

# UNIMED *titbits*



*A bi-monthly bulletin of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo City, Ondo State.*

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EXCLUSIVE NEWS

## UNIMED teaching hospital accredited for post-graduate training—Mimiko

The teaching hospital of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, already has accreditation for post-graduate training, former Governor of Ondo State, Dr. Olusegun Mimiko, said this while inaugurating the Medical Village, which comprises of UNIMED and the teaching hospital, on the eve of his departure from office. The ex-governor also inaugurated the new campus of UNIMED at Odosida, Ondo. “The students are extremely lucky because the university’s teaching hospital already has accreditation for post-graduate training even before take-off,” Mimiko said.

The Thursday, February 23, 2017 inauguration of the Medical Village was part of the inauguration of special projects by the ex-governor hours before the end of his eight-year tenure as governor of the Sunshine State.

Earlier on the said date, Mimiko has also inaugurated the Aboto Waterworks in the Ilaje area of the state. The former governor said it was a dream come true for him to be able to impact positively on the lives of the masses. He said, “If there is any other dream I ever had, it is my prayer for opportunity to prove that some aspects of governance may not be rocket



L-R: The Sasere of Ondo Kingdom, Chief J. O. Adeduro; former Ondo State Chief of Staff, Dr. Kola Ademujimi; the Osemawe of Ondo Kingdom, Oba Dr. Victor Kiladejo; former Governor of Ondo State, Dr. Olusegun Mimiko; former Ondo State Commissioner for Health, Dr. Dayo Adeyanju; Vice Chancellor, UNIMED, Prof. Friday Okonofua; Registrar, UNIMED, Dr.(Mrs) E. F Oyebade; DVC, Administration and Clinical Services, UNIMED, Prof. O. Oluwatosin and others during the inauguration of the University of Medical Sciences, Odosida Campus.

science. It is about being able to be part of producing a medical institution of global acclaim. Here I am today with the privilege to symbolically flag-off the whole complex we have here, the university, the teaching hospital of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo. “I have no doubt in my mind that with the quality of your faculty members headed by the irrepressible and energetic Friday Okonofua, a professor of obstetrics and gynaecology, this university will go places.”

He appreciated the pioneer Chief Medical Directors (CMDs) and other members of staff who have contributed to the success story.

“It was a long story, the Trauma centre with more than 3,000 surgeries before commissioning, Mother and Child hospital saved many lives, the Kidney care centre with over 4,000 dialysis sessions .

The dream is that we wanted to put together in terms of quality the best and in terms of cost, the most affordable healthcare in the country”, Mimiko said.

The inauguration of the Medical Village was witnessed by dignitaries, including the Osemawe of Ondo Kingdom, Oba Dr. Victor Kiladejo; the Lisa of Ondo Kingdom, High Chief Simeon Oguntimehin; the Sasere of Ondo Kingdom, Chief Johnson O. Adeduro; and top government functionaries.

## Osemawe of Ondo Kingdom lauds Mimiko

The Osemawe of Ondo Kingdom, Oba Dr. Victor Kiladejo, Jilo III, has described the inauguration of the Medical Village in Ondo City as the happiest day in his life.

The monarch said he was happy because during his reign, Mimiko transformed the ancient town with many projects. “ This is the happiest day in my life. I am happy because my illustrious son took-over the mantle of leadership of this great state, started very well, did extremely well and he is finishing very strong”, Osemawe said.

He expressed his confidence in the fact that the people of Ondo State and all Nigerians would

continue to remember Mimiko for his notable developmental projects across the state. “ I urge the entire people of

Ondo Kingdom to ensure that this university teaching hospital that we are inaugurating today becomes the benchmark of not just for medical

universities in the world but one of the great universities that everyone will be proud of”, Oba Kiladejo said.



L-R: Former Ondo State Commissioner for Health, Dr. Dayo Adeyanju; the Osemawe of Ondo Kingdom, Oba Dr. Victor Kiladejo; former Governor of Ondo State, Dr. Olusegun Mimiko; Vice Chancellor, UNIMED, Prof. Friday Okonofua during the inauguration of Medical Village, Ondo.

## Mimiko left a huge legacy for Ondo -Okonofua

The Vice Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Prof. Friday Okonofua, has declared that the former Governor of Ondo State, Dr. Olusegun Mimiko left a huge legacy for the people of Ondo state.

The UNIMED VC stated this in a goodwill message during the commissioning of the University and its teaching hospitals located inside the medical village, Laje road, Ondo.

Okonofua declared that Mimiko left a huge legacy that will stand the test of time .

“ I want to tell you that in 50 million years to come,

your name will stand tall because you have put an institution in place that will never die”, Okonofua affirmed.

He assured the former Governor that even out of office, his vision for the university will be consolidated.

“ In three years time sir, you will see medical students graduated out of this university. I told the students a few days ago that the Ondo State task of producing the first set of medical doctors is about 90 percent complete,

remaining 10 percent and that is to your glory”, the VC stated. He also promised to actualise Osemawe’s dream of establishing a pharmaceutical industry in Ondo State.



L-R: Fomer Ondo State Commissioner for Health, Dr. Dayo Adeyanju; fomer Governor of Ondo State, Dr. Olusegun Mimiko; VC, UNIMED, Prof. Friday Okonofua during a tour of facilities in the Medical Village.



