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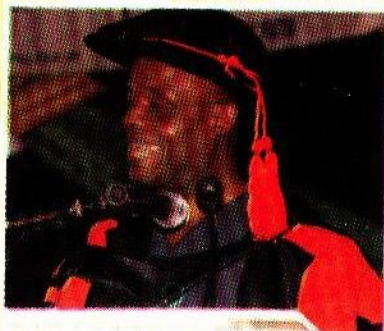
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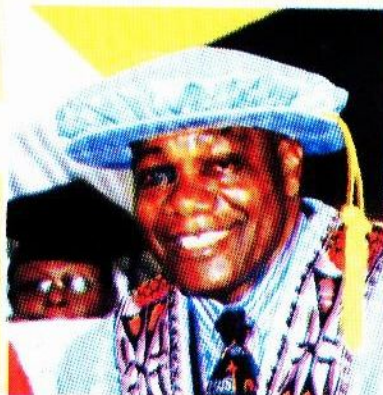
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Prof. Amagh Nduka



Prof. Celestine Onwuliri



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- to offer to the general population, as a form of public service, the results of training and research and to foster the practical applications of these results;
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## Editor's COMMENT

**T**he customer is king is a common parlance. Therefore, simply put, the student is king in the university system and in FUTO.

That being so, we at **FUTO News** are very happy to bring you on pages 5, 6 and 7, heartwarming news of our 'customers' - our joy and pride - FUTO Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) who have conquered the SIFE domain in Nigeria. They top the *Business Roundtable Competition* and are home with the SIFE National Trophy. By their achievement the SIFE-FUTO team will represent Nigeria at the SIFE World Cup scheduled for October 2-12, 2010 in Los Angeles, USA.

Other landmark events on our pages include the establishment of FUTO's new School of Environmental Sciences and Technology (SOET) with five academic programmes and the Philosophy of Science and Technology Degree programme under the Directorate of General Studies, coming 20 years after it was first proposed.

The first ever valedictory lecture in FUTO on page 9 tells you of Prof. Amagh Nduka, former Vice-Chancellor and professor of Theoretical Physics and Applied Mathematics and his 'Third Revolution in Science' with a photo story on page 10.

On page 11, we bring you the unanimous election and consequent appointment of Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri, current FUTO Vice-Chancellor as Alternate Chairman, Committee of Vice-Chancellors.

From the 19th public lecture by FUTO alumnus Dr. Theodore Onyeche to the giant strides made by FUTO Consult Limited to the visit of His Grace Most Rev. Alaba Job and His Grace Most Rev. Ignatius Kaigama to FUTO, we invite you to read and enjoy.

- Adaeze Okany

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# FUTO EMERGES AS NATIONAL CHAMPION IN THE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE COMPETITION AND IS NIGERIA'S REPRESENTATIVE TO SIFE WORLD CUP IN LOS ANGELES

## -SIFE Nigeria Country Director Visits FUTO

After months of intense preparations and keen competition the SIFE-FUTO (Students in Free Enterprise) team emerged as the National Champion at the 2010 SIFE Nigeria National Competition organised and sponsored by SIFE Nigeria in partnership with some corporate giants-Coca-Cola, MTN, KPMG, Idomie, First Bank and GT Bank - at the Sheraton Hotels, Abuja from July 8-9, 2010. The team's presentation of several micro-businesses and educational outreach project which created and expanded economic opportunities for FUTO host communities satisfied the judging criteria.

A team of over 50 from the corporate world adjudged the projects as having made the highest impact when compared to those of the other 39 teams. These projects impacted 6,141 people and had a gross impression of 20,204,462. By their achievement, SIFE-FUTO team will represent Nigeria at SIFE World Cup scheduled for October 2-12, 2010 in Los Angeles, USA.

Concurrently, the Faculty Advisor of the SIFE-FUTO Team, Dr. O.T. Ebinga who was adjudged to be ahead of other faculty advisors from other tertiary institutions in mentoring competence bagged the 'SIFE Nigeria Faculty Advisor of the

Year Award'. Given the full and unrivalled support and encouragement the team received from the Vice-Chancellor, which contributed in no small measure to their brilliant and excellent performance, FUTO Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O.E. Onwuliri was awarded the '2010 Most Outstanding Vice-Chancellor in Nigeria' by the Association of SIFE Students Network in Nigeria.

Following this victory, the SIFE-Nigeria Country Director, Mrs. Adesuwa Ifedi visited FUTO to discuss modalities for the SIFE-FUTO team's representation of Nigeria in the United States of America. The Country Director stated that SIFE was all about young people with leadership traits that can inspire change in the world.

In a vote of thanks the Faculty Advisor, SIFE-FUTO, Dr. O.T. Ebinga was full of praises for the Vice-Chancellor for his confidence in, and massive institutional support to the team. He also thanked the Country Director for her assistance during the competition and reported that the team has since gone back to earnest work.

The visit ended with the presentation of a merit award by the team leader, Alison Opara to Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri as the 2010 Most Outstanding Vice-Chancellor in Nigeria, having contributed to changing lives around the world. A raincoat and laptop bag made from waste sachet water bags were also presented to the Country

Director by the SIFE-FUTO winning team.

Meanwhile the Vice-Chancellor has received the SIFE national trophy and laurel won by the SIFE-FUTO team during a presentation ceremony on August 18, 2010 at the Vice-Chancellor's conference room. He charged them to improve on their performance and never to rest on their oars. Prof. Onwuliri also warned them against pride as he stated that "it is not yet uhuru" until you go to Los Angeles USA and bring back home the SIFE world cup". The VC promised that the university will do all within its power to support the team both morally and financially to enable them bring home the world trophy. He immediately approved a new set of costumes for the team.

The Vice-Chancellor congratulated and thanked the members of the team for a job well done and also commended the Faculty Advisor for his hardwork in grooming the FUTO SIFE Team.

SIFE is a student-based non-profit organisation that aims at creating a better and more sustainable world through the positive power of business and entrepreneurship. It is a global network for the improvement of life of people around the world through the teaching of the principles and values of free market economics. SIFE has its presence in 50 countries and is domiciled in about 1,800 universities globally. In Nigeria, there are currently 49 SIFE teams from universities and polytechnics.

-Chris Ogu and Ademola Adelukun



SIFE FUTO team leader, Alison Opara receiving the trophy at the end of the SIFE National Competition.



## SIFE- FUTO TEAM IS NATIONAL CHAMPION



The jubilant SIFE-FUTO team celebrating their victory.



Alison Opara making a speech after the announcement of FUTO SIFE team as national champion. Far right is Dr. O.T. Ebinga, *SIFE Nigeria Faculty Advisor of the Year* watching his team with pride.

## SIFE- FUTO TEAM IS NATIONAL CHAMPION



Celebration galore!



The camera focuses on Michael Ndukwu, SIFE Coach, Presentation Crew in kneeling position glorifying God for their victory.



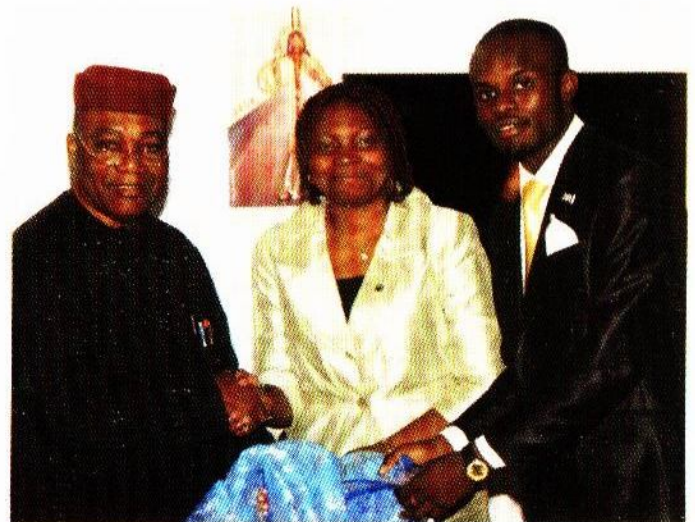
Alison Opara, Team Leader, SIFE FUTO presenting the 2010 SIFE national trophy to the Vice-Chancellor. Prof. E.T. Eshett, DVC Academic seen applauding.



Prof. Onwuliri congratulating Dr. O.T. Ebingra, SIFE Nigeria Faculty Advisor of the Year for a splendid performance.



Two of the four presenters during the presentation ceremony at the VC's conference room.



SIFE Courtesy Director, Mrs. Adesuwu Ifedi being congratulated by the VC on receiving the raincoat and laptop bags (made from waste sachet water bags) from Mr. Alison Opara.



## A 7TH SCHOOL FOR FUTO -School of Environmental Sciences and Technology

A new school has been established in the Federal University of Technology, Owerri. The new School of Environmental Sciences and Technology (S'EOET) is expected to commence academic activities in the 2010/2011 academic session with five departments: Department of Landscape Architecture, Department of Building Technology, Department of Quantity Surveying, Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics

and the Department of Urban and Regional Planning.

