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EDITOR'S NOTE

It all started on Monday, March 9, 2020, when Prof. Adesegun Fatusi tookover the mantle of leadership as the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo. A lot of epoch-making events have been recorded in the University despite the outbreak of COVID-19 Pandemic.



For instance, in less than six months in office, the Faculty of Medical Rehabilitation was established, the first of its kind in any Nigerian University. The philosophy of the Faculty is to produce university graduates of Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Audiology, Speech Therapy, Prosthetics and Orthotics, who will satisfy the regional and national needs in these fields of health sciences. This feat is the primary focus of this edition of UNIMED echo, a news publication of the University.

A similar development is the introduction of new courses as approved by the University Senate at its 10th Special Meeting. The University community was thrilled with the introduction of Environmental Health Science, Community Health Science, Dental Therapy, Dental Nursing Science, Health Care Administration and Hospital Management, Health Information Management, Food Science, Nutrition and Dietetics among others.

Another notable accomplishment highlighted in this edition is the foundation laying and construction of two TETFund buildings in the University. The first is a block of lecture rooms and the other is a one storey building for academic staff offices. The Ondo State Governor, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu SAN and the Osemawe of Ondo Kingdom, Oba Dr. Victor Adesimbo Kiladejo CFR, were among the dignitaries that graced the occasion.

These news among others are featured in this third edition of UNIMED echo.

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Inaugurates Nigeria's First Medical Rehabilitation Faculty

The University of Medical Sciences, Ondo State has inaugurated the first Faculty of Medical Rehabilitation in Nigeria, in a bid to train Students to become rehabilitation experts and provide quality rehabilitative services.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi, said there was a scarcity of medical rehabilitation personnel in Nigeria, noting that the need for medical rehabilitative services was on the increase.

The Vice-Chancellor said the institution had initiated steps to commence degree programmes in four new areas, in addition to the current programme in Physiotherapy, which included Occupational Therapy, Prosthetics and Orthotics, Speech Therapy and Audiology.

He said, "Medical rehabilitation is an important health field with a unique contribution to health and wellbeing, and embraces the disciplines that focus on both basic and applied





aspects of health sciences, services, education, social and engineering as they relate to restoring human functional capacity and improving a person's interaction with the surrounding environment."

"The Nigeria picture is a classic one of low availability of personnel in the face of increasing needs for rehabilitation experts and our higher education system has shown a poor inclination towards addressing the situation." Prof. Fatusi also lamented that very few public universities in Nigeria are offering any form of medical rehabilitation courses. The Registrar of the Medical Rehabilitation Therapists Board of Nigeria, Dr. Akanle Olufunke, who decried the shortage of medical rehabilitation professionals in the country, called on universities and colleges of medicine across the country to consider the training of physiotherapy and medical rehabilitation professionals.

"Considering the increasing population of our country running to 200 million, less than 6000 registered medical rehabilitation professionals cannot meet the increasing rehabilitation needs of our nation," she said.

Earlier, the Senate of the University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State approved the establishment of the Faculty of





Medical Rehabilitation, which is the first of such Faculty in any University in Nigeria.

This development is in tandem with the University's goal of being a one-stop institution for human resources development across all health and medical disciplines. The philosophy of the Faculty is to produce university graduates of Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Audiology, Speech Therapy, Prosthetics and Orthotics, who will satisfy the regional and national needs in these fields of health sciences.

Addressing the Senate, the Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Ondo. Prof. Adesegun Fatusi explained that his vision is to make UNIMED the leading institution in Medical Rehabilitation in West Africa, with

courses that span the field and to address the huge deficit in human resources for quality medical rehabilitation in Nigeria and the West Africa sub-region.

In his speech, Prof. Fatusi noted that 'in the over seven decade history of university education in Nigeria, it is troubling that less than a dozen universities offer any course in Medical Rehabilitation and no university offer, more than two courses in that field despite the huge and increasing need for Medical Rehabilitation Services. UNIMED is out to change that scenario as we are set to offer new courses in Occupational Therapy, Audiology, Speech Therapy, Prosthetics and Orthotics'.



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SPEECH OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR PROF. ADESEGUN FATUSI, AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE FACULTY OF MEDICAL REHABILITATION, UNIMED, ONDO, HELD ON 16TH NOVEMBER, 2020.

Protocol

Medical Rehabilitation is an important health field with unique contribution to health and wellbeing, and embraces the disciplines that focus on both basic and applied aspects of health sciences, services, education, social and engineering as they relate to restoring human functional capacity and improving a person's interaction with the surrounding environment. The need for experts across the various disciplines of medical rehabilitation physiotherapy, occupational therapy, audiology, speech pathology, prosthetics and orthotics has continued to increase globally and all available evidence indicates that the need will grow significantly in the coming years given the increase in the incidence of non-communicable diseases, increased life expectancy and other factors. Unfortunately, as the report of the World Health Organization shows, sub-Saharan Africa is in an extremely poor position with regards to the availability of medical rehabilitation experts and quality rehabilitative services. The Nigerian picture is a classic one of low availability of personnel in the face of increasing needs and our higher educational system has shown poor inclination towards addressing the situation; till date, less than a dozen public universities offer any form of medical rehabilitation courses and less than 15 universities run such a course. Worse still, there is even no Benchmark Minimum Academic Standard for undergraduate training currently for important medical rehabilitation fields such as Occupational Therapy, Audiology and Speech Therapy.

Our gathering today marks a turning



point in the history of medical rehabilitation in Nigeria a tipping point to a future of significant increase in the availability of quality personnel across all the fields of medical rehabilitation that is under the purview of the Medical

Rehabilitation Therapists Board of Nigeria. It therefore gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to this epoch-making event, the inauguration of the Faculty of Medical Rehabilitation of the University of Medical Sciences,





which is the first Faculty of Medical Rehabilitation in Nigeria.

As a university, we are proud of our history as the first specialized medical and health sciences institution in our dear country and very conscious of our historical responsibility to be a pacesetter in the area of human resources development across all disciplines in the health field and to play a foremost role in changing the present narratives of deficiency in the quality of our service delivery personnel and the services they render. Indeed, UNIMED is founded on the principles of excellence in medical education, research and services. Our vision is clear: *“to be a thriving medical and health sciences University, locally, nationally and internationally recognized for excellence and innovation in health education and research, with ability to translate research findings for the improvement of health.”*. Our mission is certain: *“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 to lead the scientific pathway for reducing the burden of disease in our society”*. Our vision and mission are not rhetorical: we are clearly, irrevocably, and doggedly committed to them. Today's event is simply another proof!

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As a university, we are unashamedly ambitious and determined to live true to the dreams of our founding fathers to be an institution of distinction and impact. With regards to Medical Rehabilitation, our goal is to become the leading training centre for Medical Rehabilitation in West Africa by 2022, a space of less than two years from now. Establishing this new Faculty of Medical Rehabilitation provides us the platform to drive our ambition in that regard and I want to thank the Senate of this great University for expeditiously approving the proposal regarding the establishment of this Faculty at its 10th sitting on 27 August 2020. We have initiated steps to commence degree programmes in four new areas in addition to our current programme in Physiotherapy:

Occupational Therapy, Prosthetics and Orthotics, Speech Therapy, and

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Audiology. I understand from my colleagues that this plan would make UNIMED the first University in Africa where Rehabilitation professionals are trained together in a Faculty of Medical Rehabilitation

The caliber of people participating in this event clearly signposts its importance the leading experts in the field of medical rehabilitation

Nigeria, Dr Olufunke Akande. Since 2013 when I had the opportunity to assume the leadership position of the Provost of College of Health Sciences in my alma mata, the "Great Ife" Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, I have found her to be a reliable ally and collaborator with great passion for moving the field of medical rehabilitation forward in Nigeria. Our guest lecturer is a distinguished academic and

· **Professor Julius Abiola Ademokoya**, Past Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Ibadan and President of Speech Pathologist and Audiologist Association of Nigeria.

Prof. Rufus Adedoyin is presently the Dean of the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, and President, Association of Clinical and Academic Physiotherapists of



across all the disciplines are present with us today physically or online as this is a hybrid event. On behalf of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo - Nigeria's first specialized medical and health sciences institution I warmly welcome you all. We are glad and grateful that you have chosen to honour us with your presence and participation.

