemer's University, Ede to sensitise students in Osun State.

The Deputy Director and the Head of the Migrant Resource Centre of the Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment, Maurine Ovie, disclosed that over 24,000 Nigerians were returned in the last seven years while some others are still living without hope.

She disclosed this, during an institutional advocacy and community-focused training workshop for university students and community-based relevant stakeholders titled Promoting effective labour migration, decent work, and standardized recruitment process.

According to Ovie, "The effect of Japa syndrome is having a lot of effect on our youth." In the last seven years, over 24,000 Nigerians who are on irregular migration have returned, many have died, and many did not have hope of being returned whether alive or half dead.

"Irregular migration is on the increase despite its dangers. From our last advocacy, we discovered that Ejigbo is a high corridor for traffic routes. What we are telling them is that they should migrate in the right way. They should know a safe and orderly route. The Federal Government is concerned and it's playing its role to reduce menace of illegal migration which is why we are having this advocacy," Ovie said.

She lamented that graduates

are not utilizing the opportunity of about 9,000 openings for jobs available with the ministry because some of them have made up their minds to travel out of the country.

The Acting Director, of the Centre for Gender, Humanitarian and Development Studies, Redeemer's University, Dr Oluwatoyin Ilesanmi, explained that the university is making frantic efforts to educate the final year students to avoid illegal migration.

She said, "We discover through research and happenings in the global communities that japa has become one of the major causes of humanitarian crisis especially those who travel through irregular means because they go into indecent employment and many of them die in transit while crossing the ocean. Some of them become undocumented migrants thereby going through a lot of suffering, while some become commercial sex workers by force."

HAPPI, OTHERS BAG HLF ROLE MODEL AWARDS

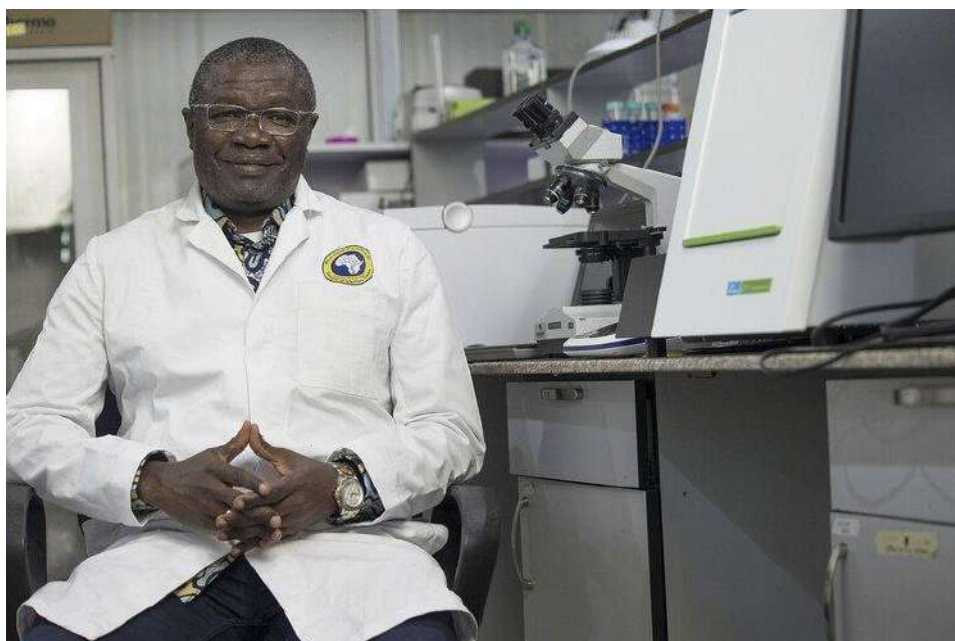
Prof. Christian Happi, who is the Director of African Centre of Excellence for Genomics of Infectious Diseases (ACEGID) at the Redeemer's University, Ede, Osun State and others, have been selected for the Hallmarks of Labour Foundation (HLF) Role Model Award for this year.

The President of the Academy of Medicine Specialties and consultant reproductive endocrinologist, Prof Oladapo Ashiru, disclosed this recently; he expressed happiness over the development, saying the Academy is very proud of them.

As fellows of the Academy of Medicine Specialties, among other professional bodies, they were selected for the honour based on their exemplary contributions to medicine and science, respectively and to humanity across Africa.

“Both Happi and other winners have demonstrated their knowledge and wealth of experiences to achieve great success in their areas of specializations and advancement of the course of science generally in Africa,” he said

HLF Role Model Award is designed by the foundation to identify and celebrate Africans, particularly Nigerians, who



Prof Christian Happi, Director of African Centre of Excellence for Genomics of Infectious Diseases at the Redeemer's University, Ede, Osun State

have achieved success not by fraudulent means but through due diligence, hard work, honesty and integrity in their respective fields of endeavours to promote positive values among younger generations and make Nigeria attains greatness among committee of nations.