Meanwhile a building for the new school is under construction and progressing rapidly.

A resource assessment visit to the new school by the National Universities Commission is expected soon, as communicated to the Vice-Chancellor in a letter dated Sept 15, 2010 and signed by Dr. G.B. Kumo, NUC Deputy Director (Undergraduate Programmes).

## FUTO IS NOW A TRAINING CENTRE FOR MECHATRONICS

The Federal University of Technology, Owerri has been selected by the National Universities Commission (NUC) as expert certification training centre in Mechatronics for the South-East geo-political zone of Nigeria.

FUTO was adjudged by the NUC as a major stakeholder and the best suited university for the establishment of standard curricula for undergraduate degree programme in Mechatronics, an emerging and essential engineering discipline relevant to industrial development.

To achieve an immediate implementation of the pilot scheme, FUTO has been mandated by the National Universities Commission to submit a comprehensive proposal to the Education Trust Fund for funding under the special intervention fund for the establishment of the basic training laboratory adequate for the implementation of standard curriculum for undergraduate programme in Mechatronics; and the establishment of FESTO Intermediate Training Laboratory and FESTO Authorised and Certified Training Centre (FACT) for the expert professional/technical training and international certification in Mechatronics.

## 20 YEARS AFTER, DIRECTORATE OF GENERAL STUDIES OFFERS PIONEER DEGREE PROGRAMME

A new academic programme, Philosophy of Science and Technology has been established under the Directorate of General Studies commencing in the 2010/2011 academic year.

This landmark achievement is coming 20 years after a resolution by the Senate of the University at its 103<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on October 25, 1990 to establish a Department of Philosophy of Science and Technology.



The new Directorate of General Studies building

# PROF. AMAGH NDUKA AND HIS THIRD REVOLUTION IN SCIENCE

The academia will not forget Wednesday, September 1, 2010 in a hurry as Prof. Amagh Nduka, renowned professor of Theoretical Physics and Applied Mathematics propounded "the third revolution in Science" while delivering the first valedictory lecture of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri at the Hall of Mercy, FUTO.

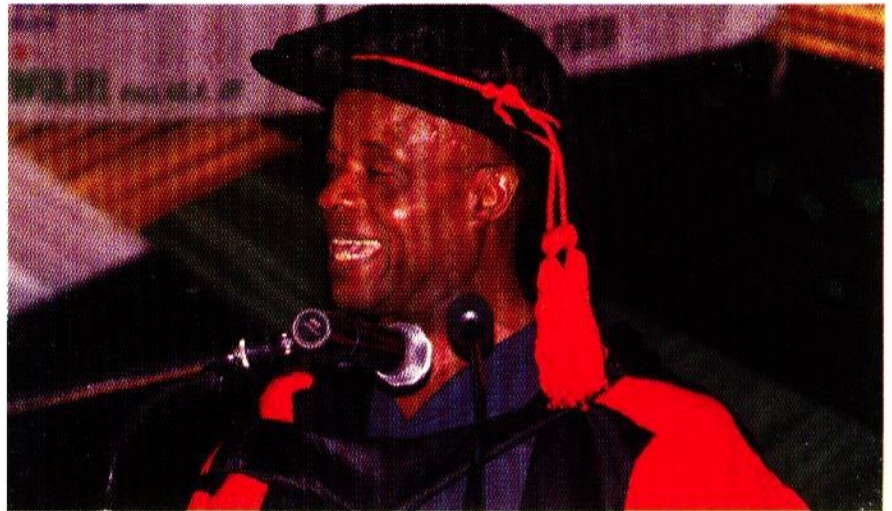
The renowned academic in his lecture took the audience on a re-evaluation of the history of Physics dating back to the 6th Century B.C. According to Prof. Nduka, the Third Revolution in Science (TRS) is a non-causal and chaotic phenomena with a dimensionality of 8 having no corresponding absolute states of rest. He further postulated that Isaac Newton's 3-dimensional Euclidean theory and the 4-dimensional pseudoeuclidean theory of J.C. Maxwell and Albert Einstein are just partitions of the dimensionality of 8; the nucleus of all fundamental physical processes, geometrically defined as  $8 = (2 + 3:3), (3:3 + 2)$ .

According to the research scientist Nduka, 30 years of research are summarised in the three great laws of physics: the Dimensionality Law; and the Invariant Operator Law. The third is the Parity Operator Law which states that the matter world and antimatter world are electrically neutral and connected by the parity operator: matter antimatter symmetry in the fermion world and matter antimatter asymmetry in the boson world. He further explained that the TRS has established that antimatter and matter-antimatter are two hitherto unknown and untapped energy sources. "All of nature's chaotic phenomena e.g. natural disasters (earthquakes, hurricane, typhoons, tornadoes, cyclones), climate, weather, global warming are completed accounted for by TRS, he stated.

He observed that just as nature is endowed with four fundamental forces and the Igbo believe that the basic "essences" of the universe are four: God, man, sky and earth with the numbers 1,2,3, and 4 regarded as being sacred, the motive elements of

development are four -politics, science, technology and economy. "The technology is dictated by the science, the economy by the technology, the politics by the economy and the science by the politics - this is the magic wand. Africans'

The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Prof. C.O.E Onwuliri in a tribute to the valedictorian noted that he had contributed to the growth of FUTO through service in various capacities, even beyond retirement.

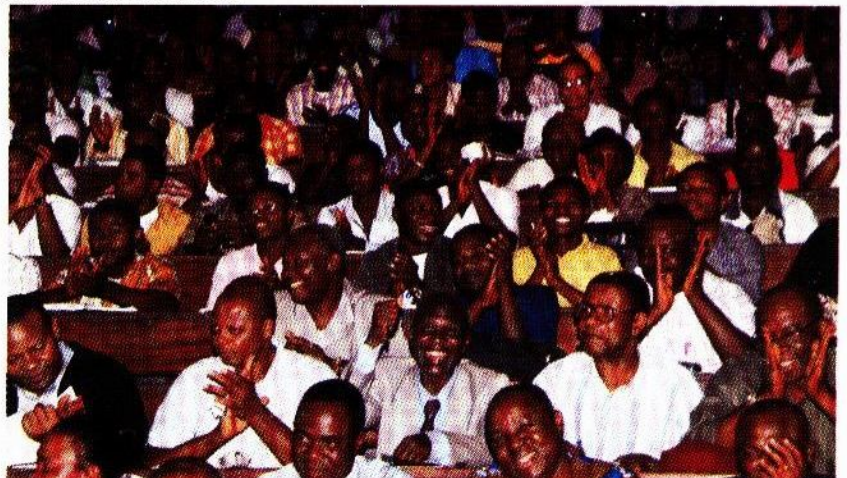


**Prof. Amagh Nduka**  
delivering the 1st Valedictory Lecture on Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2010 at the Hall of Mercy, FUTO

awkward predicament and misery will persist so long as they fail to understand this" Prof. Amagh Nduka concluded.

Earlier, the Honourable Minister of Science and Technology, Prof. Mohammed Ka' Oje Abubakar who was represented by Engr. Charles N. Agulanna, in his speech, noted with pride the great contribution of Prof. Nduka to the development of education in the country and urged the young lecturers to learn from his commitment and dedication to service.

Professor Nduka joined the Federal University of Technology, Owerri in October 1981 as the pioneer professor of Physics. He served as pioneer Dean, Postgraduate School from 1984- 1987 and became the Vice-Chancellor of the university in 1987. The distinguished physicist has served for many years as Resource Scientist and Course Organiser for Theoretical Physics and Applied Mathematics at the National Mathematical Centre, Abuja and is currently focused on Quantum Geometrodynamics.