I want to specially welcome my sister and great collaborator, the Registrar of the Medical Rehabilitation Therapists Board of

academic leader and I am so grateful that he can accept our invitation at very short notice despite other important events happening today, including the ongoing convocation in his institution, University of Ibadan. Indeed, we are fortunate to have Prof. Ade Fatai Adeniyi, the current Deputy Provost of the College of Medicine, University of Ibadan as our guest lecturer. We have a panel of five experts, distinguished professionals, who will be making presentations to us this morning as well.

Nigeria (ACAPN).

· **Professor Dele Owolawi** is an accomplished audiologist who has worked outside Nigeria for several years and just returned home this year and a great colleague who we worked together during my tenure in Obafemi Awolowo University to develop the curriculum for the Bachelor in Audiology programme. Mr. Simeon A Opatade is the Provost, Federal College of Orthopedic Technology, Igbobi (FECOT),



National Orthopaedic Hospital, Igbobi, Lagos State and has served for decades in that position. Dr. Olumide Olaoye is perhaps the only occupational therapist in the Nigerian University system with a PhD today.

He is heading the training programme in Occupational Therapy at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife. We also have with us, largely online, members of various professional groups, including the Nigeria Society of Physiotherapy, the Occupational Therapy Association of Nigeria, and Association of Clinical and Academic Physiotherapists of Nigeria.

With this array of professional at this programme, I strongly believe that we are in for a stimulating time and embarking on a journey that will enhance the prospects and illuminate the pathways for advancing medical rehabilitation training and practice in Nigeria to the glory of God and to the benefit of Nigerians, and the improvement of their health.



Akeredolu Lauds Okonofua

Ondo State Governor, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, SAN has praised the pioneer Vice-Chancellor of the first University of Medical Sciences in Nigeria, Prof. Friday Okonofua, FAS, FAAS for providing excellent leadership needed for the fledgling institution to survive.

Akeredolu lauded Prof. Okonofua during a courtesy visit by the Principal Officers of the University to his Alagbaka office.

He said the good people of Ondo State will continue to remember the good work of the Vice-Chancellor after his tenure.

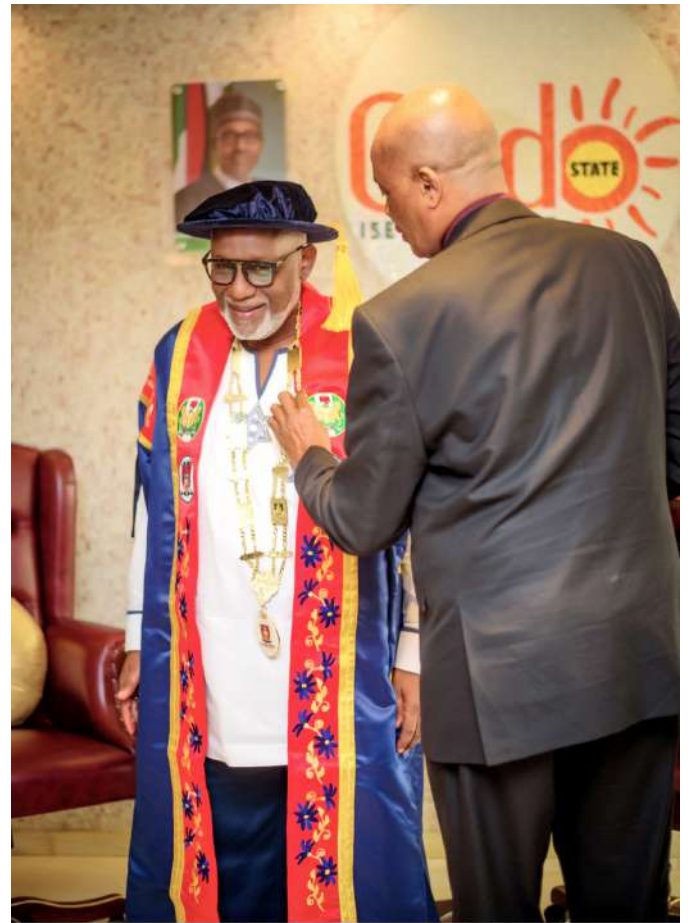
'When you told me that your tenure is ending, I offered that you continue for another term but you insisted that you had to leave in line with established NUC regulations, you have done well



and we are going to organize a befitting send forth ceremony to celebrate you,' Akeredolu said.

Responding, Prof. Okonofua said he considered it a great honor serving the people of the State under the leadership of Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu.

He said the people of Ondo State are lucky to have highly cerebral Governors who are committed to the welfare of people and the development of the society.



'I have learned a lot of things from you in these past years and I am writing a book where I plan to tell the world about these beautiful qualities of yours. The truth is that there was apprehension following your swearing-in ceremony, that the University will be scrapped since you are from a political party different from that of the previous Governor who established the University, but you choose to do what is in the best interest of the people by giving the institution needed support,' Okonofua said.

'You are a man of great wisdom and deep reflections, and one of a few politicians I know anywhere who speaks and abides by the truth at all times, regardless of the consequences,' the



Encomiums

As UNIMED Governing Council Bids Okonofua Farewell



Members of the Governing Council, University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo City on Thursday, March 5, 2020 poured encomiums on the pioneer Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Friday Okonofua.

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, UNIMED, Ondo, Dr. Temitayo Fawehinmi led other members of the Council and Principal Officers of the University in relishing on the qualities that distinguished Prof. Okonofua.



Founders' Day Lecture:

Nigeria's Greatness Lies in Unity - Akeredolu, Fayemi



Ekiti state Governor, Dr. Kayode Fayemi has identified insecurity of lives and property which has metamorphosed into banditry, kidnapping, insurgency and terrorism as the greatest problem of the country now.

Fayemi said this on Friday, 6th of March, 2020, at the 8th Distinguished Guest Lecture and 5th Founder's Day Lecture series of the University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo City.

Fayemi, who is also the Guest Lecturer at the event, observed that despite the avalanche of potentials that make people refer to Nigeria as the land full of milk and honey with the biggest economy in Africa, the development of the country has remained stagnant by various forces.

He regretted that Nigeria, despite being an agrarian country, has remained a monolithic economy dependent on one commodity for its foreign earnings, thereby making half of the nation's population live below poverty line.

On the issue of nationhood, Dr Fayemi said citizens do not have a single unified vision keeping them together in view of the divisive issues of religion and ethnicity.

While calling for a pragmatic approach to nation building with untainted patriotism, the Guest Lecturer suggested a thoughtful political process based on sound capacity, ideology of service, and commitment to national cohesion and development rather than corruption, blackmail and hate speeches.

To the Guest Lecturer, security must be localised to guarantee safety of lives and property across societal strata for the actualisation of every individual's potentials.

On the state of the country's economy, the Governor of Ekiti

State, said hopes were not yet lost on Nigeria judging by the template of Ondo State for industrialisation at the Ondo-Linyin Industrial Hub, where several industrial activities relying on local raw materials are galvanising the economy into productive ventures.

Describing infrastructure as the enabler for the rejuvenation of a sustainable economy, Dr Fayemi said the Infrastructural deficit of the country can only become great opportunities if citizens resolve to pay for the use of some critical infrastructures like road, rail and airports

He used the occasions to call for a total overhaul of the nation's curriculum to make way for functional education that will create for Nigerian youths competitive spaces within the global arena.

Governor Fayemi enjoined Nigerians to see themselves as one and equal citizens under the current democratic dispensation by shunning all forms of ethno- religious diversities.

In his remarks, the Visitor of the University, who is also the Governor of Ondo State, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, described the lecture as a food for thought, which should challenge Nigerians into resolving to make the country greater and better.

Akeredolu who regretted the stigmatisation of Nigeria for several decades as a developing country, said it was high time to get the nation's elites speak with one voice in support of the unity and prosperity of Nigeria.

"We must think of what unify us to make Nigeria a virile country. We cannot balkanise this country," he said.

