

UNIMED *titbits*

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



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EXCLUSIVE NEWS

UNIMED School of Public Health to take-off in 2019/2020

Barring any unforeseen circumstance, the Muhammad Ali Pate International School of Public Health at the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo in Ondo State, will commence full activities in 2019/2020 academic session, the university authorities have said. The decision to commence the School of Public Health, named after a former Minister of Health, Prof. Muhammad Ali Pate, was reached at the maiden expanded meeting of the Board of the School, held at the Ondo main campus of the university in Ondo West Local Government area of Ondo State. Members of the Board of the Muhammad Ali Pate International School of Public Health include Prof. Muhammad Ali Pate as Chairman, while Prof. Friday Okonofua, the Vice-Chairman of the university is a member.

Other members of the Board are Prof. A. Fatusi, Dr. Mike Egbah, Dr. Adhiambo Odaga, Dr. Eugene Kongnyuy, Dr. Dayo Adeyanju, Dr. Dabesaki Mac-Ikemenjima, Prof. Benjamin Uzochukwu, Prof. M.C. Asusu, Prof. Roseangela Nwuba, Dr. Yemisi Jeff-Agboola, Dr. Muyi Aina, Dr. Muntaqa Umar Sadiq and Mr. Walter Osungbemiro.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Okonofua, in his remarks, described the establishment of the School of Public Health as icing on the cake and a step towards improved health care policies and practices in Nigeria and Africa by extension.



A group photograph of Board Members of the Muhammad Ali Pate International School of Public Health following the maiden expanded meeting of the board at the University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo City, Ondo State.

According to him, “the naming of the school after this noble Nigerian has received wide acclaim from the government and the good people of Ondo State, as well as from those who know the significance of the contribution that Prof. Pate has made to the principles of health governance and quality health care delivery in our dear country.”

The Chairman of the Board, Prof Pate expressed his readiness to contribute to the success of the school, saying: “I really want to state how honoured I feel by the decision of Ondo State Government and the university to associate me with this undertaking. I also promise my whole commitment to help in whatever ways I can to make this a successful undertaking for the University of Medical Sciences, the people of Ondo State, the country, African continent and the entire humanity”

Pate commended the Vice-Chancellor on his visionary leadership before and after his appointment to lead the university, saying: “For me, it is very inspiring to see what Prof. Okonofua has done before coming here and also while he has been here, for me it show the power of positive example.

And, for Ondo State to establish the university of this kind and its decision to establish the school of public health is a very good example for us in Nigeria and the African continent in general.”

The Board deliberated on the plans for curriculum development, international collaboration, infrastructural development plans and fund raising drive.

Okonofua establishes Faculty of Nursing Sciences

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo City, Prof. Friday Okonofua has announced the establishment of Faculty of Nursing Sciences in the University.

He made this known during visit of the management team of UNIMED to the Ondo State Schools of Nursing and Midwifery which were merged with the University by the State Government.

During an interactive session with staff of both schools, the VC announced the appointment of Dr. Mrs. O.A Oluwatosin as the pioneer Dean of the Faculty of Nursing, UNIMED, Ondo.

Prof. Okonofua also announced the appointment of four new Heads of Departments in the faculty.

They are Prof. Samuel U. Akpovi, Department of Nursing Education and Administration; Dr. Margaret M. Oladapo, Department of Community Health Nursing; Dr. Bridget.O Akin-Otiko, Department of Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health; and Dr. Mary Edwards, Department of Medical and Surgical Nursing.

This development has received applause of the University community as well as the public. Many took to the University Facebook page to express their pleasure and congratulate the new Dean and HODs.

The following comments were posted in response to the development.

Ukpai Anayochukwu Eze Faculty of Nursing, that is a great development and a giant stride in Medical and Nursing Education in Nigeria. Kudos to Prof. **Friday** and the management team of **Unimed Ondo** for this foresight!



Pictures of members of Staff of Ondo State School of Nursing and Midwifery with Principal Officers of University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo during the interactive session held at the school hall.