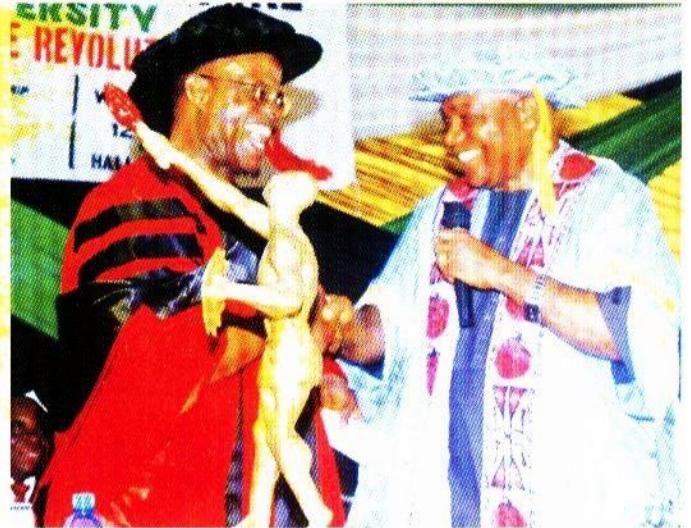


**Hearty cheers for Prof. Amagh Nduka during the lecture.**

# PHOTO STORY OF 1ST VALEDICTORY LECTURE



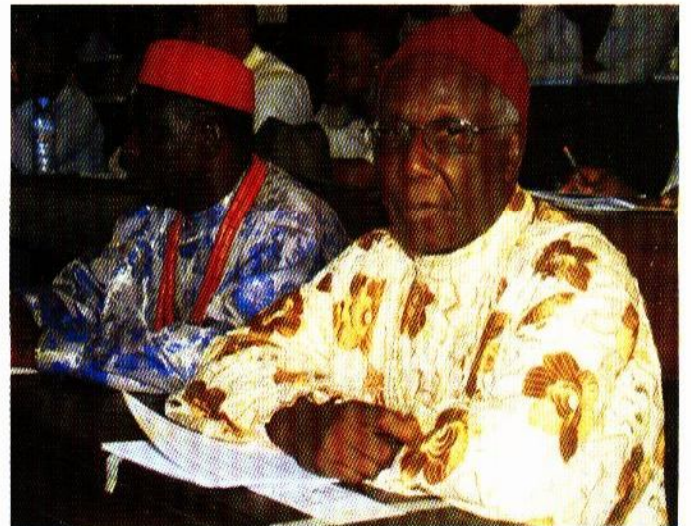
Engr. Charles Agulanna, representative of the Honorable Minister of Science & Technology making a speech at the occasion.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri, FAS in a warm handshake with Prof. Amagh Nduka after presenting him the university memento.



L-R: Chief J.E Nwogu, Prof. C.C. Ntamere, Engr. C. Agulanna, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri, Prof. Amagh Nduka, Prof. B.A. Nwachukwu, Prof. E.T. Eshett and Prof. M.O.E. Iwuala.



L-R: HRH Eze Lucky Okoro, Eze Oha III of Eziobodo and HRH Eze A.C. Enyinnaya, Nzeukwu 1 of Obinze.



Prof. Amagh Nduka with the Vice-Chancellor, Senate members and students.



Prof. Amagh Nduka in a group photo with the Vice-Chancellor, DVC Academic, Dean, SOSC and other staff of the Department of Physics.



# PROF. ONWULIRI IS CVC ALTERNATE CHAIRMAN

**F**UTO Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O.E. Onwuliri has been appointed the Alternate Chairman, Committee of Vice-Chancellors following his unanimous election at the at the CVC meeting of June 28, 2010.

The appointment was conveyed to the Vice-Chancellor in a letter dated July 2, 2010

signed by Prof. J.D. Amin, CVC Secretary-General. By this election, Prof. Onwuliri is expected to work closely with the CVC Chairman, Prof. Ikenna Onyido, Vice-Chancellor, Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike to run the affairs of the committee in liaison with CVC Secretary-General for the next one year.



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

## Vice-Chancellor MAKES OFFICIAL TRIPS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND SWEDEN

**T**he Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri attended an education summit organised by the Nigerians in Diaspora Organisation-New Jersey, USA (NIDOA-NJ) in collaboration with the Committee of Deans of Postgraduate Schools (CDPGS) from July 11-18, 2010. The objective of the summit with theme; "Research and Education in Nigeria Universities: Agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" was to establish a dynamic partnership between CDPGS and NIDOA-NJ for the enhancement of effective and purpose driven research and education in Nigerian universities.

The Vice-Chancellor also used the opportunity offered by the visit to interact with partner-institutions, the FUTO Alumni

Association in Diaspora and to recruit some notable scholars in Engineering.

Similarly, a new collaboration has been established between Halmstad University, Sweden and the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, following a working academic visit to Halmstad University, Sweden by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri from September 6-11, 2010.

The MoU spelt out amongst others that FUTO should identify and nominate suitable postgraduate trainees for exchange programme leading to M.Sc. and Ph.D degrees in various fields of Science, Engineering and Technology to be trained free by Halmstad University as part of staff

development support for FUTO; teaching and research staff from FUTO (inclusive of professional technologists) will be offered places in Halmstad University for study visits, research collaboration and sabbatical leave based on specific nomination/recommendation from FUTO; and Halmstad University shall nominate and sponsor staff and students on exchange programme to visit FUTO from time to time for field studies and research collaboration activities.

During the visit, the Vice-Chancellor met with the host Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Romulo Enmark and other scientific staff. Prof. Chidi Akujor, DICT, Prof. M.O.E Iwuala, DLA; and Prof. O.M.I. Nwafor of the Department of Mechanical Engineering accompanied the Vice-Chancellor on the trip to Sweden.

## Dr. (Chief) Francis Ulinfun Joins FUTO Governing Council

Dr. (Chief) Francis Ulinfun, has assumed office as a member of the University Governing Council at its 129th meeting held on Friday, August 21, 2010.

Dr. Ulinfun was appointed by the federal government to replace Prof. B.I.C. Ijomah in Council.





## DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE MOST VULNERABLE TO THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

- Prof. Onwuliri

Prof. Celestine Onwuliri, Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri the guest lecturer at the 2010 Annual Public Lecture and Award Ceremony of the Society for Environmental Health of Nigeria (SEHON) on August 31, 2010 at the Rockview Hotel, Abuja has declared that developing countries who contribute least to the problem of climate change are the most vulnerable to its impacts. Prof. Onwuliri, while speaking on "Environmental Health and Climate Change" stated that developing countries would suffer the heaviest damage because they are least endowed with resources to combat the problem of climate change.

According to him, the significant rise in the earth's temperature due to the accumulation of greenhouse gases as a result of human activities such as combustion of fossil fuels and deforestation has led to global climate change, also called global warming.

Prof. Onwuliri stressed that Nigeria should be concerned with the contemporary issue of global warming because it is prone to sea level rise due to its long coastline and location in the tropics. Other threats to the nation's environmental health would come from its high population density, limited financial capacity and technological

expertise, its inadequate healthcare system and absence of fully established institutional policies targeted at combating the impacts of climate change, he stressed. He therefore called for a pro-active process with adaptation measures that are formulated with genuine information on existing and future climate systems derived from the community level. He emphasised that "adaptation methods that maintain and improve the availability of clean water and healthy food will be critical to avoiding some of the major health

impacts of climate change."

The SEHON lecture, organised in collaboration with the Environmental Health Officers Registration Council of Nigeria (EHORECON) and chaired by Prof. Oladapo Afolabi, Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education witnessed the investiture of Alhaji (Dr.) Yunusa Danyaya, Emir of Ningi as grand patron of SEHON and the conferment of Prof. Onwuliri as Fellow of the Society of Environmental Health.



Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri, Fellow of the Society of Environmental Health poses with Dr. A. N. Amadi and Alhaji Zachariyu Aliyu Yau, National President, Environmental Health Officers Association of Nigeria after delivering the 2010 SEHON Public Lecture.

## CVC/MACARTHUR FOUNDATION SEMINAR HOLDS IN ABUJA

A seminar organised under the auspices of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors/MacArthur Foundation with the theme "Advancement Office and the Nigerian Universities" was held on September 24, 2010 at Chida International Hotel, Abuja. It was aimed at sensitising Nigerian universities to embrace the concept of "Advancement Office" as a veritable source of funding.

In a welcome address presented by the Alternate Chairman of the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU) and Vice-Chancellor of FUTO, Prof. Celestine O.E. Onwuliri, who represented the Chairman of the Association, Prof. Ikenna Onyido stated that the Committee of Vice-Chancellors (CVC) decided to bring in experts in the

specialised field of advancement to acquaint the universities with new experiences which will improve capacity in the areas of advancement, alumni relations and fund raising.

He expressed appreciation to the MacArthur Foundation for their enduring support in the re-engineering and repositioning efforts of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and announced that another follow-up seminar on advancement would come up in November 2010 to be organised by the Council of Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

Various papers presented at the seminar included "Educational Advancement: A Global Perspective" by Ben Prasadam - Halls (UK) Director of International Operation, CASE; "Introduction to

Advancement" by Prof. Victor S. Dugga, Executive Director, Advancement, University of Jos; "Role of the Vice-Chancellor and University leadership in Fundraising" by Mallam Ahmad Shehu, Director, Advancement Office, Bayero University, Kano; and "Setting up an Advancement Office: Experiences from Selected Nigerian Universities, facilitated by Prof. Victor Dugga and Mallam Ahmad Shehu.

FUTO delegation to the seminar included Prof. B.O. Esonu, Alumni Relations Officer and Mr. Chike Ezenwa, Co-ordinator, Linkages and Advancement. Vice-Chancellors, Principal Officers, Directors of Advancement and Development Officers from several universities were also in attendance.

- Chris Ogu

## FUTO ALUMNUS, DR. THEODORE ONYECHÉ DELIVERS 19<sup>TH</sup> PUBLIC LECTURE ON GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM

**D**r. Theodore Onyeche has stated that the Geographical Information System (GIS) is the only sure way to ensure effective planning and development in Nigeria. He made this known during his delivery of the 19<sup>th</sup> Public Lecture of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri held on August 5, 2010 at the Council/Senate Chamber, FUTO.