<https://www.theopennewspaper.com/nigerias-greatness-lies-in-unity-akeredolu-fayemi>

UNIMED GETS NEW REGISTRAR



Ondo State Governor, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, SAN on January 2, 2020 approved the appointment of Dr. Woleola Julius Ekundayo as the Registrar of the University of Medical Science, (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State.

Dr Ekundayo is a seasoned University administrator with many years of impeccable service within the Nigeria's University system. He obtained Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) degree in Political Science with Second Class Upper Division from the University of Benin, Benin City (1986); Master of Public Administration from the University of Lagos, Akoka (1996); and Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the Federal University of Technology, Akure in 2002. He obtained the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Political Science with specialization in Public Administration from the Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo, Ogun State, Nigeria in 2016.

Dr Ekundayo joined the Nigerian University system at the then Ondo State University, Ado-Ekiti as Administrative Officer II in 1987, rising to the post of Assistant Registrar in the same University in 1993. He was Senior Assistant Registrar at the Federal College of Education, Akoka, Lagos in 1995, and Principal Assistant Registrar, the Federal University of Technology (FUTA) in 2002. He is the immediate past Registrar, Ondo State University of

Science and Technology, Okitipupa, (now known as Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology, Okitipupa) between 2011 and 2016. He has also served as Deputy Registrar (Academic) at the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), Abuja.

Until his appointment as the substantive Registrar of the University of Medical Sciences, he has been one of the senior officers at the NOUN, serving variously as the Coordinator of the MPA and MSc programs of the University as well as the Acting Director of the WUSE II Study Centre.

A highly experienced, disciplined and seasoned administrator, Dr Ekundayo is a member and fellow of several professional organizations, including membership of the Association of Nigerian Universities Professional Administrators, and Fellow of the Institute of Public Diplomacy and

Management.

He has several published articles in international peer-review journals and has attended training courses and conferences in South Africa, Hong Kong, India, Canada, the UK, Israel and the Hague.

The University of Medical Sciences welcomes him as its second substantive Registrar, and wishes him success as he assumes office.

Assumption of duty

The newly appointed Registrar of the University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo, Dr Woleola Julius Ekundayo assumed duty on January 6, 2020 and attended the 174th meeting of the University Management with Senior Officers of the University.

The pioneer Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Friday Okonofua, FAS, FAAS after welcoming members of staff following Christmas and New Year Holiday, introduced the new Registrar to members of Staff.

He described Ekundayo as a man of impeccable pedigree with years of experience in university administration.

"I wish you (Dr. Ekundayo) success and hope that you use your cognate experience to help give the university a solid foundation," Okonofua said.

Responding, the Registrar, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Dr. Woleola Ekundayo appreciated members of staff for the warm reception and promised not to disappoint the university community.



UNIMED Librarian Wins MLA/Elsevier Foundation/Research4Life Grant

A librarian at the University Library, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo (UNIMED), Mr. Biliamin Popoola won the 2020 Medical Library Association/Elsevier Foundation/ Resear4Life Grant from the United States of America to train librarians across the country and researchers in the University. Mr. Popoola, who is the Systems & Evidence-Based Medicine Librarian in the University, is also a Cunningham Fellow of the Medical Library Association, United States of America and a Carnegie Fellow at the University of Pretoria, SouthAfrica.



Through the Grant, the UNIMED Library organized a Continuing Education (CE) course on providing literature support for medical education, research and practice for medical librarians across the country from 16th to 20th November, 2020. The five-day course, held in Akure, featured selected medical librarians from universities and hospitals across Nigeria, who were trained on the HINARI/Research4Life platform, scholarly communication and PubMed and literature support services. Speaking at the event, the Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences,

Furthermore, the UNIMED Library, on Tuesday 2nd March 2021, conducted a workshop to enhance the literature search skills of academics in the University. The workshop was attended by lecturers from various departments in the University, and focused on imparting participants with knowledge in the use of Research4Life platform, literature search strategies, research databases, and Mendeley reference manager.

In a brief address to participants at the workshop, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi, commended the Ag. University Librarian, Mr. Femi Folorunso and his team, and mentioned that his attendance at the workshop is to communicate to the University community his belief that "life is about learning." According to the Vice-Chancellor, academic staff members can only be great teachers if they are able to learn, unlearn and relearn continuously.



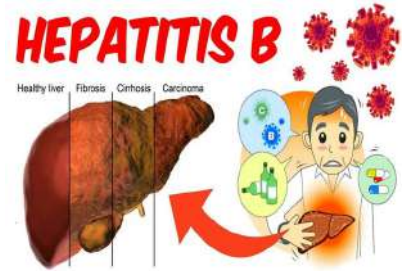
Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi, highlighted the importance of the library in medical education and research, and advised participants on steps to enhancing library services for medical research and practice in Nigeria.

In the third phase of the Research4Life Grant, the recipient also organized series of webinars to train librarians across the country. On this, three webinars have been held in conjunction with the Medical Library Association of Nigeria, with participants expressing appreciation for the immense learning opportunity the webinars brought them.



Over 20 Million

Nigerians Infected with Hepatitis B
– UNIMED Don



A professor of microbial pathology, Michael Odimayo has called on Nigerians to be conscious of the deadly viral disease known as 'hepatitis B', saying the prevalence of the disease in the country was on the increase. He disclosed that over 20 million people had been infected with the disease out of over 200 million population of Nigeria. The don disclosed this on Thursday, February 27th, 2020, while delivering the first inaugural lecture of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo town, Ondo State. The lecture was titled: 'Turning the tide against infectious disease: The microbial pathologist's nexus.'



Prof. Odimayo, a lecturer in UNIMED, noted that the impact of the disease on the health and wealth of Nigerians was unquantifiable.

He said, "efforts of our government in supporting the health of the people including vaccination of all children against hepatitis B is commendable. However, we must be conscious of heavy presence of viral hepatitis in our nation.

"With a population of about 200 million people, the current prevalence of 12.4 per cent, means over 20 million people are infected in Nigeria, yet, only a handful of infected individuals are accessing standard treatment.

"Although the eradication of hepatitis B by means of universal



vaccination seems technically achievable, this task is made difficult by hundreds of millions of individuals who are already chronically infected with the disease globally."

The don however declared that the elimination of the hepatitis B would only be successful when all those millions of infected people were cured.

The inaugural lecturer also said efforts had commenced to find cure for the disease at the University of Medical Sciences Teaching Hospital, as he said the viral diagnostic system of the institution was about to be fully installed.

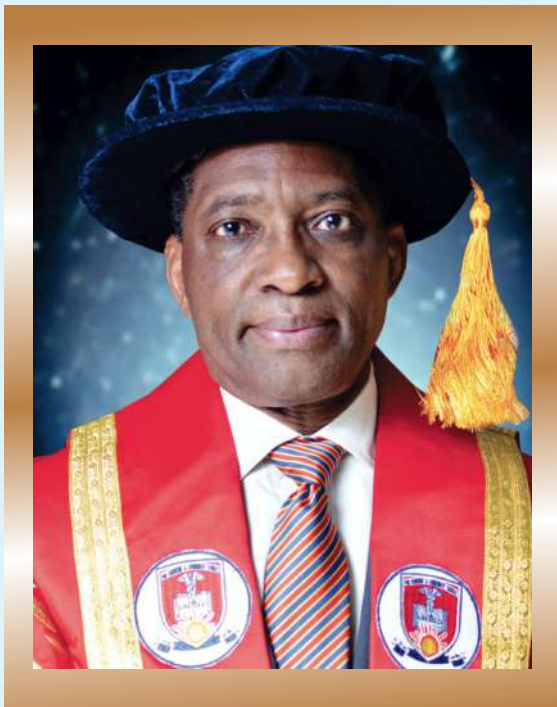
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HEPATITIS B AND C...

are **common liver infections**

UNIMED VC Appointed on merit, says Akeredolu



necessary developmental hurdles it must cross in order to get to the desired destination.

CV OF THE VC

Fatusi is a Professor of Community Medicine and Public Health who has served in leadership positions within the academia, international research and professional circles, and civil society. He was a former Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife, Nigeria. Fatusi has also served as the national team leader for the development of

Complex.

He also served as the Director of the Institute of Public Health and Head of the Department of Community Health in OAU.