## WUSTO seeks collaboration with UNIMED

The management team of Wesley University of Sciences and Technology, Ondo (WUSTO) have sought to collaborate with the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo (UNIMED) to introduce Nursing Science as part of courses offered in the institution.

The team led by the Vice Chancellor of WUSTO, Prof. Olu Aderounmu, was received by the Vice Chancellor of UNIMED, Prof. Friday Okonofua; the Deputy Vice Chancellor Administration and Clinical Services, Prof. Odunayo Oluwatosin; the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Prof. Adeseye Arogunjo; the Acting Registrar, Mr. Adeyinka Adekalu and others on Thursday, March 9, 2017.

The Vice Chancellor of WUSTO who lamented poor turnout of students for courses currently being offered by his university expressed hope that with the introduction of department of nursing, the number of students will increase. In his response, the Vice Chancellor of UNIMED, Prof. Friday Okonofua extended hand of fellowship to the neighbouring university. He tasked the visiting team to come up with a letter to be presented to the UNIMED Senate for approval.

He said UNIMED was given similar assistance by Adeyemi College of Education at inception and will be willing to share available facilities and personnel with WUSTO.

### NDLEA visits UNIMED, canvases drug-free club

Officers of the Ondo State Command of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, NDLEA have canvassed the establishment of drug-free club in the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo.

The Ondo Area Commander of the NDLEA, Mr Jimoh Durojaye made the call during a courtesy visit by his team to the Vice Chancellor of UNIMED, Prof. Friday Okonofua, in his office.

Durojaye said the anti-narcotics agency was mandated by the Federal Government to visit all tertiary institutions in the country and sensitise them on the need to establish drug-free clubs in each institution of higher learning.

“ It is believed that the use of narcotics and other harmful drugs is related to cultism and violence in higher institutions and the entire society. Hence, the government feels concerned that since youths of today are leaders of tomorrow, there is need to eradicate use of dangerous drugs in schools around the country”, the NDLEA boss said. He said the introduction of drug-free club will help sensitise students and staff on the dangers of drug abuse, as well as enlighten all stakeholders on what can be done if anyone is found with such substance.

The DVC, Administration and Clinical Services, Prof. Odunayo Oluwatosin, who received the officers on behalf of the VC, appreciated members of the NDLEA for the attempt to eradicate drug abuse.

He described UNIMED as a peculiar University where personnels are aware of the dangers of hard drugs. Oluwatosin said the institution is ready to work hand-in-hand with the agency to establish the drug-free club as he tasked the body to ensure that whatever is done is sustainable.

He also requested the agency to help facilitate availability of narcotics for research, experiment and treatment purposes as substances are needed in training medical students, saying the substances are becoming increasing difficult to come by.



A group photograph of UNIMED principal staff with NDLEA officials during the courtesy visit to the University.

## Edo students honour Okonofua, Ozekhome

The Vice Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Prof. Friday Okonofua, FAS has added another feather to his cap as he was honoured by the National Association of Edo State Students (NAESS), Obafemi Awolowo University Chapter.

Okonofua bagged the excellence award of the Edo students in recognition of his meritorious service and contributions in the area of education, health and administration.

The award ceremony was part of activities marking the Annual Edo Cultural Week of the Association with the theme “the Renaissance of our Historical and Cultural Values: its Effects on Edo Languages”.

Other eminent personalities honoured at the event included a constitutional lawyer and human rights activist, Chief Mike A.A. Ozekhome SAN; and former minority Whip, Federal House of Representatives, Barrister Samson Osagie, among others.

The UNIMED VC was represented at the event by his personal secretary, Mr. Innocent Alikah, who received the award on his behalf.

Alikah later told the UNIMED titbits’ chief correspondent, Temitope Oluwatayo, that the award was well deserved.



.Mr. Innocent Alikah(Right), receiving award of excellence on behalf of UNIMED VC, Prof. Friday Okonofua

## UNIMED March Birthdays

Students		
Chidinma	Ejesieme	Mar 2
Anthony	Adegbite	Mar 5
Adeyemi	Ibrahim	Mar 6
Akinwonuola	Olupona	Mar 15
Paul	Adeoyo	Mar 20
Olusegun	Akinnawonu	Mar 23
Morayo	Kolawole	Mar 24
Olaoluwa	Kuboye	Mar 25
Francis	Brume	Mar 28
Jide	Ebithibituwawei	Mar 28
Boluwatife	Dare	Mar 29
John	Aleriwa	Mar 31



### Staff

Mr Kingsley	Itire	Mar 6
Mrs. Folasade	Awopeju	Mar 7
Mr. Oluwagbenga	Asher Dolire	Mar 10
Mr. Stephen	Abdulaminu	Mar 12
Ms. Patience	Adoh	Mar 12
Mr. Solomon	Kayode	Mar 19
Mrs. Benedette	Okiei	Mar 22
Dr. Samuel	Esosa	Mar 23
Mr Akinola	Olaniran	Mar 23
Mrs. Blessing	Ohia	Mar 28
Ms. Moyinoluwa	Falona	Mar 31

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