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The mission of the University of Medical Sciences(UNIMED) is to provide integrated education and research of exceptional quality in all health-related sciences; to expand access to compassionate, comprehensive and high-quality healthcare for under-served population and lead the scientific pathway for reducing the burden of diseases in our society.

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## Editor's Note



**Dear Reader,**

I am happy to bring you warmest greetings from the entire management team of Nigeria's first specialized medical and health sciences university, the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED) Ondo City, Ondo State, under the leadership of the humble and indefatigable Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi.

With utmost pleasure, I wish to introduce to you the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of UNIMED Echo, a biannual news publication of the University designed to inform the public about the developments in UNIMED, Ondo, an institution acclaimed to be the fastest growing in Nigeria.

The year 2022 started on a high note with the combined 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> convocation ceremony of the university with 252 graduates cutting across 4 faculties and 6 students graduating with first-class honours. In tandem with the motto of the university which is 'for learning and community services,' UNIMED recorded another feat with the establishment and commissioning of a rural dental clinic at Oke Alaafia Primary Health Centre in Ile-Oluji during the 2022 World Oral Health Day. As highlighted in this edition of UNIMED echo, the goal is to bring quality dental health to the doorstep of people in the host and neighbouring communities.

One epoch-making event highlighted in this edition is the launch of the UNIMED Co-Creation Hub- a project funded by the British Council's Innovation for African Universities (IAU) Grant. The project is in partnership with the Liverpool John Mores University, United Kingdom and Teenpreneurs Educational Foundation (Teenpreneurs Hub, Lagos).

However, in the first few pages of this edition of UNIMED Echo, an exclusive interview of Prof. Adesegun Fatusi, just before the middle of his tenure as the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo. He spoke about the growth of the University, career opportunities, challenges and prospects of specialized universities in Nigeria among other issues affecting medical education. Happy reading!

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**T**he University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State has graduated 252 students at its 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> combined convocation held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022.

The event which was held at the University's Main Auditorium, Odosida Campus, Ondo had in attendance the Ondo State Governor, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, Members House of Representatives, royal fathers, Vice-Chancellors and other dignitaries.

The Vice-Chancellor of the university, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi revealed that the combined convocation ceremony is for the 76 graduands from the 2019/2020 set and 176 from the 2020/2021 set, making a total of 252 graduands which cut across four faculties in the Institution. He noted that there are 6 first-class students, 106-second class honours (upper division), 106 first-class honours (lower division) and 11 third class students among the graduands.



'This convocation ceremony shall witness the graduation of the first set of students from our nursing science and physiotherapy programmes who have already been professionally inducted by the respective registration council last year and are therefore licensed to practice,' the VC said.

'In line with our commitment to promoting excellence and as we have done across other fields since my assumption of office, the best student in the first set of each programme has an offer of automatic appointment from this university. All of our first-class graduates also have the same offer, Fatusi added.

On the strides and progress of the university, the VC said the National University Commission has ranked UNIMED the 3<sup>rd</sup> best-specialized institution, saying the university is only coming behind the 40-year-old Federal University of Technology Akure (FUTA) and 31-year-old Ladoké

Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH). UNIMED also stands out as the 2<sup>nd</sup> best ranked University in Ondo State, combining federal state and private universities, coming after FUTA and 4<sup>th</sup> best State University in the country. Thus, we are not just the first historically as a specialized university of medical sciences, we are simply the best of them all,' the VC affirmed.

In his lecture titled, "Shaping the Future Of National Development in the Post-Covid 19 Era: The University as Catalyst," the Convocation Lecturer, Prof. Oyewale Tomori - a past president of the Nigerian Academy of Science and pioneer Vice-Chancellor Redeemers University, appreciated the state government for giving unflinching support to UNIMED.

'Acclamation and appreciation must also be accorded for the continued support by the current Governor of Ondo State for his support to UNIMED. You may wonder why there should be any special acknowledgment of a government performing the function it was elected to do. We see the country littered with the debris of poor governance, and when we see an oasis of quality performance in the desert of decadence, we need to loudly acknowledge the performance,' Tomori said.

He advised graduands to support Nigeria to make progress, stating that the country had been facing regression and there is a need for Nigerian youth to wake the country from its slumber, saying it will not be worthwhile to acquire a degree that does not have an impact on society.





*Governor*

**AKEREDOLU**

**LAMENTS**

**MASS EXODUS OF  
HEALTH PERSONNEL**

**AS UNIMED HOLDS  
COMBINED CONVOCATION**

**O**ndo State Governor and Visitor, University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, SAN has stressed the need to address the mass exodus of health personnel in the country. He spoke at the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> combined Convocation ceremony of UNIMED held on 2nd February 2022, at the main auditorium, Odosida Campus of the University.

Governor Akeredolu expressed delight with the pace of development at the University and expressed the willingness to do more for the institution. He said the growth of the university is achievable through collaborative efforts with well-meaning Nigerians and those in the corporate world.

The Governor is optimistic that graduates of the university will fill the vacuum created by exodus of medical personnel from the country. 'As our country faces the challenge of the exodus of an increasing number of our health professionals to other countries presumably for greener pastures, it is my sincere hope that today's graduands will contribute towards filling some of the vacuums left behind. I sincerely rejoice with and congratulate all the graduands as well as their proud and happy parents, guardians and family members. I also congratulate the Governing Council, Senate and Management of the University on this great occasion', Akeredolu said.





He noted that universities are globally acknowledged as institutions for nurturing ideas, driving innovations, and catalysing development, hence the introduction of specialized medical universities. 'History will forever bear witness to the fact that the Sunshine State blazed the trail of establishing Nigeria's first specialised medical and health sciences university, UNIMED, which was established on 8th December 2014. As an administration, we are committed, more than ever, to the funding, resourcing and overall development of this university within the limit of our resources. We are also committed to helping the university mobilise resources from other areas for its continued growth and development' Governor Akeredolu affirmed.

He added: 'Undoubtedly, UNIMED has been blessed, from its inception till date, with highly committed, purposeful and visionary leadership. I sincerely commend the University Governing Council under the leadership of its Chairman and Pro-Chancellor, Hon. Dr. Temitayo Fawehinmi. I also heartily commend the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Adesegun Olayiwola Fatusi, and his entire management team.'

Earlier, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Governing Council, UNIMED, Ondo, Dr. Temitayo Fawehinmi appreciated the Ondo State Governor and Visitor to the University for making informed decisions leading to various feats of the institution.

He said: 'Precisely on the 13th March 2018, the Visitor to the University constituted a Governing Council comprising of versatile, well-informed, knowledgeable, highly respected, accomplished and urbane distinguished Nigerians for the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo. In the last four years, the Governing Council has worked assiduously to ensure the rapid development of the University through the expansion of available infrastructure, the establishment of new Campuses, and the establishment of new faculties and programmes. We have also ensured that programmes being offered in the University are fully accredited or resource-verified and approved by the National Universities Commission and the relevant professional bodies.