Dr. Onyeche who led a delegation of three GIS experts from CUTEC Germany stated that the major aim of the lecture is the integration of GIS in the daily operations of Nigerians. According to him, GIS is a system for the creation, processing, analysis and presentation of geo-spatial data. He stated that GIS data types range from terrain surface models; to raster images from satellite, aircraft and drones; to topographic and historical maps; to vector data, like land use and estates; to road, gas, fresh water and waste disposal; and electricity networks.

Dr. Onyeche further stated that the use of GIS for the planning and realisation of building projects is a well known procedure and added that GIS plays an increasing role in the maintenance of infrastructure and efficient security and environmental protection. He noted that the exploration of raw materials, the identification of suitable areas to foster renewable energy, the routing of navigation systems and mobile data collection were applications of GIS.

Engr. Oliver Guertler in his contribution described GIS as a tool that extends to almost all aspects of human need and is able to collect, handle, analyse and present location based information.

Similarly, Engr. Michael Struve, the third GIS expert acquainted the audience with the new choices in remote sensing or environmental monitoring particularly the creation of geospatial data with drones. He identified the satellite, airplane/helicopter mounted system and drone mounted system as



Dr. Theodore Onyeche delivering the 19th Public Lecture of FUTO.



Dr. Onyeche receiving the university memento from the Vice-Chancellor for a lecture well presented.



Dr. Onyeche in a group photo with the DVC Admin., Prof. M.I. Nwufu (5th left), CUTEC officers, exco and members of FUTO Alumni Association.

possible ways by which GIS images can be obtained. He described the drone mounted system as a system whereby a remote controlled device carries a mounted camera. GIS data are indispensable for planning and development and makes life easy for both students and intellectuals, he concluded.

The Vice-Chancellor in his remarks thanked Dr. Onyeche and his team for the in-depth lecture on GIS and

promised that the university will optimally exploit the new collaboration with CUTEC Germany. Thereafter, he presented the university memento to Engr. Onyeche, an alumnus of FUTO who is currently the Manager for International Operations of CUTEC Institution Gmb H, a globally recognised environmental and engineering company owned by the German government.



# 34<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF PPSN HOLDS IN FUTO

The Federal University of Technology, Owerri from September 22-25, 2010 played host to an unprecedented number of participants from all parts of the country who gathered for the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Parasitology and Public Health Society of Nigeria (PPSN).

In his presidential address at the opening ceremony, the PPSN President, Prof. Martins Aisien noted that the conference theme: "The Place of Parasitology and Public Health in the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals"

was centred around the health of the people and was key to the combat and elimination of diseases such as river blindness, guinea worm, loiasis malaria and lymphatic filariasis which affect the rural population that produce the bulk of the food and raw materials in Nigeria.

Prof. Aisien remarked that Nigeria was recently declared free of guinea worm while river blindness was on the verge of being contained in the country. He announced that PPSN's contributions in that regard and the distinction of its journal had resulted in the selection of

the journal by the Education Trust Fund (ETF) for a special intervention grant of five million Naira.

The President also paid glowing tribute to Prof. Celestine O.E. Onwuliri, Vice-Chancellor of FUTO and conference host whom he described as an esteemed pillar of the society, for his uncommon commitment to PPSN.

Earlier in a welcome address, Prof. Onwuliri observed that "while significant progress had been made in the achievement of most of the MDGs in the country through marked decreases in maternal mortality, increases in primary school enrolment (especially for the girl-child), reduction in the burden of most communicable diseases, increased awareness in the protection of the environment partly due to the impact of Parasitology and Public Health, a lot needed to be done to achieve the target by 2015". He therefore stated that PPSN must lead in the advocacy for environmental sanitation and the prevention and control of communicable diseases and hoped that the conference will come forth with ideas to deal with these challenges.

The keynote address was delivered by Prof. F.C. Okafor. Delivering a goodwill message, the Registrar, Environmental Health Officers Registration Council of Nigeria (EHORECON), Mr. Augustine Ebisike who spoke through Sir Lawrence Ohuruzo proposed the inculcation of good environmental health habits amongst Nigerians rather than the distribution of mosquito nets. He praised FUTO for its academic programmes in environmental and public health and called for a copy of the conference communiqué to ensure its implementation by EHORECON.

Also present at the opening ceremony were Dr. Aloysius Aguwa, Hon. Commissioner for Petroleum and Environment, Imo State; Principal Officers, Deans, Directors and Heads of Departments of FUTO.

- Chris Ogu



Prof. F.C. Okafor delivering the Keynote Address at the conference with Prof. Onwuliri and Prof. Aisien in the background.



A cross section of conference delegates.



Some national and local officers of PPSN in a group photo with the VC after the opening ceremony.

## FUTO CONSULT LIMITED CONDUCTS CBN/CIBN MCP TRAINING

The 2010 supplementary Microfinance Certification Training for Operators of Microfinance Banks in Nigeria commenced in FUTO on September 13, 2010.

The three week training organised by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) with FUTO Consult Ltd as a Microfinance Training Service Provider (MTSP) was the second in the series of training for management staff of microfinance banks.



Some participants at the microfinance certification programme conducted by FUTO Consult Limited.

In an address presented at the ceremony, Dr. Kingsley Moghalu, Deputy Governor, Financial Sector Stability of the Central Bank of Nigeria, represented by Mr. O.N. Mmeka explained that the objective behind the certification training was to re-orientate the operators to adopt the basic microfinance service delivery mode and best practice to avoid the pitfalls which characterised the operations of the erstwhile community banks. He explained that the programme was structured into two levels of three modules each and stated that participants who pass the examinations in all the modules will be awarded a *Certificate in Microfinance Banking* by the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN).

Earlier in his welcome remarks, the Managing Director of FUTO Consult Ltd., Dr. O. Emejulu noted that the training was being held simultaneously in 25 centres across the country, and expressed appreciation to the Central Bank of Nigeria for finding FUTO Consult Ltd. worthy to be one of the microfinance training service providers.

Declaring the training open, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O.E. Onwuliri thanked CBN for organising the training and challenged trainees from FUTO Microfinance Bank to come out tops.

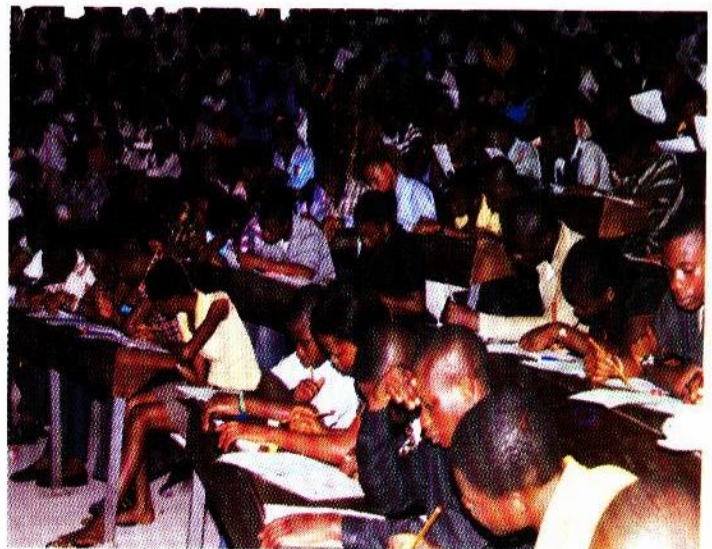
## MBA PROGRAMME IN FUTO IS ACCREDITED

The Master of Business Administration programme in FUTO has earned full accreditation status. This followed a successful accreditation by the National Universities Commission in November 2009.

The programme falls due for another accreditation in July 2011.

## FUTO CONDUCTS SUCCESSFUL POST-UTME SCREENING

The Federal University of Technology Owerri conducted a successful Post-UTME Screening exercise of 21,970 candidates from July 27-29, 2010. The result of the exercise was released on Friday, August 10, 2010 and subsequently posted on the university website. Out of the 21, 970 candidates 3,378 attained a score of 180 and above, out of a maximum score of 400. Meanwhile, the merit admission list has been released.



Candidates at the FUTO post-UTME screening exercise.

Similarly, the screening exercise for direct entry candidates was also successfully conducted on campus on Saturday, August 21, 2010. The result was released two days after the exercise.