Some eminent Nigerians who were past winners of the award and still alive or dead included Prof. Peter Okebukola; Prof Wole Soyinka, Prof. Oladapo Ashiru, Prof. Ngozi Okonjo- Iweala, Prof. Attahiru Jega, Prof. Oyewale Tomori, Prof. Osato Giwa-Osagie, Prof. Tonnie Osa Iredia, Prof. Ekanem Braide, Chief Lateef Jakande, Chief Folake Solanke, Dr. Josephine Okei-Odumakin, Dr. Molade Okoya-Thomas, Mr. Raji Fashola, Mr. Femi Falana,

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Receiving the news of Happi's choice for this year's award, the Vice-Chancellor of Redeemer's University, Prof. Shadrach Akindele, commended the awardee for his resilience, passion and dedication as he continue to raise the bar of academic excellence in his field. He admonished him to continue to work harder to elevate his work among his peers globally.



Dr Oluseyi Alakija, Chaplain, Redeemer's University (RUN) Ede (left); Pastor Steve Odesomi, representative of RCCG National Youth Affairs; Engr. Sean Olabode Badiru, Chairman, CIPM Ogun State Branch; Prof. Shadrach Olufemi Akindele, Vice Chancellor, RUN; Dr Sola Owoeye, RCCG National Youth Pastor; and Pastor Olaoluwa Abioye, Assistant National Youth Pastor, during the visit to the university.

RUN, TWO OTHERS PARTNER ON EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

The chartered Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria (CIPM), the RCCG National Young Adults and Youth Affairs, and Redeemer's University, Ede, Osun State have birthed a collaboration between academia and industry to empower students.

The institute and the RCCG group National Young Adults and Youth Affairs body made the commitment during a courtesy visit to the University's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shadrach Olufemi Akindele, in his office.

Key issues discussed during the visit included strategies for enhancing student engagement in career development, fostering entrepreneurial skills, nurturing leadership qualities, and facilitating the admission of university leadership into CIPM. These discussions underscored the shared commitment of all parties

involved to equip students with the necessary tools and resources to thrive in today's competitive landscape.

The Vice-Chancellor affirmed the university's readiness to collaborate by agreeing to host a two-day professional development seminar in partnership with CIPM. This seminar aims to provide students with practical insights and guidance to navigate the complexities of the job market and emerge as competent professionals in their respective fields.

Furthermore, Prof. Shadrach Akindele expressed willingness to explore the offer extended by CIPM regarding the admission of university leadership into the institute, recognizing the potential benefits of such a partnership in fostering mutual

growth and development.

As the collaboration between CIPM, RCCG Youth Affairs, and Redeemer's University gains momentum, it heralds a new era of partnership and innovation in education, promising a brighter future for students as they embark on their journey towards personal and professional success.

In attendance at the meeting were the National Youth Pastor of RCCG, Pastor Sola Owoeye, ACIPM; Assistant National Youth Pastor of RCCG, Pastor Olaoluwa Abioye, ACIPM; and Chairman, CIPM, Ogun State Branch, Engr. Sean Olabode Badiru, MCIPM, whose presence underscored the commitment of both CIPM and RCCG to supporting initiatives aimed at youth empowerment and development.



Brigadier General Aliyu Abdulkareem, Commander General for the Nigerian Army Engineering Command (4th from left), flanked by the Management team Redeemer's University; Provost, CPGS and others,

PROACTIVE SECURITY MEASURES BETTER THAN PAYING RANSOM- BRIGADIER GENERAL

The new Commander of the Nigerian Army Engineering Command Ede, Brigadier General Aliyu Abdulkareem, has called on citizens of Osun State to adopt proactive security measures to avert threats to lives and properties of individuals and institutions in the state.

The General made this statement recently, during a courtesy visit to the Redeemer's University Ede, in a bid to collaborate with the university in the area of security. He stated the readiness of the command in supporting the institution on security matters as the need arises. "Do not hesitate to notify the army command to bring to light any security situation that is bothersome before it gets out of hand," he said.

The Vice-Chancellor of Redeemer's University, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ahmed Yerima, appreciated the Command's visit and pledged the

institution's cooperation to keep working with security agencies to protect lives and properties within and around Osun State.

In a related development, the Division Officer, Ede-South, Osun State Command of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC), Oladosun Olajide SP recently paid a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor of Redeemer's University.

The visit, according to the command, was to collaborate with the institution, pledging their continued support to maintaining peace and sanity within Ede, Osun State and its environs. While welcoming the leadership of the command, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Shadrach Akindele, appreciated the agency's offer to collaborate with the institution. He lauded the leadership of the NSCDC for their cooperation in the past, saying that their activities together with other security agencies have

gone a long way in maintaining peace within and outside the university community. He also congratulated the new commander, who in turn promised to work assiduously with the institution to enhance the security situation in Ede.

The NSCDC team leader promised to organize workshops to further train citizens for better security cooperation in society. "We will be available to help curb the menace caused by Herdsmen and those who break into the school premises at night," he said.



The Nigeria Security & Civil Defense Corp's Division Officer, Ede South, Oladosu Olajide SP (3rd from left); his team; Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Shadrach Akindele (middle) and Redeemer's University Chief Security Officer, Mr. Samuel Oginni (Left) during NSCDC courtesy visit to Redeemer's University.



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