He has also served as a consultant to several international agencies for almost two decades, including WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNAIDS, World Bank, DFID and USAID

Prof. Fatusi graduated from OAU in 1987 with a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery degree, and with distinction in Community Health and the Lawrence Omole Award for the best graduating student in Community Health.

He obtained the Fellowship of the West African College of Physicians in Community Health in April 1995. He also has a Ph.D. degree in Public Health from the University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria. He was a Packard Gates Population Leadership Fellow at the University of Washington, Seattle, USA between 2001 and 2002 and a Visiting Scholar at the Bill and Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, USA, in 2007.

The Ondo State Governor, Arakunrin Rotimi Akeredolu, has said the appointment of the new Vice-Chancellor of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, was based on merit.

The Governor stated this at the 8th Distinguished Guest Lecture and 5th Founder's Day of the institution. The lecture was delivered by the Ekiti State Governor, Dr Kayode Fayemi.

The Institution announced Prof. Adesegun Fatusi as its new Vice-Chancellor following the expiration of the five-year term of the pioneer VC, Prof. Friday Okonofua. The new VC is a professor of Community Medicine and Public Health.

Akeredolu, who is also the Visitor to the institution, commended the past Vice-Chancellor saying, "If I have my way, I would have asked Prof. Okonofua to continue but he recommended somebody else to us.

"So I want to say here that the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor was purely on merit and I want to thank Prof. Okonofua for a job well done."

In the lecture, titled 'Re-thinking Nigeria for Future Development,' Fayemi said most of the challenges facing the country were part of the

Nigeria's proposal for funding from the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

He has served on the Governing Board of the National University Commission and the Board of Management of the Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospitals



L-R: Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Prof. Friday Okonofua FAS, FAAS; Ekiti State Governor, Dr. Kayode Fayemi; Ondo State Governor, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu; Pro-Chancellor/ Chairman, UNIMED Governing Council, Hon. Dr. Temitayo Fawehinmi; Deputy VC, Academic, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adeseye Arogunjo and Ondo State Commissioner for Education, Mr. Femi Agagu during the 8th Distinguished Guest Lecture/Founders' Day ceremony of the University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo City, Ondo State

'TETFund grant will help actualise our vision -Fatusi

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi has said that the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), grant received by the institution will assist the university in moving nearer its vision.

Fatusi, who made the remarks at the foundation laying ceremony of two buildings, funded by TETFund noted that the fund will improve the institution's learning environment and motivate both students and lecturers to work harder. According to him, the institution is embarking on the construction of a lecture theatre, and an office block for academic staff.

“UNIMED is a very young school, just five years. We are a school with a clear vision of being the leader in the medical and health sciences field and you cannot build a great institution



L-R: The Pro-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo, Dr. Temitayo Fawehinmi; Ondo State Governor, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, SAN; Running mate of the Governor, Hon. Lucky Aiyedatiwa and the Vice-Chancellor, (UNIMED), Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi at the foundation laying ceremony of TETFund projects in the University

without great infrastructure. Unfortunately, because of the state of the economy, our state of infrastructure does not match our vision. So the intervention of TETFund will enable us

to move nearer to our vision,” he said.

The Don disclosed further that the institution has received another grant from the organization to support its research work in terms of molecular biology.

“These are cutting edge researches and we are one of the few universities with medical institution that received a grant in that field.” So all these will add up to what we want to be known for locally, nationally and internationally.

“As an institution, we want to be known as a place of excellence where high quality research is done and the output is translated to impact the health of the population; that is one dimension of our vision. dimension of our vision is that we want to be a one-stop institution where an array of



Ondo State Gov. Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu Laying the foundation of TETFund building.

Ground-breaking Ceremony of TETFund Projects



health and medical sciences training is taking place. There is no other place with such an array of training in this country as at present.

“We are the first university of medical sciences in the country and we don't want to be first in name, we want to be first in the quality of our graduates, in our research and our

impact in the life of people,” he stressed. The construction is now at advanced stage and the project will soon be completed.



Akeredolu Commissions Isolation Centre



Ondo State Governor, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, has commissioned an Ultra - Modern Isolation Centre built by the Ondo State COVID-19 Response Fund, with technical assistance of the Inter-ministerial Committee on COVID-19.

Commissioning the project at the University of Medical Sciences Teaching Hospital Annex, Ondo, Governor Akeredolu explained that the action is in line with his determination to fill existing gap in terms of high-level care for those who have underlying conditions



and are, therefore, most susceptible to complications and death from COVID-19.

He assured health workers in the State of his commitment to the payment of Special COVID-19 allowance, even though the pandemic has significantly and

gallantly risen to the occasion with several initiatives, and as such, it is on record that Ondo State is one of the few states that had successfully put in place specific strategies, programmes and laws to fight the pandemic.

Medical Sciences Teaching Hospital, establishment of first critical care unit in Ondo State, employment of over 500 Doctors, accreditation of courses at UNIMED, distribution of equipment worth 16 million dollars and others that are too numerous to mention. He appealed to the people to give needed support to the



adversely affected the State's finances.

According to him, the Centre would not only be useful to people with COVID-19 infections but also to Lassa fever victims and those that may be infected with other types of highly infectious diseases in the future.

The Governor who commiserated with the families of the former Commissioner for Health, Dr. Wahab Adegbenro said his death remains a great loss to the State, as he fought selflessly to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

He, however, appreciated health workers and other professionals who have been at the forefront of the fight against the disease, adding that since the time of recording the first case of COVID-19 in the State in April 2020, the government has



In his goodwill message, the Acting Commissioner for Health and Special Adviser to the Governor on Health, Dr. Jibayo Adeyeye commended Governor Akeredolu for his giant strides in the State's health sector.

According to him, the present administration's interest in the sector has led to many of its outstanding achievements like the establishment of the University of.

Governor, to enable him carry out more life benefitting projects in the State.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Chairman of the Inter-ministerial Committee on COVID-19 in the state and Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Professor. Adesegun Fatusi, applauded the Governor for the support given to the Committee in its effort to reduce the spread of Coronavirus in the State.



Obasanjo, Mimiko, Fatusi, others pay tribute to late Prof. Akinkugbe

The remains of the Emeritus Professor of Medicine, Prof. Oladipo Akinkugbe, was on Thursday, July 16, 2020 committed to mother earth in his hometown, Ondo, Ondo State. Akinkugbe, the pioneer Pro-Chancellor of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, died at the age of 86.

The funeral service in honour of the deceased, held in line with COVID-19 protocols, at St. Stephen's Cathedral Anglican Church, Ondo, was attended by former President Olusegun Obasanjo and a former Governor of Ondo State, Dr Olusegun Mimiko, among other dignitaries.

In his sermon, the Bishop of Ibadan Anglican Diocese, Most Revd Joseph Akinfenwa, described death as inevitable, hence the need to live a life worthy of emulation.

Obasanjo described the late professor as an icon and a hero who lived a life of exemplary leadership, ardent patriotism and devotion to the course of upholding the highest standard in the medical profession and society at large.

He said, "Prof. Akinkugbe wasn't an extra-ordinary person doing extra-ordinary things, he was an ordinary person doing ordinary things that other ordinary people failed to do, feared to do, didn't know how to do, or were not willing to do. He acted when action



L-R: The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo City, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi; Former Governor of Ondo State, Dr. Olusegun Mimiko and Former President of Nigeria, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo at the burial of Emeritus Prof. Oladipo O. Akinkugbe, Former Pro-Chancellor, UNIMED, Ondo.

was necessary and spoke when speaking was necessary."

The Vice-Chancellor of UNIMED, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi, in his tribute, said, "Combining his wealth of experience in the health and education sector, Prof. Akinkugbe led members of the first Governing Council of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, in providing a very strong foundation for the University and for this, we are extremely grateful." He described Professor O.O. Akinkugbe as a father, a mentor and a role model whose immeasurable impact and contributions to UNIMED will remain indelible.

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PHARMACISTS' SUMMIT



UNIMED to establish Faculty of Pharmacy

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi, has affirmed that Pharmacy is central to medical and health service delivery in Nigerian, hence, the move by the University to establish a Faculty of Pharmacy.