# We won't Compromise on Excellence - UNIMED VC

*In an exclusive interview with the Public Relations Officer of the University, Temitope Oluwatayo, the Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED) Ondo City, Ondo State, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi FNAMed highlighted career opportunities in the institution and spoke on a number of other issues*

## **TELL US HOW IT FEELS, TWO AND HALF YEARS AS THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF NIGERIA'S FIRST SPECIALISED MEDICAL UNIVERSITY.**

It has been an experience and exciting job because the whole concept of a university of medical sciences is something virtually unknown in the Nigerian university arena until UNIMED came on board. It is like charting through uncharted water but the dynamic soft make it exciting; it is an opportunity to bring forth a new dimension. So, the journey in the last two and half years had allowed us to do what has never been done before in the Nigerian university system. Let me give you two examples very quickly. We established a faculty of medical rehabilitation about two years ago. No university in this country has ever had such faculty and the number of courses we are bringing on board does not exist anywhere within the Nigerian university system. Next, talk about school of public health, we have the first full-fledged school of public health here at the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo. So it has been a journey of two years... there are challenges, there are ups, there are downs, but it is very exciting.

## **PEOPLE OFTEN ASSUME THAT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN SPECIALIZED MEDICAL UNIVERSITIES LIKE THESE ARE ALWAYS LIMITED, FOR EXAMPLE MEDICINE, NURSING, AND DENTISTRY BUT ON YOUR ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE, THE PROGRAMMES INCREASED TO ABOUT 26. CAN YOU HIGHLIGHT THESE NEW CAREER OPPORTUNITIES?**

That's true, every time people ask me, do you have up to five courses? But the truth is that we have the largest collection of health professional courses, out of any university in Nigeria today. In addition, we are not just about the health profession, we have a science-driven



professional approach to health sciences which is the norm in the 21st century. We have the core ones, which include medicine, nursing, dentistry, physiotherapy, and medical laboratory science, but we have a lot of courses in the sciences. Let me highlight why this is important. What drives the world of medicine is not the profession, it is the science behind it. For example, when COVID-19 came, doctors were treating patients but we needed a vaccine to overcome the pandemic. The vaccine does not come from Doctors or Nurses, it comes from those in biomedical sciences. That is why we must promote sciences, ultimately improving health care. In response to these needs, programmes such as Biology, Biotechnology, and Biochemistry. We also have professional courses in science such as Technology, Food and Nutrition Science, Nutrition and Dietetics, among others. We can not be healthy in an environment that is not well preserved, that is why we have Environmental Health and Community Health Sciences programmes domiciled in our school of public health. In addition, we have what we called pure sciences, like Chemistry, you could be wondering why Chemistry, or Physics. If you must produce drugs, you need Medicinal Chemistry, if you do not do basic Chemistry, you can not do Medicinal Chemistry at a higher level. Our vision is to produce scientists within the field of Chemistry who are Medicinal Chemists. The equipment used in medicine that helps in diagnosis is produced by a Medical Physicist and if you don't study Physics, you can't be a Medical Physicist. We offer Mathematics and Statistics because when we do drug trials, we need to know which drug

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works and we need the science of statistics. We also offer Mathematics because when you think about the epidemiology of diseases, you have to do modelling which is in the field of mathematics. So, every science that has to do with the field of medicine and health are all available at UNIMED. Our vision is to be a one-stop institution in any field of the health profession and all related sciences.

### UNIMED HAS A FULL-FLEDGED SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS FIELD OF STUDY?

Public Health is what changes lives, not curative, and by that, I don't mean to drag the curative down. A lot of women die in Nigeria due to childbirth issues... somebody who has had seven children is pregnant and now has a ruptured uterus. The surgeon will try to suture, while a public health person will try to prevent the person from having the rupture in the first place by educating her and giving her family planning. That is why public health is important. If you go around the world, the school of public health is the norm because it has several sub-specialties. When you don't run Public Health as a school, you can not realize its full-fledge potential. In our School of Public Health, we have five departments, they are Epidemiology and Biostatistics; Health Education and Health Promotion; Health Policy and Management; Population, Family and Reproductive Health. Those are distinct areas of Public Health and when you have a school, it gives you the opportunity to blossom and that is why we have been able to move very fast, not just running undergraduate but also postgraduate programmes. For example, we run undergraduate programme in Community Health Science. We are the first school in this country that has BSc. in Community Health Science. Apart from the Bachelor's, we have Master's of Science programmes (MSc) in Public Health, Master's of Public Health (MPH),

Doctor of Public Health, and Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health (DPhil). We are able to achieve these because

we have a full-fledged school of public health which is fully staffed. We also operate a school of public health without a wall, in other words, we don't distinguish academia for practice. We have a school of public health that fuses theory with practice, bringing practitioners from the field to teach. Therefore, we have a unique opportunity to showcase what public health is, how it should run, and I am sure that in the coming years, other universities will come to learn from us because we are in the forefront of doing that in this country.



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**IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS, CANDIDATES WILL BE APPLYING TO VARIOUS UNIVERSITIES AROUND THE COUNTRY. WHY SHOULD A CANDIDATE COME AND BUILD HIS OR HER CAREER IN UNIMED?**



We have what we call the 'UNIMED advantage'. Number one advantage is that they are coming to a school that is totally dedicated to excellence. Our slogan in UNIMED is 'excellence or nothing.' Others may compromise, but we don't compromise. We are the first specialized medical university in Nigeria, therefore we must set the pace and excellence is the watchword.

Number two, according to the 2021 NUC university ranking, UNIMED is Nigeria's best specialized health and medical sciences university. Number three, if you want to go to a school, why go to a school that offers all kinds of programmes when you can choose a specialized institution with focused attention?

We are building all our strength around these advantages. Being specialized gives you an advantage, you'd get the focus and the support you need to be the best you can. Number four, UNIMED is one school where there is nothing like strike or industrial action. Almost all government-owned schools are on strike but UNIMED is 7 years and there is no issue of strike, running seamlessly. Another advantage is that the amount of school fee you pay can't be compared to the quality of education you get. In other words, UNIMED is cost-effective in terms of what you take from the institution compared to what you pay.

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**AS YOU MENTIONED EARLIER, "EXCELLENCE OR NOTHING", THAT APPROACH IS NOT CHEAP BECAUSE THE ECONOMY IS BAD. SOME PEOPLE MAY WONDER WHY DON'T WE BRING IT DOWN A LITTLE. FOR INSTANCE, YOU ARE PREPARING A POT OF SOUP AND YOU CAN'T AFFORD FISH OR MEAT BUT YOU CAN AFFORD PONMO (COW SKIN), WHY NOT TRY THIS APPROACH WITH THE UNIVERSITY INSTEAD OF THIS STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE OR NOTHING?**

Thank you very much Tope. I hear this comment a lot and when I hear them, I think that it shows some level of inadequate understanding around a couple of issues. For example, let's say you train a person in physical health or physical education, if he does not know enough or he makes mistakes, he probably won't make the top team or his team won't make it to the

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top. If you train somebody in Philosophy and he is not very good, he may goof and that will be all. If you train a doctor where your focus is not excellence or nothing, every mistake can cost life. That is somebody's father, mother, brother, sister, son or daughter. If I tell you that this doctor is good but is not as good, how many people will go to him or her? That is why for us, there is no two way about it because we are dealing with lives and lives matter. In UNIMED there is no room, absolutely none for compromise, cutting short, or negotiating lower values.