A group photograph of Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo Prof. Friday Okonofua FAS (Centre) with participants at the meeting of UNIMED Principal Officers with members of staff of Ondo State Schools of Nursing and Midwifery

Abraham Fabusuyi Prof. sir, this is a dream realized and mission accomplished. The eventual merging of the two schools with UNIMED has put the institution on a very high pedestal and one of the best among its peers the world over. I wish UNIMED, its staff and management more years of landmark achievement.

Adedotun Banjo Good job kudos to the vice chancellor and the management team of the university .A professor of professors and leader of Leaders.

Evangelist Asagunla Better days ahead for nursing profession
Fatimo Kolapo-ibitoye Congratulations to Nursing Profession , Big congratulations to Dr. Mrs. O.A Oluwatosin the pioneer Dean of the Faculty of Nursing, UNIMED, Ondo and the new Heads of Departments Dr. B.O Akin-Otiko, Dr. M.M. Oladapo, Prof. S.U. Akpovi and Dr. Mary Edwards.

UNIMED VC, others to bag 2018 PEARL Awards



Vice Chancellor of the University of Medical Sciences , UNIMED, Ondo- Africa's third and Nigeria's first specialized medical university, Prof Friday Okonofua is among academic giants slated to receive the 2018 edition of the Pacesetters in Education for African Renaissance and Leadership (PEARL) Award.

Okonofua according to a statement signed by the Project Director of African Strides International, Henry Adesola Esq will be sharing the podium of one of Africa's greatest honours in education with other distinguished and exemplary pathfinders, leaders and administrators in the field like Professor Stephen Onah, the Director/Chief Executive, National Mathematical Centre; Professor Abdalla Uba Adamu, Vice Chancellor, National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN); Dr Hameed Bobboyi, Executive Secretary, Universal Basic Education Commission, UBEC and; Professor Kayode Soremekun, Vice Chancellor, Federal University, Oye Ekiti.

Others include Professor Michael Adikwu, Vice Chancellor, University of Abuja; Professor Angela Freeman Miri, Vice Chancellor, Federal University, Lokoja; Professor Muhammad Sanusi, Vice Chancellor, Federal University, Lafia; Professor Msugh Moses Kembe, Vice Chancellor, Benue State University and; Professor Muhammad Mainoma, Vice Chancellor, Nasarawa State University.

Also, Baze University, Abuja; Nigerian Turkish Nile University and; the African University of Science and Technology, Abuja will receive the PEARL Award for distinguished private institutions category.

The PEARL Award is an innovation of the AfricanStride International, instituted as a platform for advancing educational development by rewarding and celebrating excellence, leadership and quality delivery among heads of institutions, outstanding educationists, policy makers, front line research and training institutes, agencies, educational promoters and first class private institutions.

Among other things, the PEARL Award also aims at promoting the concept of functional education, enduring leadership, national development, patriotism, developmental reforms, entrepreneurship, self reliance and attitudinal change, with a view to making African education truly responsive to the challenges of development on the continent.

The 2018 PEARL Award ceremony with the theme: "Good Education: A Recipe for Peaceful and Prosperous Society" holds on September 30, 2018 at the Merit House Complex, Abuja.

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University Don, Prof. Friday Okonofua Emerged 2018 Vice Chancellor of the year

ONDO STATE OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD PLATFORM IN CONJUNCTION WITH HERO MAGAZINE has bestowed an award on Professor Friday Okonofua, the Vice Chancellor, University of Medical sciences, Ondo, in Ondo State as Most Outstanding Vice Chancellor of the year in commemorating the 10th Year Anniversary of the prestigious Award platform.

Prof. Friday Okonofua beat other University Dons and some other notable Vice Chancellors to win “the most Outstanding Vice Chancellor of the Year Prize and Award”.

In a vote casted in the presence of over 15 notable Yoruba Professors and numerous dignitaries at Flourish hotel, Akure , Prof Friday Okonofua got 92 votes to emerged winner, while 77 votes went to the runner up and the person in third position got 66 votes.

While reacting to the remarkable development, Prof Friday Okonofua said “first of all, I want to thank you all for using your vote, to express your confidence in me.”