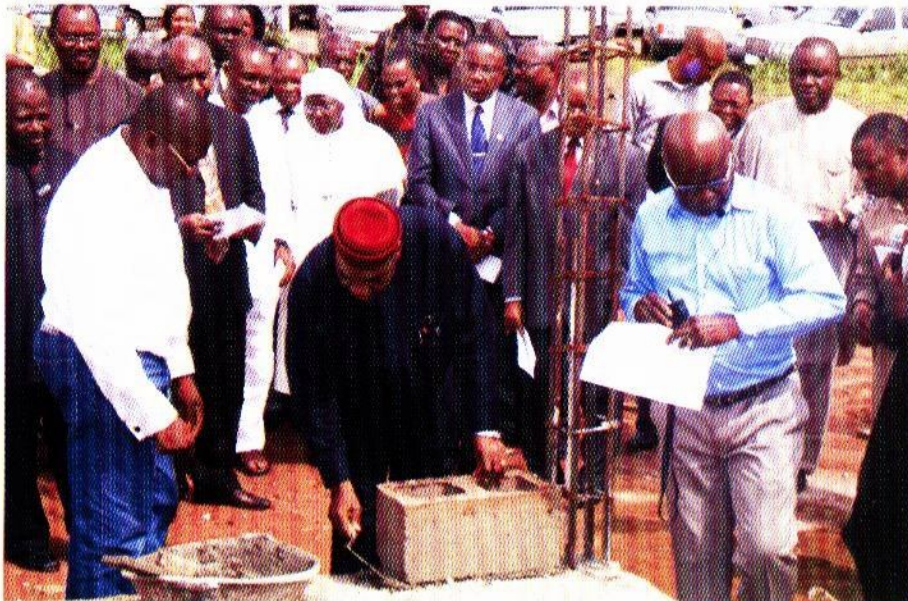
## VC LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF THE SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY BUILDING AND SCHOOL OF HEALTH TECHNOLOGY BUILDING PHASE II

The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri on August 11, 2010 laid the foundation stone of the new School of Environmental Sciences and Technology building phase I.

During the foundation laying ceremony which was graced by other Principal Officers, Deans and Directors of the university, the Vice-Chancellor stated that the establishment of the School of Environmental Sciences and Technology will increase access to high level technical education and open new vistas for FUTO catchment areas and the nation at large. He also stated that the first set of the students of the new school will be admitted in the 2010- 2011 academic session.

Earlier, the Director of Physical Planning and Development, Engr. Nnanna Okoro while speaking on the occasion, stated that the building project was being financed by the Federal Government 2010 Capital Appropriation. He said that the one-storey building will contain 21 offices, one conference room, four lecture rooms, one seminar room, one computer room and a school library.

On the same day, the Vice-Chancellor laid the foundation stone of the School of Health



The Vice-Chancellor laying the foundation stone of the school of Health Technology Building Phase II.



The School of Environmental Sciences and Technology building under construction.

Technology Phase II building. He stated that the project had become necessary to make room for growth. The Vice-Chancellor gave thanks to God and also thanked the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan for placing priority on educational projects.

Speaking during the foundation laying of Phase II of the School of Health Technology, the Director, PP&D stated that the project was being executed through internally generated revenue and will contain 22 offices, one conference room, three lecture halls, one computer room, library and 24 toilets.

- Ademola Adedokun

# FUTO CONSULT MAKES GIANT STRIDES

## *Builds its Corporate Office*

The Management of FUTO Consult Limited has made history in the university with the recent completion of its model corporate building with its own funds.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, the Managing Director of FUTO Consult Ltd., Dr. Obiajulu Emejulu expressed gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor and Chairman FCL Board of Directors for the dynamism of the

board and for the confidence reposed in him and his staff. The occasion also witnessed the presentation of a project vehicle by Petrogas Development Company Nigeria Limited, a strong partner of FUTO Consult Limited.



The newly constructed FUTO Consult Office.

In his remarks, Engr. Agu Ogwo, an alumnus of FUTO and the Managing Director of Petrogas Development Company said that the company had enjoyed a fruitful partnership with FUTO Consult in the last three years. While presenting the project vehicle to the Vice-Chancellor he stated that Petrogas had sunk a borehole for the new office complex and further pledged to provide a 500KVA generating set to ensure regular power to the building.

Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri in his response noted that FUTO Consult was one of the moribund commercial ventures he met on assumption of office as Vice-Chancellor. He commended the Managing Director of FUTO Consult, Dr. O. Emejulu for his prudence in the utilisation of about N28 million to complete the physical structure and landscaping.

Finally he expressed his appreciation to the Managing Director, Petrogas Development Company Nigeria Limited for the company's collaborative efforts with FUTO Consult Limited.

It may be recalled that FUTO Consult has in the last two years executed contracts estimated at over N200 million under a joint venture agreement with Petrogas Development Company Limited.



Dr. Obiajulu Emejulu, MD, FUTO Consult Limited conducting the VC and Principal Officers round the new building.



Engr. Agu Ogwo, MD, Petrogas Development Company handing over the keys of a Nissan Xterra Jeep to the Vice-Chancellor.



The project vehicle in motion. Behind the wheels is the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri.



# FUTO AND FRSC TO COLLABORATE

**P**rof. C.O.E. Onwuliri, Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri on Monday, September 20, 2010 paid a courtesy visit on the Corps Marshal/Chief Executive Officer of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Abuja. Prof Onwuliri noted during the visit that FUTO as the foremost university of technology in Nigeria and pioneer in transport management studies is in the best position to collaborate with FRSC in capacity building and research in road safety.

The Vice-Chancellor further stated that it was his hope that his visit will kick-start a strong linkage between FUTO and FRSC. He



The VC, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri addressing the FRSC Corps Marshall and his Management team in the FRSC H/Q Abuja.

proposed the erection of a building for road safety studies in FUTO by FRSC and the endowment of prizes, scholarships and a professorial chair in Road Safety by the commission.

In his response, the FRSC Corps Marshall, Mr. Osita Chidoka expressed great pleasure over the visit of Onwuliri and team, being the first of such from the Nigerian university system.

## ONWULIRI CALLS FOR ENHANCED BUDGETARY ALLOCATION TO ITF

**T**he Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri has called on the federal government to enhance the budgetary allocation to the Industrial Training Fund to ensure maximum benefits of the scheme. He made this known during his address to the, 2010 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Zonal SIWES Co-ordinators' meeting held in the Federal University of Technology, Owerri.

Prof. Onwuliri commended ITF for its immense contribution to human capital development in the country. He however drew the attention of the ITF Zonal Area Manager, Engr. M.E.O. Afadi to the dilemma FUTO was facing by the non-payment of ITF allowances to its students dating back to 2007. He regretted that even as the log book of the 2008

and 2009 batches of SIWES participants were yet to be vetted, conditional to the payment of ITF allowances, FUTO 2010 SIWES participants were already in the field.

Speaking at the occasion, the ITF Zonal Area Manager, Engr. M.E.O.

Afadi who represented the ITF Director General/Chief Executive, Prof. Longmas S. Wapmuk thanked the Vice-Chancellor of FUTO and his Management for accepting to host the meeting. He commended the co-ordinators for repositioning the activities of the scheme.

- Ademola Adedokun



The Vice-Chancellor in a group photo with the ITF Zonal Area Manger and SIWES Co-ordinators.

## Archbishops Alaba Job of Ibadan and Ignatius Kaigama of Jos Visit FUTO

The Federal University of Technology, Owerri on Wednesday, August 25, 2010 played host to the President and Vice-President of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria, Their Graces, Archbishop Felix Alaba Job of Ibadan Archdiocese and Archbishop Ignatius A. Kaigama of Jos Archdiocese who visited the university on the invitation of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O.E. Onwuliri.

The Prelates who were on their way to Orlu to felicitate with Bishop (Emeritus) Gregory Ochiagha on the golden jubilee celebration of his priesthood, stated that the resourcefulness of the Vice-Chancellor speaks for itself in the massive infrastructural development on campus.

According to the bishops, "from what we witnessed on this brief visit, the Vice-Chancellor busy meeting

with Governing Council members of the university, the several structures springing up at all corners, the Chaplain and the students at Mass, other students hurrying to studies, we cannot but unanimously conclude that FUTO is an institution embracing holistic development-academic, infrastructural as well as spiritual". At St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Chaplaincy where the archbishops joined in the regular mid-week afternoon Mass, His Grace Most Rev. Alaba Job told the students that as young Catholic students they should at all times before taking any decision, "see, judge and act".

The Chaplain of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Chaplaincy, Rev. Fr. Dr. L. Iwuamadi in his welcome remark expressed his appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor for attracting such visitors to the chaplaincy. He thanked Prof. Onwuliri and his wife for their unflinching support which had resulted in a fast-tracked spiritual and infrastructural development of the chaplaincy. He noted that with over 70% student population as Catholics, over 19 sodalities and over 200 member choir, the chaplaincy was in a hurry to finish and dedicate the church building for the students' use.

Earlier in a brief ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Onwuliri who cut short his meeting with a Council Committee to receive the archbishops expressed his profound joy at their visit and said it was a sign of God's blessing on and love for FUTO. Before departing for the Vice-Chancellor's Lodge, the archbishops prayed for and blessed the Vice-Chancellor and the university.