When you think about that philosophy, you will understand why it got to be the way it is. When you talk about the economy, think about it this way. I tell people, when you compare conventional universities with a specialized medical university, you are comparing apples with oranges, because there are vast differences economically. A conventional school may have twenty-five thousand students out of which one hundred are in medical school and twenty-five dental students. Such institution can use the money made from the 24, 875 students to run the medical school but in a specialized university, every programme has a quota. For instance, the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria will approve 50 for medicine students, 10 for dentistry, how will you breakeven? Not too long ago, we invested over three hundred million naira to buy equipment for Dentistry whereas we have approval to admit just 10 students in Dentistry. Think about the student-teacher ratio, NUC has established a ratio where the number of students per lecturer is determined. The highest ratio where you have lesser number of students to a teacher is in medical sciences. So, you need more teachers for the same number of students. If you run a conventional university programme, NUC will come for accreditation and that is the end, but if you run a medical-related programme, you will pay NUC to do accreditation, you will also pay each of the professional bodies and each costs millions. You must be accredited by Medical and Dental Council, Nursing Council, Science Laboratory Council, Medical Laboratory Science Council, Rehabilitation Council. When you add all these up, clearly we are not talking about the same cost with conventional universities.



**THERE IS A LOT OF RUMOUR ABOUT UNIMED SCHOOL FEES. MANY ARE SAYING UNIMED STUDENTS PAY MILLIONS DESPITE SEVERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. CAN YOU PLEASE CLEAR THE AIR ON THE EXACT SCHOOL FEES?**

Nigerians thrive on rumour. Even those who are educated won't go online and check the rates. In UNIMED you can pay as less as one hundred and eighty thousand naira depending on your course of study and more than half of our programmes will cost you less than two hundred and fifty thousand naira. And I'd you break that down per year; there are three



hundred and sixty-five days in hundred and fifty thousand you are paying less than one child. Are you saying that is and future of your child? I days ago, who schools in a 400 level and has stayed due to COVID and the school is cheap and I asked been working for those two earn in a year? She said she seventy thousand naira in a and forty thousand naira in a additional money you are

the time you should have been working, you are at home. So you have lost money, people don't think about the economics, they just think about how much is it. For us, running a straight programme, programmes that focus on excellence, uninterrupted programmes, ensuring that you get good value for money, you can finish on time and pick your life, that is the real deal. It is true that some courses cost more than that because they cost much more in terms of training, but for the majority of our programmes, you pay less than two hundred and fifty thousand naira.



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a year, if you are paying two naira for a school in a year, thousand per day on your too much to invest in the life met a young girl, a couple of federal university. She is in home for almost two years ongoing strike. She says her her a question. If you had years, how much will you will be making almost month, that is eight hundred year. I told her that is the paying the school because

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State on Monday 14th March 2022 matriculated its 7th set of students for various undergraduate programmes in the University.

In an address during the event, the Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adegun Fatusi congratulated the matriculants and assured them that there will be no further increment of tuition fees during their course of study in the University.

He advised the students to face their studies and obey the rules and regulations of the institution as the school has zero tolerance for indiscipline.

'I enjoin you to shun vices such as examination malpractices, indecent dressing, plagiarism, cultism, violence, cybercrimes, and the use of illicit drugs. You all need to comport yourself as responsible and good ambassadors of the University,' Fatusi stated.

He informed the students that the institution has constituted an anti-corruption committee to investigate any form of corrupt practices within the University and a student

disciplinary committee charged with handling issues of student misconduct and malpractices. He said students should ensure that they don't flout the school rules as any student who does that will face disciplinary action.

On the issue of school fees, Prof. Fatusi said the University management understands the current economic realities facing members of the public and assured the matriculants that there will be no further increase in school fees.

'I pray that the Lord will provide for your parents. We know the situation of the country and we are not interested in increasing school fees indiscriminately. We were forced to increase fees last year not because we don't know the situation of things but because we have

a commitment that this school must produce the best. For a specialized university, it takes a lot of funds, but I can assure you that for the next couple of years, please be at rest, there will be no increase in school fees,' the VC stated.

Prof. Fatusi indicated that the University has 8 faculties with 26 courses, all duly accredited and approved by the relevant national regulatory bodies.



# UNIMED Matriculates 7TH SET;

**No More School  
Fee Increment  
-VC**



'We are looking forward to moving onto the final stage of the medical programme accreditation which will enable us to graduate our first set of medical physicians this year,' he stated.

The Vice-Chancellor assured the students that they have made the right decision in choosing the University of Medical Sciences, stating

that the young university, according to the National Universities Commission (NUC), is the 3rd best ranked specialized university, only coming behind the 40-year-old Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA) and 31-year-old Ladoke Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH).

Thereafter, the Registrar, UNIMED, Ondo Dr. Woleola Ekundayo led the students to take the matriculation oath, while some of them were invited to sign the matriculation register during the event. The matriculation ceremony was well attended by parents, Joint Admission Matriculation Board representatives, Principal Officers, Deans and Heads of Departments of the University.



# Postgraduate Education:

Catalyst for Human Development

UNIMED VC

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi has described postgraduate education as a driving force for expanding the frontiers of knowledge and advancing human development. He stated this at the first Postgraduate Discourse of the university tagged 'Postgraduate Education as a catalyst for research, innovation and acquisition for teaching and learning skills held on Wednesday, 25th May 2022.

Prof. Fatusi noted that UNIMED has invested significantly towards ensuring a sound implementation framework for postgraduate education, because of the need to expand the University's horizon in the production of highly skilled health scientists and professionals with the ability to significantly contribute to national and global development through sound, credible and ethical research, and scientific endeavours.

"I am confident that our postgraduate programmes will be operated in line with our

overarching philosophy of 'excellence or nothing.' No doubt, our postgraduate programmes will bear the classic mark of the 'UNIMED advantage': providing high-quality education that responds positively to global dynamics of the 21st Century educational and development landscape, and operates in a steady environment of uninterrupted academic sessions, thereby ensuring timely graduation of high- impact graduates," the VC said.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, 'the University, despite being the third- highest ranked specialized university in Nigeria and the best ranked of the growing number of specialized medical and health sciences universities by the National Universities Commission in 2021, we are not at our destination and we will not rest on our oars till we achieve the great vision of our founding fathers, which is to be a thriving Medical and Health Sciences University, locally, nationally, and internationally recognized for excellence and innovation.'

The VC thereafter revealed that UNIMED will henceforth give priority to Postgraduate students of the University in terms of employment opportunities so as to support them in achieving their dreams. Similarly, the Dean, Postgraduate School, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Julius Ademokoya pointed out the essence of the discourse, stating that it will serve as a forum for understanding the need for setting up and counting the cost of a postgraduate school.





'The purpose of setting up Postgraduate Schools appears to have been reduced to a mere practice instead of necessity. Creating a platform such as this in our University is necessary for engaging experts in initiating, reviewing and propelling critical views on the roles of our Postgraduate School,' he affirmed.

The Director, Central Office for Research and Development, Prof. Olumide Ogundahunsi, while delivering his lecture titled 'The Place of Postgraduate Education in Research, Innovation, Teaching and Learning Skills' noted that the role of the University in

overseeing access to Master and Doctoral programmes, as well as maintaining the quality standard is vital, and that it is often done through the postgraduate school.

He said the postgraduate school can provide career development opportunities for mobility, international collaboration and inter-institutional cooperation.

Prof. Ogundahunsi held that higher education institutions flourish if they are well structured with clear policies and the capacity to adapt to contextual and contemporary needs.



# NIGERIA yet to HARNESS the POWER of HERBAL MEDICINE

- UNIMED VC



The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi has informed that Nigeria is yet to harness the potential of herbal medicine.

He made the remarks at a one-day symposium tagged 'Herbal Medicine: The past, the present and the future,' organized by the Center for Herbal Medicine and Drug Development of the University on Tuesday 10th May 2022 at the Laje Road Campus.