“I have officially accepted to the prestigious hall of Fame and my Name would be kept in the Ondo state Outstanding Leadership Book of record for ever.”

A book about him and others was launched on that day for the meritorious award.

“I will forever be grateful to you all for the honour especially these outstanding Yoruba leaders present which include Pa Fashoranti, a foremost Yoruba leader and fighter of justice, the leader of Afenifere, and



L-R: C.E.O. Hero Magazire INTL, Dr. Sunday Akinbiola; Prof. Adeola Adenikinju and Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Prof Friday Okonofua FAS at the award ceremony

Chief Arogbofa and some many traditional Rulers in attendance including the Osemawe of Ondo and a professor in academics, Prof Adeola Adenikinju, a notable Yoruba Leader who presented the Award and decorated me on behalf of the Board.”

“I am indeed shocked and surprised about this development, as i got no clue whatsoever when all this nominations election process were been made, however i am happy about this and also on all other awards bestowed on me in the past,as little as any good maybe I prefer it to trouble.”

“I thank the Ondo State Government for their support to the Organization since inception and the government fuctionaries present , I thank everyone I didn’t know but who -counted me worthy of this, Once again, I thank the Hero Magazine INTL and my people from Edo State for coming all the way.”
“Finally, I thank all my well wishers, may the almighty God continue His provision on us all in good health,” Prof Friday concluded.



A group photo of members of staff of UNIMED with the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Friday Okonofua after The Hero Award ceremony

Culled from The Hero Magazine website

UNIMED introduces CETEM to manage trauma

The University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo in line with its vision to provide high quality healthcare for under-served populations is teaming-up with various stakeholders to establish Centre of Excellence in Trauma and Emergency Medicine (CETEM) at the University.

The Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Prof. Friday Okonofua FAS welcomed participants saying the aim is to establish a centre that will serve as a focal point of research and training for healthcare professionals and associated academics who are engaged in the prevention and management of emergency services in the West and Central African regions.

"The long-term impact of the project is the training of highly skilled physicians who can provide world-class trauma care to patients, thereby decreasing the incidence and severity of trauma experienced by Nigerians", Okonofua said. He affirmed that the extensive network of national, international and industrial partners who will participate in the project will no doubt help curtail the high cost of health care in Nigeria and improve efficiency.

Representatives from the University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo; UNIMED Teaching Hospital, UNIMETH; University of PortHarcourt, UNIPORT; Federal University Oye-Ekiti (FUOYE); Bayero University, Kano; University of Ibadan; University of Benin, UNIBEN; City University of New York; International SOS; Nigerian Red Cross; Ondo State Fire Services; Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps NSCDC; Ondo State Emergency Medical Services Agency, ODEMSA; were in attendance.



L-R: The Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Prof. Odunayo Oluwatosin; Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Prof. Friday Okonofua FAS and the Acting Registrar, UNIMED, Mr. Adeyinka Adekalu during the stakeholders meeting of the Centre of Excellence in Trauma and Emergency Medicine (CETEM) at the University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo.



Participants during the stakeholders meeting of the Centre of Excellence in Trauma and Emergency Medicine (CETEM) at the University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo.



A group photograph of participants after the meeting of stakeholders of the Centre of Excellence in Trauma and Emergency Medicine (CETEM) UNIMED.

3,261 candidates write UNIMED post-UTME

Over 3,000 candidates have participated in the post-UTME screening exercise of the University of Medical Sciences, UNIMED, Ondo. The exercise which began on Thursday August 30, 2018 is to produce suitable candidates for 2018/2019 academic session.

In an interview with UNIMEDtitbits' correspondent, Chairman of UNIMED examination committee, Prof. Adeseye Arogunjo revealed that 3,261 candidates from various parts of the country enrolled for the post-UTME screening exercise.

'We started our post-UTME exams this morning without any hitch and we have a total of 3,261 candidates', Arogunjo said.



Candidates writing the Post-UTME



Accredited candidates file into exam hall



Candidates screened for the Post-UTME



Candidates screened for the Post-UTME

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