Prof. Fatusi stated this while receiving members of a special committee drawn from all areas of organized pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences at a 3-day meeting held in the university.

He said the University is not interested in simply establishing a Faculty of Pharmacy but with the aim of repositioning pharmaceutical sciences and ensuring that patients get the best result from medications.

'I always remind myself that UNIMED stands for excellence in teaching, research and



services, so our idea about building Faculty of Pharmacy is to build a one of a kind Faculty of Pharmacy that will lead in innovation and will show the way, even to the existing universities on how pharmacy should

be,' Fatusi stated.

'One of our dreams is to be a one-stop institution for human resources development across all health and medical disciplines. This can't be achieved without pharmacy because



when a patient comes in for treatment, there is need for drugs or injection, so we need to introduce pharmacy,' he added. The Vice-Chancellor led the team of

experts on a visit to the Osemawe and Paramount Ruler of Ondo Kingdom, His Imperial Majesty, Oba Dr. Victor Adesimbo Kiladejo, Jilo III where they were given a grand reception.

The Monarch expressed confidence in the team of Pharmacists from different Universities across Nigeria under the leadership of Prof. Fola Tayo, Pro-Chancellor, Caleb University.

Pharmacists' Visit To Osemawe's Palace



Pharmacists' Summit



Pharmacists' Summit: Cocktail Party **UNIMED**echo



‘We must strengthen our administrative structure,’ Prof. Fatusi



The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi has emphasized the need to strengthen the administrative structure of the University.

He made the remark at the opening of a 3-day retreat on the Strategic Plan of the University held at Igbaraoke in Ifedore Local Government Area of Ondo State.

Prof. Fatusi identified lapses in the administrative structure of the university and proffered solutions to tackling them in the 5-year plan which is expected to cover the year 2022 and 2027.

“One of the fundamentals for the next five years and which this strategic plan must speak to very clearly is about how to strengthen our administrative system beyond the normal things you

see in Nigerian universities,” the VC said.

He said there is need to digitalize the Registry and the entire administrative structure should be driven by ICT.

“This Strategic Plan will also address issues on recruitment, training and promotion. There must be new policies about staff promotion because we have decided that there should be no promotion without examination. The idea of just letting people move from one post to the other on the basis of three years and assessment should be reviewed. So we must be able to craft a policy that responds to this new thinking so that everybody understands that this is where we are going,” Fatusi stated.



The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED) Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi in a group photograph with participants at the Strategic Plan Retreat held at Igbara-Oke.

Earlier, the Registrar of the University, Dr. Woleola J. Ekundayo highlighted the challenges facing the administrative sector of the University describing them as surmountable.

Dr Ekundayo thereafter listed his projections for advancing administrative activities of the University within the next few years.

'Our goal is to ensure that the Registry of the University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo is seen and regarded as the administrative nerve-centre, engine room and driving force of the University in the attainment of its vision and mission, to effectively and efficiently ensure record keeping and management, as well as service delivery to the satisfaction of all stakeholders,' Ekundayo said.

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Strategic Plan Igbaraoko Retreat



UNIMED Library to expand collections

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi, says the University is ready to expand collections to make the University Library one of the best not just in the country but also around the world.

He made this known during the 3-day retreat on developing a strategic plan for the University, a programme held at Igbaraoke in Ifedore Local Government Area of Ondo State.

Prof. Fatusi affirmed that it is necessary to increase the collections in the Library and ensure that students have access to the materials not just in the Library complex but also from home or wherever they might be.

'There is a need to expand our collection, particularly electronically. For me, that is extremely important, so that our students will be able to access necessary information in the library.. It is one thing to have an electronic database and I can't access it except

I'm in the library, it doesn't make sense in the 21st century. So, we must think about how to improve access from wherever the students are located,' Fatusi noted.

The University Library Coordinator, Mr. Femi Folorunso, in his response, explained that the vision of the UNIMED Library is 'to be a hub of an excellent information resource centre that serves as a primary source of obtaining information for teaching, learning,

research, and community services.

"We want to provide exceptional library services that promote and enhance scholarship, intending to foster quality teaching, learning, and research. We believe we can do this by providing books and online materials for the academic programmes of the University; by helping users of the Library on how to maximally exploit our resources to meet their needs and by inculcating in the students a culture of life-long education through reading,' Folorunso said.



Fatusi harps on Efficiency in University Administration

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Olayiwola Fatusi has stressed the need for efficiency in successful university administration.

Prof. Fatusi mentioned this while speaking at a one-day capacity building workshop for Deans, Heads of Departments and Directors of the university with the theme: 'Building a 21st Century University for Competitive Edge'.

Analyzing the TEA agenda of UNIMED, Ondo, where stands for transparency, E for Efficiency and A for Accountability, the Vice-Chancellor said more should be done to improve on the efficiency of University administrators to attain best practices as obtained in other parts of the world.

'If truly University is the engine room for driving the progress of the society, we cannot continue with the 20th-century approach and expect success,' Fatusi stated.

Giving an example, Prof. Fatusi said a lot has changed in what could be considered simple office practices such as the keeping and recovery of documents, as technology has made things easy and fast.

He appreciated the Registrar, Dr.



The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi addressing members of Staff during capacity building workshop for Deans, Directors and Head of Departments.

Woleola J. Ekundayo and other Principal Officers of the University for organizing the workshop and inviting renowned and seasoned University administrators to share their experiences and brainstorm on how to improve the university system.

A foremost University administrator, Mr. Ayo Ogunraku, former Registrar, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife delivered a highly interactive lecture on the laws, structure, and culture of Nigerian University System.

A Professor of Business Administration and Dean, Faculty

of Management Sciences, Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State, Prof. Patrick Oladele spoke on leadership skills for University Administrators of the 21st century.

The Former Registrar, Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti, Dr. Omojola Awosusi delivered a lecture tagged, 'Emotional Intelligence for Academic and Non-academic administrators of Universities'

Another training session for Professional administrators was held concurrently for Administrative Officers in the University. Participants described the workshop as highly educative and bound to contribute positively to the discharge of their duties.



The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi and the former Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Friday Okonofua with Members of Staff at the capacity building workshop.

Strategic Planning Work Shop



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DR. OYENEYIN'S VISIT



VISIT TO PROF. AKINKUGBE



Tochukwu Bags NMA Award

AS 500 Level UNIMED Students Continue Clinical Postings



award as well as a cheque of 50,000 naira to Mr. Tochukwu. Prof. Okonofua congratulated the recipient of the award and lauded him for doing the University proud. Meanwhile, pioneer medical students of the university, now in 500 level, are currently having their clinical postings in the department of Paediatrics as well as Obstetrics and Gynecology. The students are expected to spend 8 weeks in each department for intensive and thorough training.



A 400 level Student of the Department of Medicine, University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo City, Ondo State, Patrick Merit Tochukwu on Friday, January 24, 2020 received an award as Best Preclinical student.

The award was sponsored by the Nigerian Medical Association, NMA, Ondo State.

Tochukwu was selected for the award as he came first during the 2019 final preclinical examination of the University.

The pioneer Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Prof. Friday Okonofua, FAAS represented by the Registrar, UNIMED, Ondo, Dr.Woleola Ekundayo presented the



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HIGH CHIEF ADEDURO, SASERE OF ONDO KINGDOM'S BIRTHDAY



Ondo West wins UNIMED Sponsored ODC 2020 Inter-School Debate

Pupils of Ondo West Local Government have won the 2020 inter-school debate organized by Ondo Development Committee and sponsored by the University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo City.

The event was part of activities slated to mark the 2020 Ekimogun day.

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi was represented by the Director, Corporate Affairs Department, Prof. Nireti Duyileni at the event.

He appreciated members of the Ondo Development Committee for the initiative, saying such programmes will broaden the knowledge of the pupils and the University is willing to partner with ODC in promoting all-round education.

Contestants debated on the topic "Socialization has brought more good than harm to our society". Pupils from Ondo West spoke in favour of the topic, while the pupils from Ondo East opposed the motion.

At the end of the debate, pupils from Ondo West



emerged as the winner for their brilliant performance as they scored 73%. Trophies donated by the University were presented to the participants.