Prof. Fatusi noted that Nigeria would have to be deliberate in the effort to promote herbal medicine, noting that the power of science and the potential of herbs can make a difference in the country's health sector. He said, 'We have not harnessed our God-given heritage in the areas of herbs and what our forefathers have done, but UNIMED is beginning to turn around the story and this moment is that golden moment, this workshop opens up that opportunity for us to crystalize our vision and bring the Nigerian nation to understand the power of science merged with the power of herbs, making the whole difference not only to health but also the economy.'

Prof. Fatusi hinted that the dream of the University to start a Bachelor's degree programme in herbal medicine was halted by the lack of the



National Universities Commission (NUC) Benchmark Minimum Academic Standard (BMAS), now known as Core Curriculum and Minimum Academic Standard (CCMAS), for the programme.

'We have always had a great dream about herbal medicine in UNIMED starting from our foundation. UNIMED had proposed even starting a B. Sc. Programme in herbal medicine but the fact that there was no BMAS minimal standard for it with NUC stalled the whole process. That tells you how passionate we are about the programme,' Fatusi stated. He explained further that the University is working with NUC and other stakeholders to get an approved CCMAS to kick-start the programme.

'There are great days ahead for our Centre for Herbal and Drug Discovery, and with our Faculty of Pharmacy coming on board soon, they will be complementing one another. So, we are driving the agenda for herbal medicine as no other person has ever done in this country, that is one of the advantages of being a specialized medical university,' Prof. Fatusi concluded.

The Keynote Speaker at the event, Director of the Center for Research and Development, Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA), Prof. Ganiyu Oboh, said the practice of herbal medicine has been the oldest form of health care and human beings have been surviving on nature to feed, treat and to prevent illness. 'The future of herbal medicine is inevitable integration into modern medical practice and it can only be achieved when there is a proper collaboration between government and all the actors involved in healthcare delivery,' he said.

Prof. Oboh noted that strict monitoring and implementation of regulatory guidelines to curb undue proliferation of natural products, use, and sales of herbal remedies must be put in place. The Dean, School of Public Health, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Wasiu Adebimpe, while delivering a paper titled 'Public Health Concerns and Agenda for Integrating Herbal Medicine into the National Health System,' harped on the need for the integration of herbal and modern medicine.

'The use of traditional medical knowledge for drug development without the consent of customary knowledge holders is not acceptable under international law, hence, the need for the regulation of practice and practitioners; one must be able to distinguish between qualified practitioners and practices.

The Director, Office of Strategy and Programme Management, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adeduro Adegeye, while presenting the last paper of the day, spoke on the 'economics of herbal medicine'. He noted that countries like China and India thrive economically because of herbal medicine and Nigeria has been endowed with lots of herbs that can improve the country's economic output.

Earlier, the Acting Director, Centre for Herbal Medicine and Drug Development, UNIMED, Ondo, Dr. Babawale Olatunji, in his welcome address, stated that the vision of the Centre is to be a study center that serves as a reference center and a standard place for studying traditional medicine in Nigeria and globally. This, he said, will stand as an effective bridge between orthodox and herbal medicine in delivering health services to the majority of the population

'Our goal is to provide rudimentary knowledge through training in herbal medicine to a broad set of people who will be in a position to provide health care services in collaboration with orthodox medicine providers or on their own,' Dr. Olatunji said.

Dignitaries at the event included the DVC, Administration and Clinical Services, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adolphus Loto; DVC, Academic, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Roseangela Nwuba; the Registrar, represented by Deputy Registrar, Mrs. Bola Arowosegbe and the Ag. University Librarian, Mr. Femi Folorunso.

Others who joined virtually included the Bursar, UNIMED, Ondo, Mr. M.S.O. Shittu; Former member of UNIMED Governing Council, Prof. Tolu Odugbemi; Prof. Anthony Elujoba; Prof. Olukemi A. Odukoya; Prof. Yemisi Kunle; a professor of pharmacognosy, Prof. Jones Moody, among others.

# UNIMED *records* 100% PASS in Part III BDS EXAMINATION



All 500 level students of Dentistry at the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State have passed their BDS (Bachelor of Dental Surgery) part III examination, which was based on pediatrics, Internal medicine and surgery.

The examination, which started March 8, 2022 and ended March 16, 2022, followed a series of classes and clinical postings.

The Acting Head of Pediatrics and Child Health Department, UNIMED, Dr. Olasehinde Bello disclosed that the Department of pediatrics conducted a standardized BDS III professional examination for 14 UNIMED dental students.

'We don't take clinical exams with levity. We want to see you have hands-on on our patients rather than just a theory doctor. The external examiner was here because it was a standardized exam. It is not the same set of lecturers that were teaching them that also conducted the exam. The exam was regulated by the representatives of the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN),' Dr. Bello stated.

The HOD mentioned that the dental students do a rotation through pediatrics and child health to acquire more knowledge and widen the scope of their course of study.

'They are indeed dental students but they will always come across children in the course of practice, not only adults. They are rotating through us such that they can give at least first-aid treatment to any child that gets to them before they refer eventually to a pediatrician. And at the same time, when a child comes to them for dental issues, they should have an idea of how to treat children,' he added.

Conception and birth

Developmental  
milestones

# RESEARCH, VITAL TO NIGERIAN HEALTHCARE DEVELOPMENT – UNIMED VC

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi has highlighted the importance of research in the development of the healthcare sector in Nigeria.

He made the remarks at the opening of the 2022 UNIMED Research Day programme of the University with the theme 'Academic Independence and Career Progression'.

Prof. Fatusi described good research as problem-solving, saying it is the only tool that can help address revolving health issues in our society as it discovers new treatments, improved diagnosis and better health management strategies among others.

He said, 'today is a watershed in our agenda as a university in terms of what we see our university becoming and what we see as a crystalizing event that will ultimately define who we are as a University. One of the things that define a university as against a secondary school is research. A secondary or primary school will teach, but in the university, we don't teach abstractly, we use our research to inform what we teach and that is why without being a good researcher, I don't think you can progress considerably in our teaching agenda.'

The VC appreciated the Director, Central Office for Research and Development, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Olumide Ogundahunsi and all members of the Academic Events Planning Committee of the university for organizing the programme.

Delivering the Keynote lecture titled 'Achieving Academic Independence and Progression through Collaborative Research', the Guest Speaker, Dr. Akindele Olupelumi Adebisi, president-elect of the International Epidemiological Association, a Public Health Physician and faculty at the College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, charged participants on the need to collaborate to achieve excellence.

'Research that does not solve a problem in society is a waste of time because the mandate of academia is teaching and inspiring change in society. This can only be achieved through quality research,' Adebisi stated. He advised that young lecturers should be allowed protected time to enable them to carry out research. To promote accountability, the institution should design means of measuring productivity.

At the event, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Prof. Roseangela Nwuba chaired an interactive panel discussion on career progression and independence. The programme also featured systematic analyses of faculty research and publication output, as well as poster presentations of research projects by faculties and researchers

A total of 32 researchers presented their research during the poster session. A panel of three senior professors was constituted by the organisers to determine the three best posters presented. Each poster was evaluated in the following 5 domains – i) Justification for the research, ii) presentation of the research work, iii) quality of the illustrations, iv) data analysis and v) interpretation of the results.