The wife of the Vice-Chancellor and Director, Women and Child Research and Development Centre, Prof. (Mrs.) Viola Onwuliri earlier made presentations to the archbishops on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor.

Also present at the ceremony were Prof. E.T. Eshett, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic); Prof. M.I. Nwufu, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration); Mr. C.O. Omeire, Registrar; Mr. R.U. Akujobi, Bursar; Chief J.E. Nwogu, University Librarian; Dr. Ojong Okongor Eno and Dr. Francis E. Ulinfun, members of Council; and other FUTO functionaries.

- Chris Ogu



Prof. Onwuliri is seen welcoming the archbishops into the Senate Building of the university.



A group photograph with the archbishops in the Vice-Chancellor's office.



His Grace, Most Rev. Alaba Job (1st right) and His Grace, Most Rev. Ignatius Kaigama blessing the congregation at Mass in the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Chaplaincy, FUTO.



# BOOK Donations

## Dr. Ibe Donates 38 Best Sellers to Library

**D**r. E.C. Ibe of the Department of Chemical Engineering, FUTO has donated 38 titles of modern best sellers (fiction) to the university library.

In a letter signed by the University Librarian, Chief J.E. Nwogu acknowledging the donation, the novels have further added to the volumes of light reading collection of the University Library.

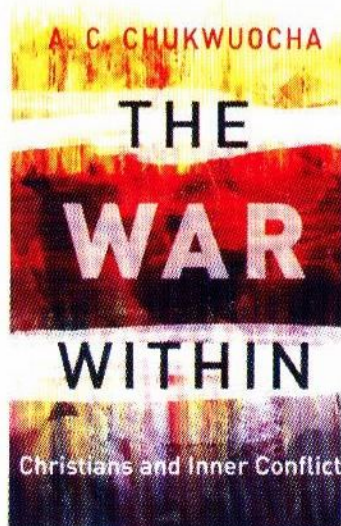
## SURVEYOR CHUKWUOCHA

**GETS BOOK PUBLISHED BY ZONDERVAN (USA)  
- donates 5 copies to FUTO**

**T**he renowned international Christian publisher, Zondervan, has published, the book- "*The War Within*" written by Rev. Canon A.C. Chukwuocha, a Lecturer II in the Department of Civil Engineering, FUTO. *The War Within*, an insightful work was first published in Nigeria in 2001 under the title "*Christians and Inner Conflicts*".

The book highlights clear biblical foundations for sound Christian living. Furthermore, it addresses the struggles Christians face in their effort to live Christ-centred lives. Following the attested impact nationally and internationally, the 144-page book was revised by the editorial team of Langham Partnership International and published by Zondervan in the United States of America 2009 under the new title.

Rev. Canon Surveyor A.C. Chukwuocha a clergy of the Anglican Diocese, Owerri has donated five copies of his book to the University Library.



## SOLAR ENERGY SOCIETY OF NIGERIA CALLS ON THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

**T**he national executive of the Solar Energy Society of Nigeria (SESN) paid a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O.E. Onwuliri on Friday, September 24, 2010. The national executive were in FUTO for a joint meeting with the Local Organising Committee in readiness for the 2010 National Solar Energy Forum (NASEF) scheduled to hold in FUTO from November 3-6, 2010.

Speaking during the occasion, SESN President, Prof. T.A. Kuku said that they were in FUTO to create awareness for their forthcoming conference and solicited the Vice-Chancellor's assistance to make their conference a success.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Onwuliri promised the university's assistance in making the conference a memorable one. He commiserated with members of the society from Sokoto State on the flood which had ravaged parts of the state recently.

## NIGERIAN STATISTICAL ASSOCIATION VISITS FUTO

**T**he Nigerian Statistical Association, Imo State Chapter called on the Vice-Chancellor on Friday, September 17, 2010 to solicit financial support from the university towards the hosting of their national conference coming up at the Alvan Ikoku Federal College of Education, Owerri.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri thanked them for coming and promised the support of the university towards the success of their conference.

# **Prof. Onwuliri RECEIVES ACCOLADES FROM FUTOWA**

**T**he Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O.E. Onwuliri and Principal Officers of the university on September 23, 2010 received in audience the executive committee of FUTOWA Women Association (FUTOWA) led by its President and Director, Centre for Women and Child Research and Development, Prof. (Mrs.) Viola A. Onwuliri on a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor in his office.

During the visit, Prof. (Mrs.) Nnenna Oti, Chairperson, Gender Policy Committee read out a "Special Letter of Appreciation from FUTOWA" which itemised the support to the association by the Vice-Chancellor, including the allocation of site for the building of the Women and Child Research and Development Centre, the

allocation of administrative offices for the centre in the Senate Building, the Vice-Chancellor's massive mobilisation towards the successful launching of the Women and Child Research and Development Centre and the allocation of N200 million grant to the centre by the Federal Government through the direct influence and intervention of the Vice-Chancellor.

The association applauded the upgrading of the Women and Child Research and Development Centre to full academic status by the Senate and the appointment of the FUTOWA President and initiator of the centre, Prof. (Mrs.) Viola A. Onwuliri as its pioneer director.

The body also thanked the Vice-Chancellor for inaugurating a functional Gender Policy Committee

and an effective HIV/AIDS Committee headed by Prof. (Mrs.) Nnenna N. Oti and Prof. (Mrs.) Viola A. Onwuliri respectively.

Earlier in her introductory remarks, FUTOWA President, Prof. (Mrs.) Onwuliri stated that FUTOWA had been making great impact both in FUTO and in the larger society, made possible through the Vice-Chancellor's benevolence and for which the association through its executive committee came to convey their gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor.

The Registrar, C.O. Omeire, in his contribution stated that the catalogue of certifiable achievements of the present administration was a result of the Vice-Chancellor's large heart and his attitude of carrying his Principal Officers along on all issues. He thanked God for the gift of Prof. (Mrs.) Onwuliri, not just for her supportive role to her husband, but also for her giant strides in FUTOWA.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Onwuliri expressed his deep appreciation to members of FUTOWA for the sincere sentiments contained in their letter. He praised them for their unity of spirit which they had demonstrated since the inception of his administration until date.

The Vice-Chancellor noted that 75% of the Millennium Development Goals focused on issues relating to women which informed the priority given to gender issues in FUTO's first strategic plan. He thanked the President of FUTOWA for her resourcefulness and strong support.

Also present at the courtesy visit were Prof. E.T. Eshett, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic); Prof. Martin I. Nwifo, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration); Dr. (Mrs.) N.C. Ihediohanma, Principal, FUTO International School; Mrs. S.I. Anyanwu, Headmistress, FUTO Staff School and other functionaries and staff of the university.



Prof. (Mrs.) Nnenna Oti presenting a special letter of appreciation from FUTOWA to the Vice-Chancellor in the presence of FUTOWA President, Prof. (Mrs.) Viola Onwuliri.



The VC, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri and Principal Officers pose with FUTOWA Exco and members after the courtesy call.

- Chris Ogu



# SSANU COMMENDS

## PROF. (MRS.) VIOLA ONWULIRI

The wife of the Vice-Chancellor and President, FUTO Women Association (FUTOWA), Prof. (Mrs.) Viola Onwuliri played host to the executive of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), FUTO Chapter during a courtesy visit on her at the Vice-Chancellor's lodge, Owerri.

In an address presented at the occasion, the SSANU Chairman, Loveth Ekwemalor said that the call was to express the exco's appreciation and commend the purposeful leadership of the FUTOWA president. She extolled Prof. (Mrs.) Onwuliri's laudable achievements in FUTOWA which according to her had not only revitalised the association but had also brought it to an enviable height. She cited the recent establishment of the Women and Child Research and Development Centre as a testimony to her dynamism.

Comrade Ekwemalor also used the opportunity of the visit to implore the wife of the Vice-Chancellor to use her good offices to assist the union in finding

solutions to some of the challenges facing it, including the procurement of a functional vehicle, completion of SSANU permanent secretariat and the furnishing of its temporary office.

In her response, the wife of the Vice-Chancellor commended the executive of SSANU for putting to rest the issues that caused disunity within the union and welcomed their new resolve to join hands with FUTO Management to move the university forward.

Prof. (Mrs.) Onwuliri stated that through commitment, the association had been revived and noted that FUTOWA members have been encouraged to utilise their positions to impact on the lives of others.

Recounting some of her achievements since assumption of office, she stated that FUTOWA had alleviated the problem of transportation faced by staff and students through the procurement of buses to shuttle the 25-kilometre distance between FUTO and Owerri town. She also recalled that the association embarked on the building of a Women

and Child Research and Empowerment Centre which on completion will house a day care/nursery school, reading centre and shopping centre. She attributed most of their achievements to the gender sensitive nature of the Vice-Chancellor, which is aimed at bettering the lot of women.

She used the opportunity to urge the executive of SSANU to encourage their members especially the female folk to teach their children the Igbo language thereby helping to prevent the language from going extinct.