The Chairman, Local Government Organising Committee for ODC and the Zonal Education Officer for the Ondo West thanked the Management of University of Medical Sciences, Ondo City for the keen interest in sponsoring the debate competition.



Telemedicine: UNIMED to partner NASRDA



The University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED) Ondo City, Ondo State is to partner with the National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA) on the prospects and application of space science and technology.

This came to the fore during the visit of members of the Agency led by the Director of NASRDA, Prof. Babatunde Rabiú and his team to the Vice-Chancellor of the University at his Akure Campus office.

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi noted that telemedicine is gaining more prominence in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

He said the use of telemedicine will help the University in reducing the burden of diseases in the society and will go a long way in projecting the image of the University.

Prof. Rabiú proposed a conference for space science and technology in Medicine for the first quarter of 2021, saying a draft announcement

has been sent to the Vice-Chancellor for his input and recommendations.

'One of NASRDA's goals is to popularise telehealth, which can be on a big or small scale, to address public healthcare needs with an emphasis on rural communities,' Rabiú stated.

The NASRDA team and the University Management team also deliberated on the potentials of Laboratory Space Station Research experiments which can be incorporated into interdisciplinary research such as human research, space medicine, life and physical sciences among others.

They also highlighted the advantages of Geographic Information System (GIS) in relation to a bio-healthcare system which helps in mapping out epidemic and pandemic centres and generating statistics and database on health.



UNIMED CELEBRATES THE OSEMAWE OF ONDO KINGDOM Oba (Dr.) Victor Adesimbo Kiladejo, CFR, Jilo (III) Birthday.



UNIMED to begin COVID-19 test – VC

University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo, has indicated its readiness to commence COVID-19 test in Ondo State.

Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi who disclosed this in an interview with The Hope, said the University has the expertise and equipment to carry out the test.

He said that UNIMED has all it takes to conduct test on the coronavirus in terms of human and equipment.

According to him, “the PCR machine used for conducting the test for COVID-19 is available in UNIMED.

His words: “As you know right now, anybody who is suspected, the sample has to be taken to Ede in Osun State to conduct the

test because we don't have the capacity but we are going to start testing soon.

“We are going to continue to partner with the State and Federal Ministry of Health to support them not just on COVID-19, we are going to also support them on Lassa fever and other issues because we are going to ensure the diagnostic facilities are available,” he added. Fatusi further said that the institution was actively involved in community sensitization via indigenous, traditional and social media, saying that it was the most important thing at this point in time so as to let people know what they should do in order to prevent further spread of the virus.

The Vice-Chancellor further revealed that the institution has started producing hand sanitizers, nose masks and other health related products in the state.

Prof Fatusi however called for proper funding and adequate equipment of health centres in Nigeria in order to run effective health institutions.

He added that health workers should be adequately remunerated and government should ensure that everybody is covered by health insurance in order to make medical care accessible to all and sundry.



CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

PREVENTION



Wash your hands regularly with soap and water under running tap or use Alcohol based hand sanitizer.



Cover your mouth and nose with tissue or your bent elbow when you sneeze or cough. Dispose off the tissue immediately after use



Avoid handshake



Maintain a distance of 2meters (5ft) from people that are coughing



When in public areas, as much as possible, keep 1-2 metres distance from other people



Stay home and seek medical advice if you have any symptom even if only mild



Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands

WHAT TO DO WHEN SICK

- Fever
- Cough
- Sneezing
- Breathing difficulty



Stay at home



Isolate or separate yourself



Cover your nose when Coughing and Sneezing



Wear a mask regularly and correctly

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The Ondo State Governor, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, **SAN**, has restated the determination of his administration at ensuring that the dreams of the state-owned University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, are realised. Governor Akeredolu stated this while playing host to the Management of the university led by its Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adesegun Fatusi in Akure. The Governor said, “we'll make the success of UNIMED a priority. I know that UNIMED is a great dream, and we're prepared to ensure that it remains a great dream. As the first Medical University in Nigeria, we're not going to give up. We are going to put in everything we have because it is for the glory of this state.” He expressed happiness that the university was already making an impact in some specialised areas in

Medicine and will soon become a reference point in medical education in Nigeria.

Earlier, the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Professor Adesegun Fatusi congratulated the governor on his re-election which he described as a sign of renewed hope for UNIMED.

He specifically appreciated the Governor for being a pillar of support to the Institution in all spheres of the university development.

“We consider your re-election as a sign of renewed hope for us at UNIMED. When you were first elected in your first term sir, UNIMED was on shaky ground.

Nobody was sure what was going to happen to UNIMED whether UNIMED was going to survive or if UNIMED was going to move forward.

“But sir, your commitment and support gave UNIMED the foundation, strength

and stand it has today”, the VC said.

While reeling out the various challenges the Institution was facing, Prof. Fatusi however assured the Governor that UNIMED, being the first specialized Medical University in Nigeria and the third in Africa, will continue to be a leading light.

“UNIMED is a great dream. For the state to have had the first University of Medical Sciences in Nigeria, is a record that will be there forever. Without Ondo having done that, perhaps Bayelsa will not be doing the same; perhaps, the Federal Government would not have done the same. And so, we have in Ondo State today, the third specialized school of medicine in the whole of Africa. And that dream has come to be, because of your great support, sir,” he said.



'Strong Alumni Movement, vital to University development' - Fatusi



Members of UNIMED Alumni Association presenting a portrait to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi

The Vice Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi has underscored the importance of establishing a strong Alumni movement in tertiary institutions for overall development of education in Nigeria. This was highlighted during a courtesy visit of pioneer members of the University's Alumni Association to the Vice-Chancellor in his office.

their outstanding financial support and commitment as the universities are now the cynosure of all eyes.

On the home front, Fatusi narrated how Obafemi Awolowo University, where he previously served as Provost, College of Health Sciences, benefited immensely from the efforts of the alumni movement.

'Whatever the Obafemi Awolowo University's medical school is today, is

raise funds to get the equipment and other key requirements needed to regain accreditation. One night, one dinner, the Alumni raised 21,500 USD, the Alumni got 17 dentistry machines from the US and that was how (OAU) Ife was able to regain its accreditation earlier this year,' the VC said.

Prof. Fatusi lauded the pioneer Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Friday Okonofua, (FAS) for being proactive by initiating the idea of bringing the University graduates together under the umbrella of alumni association as it would have been difficult if the students had left the campus before inauguration.

He pledged his unalloyed support to the association while tasking their executives and other members not to see alumni as a place where they can only serve but an opportunity to invest and give back to the University and the Community saying 'life is meaningless when you just take, but meaningful when you give'.

Earlier, the President, University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo, Alumni Association, Mr. Richard Daodu, on behalf of other members of the Association congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on his appointment describing him as a round peg in a round hole, given his pedigree.

Daodu requested the University management to give special consideration to Alumni members for job opportunities offered in the University, a request the VC promised to grant especially for those who graduated in flying colors.

Highpoint of the visit was the presentation of a portrait to the Vice-Chancellor by the President, Mr. Daodu and the Vice-President, Celestina Olafusi, the best graduating student in the 2019/2020 academic session.



A group photograph of pioneer members of UNIMED Alumni Association with the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi

Prof. Fatusi said renowned Universities around the world rely heavily on contributions of their alumni, instead of government subventions, and other sources of income.

He cited, among others, John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, as well as Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health located in Massachusetts, United States as concrete examples of how Alumni movement can give strong support needed for a University to thrive. He said the schools were renamed after alumnus of the institutions namely, Michael Bloomberg and T.H Chan for

“Renowned Universities around the world rely heavily on contributions of their alumni, instead of government subventions”

not about the University's funding, but the Alumni movement. In fact, the alumni movement has been largely responsible for ensuring the accreditation of the medical and dental programmes. Ife, as great as it is, lost accreditation for Dentistry in 2017 and it was challenging for the university to

UNIMED Gets NUC Accreditation For Nursing And Physiotherapy Programmes



The Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo, Prof. Adeseye Arogunjo; VC, (UNIMED), Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi; Pro-Chancellor, (UNIMED), Ondo, Dr. Temitayo Fawehinmi and the Registrar, Dr. Woleola J. Ekundayo at the 9th Statutory meeting of the Council.