Following the panel's assessment, the first place was shared by Dr. A.O Falade from the Department of Biochemistry (Poster title: Computational studies on the cholinesterase, beta-secretase 1 and monoamine oxidase inhibitory activities of endophytes- derived compounds: towards the discovery of novel neurotherapeutics) and Dr. Ifeoluwa Oyeyemi from the Department of Biological Sciences (Poster title: Methanol extract of *Nymphae lotus* (Linn) ameliorated carbon tetrachloride-induced rat liver fibrosis and inhibit human castrate resistant prostate carcinoma in vitro). The two researchers were awarded a prize of ₦200,000 each to be used towards the advancement of their research work.

The poster presented by Dr. Raphael Uwejigbo from the Anatomy Department (Psychosocial stress and fertility: Potentials of Vitamin E as evidenced from the testes and epididymis) was adjudged the third best with a prize of ₦100,000 to be used towards the advancement of his research work.





# UNIMED organizes INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURIAL Roundtable for Students

The Institute of Health Humanities and Entrepreneurship, University of the Medical Sciences, Ondo City, Ondo State on Thursday 7th April 2022, held the maiden edition of the UNIMED Policy and Programmes Engagement Roundtable (UPPER).

The programme, which was designed to encourage and promote entrepreneurship among students of the University, had the theme 'Impacting Innovative and Entrepreneurial Ideas in a Medical University.'

Declaring the Roundtable open, the Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi said the purpose of a university is to solve critical problems bedeviling the society, hence the need for innovation.

'We are designed to be an entrepreneurial university and we are an institution that is preparing young people who are trained for the future, the future of our nation and the world, which depends largely on our innovation and entrepreneurship,' the VC said.

Prof. Fatusi affirmed that UNIMED would continue to be in support of business and innovative ideas from students and young ones in the community.

The Special Adviser to the Governor of Ondo State on Entrepreneurship, Hon. Dr. Summy Smart Francis, while delivering a keynote address, said Nigeria has a lot of opportunities and that students could tap into such opportunities through the internet.



He compared entrepreneurship to a door that leads to success, saying 'education is the key to the door while the entrepreneur is the door.' 'A lot of people in the medical field are not tapping into businesses. It is we, the entrepreneurs, that own hospitals and pharmacies, while we employ doctors. It is important that we open up these value chains so that they could see a breakdown of several opportunities that could be tapped into,' Dr. Francis stated.

He clarified that the idea was not to take undue advantage of people but to provide necessary services to the public and get rewarded for such efforts, saying a high number of Nigerians were bound to travel out yearly and that they pay heavily to get such services.

Dr. Francis advised UNIMED students to embrace entrepreneurship, engage in it, and be connected to business-minded people. He appreciated the Institute of Health Humanities and Entrepreneurship (IHHE), UNIMED, Ondo as well as the Management of the University for imprinting entrepreneurship in the mind of the youths.

The second keynote address at the event was delivered by Dr. Adebayo Adedokun, the Senior Special Adviser to Osun State Governor on Economic Planning, Budget, and Development. He spoke on 'expanding factors of entrepreneur education potentials for medical universities.' Adedokun explained that an entrepreneur is a person who can turn ideas into business in a creative manner.

'All entrepreneurs are businessmen but not all businessmen are entrepreneurs. This is because an entrepreneur inputs lots of creative ideas to make the business a success,' he stated.

Another highlight of the event was a panel discussion involving the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Roseangela Nwuba, Dr. Summy Smath Francis, Prof. Adeduro J. Adegeye, Dr. Iheanacho C. Metuonu, Mr. Dimeji Adeyemo, and Ms. Bukola Aladesulu with focus on entrepreneurial opportunities.

The program was well attended by the Management, staff and students of the University.



## 2022 ORAL HEALTH DAY: UNIMED Commissions Rural Dental Clinic at Ile-Oluji

A rural dental clinic has been commissioned by the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State, to mark the 2022 World Oral Health Day.

The building was completed by Ile-Oluji Development Council (IDC) and handed over to the Faculty of Dental Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo as a support facility for training and dental healthcare in Ile-Oluji kingdom.

Speaking at the commissioning of the dental clinic, joined with a dental outreach by the University to mark the 2022 world oral health day, the Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi noted that rural healthcare is vital for the development of the Nigerian health sector.

In a keynote address based on the theme of the 2022 oral health day, which is 'Be proud of your mouth – Look after your oral health for your happiness and well-being,' Prof. Fatusi said good oral health is important for overall wellbeing.

According to him, 'a lot of Nigerians don't value dentistry, even professors don't go for dental care, but today, we are here in this community to launch a revolution, to bring to the consciousness of our society that dentistry and dental care are very important. We chose to start from Ile-Oluji because for us in the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, our motto is 'for learning and community services,' and we believe in starting from our communities.'

'Many times, patients come to the hospital at a very late stage, but when we work with the community,



we can begin to find people very early, at a point where we can help them and the cost of care is very low. And that is why what we will be doing in Ile-Oluji is going to be phenomenal and is going to change the lives and destiny of people in this town,' the VC added.

Addressing the gathering, the Jegun Olu-Ekun and Paramount Ruler of Ile-Oluji Kingdom, His Royal Majesty, Oba (Dr.) Olufaderin Oluwole Adetimehin, <sup>FIIN, FCIB</sup> appreciated the University management for choosing to partner with the community to promote the health of people in the community.

'On our part as community stakeholders, we shall not relent in our continued effort to ensure the sustainability and underlying goals and objectives of the new dental centre, and I appeal to all Dental Surgeons and support staff to be humane while delivering dental care services,' Oba Adetimehin stated.

The high point of the occasion was the commissioning of the Dental Clinic at Oke Alafia Primary Health Centre, which was launched with equipment donated to the University by DOFAS, a philanthropic group based in the United States of America.

The Acting Dean, Faculty of Dental Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo, Dr. Ezekiel Adebayo appreciated

all donors for their sacrifice and commitment towards improving access to quality dental services in Ile-Oluji.

He said, 'on our part, we shall endeavour to sustain services at the clinic. Dental services are indeed expensive, but we are committed to making them affordable and accessible. We will utilize the clinic for community dental posting of resident doctors from the teaching hospital and students from the University.





## UNIMED CELEBRATES 2022 IWD in GRAND STYLE

**T**uesday, March 8, 2022, marked the World International Women's Day (IWD) - a global day to celebrate the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marked a call to action for accelerating women's equality.

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State celebrated the 2022 edition of the Day in grand style, with health talks, high-profile panel discussions, and community sensitization.

Addressing guests and female members of staff who converged at the University's Main Auditorium, Odosida Campus, the Vice-Chancellor, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Roseangela Nwuba advised mothers to train their male children the same way they train their girl children, stating that gender inequality starts from the way mothers train their children.

'Do you make a male child feel that he is special and the girl child feel she is nothing? It starts from the home, handling house chores, cultural values, and the parents' approach to training the children. On the next International Women's Day, boys and girls should be invited because the earlier the male child understands this, the better for us.' Prof. Nwuba said.

Speaking on the theme 'Gender Equality Today, for Sustainable Tomorrow,' the guest speaker, Engr. Dr. Mrs. Fumilayo Waheed Adekojo stated that society should recognize the important role of women in national development and charged the womenfolk to stand tall in the society.

Prof. Augustina Duyilemi, former Director, Women Studies and Development Centre, Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko and the Director, Advancement Unit, UNIMED, Ondo, also noted the need for women to strike a balance between the home front and their career. She said women are great decision-makers and need to be placed at the helm of affairs for the overall development of any given society.