Also present at the evening event were other members of the local SSANU Exco: Comrade Regina Ekeopara, Vice-Chairman, Comrade Amachi Chinweuba, Secretary; Comrade Agnes Nti, Treasurer; Comrade Frank Mathews, PRO; Comrade Theresa Kenkwo, Branch Women Leader; and Comrade Oliver Nwagwu, ex-officio member. Comrade B.N. Anganwu, the National Women Leader, South East was also in attendance.

- Ndidi Eziolisa

## VC HOSTS DAME COMFORT OBI AFTER HER FELLOWSHIP IN ALVAN

Following the conferment of the fellowship of the Alvan Ikoku Federal College of Education, Owerri (AIFCE) on Dame Comfort Obi at its 24th Convocation Ceremony on Friday Sept 24, 2010, the Vice-Chancellor feted Dame Obi, Publisher/Editor in Chief of the Source magazine at the Vice-Chancellor's Lodge in Owerri. Below are pictures of the



Dame Comfort Obi standing as her citation is being read.



Prof. (Mrs.) Viola Onwuliri (2nd right), Dame Nkechi Azubuike and others rejoicing with Dame Comfort Obi after her conferment.



VC presenting Kolanut at the party hosted in honour of Dame Obi.



Prof. (Mrs.) Viola Onwuliri and Dame Comfort Obi.



Prof. Onwuliri on the dance floor with Dame Comfort Obi.



Comfort Obi being celebrated by FUTO women at the VC's Lodge.



## APPOINTMENTS

### Prof. Eze Re-appointed Dean of the School of Science

Following the re-election of Prof. F.C. Eze as the Dean, School of Science and the subsequent approval of the Senate at its 340<sup>th</sup> meeting held on Thursday, June 24, 2010, the Vice-Chancellor has formally re-appointed Prof. Eze as the Dean, School of Science for another term of two years with effect from July 1, 2010.



Prof. F.C. Eze, Dean of the School of Science

### Prof. Okereke Re-appointed Dean of the Postgraduate School

The Vice-Chancellor has formally re-appointed Prof. C.D. Okereke as the Dean of the Postgraduate School for a second term of two years.

This followed his re-election as Dean PGS and the subsequent approval of the Senate at its 340<sup>th</sup> meeting held on Thursday, June 24, 2010. The appointment took effect from July 1, 2010.



Engr. Prof. C.D. Okereke  
Dean, Postgraduate School

## EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENTS

### Council of SUG Presidents Honours

#### Prof. Onwuliri

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri had another feather added to his cap when on August 17, 2010, the Council of Student Union Presidents, Imo State honoured him with a Meritorious Award of Excellence.

According to the President, National Association of Nigerian Students, Mr. Jude Gabriel Imagwe who presented the award, Prof. Onwuliri was selected alongside a few other Vice-Chancellors in the South East Zone for his immense contributions to the upliftment of the standard of learning and support for Nigerian students. Describing the Vice-Chancellor as a union-friendly VC, the NANS President commended the infrastructural resuscitation and administrative acumen of the Onwuliri led administration.

Describing the times as sensitive, he implored FUTO students to follow the path of peace and not destroy structures put on ground for their own development.

Responding to the award, the Vice-Chancellor expressed his gratitude to the students. He urged the students to have faith in themselves and in the credibility of Nigeria and enjoined all hands to be on deck to enable the president realize his objective of a free, fair and peaceful election. Prof. Onwuliri encouraged the students to cultivate a positive attitude and aim very high in their goal. He informed them of the victory of FUTO students at the 2010 SIFE National competition and their qualification to represent Nigeria at the SIFE World Cup in Los Angeles, USA.

The ceremony which featured all the SUG Presidents in the 6 tertiary institutions in Imo State also witnessed the presence of Deputy Co-ordinator, NANS Zone B, Comrade Ezekiel C. Nwankwo as well as all exco members of the Obinna Anyanwu led FUTO SUG.

The Principal Officers of the University were also there to witness the event.

- Ndidi Eziolisa



Mr. Jude Imagwe presenting a meritorious award of excellence to FUTO VC, Prof. Onwuliri cheered on by Comrade Obinna Anyanwu, FUTO SUG President.



# EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENTS (Contd.)

## Prof. Akujor Appointed Chairman, Committee of DICTs

Professor Chidi Akujor, Director, ICT, FUTO has been appointed Chairman, Committee of Directors of ICTs in Nigerian universities.

The appointment was one of the highlights of the Forum for Directors of Information Communication Technology (DICTs) in Nigerian Universities, held at the National Universities Commission, Abuja on July 7, 2010.

The five-man interim executive which would handle the affairs of the Committee for twelve months was inaugurated by the NUC Executive Secretary, Prof. Julius A. Okojie.

While Dr. (Mrs.) S.C. Chiemeka of the University of Benin, Benin is Vice-Chairman, Daniel Yakmut of the University of Jos, Jos and Dr. F.A. Oguntoye of the University of Agriculture, Abeokuta are Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Ofor Obumneme of Veritas University is the Public Relations Officer.



Prof. Chidi Akujor

## OWSDWO Holds Beijing Conference

- Dr. (Mrs.) Abimbola Uzoma  
Elected National Treasurer of Nigeria Chapter

The Organization of Women in Science for the Developing World, (formerly, the Third World Organization for Women in Science) held its fourth general assembly in Beijing, China recently. The conference was hosted by the Chinese Academy of Science. The theme of the conference was "Women Scientists in the Changing World".

The conference featured participants from all over the world. Dr. (Mrs.) A. Uzomah, Mrs. N.A. Udebuani and Mrs. Love Alison from FUTO attended and presented scientific papers. The Regional President Dr. (Mrs.) Abhor Ighoroje from the University of Benin was re-elected as the Regional Vice-President, Africa. The Nigeria Chapter was inaugurated and Dr. (Mrs.) A. Uzomah was elected as the National Treasurer.



L-R: Mrs. N.A. Udebuani, Dr. (Mrs.) Abimbola Uzoma and Mrs. Love Alison

## Dr. Njoku at ISEEG 2010

The Head of the Department of Environmental Technology, Dr. Paul Njoku was in Beijing China for the 11th International Symposium on Environmental GeoTechnology and Global Sustainable Development (ISEG 2010) from August 15-18, 2010.

On day one of the conference, Dr. Njoku presented a paper on *Radioactive Waste Management of Nuclear Power Plant Environment* and a second paper titled *Waste Minimisation Programme and Reduction in Industrial Environment: Control Pollution* on Tuesday, August 17, 2010.

## Jonathan Ogugua IS ELECTED NLA COUNCILLOR

Mr. Jonathan Ogugua, Co-ordinator Technical Services has been elected Councillor of the Nigeria Library Association at its 48<sup>th</sup> National Conference/Annual General Meeting for a two-year term (2010-2012).

The NLA Council is the highest governing body of the Nigerian Library Association in Nigeria.



Mr. Jonathan Ogugua, Co-ordinator, Technical Services

## Chike Ezenwa Initiated into the Order of KNIGHTS OF ST. MULUMBA

Chike Ezenwa, member, Governing Council and Deputy Registrar/Co-ordinator Linkages and Advancement Unit of the Office of the Vice-Chancellor has been initiated into the Order of Knights of St. Mulumba (KSM), Owerri sub-council.

The solemn event took place on Saturday, August 14, 2010 at the Knights of St. Mulumba Hall, St. Mulumba Catholic Parish, Owerri.

## Lady Chinyere Nwifo Receives *Nne Bu Ife* Title

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Celestine O.E. Onwuliri, his wife, Prof. (Mrs.) Viola A. Onwuliri and Principal Officers were at Amawbia, Anambra State on Saturday, August 14, 2010 to witness the conferment of *Nne Bu Ife* title on Lady Chinyere Nwifo of the Health Services Department by the *Eziokwu bu Ndu Women* of Amawbia.

Lady Nwifo is the wife of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Martin I. Nwifo.



L-R: Prof. (Mrs.) Viola Onwuliri, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri, Lady Chinyere Nwifo, Prof. M.I. Nwifo & Dr. (Mrs.) Comfort Chukuezi at Amawbia.



# PROMOTIONS

## Academic Staff Promotions (Professorial)

On the recommendation of the Academic Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee (Professorial), the Governing Council has approved the following promotions.

S/NO	NAME	DEPT	FORMER RANK	NEW RANK	EFFECTIVE DATE
1.	Ayuk, A.A. (Dr.)	Chemistry	Senior Lecturer	Reader	Oct. 1, 2007
2.	Selemo, A.O.I. (Dr.)	Geology	Senior Lecturer	Reader	Oct. 1, 2007
3.	Opara, F.N. (Dr.)	Biotechnology	Senior Lecturer	Reader	Oct. 1, 2008

### Non-Teaching (Senior)

On the recommendation of the Administrative and Professional Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee (APSAPC), the Governing Council has approved the following promotions.