The University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED) Ondo City, Ondo State, has obtained full accreditation to run Nursing Science and Physiotherapy programmes.

This was contained in a statement by UNIMED Public Relations Officer, Mr. Temitope Oluwatayo, who said the National Universities Commission (NUC) has approved the two courses.

“The National Universities Commission (NUC) visited UNIMED in the last quarter of 2019 as the university had run the programmes for two academic sessions following the initial approval by the commission.

“The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, in a letter addressed to the Governor of Ondo State and Visitor to the University, revealed that Nursing Science scored 80.5 per cent while Physiotherapy got 81.9 per cent during the accreditation exercise,” Oluwatayo said.

Speaking on the development, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adesegun Fatusi, described the accreditation as another laudable milestone in the history of (UNIMED), the first medical

University in Nigeria.

He noted that the University is not simply interested in obtaining accreditation for programmes, but to continue to focus on provision of excellent medical education that can be rated among the best in the world.

Fatusi commended all members of staff in the accredited departments and the entire university community for imbibing the culture of teamwork as well as dedication to duty.



The Pro-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo, Dr. Temitayo Fawehinmi (middle) in a group photograph with members of the Governing Council after its 9th Statutory meeting.

UNIMED gets new facilities at Bolorunduro

Ondo State Governor, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, SAN, has approved the transfer of proposed Girls' Model Secondary School, Bolorunduro, Ondo East Local Government to the University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo.

In a letter dated 26th of June, 2020, the Chief of Staff to the State Governor, Chief Olugbenga Ale conveyed the State Government's approval to transfer the compound and all facilities of the proposed Girls' Secondary School to the University as requested by the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof Adesegun Fatusi.

The Area Education Officer, Ondo East Local Government, Mrs. Theresa Nwosu joined the University Management on a tour to inspect the compound and available facilities.

"I am extremely excited about this development because the motive behind the construction of these structures was for educational purposes and now we are putting it to use," Nwosu stated.

The Area Education Officer stressed the fact that the institution will bring development to Ondo East and its environs.

Mrs. Nwosu promised that immediately she receives a



directive from the State Commissioner for Education, Science and Technology, Pastor Femi Agagu, all documents and waybill of equipment attached to the facilities will be adequately handed over to the University.

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi appreciated the Ondo State Government under the leadership of Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu for

giving quick approval to the University's request and assured that the University will put to good use and adequately maintain the facility. The Bolorunduro Campus now houses the University's School of Public Health, which is being renovated as at the time of filling this report.



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B.Sc Community Health

The University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo is set to begin a degree programme in Community Health Sciences. This came to fore during the visit by members of Community Health Practitioners Board of Nigeria, (CHPRBN) to the Vice-Chancellor in his office. During a discussion with

members of the regulatory body, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi revealed that the Community Medicine Department of the University has been working on establishing Community Health as one of the courses offered by the University. 'We are putting everything in place to ensure that the University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED) Ondo is the first in Nigeria to offer B.Sc in Community Health, instead of normal diploma programmes being offered

across Nigerian Universities as of today,' Prof. Fatusi said.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, 'the University plans to create a pathway of strong and enduring partnership with the Board with the aim of promoting best health care services in rural communities'.

Prof. Fatusi explained that the programme will be offered on a full-time and part-time basis.

The Vice-Chairman, Community Health Practitioners Board of Nigeria, (CHPRBN), Mr. Abdul Idris Muhammad said the Board's objectives include training of practitioners and conducting examination for trainees and administration of Primary Health Centers across the nation.

He noted that the Board has about 205 training centers with 214,633 practitioners trained so far.

Mr. Muhammed said the Board is willing to partner with the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo beyond the establishment of the degree programme.



Members of the Community Health Practitioners Board of Nigeria, (CHPRBN) during the courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi in his office.

Ondo Govt Appoints UNIMED VC, Fatusi To Lead COVID-19 Battle Administration

Following the unfortunate demise of the Ondo State Commissioner for Health, Dr Wahab Adegbenro, the Ondo State Governor, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Odunayo Akeredolu, (SAN) has appointed Professor Adesegun Fatusi as the new Chairman of the State inter-ministerial Committee on COVID-19.

This was disclosed in a statement signed by the Senior Special Assistant to the Governor on Media and Publicity, Ojo Oyewamide.

Until his death, Dr Adegbenro was the Chairman of the State Inter-ministerial Committee, where he served diligently to the admiration of all. The new Chairman, Prof. Fatusi is the current Vice-Chancellor of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo and he is expected to continue from where the late Medical Hero, Hon. Adegbenro stopped.

His appointment was aimed at preventing a vacuum as the State experiences a disturbing spike in cases of COVID-19.

Prof. Fatusi is a professor of Community and Public Health and past Provost of the College of Health Sciences at the Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife, Nigeria.

He has previously served as the Director of the OAU's Institute of Public Health and worked with the UNFPA as Reproductive Health Advisor. He is the Chair of Nigeria's National Technical Advisory Group on Adolescent Reproductive Health and Development.

He has also served as the Lead Consultant for the development of Nigeria's national policy on the health and development of adolescents and young persons, national reproductive health policy, and national policy on HIV/AIDS. He had served previously, on the Ministerial Committee on Health Sector reform as well as on the Board of the National Universities Commission (NUC) of Nigeria.



Prof. Adesegun Fatusi
Vice-Chancellor,
University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo



UNIMED VC

Recommends teamwork to improve Nigerian Health Sector



The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi has blamed disunion among various health-related professions for some challenges in the Nigerian health sector.

Prof. Fatusi was speaking during the courtesy visit of members of the National Association of Nigeria Nurses and Midwives, Ondo State Council.

He said the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo is changing the face of

trying to do differently in UNIMED is to bring to fore the philosophy of teamwork among the various field of health practice,' Prof. Fatusi stated.

'A culture of teamwork where all health professionals would see themselves as friends, brothers, colleagues, and as equals in many ways. We want to build a UNIMED where there is respect for one another, where inter-professional education is an anchor, where teamwork and collaborative learning are part of the agenda to shape the new generation of health professionals,' he added.

health education and health services by enshrining a culture of teamwork within all health-related fields.

'Where we should be working together to solve problems, we are fighting ourselves. However, one of the things we are

The Vice-Chancellor said the University in less than five years established a Faculty of Nursing Science, which is a rare feat, given that older Universities do not have the faculty.

"Nursing has always been very close to my heart. It is a profession I am very passionate about, and with the caliber of staff in the Faculty, we are becoming one of the best," Fatusi said.

Earlier, the State Chairman, National Association of Nigeria Nurses and Midwives, Ondo State Council, Comrade Kehinde Olomiye congratulated Professor Adesegun Fatusi on his appointment as the Vice-Chancellor and assured him their support.

'The establishment of the first University of Medical Sciences in Nigeria in Ondo State is one thing we take serious pride in and are happy to have progressively supported it from inception. We are confident that your performance would further entrench this culture of meritocracy which is important in building a formidable institution,' Olomiye said.



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COVID-19: Uninterrupted

academic calendar thrills UNIMED Students

Students of the University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo have lauded the Management of the institution for not allowing the outbreak of the corona virus pandemic disrupt the academic calendar of the University.

It would be recalled that the students were writing the first semester examination in March 2020, when the lockdown was declared leading to the closure of all private and public schools in the country. To ensure continuity despite the outbreak, the university management under the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi swung into action by tapping into technology through the introduction of online learning.

To build the capacity of the Lecturers, the University organized a workshop to train Deans, Heads of Departments and all academic Staff on the use of e-learning facilities. Resource persons from



UNIMED and other tertiary institutions as well as the field of Information Communication Technology deliberated on effective online teaching and learning methods.

The students were also trained on the use of electronic learning system using Google Classroom, Zoom among others. They were able to receive lectures online and had continuous assessment tests, assignments and presentations during the lockdown.

Some of the students during interview sessions described the experience as highly interesting.

A 400 level Anatomy Student, Foyinsola Esho said: "It was a wonderful experience for me. We were able to cover our syllabus

within the academic session and there is no much difference between the online and physical classes. We had interactive sessions with the lecturers as if we were in normal class."