Prof. Duyilemi appreciated the Management of the University for the conscious effort to balance the staff male to female ratio and advised that more is done to make it equal. She encouraged women to attain greater heights in their academic career as this would place them in key positions across various parastatals and organizations. She also spoke on the need for women to submit to their husbands as they are the head of the home, noting that a male colleague should not exercise such headship as the woman could be the head in any office.

An Associate Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo and the President, Mycotoxicology Society of Nigeria, Dr. Yemisi Jeff-Agboola said International Women's Day was to celebrate and emphasize the women's rights movement, bringing attention to issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights, gender violence and abuse of women. She harped on the need to create a gender-equal world, free from bias, discrimination, domestic violence and rape.

A panel consisting of Prof. Roseangela Nwuba, Prof. Olumide Ogundahunsi, Prof. Augustinah Duyiemi, and Dr. Adereti expatiated on other challenges facing women in society and practical ways to deal with them.

The programme started with an awareness tour as female staff of the University walked from Lipakala junction to Odosida Campus to sensitize members of the public. The event ended with a health talk by Dr. Immaculata Akpalaba, a Consultant Surgeon of Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT) at UNIMED Teaching Hospital. The event was also attended by students from St. Louis Girls Grammar School, St. Helen's Grammar School, members of staff from the Adeyemi College of Education and the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), Nigeria.



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## 2022 WORLD HEARING DAY:

*UNIMED sensitizes public, provides medical outreach*

**T**he University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State has provided free medical diagnosis and treatment for members of the public as part of activities marking the 2022 World Hearing Day.

Speaking on the significance of the day, a Consultant Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon who is also a Senior Lecturer, Surgery Department and Deputy Director, Centre for Health Profession and Biomedical Education, UNIMED, Ondo, Dr.

Immaculata Akpalaba said the day was set aside by the World Health Organisation to create awareness for hearing, hearing loss – prevention, cure and rehabilitation.

'3<sup>rd</sup> of March was chosen to celebrate the hearing day because the ear on each side of the face looks like figure 3, double 3 on the face and the only month that has 3-3 in a year is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March. So, the World Health Organisation set the day aside to mark world hearing day,' Dr. Akpalaba stated.

She noted the theme for 2022 celebration was 'To hear for life, listen with care'. This according to her meant that for one to hear throughout one's lifetime, there is a need to listen with care and practice what is called safe listening, keeping away from loud noise.

Dr. Immaculata Akpalaba said the number of

people with hearing loss kept increasing because commuters were exposed to loud noise and young adults make use of smart phones turning the speaker of their phones high. Quoting the World Health Organization, Dr. Akpalaba stated that by the year 2050, nearly 2.5 billion people were projected to have some degree of hearing loss and that at least 700 million would require hearing rehabilitation. She further stated that over 1 billion young adults were at risk of permanent, avoidable hearing loss due to unsafe listening practices.

A total of 378 individuals benefitted from the 2022 World Hearing Day medical outreach sponsored by the University while eleven different ear disorders were detected and managed accordingly.



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## UNIMED INAUGURATES ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION, APPOINTS FAMUTIMI AS BOARD CHAIRMAN

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State on Friday, April 1, 2022, inaugurated the Board of the UNIMED Advancement Foundation (UAF) with Chief Olabintan Famutimi as the Chairman.

The Foundation was inaugurated to provide a strategic platform for increasing the University's access to multiple sources of revenue, corporate and private linkages, beneficial partnerships and charitable giving through engagement with corporate bodies, government, private institutions, agencies, alumni, parents and friends.

The Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi, while addressing members of the Foundation at the Council Chamber of the University and those who joined virtually,

described the development as a dream come true and appreciated members of the Governing Council-led by Hon. (Dr) Temitayo Fawehinmi for making it a reality.

'Let me on behalf of our university welcome our distinguished members of the Advancement Board. For us, it is a dream come true. The whole agenda of establishing it had been on the table of our last Council for almost one year. And while the Council members are not here because the Council term ended a few weeks back, I want to start by acknowledging the great work they have done in helping us not just to shape the vision but also to bring on board the caliber of men and women who have a history of accomplishments. Thereafter, the Vice-Chancellor highlighted previous achievements of the University as well as the goals and aspirations of the University.

He said: 'Our goal is to be a one-stop institution for all medical and health sciences programmes. For example, there is no Institution in this country that offers a full-fledged program in prosthetics and orthotics except the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo. The recent train bombing in Kaduna underscores the importance of this programme as a lot of people must have lost limbs or arms and need artificial replacement. They will probably have to travel

The Board is presently composed of eminent personalities including Chief Olabintan Famutimi (Chairman); Prof. Anthony Adegbulugbe; Chief Stephen Olawale Akinretoye; Prof. Abimbola Akintade; Ms. Cecilia Akintomide; Chief Christopher Akinwolemiwa and Otunba Samuel Boluwaji Akinyemi.

Other members of the Board are Dr. Yemi Mahmud, a former member of UNIMED's



abroad to get such services, but our goal is to provide help to such casualties in our society at a minimal cost. Our Prosthetics and Orthotics students who will be graduating in the next couple of years will help to bridge this critical gap.'

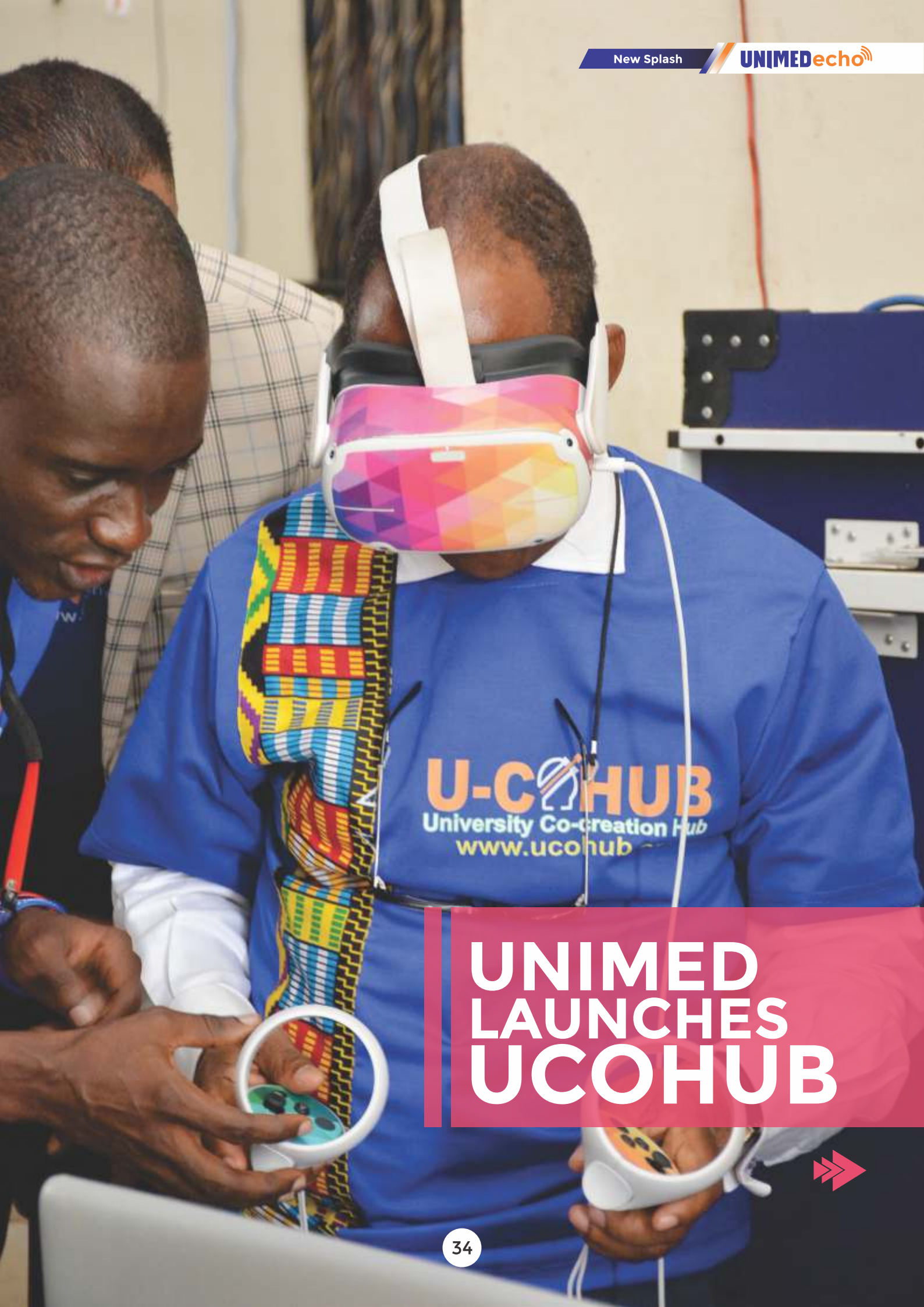
Earlier, the Director, Advancement Unit, UNIMED, Ondo, Dr. Lawal Oyenyin, <sup>mni</sup> appreciated the members of the Board for accepting to take up the huge task of joining to provide strategic support for the University through philanthropic leadership, endowment administration and infrastructural development.