S/NO	NAME	DEPT/UNIT	FORMER RANK	NEW RANK	EFFECTIVE DATE
1.	Ewurum, Rita	OVC	Prin. Asst. Registrar	Deputy Registrar	Oct. 1, 2009
2.	Obibuenyi, J.O.	Chem. Eng.	Deputy Chief Tech.	Chief Technologist	Oct. 1, 2009
3.	Amaechi, R.E.	PP&D	Chf. Qty Surveyor	Deputy Director	Oct. 1, 2009
4.	Anyanwu, S.I.	Staff School	Asst. Headmistress	Headmistress	Oct. 1, 2009

## UPGRADING

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the upgrading of **Engr. P.I. Anyanwu** of the Department of Polymer and Textile Engineering from the rank of Lecturer II to Lecturer I with effect from September 22, 2010.

## CONVERSION

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the conversion of the following staff. junior staff.

S/NO	NAME	DEPT/UNIT	FORMER RANK	NEW RANK	EFFECTIVE DATE
1.	Agwamenwere, Zita	Dean's Office, SMAT	Caretaker	Clerical Officer	May 12,2010
2.	Akujobi, Blessing	Pre-Degree	Caretaker	Clerical Officer	May 12,2010
3.	Akujobi, ThankGod	Records & Statistics	Caretaker	Clerical Officer	May 12,2010
4.	Awa, Mercy	Centre for Continuing Education	Caretaker	Clerical Officer	May 12,2010
5.	Chukwukere, Noble	Estate & Works	Caretaker	Clerical Officer	May 12,2010
6.	Duru, Alexander	Estate & Works	Caretaker	Clerical Officer	May12,2010
7.	Ebere, Charles A.	Central Registry	Asst. Patrol Sup	Clerical Officer	May 12,2010
8.	Eke, Anna	Chemical Engineering	Caretaker	Clerical Officer	May 12,2010
9.	Ekemezie, Esther N.	Central Registry	Caretaker	Clerical Officer	May 12,2010
10.	Ekeugo, Mercy	Junior Personnel	Caretaker	Clerical Officer	May 12,2010
11.	Mbonu, Benice	Internal Audit	Caretaker	Clerical Officer	May 12,2010
12.	Nwishi, Theresa I.	Junior Personnel	Caretaker	Clerical Officer	May 12,2010
13.	Nworgu, Anna	Security	Asst. Patrol Sup	Clerical Officer	May 12,2010
14.	Oguoma, Eunice	Biochemistry	Caretaker	Clerical Officer	May 12,2010
15.	Okaru, Ann	Records & Statistics	Caretaker	Clerical Officer	May 12,2010
16.	Okoro, Justina	Civil Engineering	Caretaker	Clerical Officer	May 12,2010
17.	Ugochukwu, Ebere	Security	Snr. Patrolman	Clerical Officer	May 12,2010
18.	Ugonma, Blessing	Dean's Office, SEET	Caretaker	Clerical Officer	May 12,2010
19.	Ugorji, Edith	Examinations	Caretaker	Clerical Officer	May 12,2010
20.	Uroegbulam, Jacinta	Examinations	Caretaker	Clerical Officer	May 12,2010
21.	Uzogara, Juliana	Dean's Office, SAAT	Caretaker	Clerical Officer	May 12,2010
22.	Uzoma, Beatrice	Microbiology	Caretaker	Clerical Officer	May 12,2010

## SABBATICAL LEAVE

The Vice-Chancellor has approved a one year sabbatical leave for **Chief John Nnabuihe**, Deputy Registrar /School Administrative Officer of the School of Management Technology at the Tansian University, Oba, Anambra State. This was communicated to him in letter dated July 15, 2010 and signed by the Registrar.

## STUDY LEAVE

The Vice-Chancellor has granted approval for **Mr. Haggart O. Ugwo** of the Department of Biochemistry to proceed on study leave with pay to undertake a Master degree programme in Environmental and Resource Management at Brandenburg University of Technology, Cottbus in Germany.

This study leave is for one year in the first instance with effect from the 2010 / 2011 academic year.



## 2009/2010 STUDENTS' UNION GOVERNMENT UNVEILS PROJECTS -VC Commissions SUG Secretariat and Other Initiatives

As the tenure of the 2009/2010 Students' Union Government of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri gradually draws to an end, the union has stamped its footprints on the sands in time as it recently presented projects for commissioning by the Vice-Chancellor on September 3, 2010.

Top on the list of projects commissioned by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C.O.E. Onwuliri was the SUG Secretariat named after the Vice-Chancellor which was completed and furnished by the current SUG administration.

The Secretariat which contains offices for all the SUG exco members also has a conference

room named after the Dean, Students Affairs, Engr. Prof. E.E. Anyanwu and a multi purpose hall named after the His Excellency, Dr. Ikedi Ohakim, Governor of Imo State, Also in the building is a student parliament.

Other projects were the signage at the Senate building, a sculpture at the SEET roundabout, five VIP toilets at the students hostel area and a transit aid-initiative aluta prestige 18 - seater bus as well as the renovated love garden for the relaxation of students.

Commissioning the projects, the Vice-Chancellor commended the efforts of the Obinna Anyanwu-led SUG administration for executing good projects. He called on students to emulate the good

example shown by their leaders and charged them to maintain the facilities put on ground for their welfare.

Speaking earlier, the SUG President, Comrade Anyanwu credited the achievement of his executive to the immense support of the Vice-Chancellor, his Management and Prof. (Mrs.) Viola Onwuliri, wife of the Vice-Chancellor and Director, Centre for Women and Child Research and Development describing her as Mother-General to the students of FUTO.

The occasion witnessed an impressive turnout of students and the entire executive of the SUG. Principal Officers of the university were also there to witness the occasion.

- Nddi Eziolisa



Prof. Onwuliri unveiling the sculptural work at the SEET Head roundabout.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Onwuliri flags off the SUG Transit aid initiative.



SUG President conducts the VC and Principal Officers round the Prof. Anyanwu.



The VC is congratulating Comrade Obinna Anyanwu on his meritorious service.



The VC is seen cutting the tape to commission the renovated love garden.



## FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, OWERRI 2010/2011 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

### HARMATTAN SEMESTER

**12th November, 2010**

New students come into residence

**15th November, 2010**

Registration of new students

**21st November, 2010**

Old students come into residence

**22nd November, 2010**

Registration of old students & orientation programme for new students

**28th November, 2010**

Week 1 - Lectures

**5th December, 2010**

Week 2 - Lectures

**12th December, 2010**

Week 3 - Lectures

**19th December, 2010**

**7th January, 2011**

Christmas & New Year break

**8th January, 2011**

Students come into residence

**9th January, 2011**

Week 4 - Lectures

**16th January, 2011**

Week 5 - Lectures

**23rd January, 2011**

Week 6 - Lectures

**27th January, 2011**

Senate Meeting

**30th January, 2011**

Week 7 - Lectures

**5th February, 2011**

**23RD CONVOCATION**

**6th February, 2011**

Week 8 - Lectures

**13th February, 2011**

Week 9 - Lectures

**19th February, 2011**

**29TH MATRICULATION**

**20th February, 2011**

Week 10 - Lectures

**24th February, 2011**

Senate Meeting

**27th February, 2011**

Week 11 - Lectures

**6th March, 2011**

Week 12 - Lectures

**13th March, 2011**

Week 13 Lectures/Revision

**20th March, 2011**

Week 14

- Harmattan Semester Examinations

**27th March, 2011**

Week 15

- Harmattan Semester Examinations

**31st March, 2011**

Senate Meeting

**3rd April, 2011**

Week 16

-Harmattan Semester Examinations

**10th April, 2011**

End of First Semester Examinations/  
Semester Break

### RAIN SEMESTER

**28th April, 2011**

Senate Meeting

**30th April, 2011**

Students come into residence

**2nd May, 2011**

Week 1 - Lectures

**8th May, 2011**

Week 2 - Lectures

**15th May, 2011**

Week 3 - Lectures

**22nd May, 2011**

Week 4 - Lectures

**26th May, 2011**

Senate Meeting

**29th May, 2011**

Week 5 - Lectures

**5th June, 2011**

Week 6 - Lectures

**12th June, 2011**

Week 7 - Lectures

**19th June, 2011**

Week 8 - Lectures

**26th June, 2011**

Week 9 - Lectures

**30th June, 2011**

Senate Meeting

**3rd July, 2011**

Week 10 - Lectures

**10th July, 2011**

Week 11 - Lectures

**17th July, 2011**

Week 12 - Lectures

**24th July, 2011**

Week 13 - Lectures

**28th July, 2011**

Senate Meeting

**31st July, 2011**

Week 14 - Lectures/Revision

**7th August, 2011**

Week 1 - Rain Semester Examinations

**14th August, 2011**

Week 2 - Rain Semester Examinations

**21st August, 2011**

Week 3 - Rain Semester Examinations

**28th August, 2011**

End of 2010/2011 Session

**Long Vacation**