Damilola Agbede, a 500 level Dentistry student said: "The introduction of online teaching is a huge development. Although e-learning came with some challenges such as cost of data to connect internet, lack of power supply and unstable network, the sacrifice is worth it. Some of our mates are yet to conclude 2020 academic session but here we are almost through with 2021 first semester."



TOWN-HALL MEETING OF UNIMED ACADEMIC STAFF



The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi has said there is a need for the Academic Staff of the University to invest more on research to attract more grants to the University.

Prof. Adesegun Fatusi stated this while addressing members of the Academic Staff of the University on the TETFund 2020 National Research Fund Call for Proposal at an academic town-hall meeting organized by the Central Office for Research and Development (CORD) held recently.

Fatusi congratulated the pioneer Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Friday Okonofua, FAS, and other Academic Staff who had won grants for the University in 2019 TETFund grant circle and urged others to double their efforts by

observing necessary procedures through which their proposals can attract the donors.

Dean, Post Graduate School, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Roseangela Nwuba gave an explicit lecture on how to go about a good proposal that can attract donors. According to her, 'you are not the only University been represented, there is a need for precise and clearer picture of what your proposal stands to achieve'.

The Director of Office of Research Innovation and Development (CORD), Prof. Olumide Ogundahunsi who was represented by the Deputy Director, Dr. Raymond Njinga encouraged Academic Staff of the University to apply for the TETFund grants and to approach the CORD for inputs and review of their concept notes before submission. He noted that the CORD was established to assist the research efforts of the University and to provide support to Academic Staff when applying for grant



UNIMED Senate

Approves 20 New Courses

The University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State, in the bid to enhance access to exceptionally high-quality education in medical and health-related sciences, is introducing twenty new programmes in the new academic session.

The University Senate at its 10th Special Meeting held on Thursday, 14th August, 2020 approved the curricula for the commencement of the twenty new courses. The courses approved include Speech Therapy, Audiology, Prosthetic and Orthotics, Occupational Therapy,



Environmental Health Science, Community Health Science, Dental Therapy, Dental Nursing Science, Health Care Administration and Hospital Management, Health Information Management, Food Science, Nutrition and Dietetics, Medical Physics, Science Laboratory Technology.

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Other programmes approved by the Senate include Information Technology and Health Informatics, Environment Management and Toxicology, Medicinal Chemistry, Pure Physics, Radiography and Radiation Science, Cell Biology and Genetics.

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi while addressing the Senate, posited that it is the University's vision to be a one-stop-shop for education and research in medical and health sciences. This,

he said, is a key priority of his administration.

“The mission of the University is to expand access to compassionate, comprehensive and high-quality medical and health science education. For this goal to be achieved, it is important that we introduce all these courses to provide an all-encompassing training which will strengthen the University's contribution to human resources in health development in Nigeria and global scientific advancement to improve population health and well-being,” the VC said.

Global Hand Washing Day:

UNIMED VC SENSITIZES THE PUBLIC



Chairman of Ondo State Interministerial Committee on COVID-19 listed other diseases that hand washing can prevent.

“Hand washing can prevent diseases like diarrhea, cholera, and eye infections. We should wash our hands after visiting the toilet, when we have contact with persons who have used the toilet, before eating, when you have sneezed or coughed covering your mouth with your hands and when you have contact with garbages or animal waste”, the VC concluded.

October 15 marks the global hand washing day. All over the world, there is an international hand washing promotion campaign to motivate and mobilize people to improve their hand washing habits.

The 2020 Global Handwashing Day theme is “Hand Hygiene for All.” This year's theme follows the recent global initiative calling on all of society to scale up hand hygiene, especially through handwashing with soap.

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi in a video clip designed to sensitize members of the public harped on the importance of hand washing especially in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Hand washing is very important to health and well-being because our hands constitute one of the ways we can transfer diseases and germs into our body. So when we have contact with anything that can cause diseases and touch our mouth, nose, eyes, we can easily infect ourselves. So hand washing is extremely important to being healthy”, the VC stated.

He noted that one effective way to reduce the spread of COVID-19 is through regular hand washing with soap and alcohol-based sanitizers.

“If we talk about COVID-19 for example, we insist that people must wash their hands regularly because they can carry germs from objects to the body simply by touching things”, Prof. Fatusi explained.

The Vice-Chancellor who is also the



Emotional Intelligence,

key to good leadership – UNIMED VC

The Vice-Chancellor University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED), Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi has identified Emotional Intelligence as a major ingredient for good leadership. The Vice-Chancellor made the remark at a 3-day leadership workshop for Deans, Academic Directors and Heads of Departments in the University. Prof. Fatusi opined that a leader should be diplomatic and have control over his or her emotion to engender calm and effective organisation climate. “The higher you climb in the career structure, the more careful you should be about your emotions. You must learn to relate with others in a way that draws them to you”, the VC said. “Our attitude influence people's behaviour, so it is better you start by understanding yourself and your feelings to evaluate a situation and make the best decision”, Prof. Fatusi added.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adeseye Arogunjo spoke on staff development, assessment and promotion process.

The Registrar, UNIMED, Ondo, Dr. Woleola Ekundayo University Governance, Structure and Laws. He discussed with participants the overview of the University organogram and communication process.

The Ag. Bursar of the University, Mr. M.S. Oluwanife Shittu, FCA, delivered a paper tagged “University Financial Services, Rules and Regulations.”

Prof. William Olu Aderounmu spoke on mentoring to improve staff development and performance, while Prof. Augustina Duyilemi enlightened participants on quality assurance in teaching and learning.

Prof. Adeduro Adegeye discussed strategic planning and management, with the aim of

monitoring performance and ensuring results. Effective use of Technology for Teaching, Learning and Evaluation' was presented by Dr. Ebenezer Olajugbe while Mr. Oluwaseye highlighted personnel management, rules and regulations. Barrister Olamide Adeloye analysed the University culture, code of conduct and disciplinary issues in relation to staff and students.

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UNIMED Celebrates Akintade @ 78



The Management of the University has rolled out the drum to celebrate a great philanthropist and member of UNIMED Governing Council, Chief Dr. I.F Akintade, JP, the Sarowo of Ondo Kindgom, on the occasion of his 78th birthday.

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of UNIMED Governing Council, Dr. Temitayo Fawehinmi and the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi were at a little but colorful event organized by the University to celebrate the septuagenarian.

Prof. Fatusi hinged the success of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo on the generous donation and the contributions of the royal father.

The University Musical Band, led by Mrs. Gladys Akinbodewa, entertained the 'birthday boy' and other dignitaries at the event.

The Pro-Chancellor, Dr. Temitayo Fawehinmi flanked by Principal



Officers of the University presented a customized birthday card and other gifts to the celebrant.

It would be recalled that Chief Dr. I.F Akintade pledged to donate a faculty building at the launching of the

Friends of UNIMED Fund programme on July 7, 2016. The project was commissioned about a year and half later. Today, the edifice houses the Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences and the Faculty of Dental Sciences.



UNIMED

celebrates the Oludoko of Udoko kingdom,

HRM Oba Sir (Dr) Samuel Akinmusire (JP) KSF on the occasion of his 88th birthday



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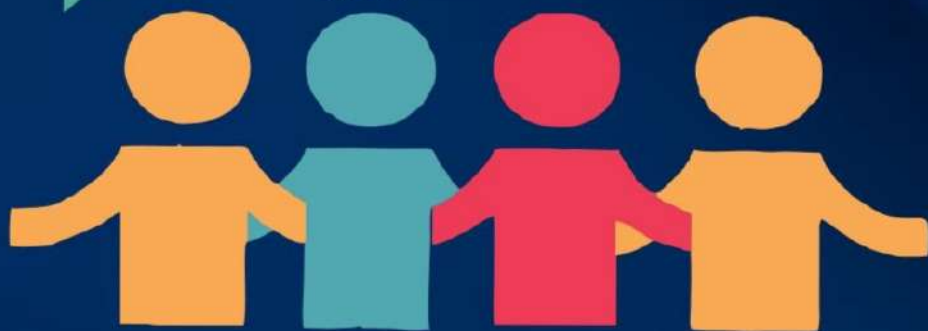
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