At the event, the Registrar, UNIMED, Ondo, Dr Woleola J. Ekundayo conducted the inaugural ceremony by reading the citation of members and welcoming them to the Board.

Governing Council; Prof Friday Okonofua, the former Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Ondo; Dr. Olufemi Oyinsan and Mr. Abimbola Oladapo.

Internal members of the Board are Prof. Adesegun Fatusi, VC, UNIMED, Ondo; Prof. Adolphus Loto, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Ondo; Dr. Woleola J. Ekundayo, Registrar, UNIMED, Ondo and Dr. Lawal Oyenyin, Director, Advancement Unit, UNIMED, Ondo.

While delivering his inaugural speech, the Chairman, UNIMED Advancement Foundation (UAF), Chief Olabintan Famutimi, on behalf of other members of the Board, appreciated the University Management for the opportunity given to him to serve. He solicited the unalloyed support of other Board members for the rapid growth of the University.



# UNIMED LAUNCHES UCOHUB





The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022 launched a world-class University Co-creation Hub (UCoHUB) in a bid to promote technological innovation that can enhance medical and health sciences education in Nigeria.

In his welcome address, the Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi said the hub, when completed, will serve as the technological innovation and entrepreneurship space for the university making it easy to understand e-learning curricula and digital innovations drive.

'I was taught in a medical school by dissecting dead bodies and I kept asking why must you dissect the dead body because nobody passes you whether you dissect a dead body or not. What you are marked or scored for is the knowledge of the structure and its relationship. So, with this platform, you don't need to dissect anybody before you understand what you are doing. It creates an opportunity for our students to learn differently and also for our teachers to review how they do things', the VC said. He appreciated the British Council Innovation for African Universities (IAU) Grant, the Liverpool John Moores University, United Kingdom, and Teenpreneurs Educational Foundation (Teenpreneurs Hub, Lagos) for partnering with UNIMED, Ondo.

He said: 'I want to thank very profoundly, our partners. This is one example of how we should work together to make a difference. We need partnerships between academia, civil societies, the non-governmental organisations among others. This is a demonstration of what can be achieved when there is a strong partnership'.

'UNIMED will grow in its competency, mindset, and commitment to being a learned community where everything we do will be embedded with the dimension of innovation and creativity, as we begin to see a radical change in our curricula to help more young people. So, this for us is a life-changing moment, a paradigm shift in our educational mindset to align with our vision of being an innovative university that is distinct and making an impact around the world', Fatusi added.

'On a final note, I want to say to our students that you are being given a one-in-a-million chance. You have been positioned at a critical moment in history, please don't let it slip away. This has all been put together just for you, seize the opportunity, change your life, make an impact and be the one making all the difference', he concluded. Speakers at the event included the Director, Central Office for Research and Development, UNIMED, Prof. Olumide Ogundahunsi; the Director, Institute of Health Humanities and Entrepreneurship, Dr. Iheanacho Metuonu and an Associate Professor in Pharmacology and Neuroscience at Liverpool John Moores University, United Kingdom, Dr. Amos Fatokun.

# UNIMED AMBULANCE COMMISSIONS

The Management of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED) Ondo City, Ondo State, under the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi on Wednesday 4th May, 2022 commissioned a brand-new, state-of-the-art ambulance for use by the University community.

Addressing members of staff who were present at the commissioning, Prof. Fatusi said the University decided to purchase the ambulance despite the economic situation, noting that the welfare of staff and students is of utmost importance.

'The welfare of our staff is something we prioritise. This University started small but has grown because of the courage and commitment of the management and other members of staff who have been involved in the past and those who are playing that role now,' the VC stated.

He added, 'one of the choices we have made despite our financial challenges is that we must transform the spectrum of health services in the University. Along that line, we made a decision that first of all, we are going to ensure that students can get to our healthcare facilities rapidly, that is why we decided to buy a brand-new ambulance. This ambulance is very compact and has everything you need - stretcher, oxygen and other equipment - to sustain a patient being transported to the healthcare centre.'

Prof. Fatusi noted that the Management of the University will be replicating the same thing in Akure Campus as soon as possible, but that a utility vehicle has been approved to serve as an ambulance in the meantime.

'We are also opening up our new health center hopefully between the next two to three months. I want to thank God for what he is enabling us to do and to appreciate the leadership of the health centre for a good job,' the VC said.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration and Clinical Services, and the Chairman of the Board of Health Centre, Prof. Adolphus Loto, in his address, lauded the Vice-Chancellor for his support and effort towards the growth of the institution. He said the purchase of the Nigerian-made Innoson ambulance, for the welfare of students and staff, is highly commendable at a time of economic crisis. He said, 'the purchase of the ambulance is better than using a personal vehicle to transport students when they have issues with their health.'

Present at the event were the Registrar, Dr. Woleola Ekundayo; Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Evelyn Osho; Director, Health Center, Dr. Laide Afolabi; Director of Works, Engr. Samuel Ogunwusi, the Chief Security Officer, Rtd Captain Harrison Akinfoyewa, among others.





MRS. AROBOSEGBE

MR. ADENIRAN

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State has approved the appointment of Mrs. Bolarinwa Olasimbo Arowosegbe and Mr. Ezekiel Imoleayo Adeniran as Deputy Registrars in the University.

The appointments were made on Monday, 9th May 2022 following the duo's success at the interview for the position of Deputy Registrar held on February 23, 2022 at the Laje Road Campus of the University.

Mrs. Bolarinwa Olasimbo Arowosegbe was born on 2nd June, 1971 and a native of Ayedun-Ekiti, Ekiti State. She attended Methodist Primary School Ayedun Ekiti from 1975 to 1981. She proceeded to the prestigious St. Louis Girls Grammar School, Akure from 1981 to 1987 and got admission into the College of Education, Ikere-Ekiti (now Bamidele Olumilua University of Education) from 1988 to 1991.

Mrs. Arowosegbe bagged B.Sc. (Ed) from the University of Benin, Benin-City in 1995. She has worked in various organizations as Personal Assistant to Chief Executive Officers, Training and Personnel Officer from 1997 to 2008 before joining the university administration in 2009 as an Assistant Registrar at Wesley University, Ondo and rose to the position of Senior Assistant Registrar in 2012. She joined the services of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo on 16th November, 2015 as the Principal Assistant Registrar.

She is a member of various professional bodies and the newly elected Chairperson of the Nigerian Institute of Management (Chartered), Ondo City Chapter. She is an

astute administrator who has worked as Head of Council Affairs, Academic Affairs, Human Resource Divisions of the Registry Department and Secretary to Postgraduate School.

Mr. Ezekiel Imoleayo Adeniran was born on the 19th of April, 1983 to the Ojumu dynasty in Owo. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science with Second Class (Upper) Honours from Adekunle Ajasin University, AkungbaAkoko (2006), Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Southern Queensland, Australia (2008) and Diploma in Leadership and Business Management from the University of Southern Queensland, Australia (2007).

He has served in four tertiary institutions in Nigeria, particularly at the university level, in various capacities from the post of Administrative Officer II to that of Principal Assistant Registrar for about thirteen years. Before joining the University in 2019, he earlier worked at the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko, and Elizade University, Ilara-mokin. His experience as a university administrator spans across federal, state and private Universities.

He is a Chartered Manager, Chartered Institute of Human Resource Management; Fellow, Institute of Professional Managers and Administrators of Nigeria; Member, Association of Nigeria University Professional Administrators and Member, Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria.

He has attended several national and international conferences and served either as chairman, member or secretary of about 35 University Committees.

Until his appointment as Deputy Registrar, he was the Principal Assistant Registrar in charge of Governing Council and General Administration, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo.



## **FATUSI BAGS BIXBY INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP FELLOWSHIP AWARD**

**T**he Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi has received the Guttmacher Institute's 2021-2022 Bixby International Leadership Fellowship award.

This year, Guttmacher's Bixby Committee chose to name two fellows. Prof. Fatusi, who will focus on building equitable international partnerships and Prof. Akanni Akinyemi, a Nigeria-based researcher in sexual and reproductive health and professor of demography and social statistics at Obafemi Awolowo University.

As part of his fellowship, Prof. Fatusi will collaborate with members of staff of the Guttmacher Institute, New York, USA to build tools, guidelines and processes to sharpen Guttmacher's strategy for equitable partnerships.

The Bixby International Leadership Fellowship was established in the year 2007 through a grant from the Fred H. Bixby Foundation. The fellowships are awarded to people who have in-depth knowledge in the field of population and reproductive health and who can provide guidance on substantive and methodological areas of the Institute's international work. Fellows benefit from exposure to Guttmacher's expert staff and build their knowledge base and experience, particularly by learning more about Guttmacher's model of integrating rigorous scientific inquiry with advocacy and public education.

# UNIMED BURSAR *bags* ACG AWARD

The Akoko Conscience Group (ACG) has honoured the first substantive Bursar of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED) Ondo City, Ondo State, Mr. M. S Oluwanife Shittu, FCA with an award of leadership excellence and the 'Akoko Man of the Year' for the year 2021/2022.

He received the award on Thursday, 5th of May, 2022 at the Council Chamber, Laje Campus in Ondo.

The National President of the Group, Comrade Ajayi Victor Ogunsuyi said Mr. Shittu has made the entire Akoko community proud in his distinguished career as an accountant of repute with untainted and unblemished records.

He said, 'Mr. Shittu has demonstrated proficiency, perseverance, diligence, hard work, and content of good character in his career. We are here to appreciate you for your kind gesture towards the people of Akoko and the development of the community at large.'

Ogunsuyi described Shittu as a prominent son of Akoko land, a philanthropist and a proud member of the ACG.

He appreciated the Management of the University under the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi for

providing the enabling environment for professionals to thrive in the University.

The Special Adviser of the ACG, Mr. Adeosun Williams said the group's objective is to appraise and encourage good leadership, chastise and berate bad eggs and celebrate exceptional leaders whose valuable contributions to the society stood out in the community.

'It is in this voyage of ours to support and promote outstanding leadership, especially those whose personalities have contributed immensely towards youth development, education, community, and humanitarian service that we identified M.S.O,' he said.

A gold medal was presented to Mr. Shittu by High Chief OdofinOgboye of Okeagbe Kingdom,





Evangelist Muyiwa Asagunla, who appreciated the awardee for his good works while working at Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba Akoko, noting that he demonstrated good leadership and professionalism in his duties.

Present at the occasion were the Ag. University Librarian, Mr. Femi Folorunso; the Director of Works, Engineer Samuel Ogunwusi; Principal Assistant Registrar (now Deputy Registrar), Mr. Ezekiel Adeniran; Senior Legal Officer, Barrister Olamide Adelaye; Senior Assistant Registrar, Mr.



Akinola Oke and other members of staff.

The appointment of M.S.O Shittu as UNIMED Bursar was made on Thursday, July 8, 2021, at the 13th Statutory meeting of the Council under the leadership of the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, Dr. Temitayo Fawehinmi.

Mr. Shittu's appointment followed his success at an interview for the post where he came first among other applicants.

Before his appointment, he has served as the Acting Bursar of the University, for about 3 years. Mr. Shittu's career in university accounting and finance started in February 2003 as Accountant I in the Bursary Department of Adekunle Ajasin University, and worked in various Units and Divisions. He rose to the position of Chief Accountant in 2011.

MSO, as he is fondly called, joined the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo as the pioneer Head of the Bursary Department when the University started its financial operations in 2015 and was later appointed the Deputy/Acting Bursar in April, 2018.



## IITA hosts UNIMED Students

**S**tudents from the Departments of Chemistry, Food Science and Science Laboratory Technology of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, visited the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Ibadan on a one-day field trip.

A total number of fifty-eight (58) students from the three departments organized the joint excursion to expose themselves to the reality of what they had learnt in the classroom. They were also accompanied by eight (8) members of staff and security personnel.

One of the staff members on the trip, Mr. Walter Osungbemiro from Chemistry Department, said the objective was to expose students to real-world application of the subjects taught in the classroom and increase their appreciation for the programme of study. He noted that the team is also interested in establishing good relationships with industries and facilitating collaboration for staff and students' training.

Following a smooth ride to IITA Ibadan, the team was divided into two groups and visited the Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Laboratory, Food Science and Nutrition Laboratory, Cassava Processing Factory, and the IITA Dam.

The students were exposed to the functionality of different equipment and instruments in the laboratories visited. In the Food Science and Nutrition Laboratory, the students were educated about the importance of their programmes in research and research institutes.



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## FAWEHINMI LAYS FOUNDATION OF FACULTY OF ALLIED HEALTH BUILDING



On Friday, March 11, 2022, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, UNIMED Governing Council, Dr. Temitayo Fawehinmi laid the foundation of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State.

The event marked the last meeting of the second Council of the university. According to the Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi, the building will be the second structure on the permanent site of the university located at Laje Road, Ondo.

He said the structure will be financed through internally generated revenue and support from friends of the university.

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