



3RD YEAR ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

... The Grace of God Is Our Sufficiency
— VC

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (UNAAB), Professor Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun on Saturday examined the bedrock of his administration declaring that “the grace of God

ency and efficacy of God’s grace at a Thanksgiving Service conducted by Chapel of Grace and held at Julius Okojie Lecture Theatre Complex 3 to mark the Third Anniversary of the appointment of Professor Balogun as



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun and his wife, Prof. (Mrs.) Elizabeth Balogun celebrating the goodness of God in the last three years at a Thanksgiving Service marking the Third Anniversary of the former’s Appointment as VC at Chapel of Grace Church (JAO Lecture Theatre Complex III)

has been our sufficiency since we (Management team) assumed office”.

His spiritual verdict and pontification was heralded by the Guest Minister and renowned Motivational Speaker, Engr. Abiodun Fijabi who attributed the huge success of the Professor Balogun-led Management to the “special grace of God”

The duo, Professor Balogun and Engr. Abiodun Fijabi extolled the pot-

Vice-Chancellor.

Decked in glistening white lace material, tailored in two-pieces flowing corporate native attire popularly known as “Agbada”, Professor Balogun began his brief remark with a song of praise to God which goes thus, “Oro mi o gbejo wewe kin sa ma dupe loto” meaning “I need not delve into long speech but to shower praises to God, for what he has done for me”.

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WORDS ON MARBLE

“The obvious irony is that nobody is going to celebrate Your Honour even when your tenure ends and you have a higher call to service. The community will find it difficult to come to term with the unavoidable but imminent loss of your flair for excellence, speed and accuracy”

“You have put in place an administrative style that you do not need to see the person you put in charge to know if he is working or not. You have combined the beauty of administration with the excellence of academic.... You do not triumph in sycophancy”.

Dean, Postgraduate School,
UNAAB, Professor Steve Afolami
at a Management Meeting on 2010
Resumption Calendar, held at the
Royal Greens Hotel on
Thursday, April 1, 2010

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... Large Turn-Out At Thanksgiving Service, Reception

Scores of well-wishers from all walks of life on Saturday filled the sprawling Julius Okojie Lecture Theatre Complex 3 to the brim in celebration of God, with Thanksgiving for the success of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun - led Management in the last three years.

As early as 9:00 a.m., well-wishers from nooks and crannies began to troop into the venue of the Thanksgiving Service marking the Third Year Anniversary of the appointment of Professor Balogun as Vice-Chancellor.

Mid-way into the service conducted by the Chapel of *Contd. on pg. 3...*

FACES OF SOME DIGNITARIES AND WELL WISHERS AT THE THANKSGIVING SERVICE MARKING THE THIRD YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPOINTMENT OF UNAAB VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROF. OLUWAFEMI OLAIYA BALOGUN HELD AT THE CHAPEL OF GRACE (JULIUS OKOJIE LECTURE THEATRE COMPLEX III LAST SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2010)



- 16. The Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor, UNAAB.
- 17. Dean, COLANIM, Prof. (Mrs.) Daisy Eruvbetine
- 18. UNAAB Principal Officers
- 19. DVC, Academic Snr. Confidential Secretary, Mrs. Kemi Johnson

ARRIVAL

- 1. Olubara of Ibara, HRH Jacob Omolade
- 2. Council Member, Dr. Solomon Oladiti
- 3. VC's Bossom friend and Provost Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo, Prof. Yemi Idowu
- 4. Childhood friend of the VC, Asiwaju Maxwell Ayinla

SEATED

- 5. UNAAB Chancellor and Asagba of Asaba, Prof. Chike Edozien
- 6. Olubara of Ibara
- 7. Olowu of Owu, HRM Adegboyega Dosumu
- 8. Agura of Gbagura, HRM Halidu Laloko
- 9. Guest Minister, Engr. Abiodun Fijabi
- 10. UNAAB Pro-Chancellor, Chief Olakunle Osayemi
- 11. Commissioner of Police, Ogun State, Alhaji Musa Daura
- 12. HOD, AE & FM, UNAAB, Prof. Adewale Dipeolu.
- 13. The Baloguns (Wife and one of the children of UNAAB VC and Celebrant)
- 14. UNAAB VC's Bossom friends, Provost, Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo, Prof. Yemi Idowu and VC FUTA, Prof. Adebisi Balogun.
- 15. The Agura of Gbagura and Olowu of Owu

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

— Don Commends UNAAB

A University Don, Professor (Mrs.) Margret Fubara of the Faculty of Law, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife has commended the Management of the University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (UNAAB) and the Directorate of FMENV/UNAAB LINKAGE Centre for sustaining the

al administrative and public involvement in environmental management for sustainable development.

She pointed out that "environmental legislation is very vital for the modern society, if its goals must be



Guests Listening with rapt attention at the World Environment Day Lecture organised by FMENV/UNAAB Linkage. (Inset) The Guest Lecturer, Prof. (Mrs.) Margret Fubara delivering her speech.

idea and values of the World Environment Day in the country.

She expressed joy that UNAAB has contributed immensely to the conservation and efficient utilization of the nation's biological resources over the years.

Delivering a Lecture to mark the 2010 World Environment Day in the institution and titled "The Legal Instrument for Environmental Management in Nigeria", Prof. Fubara, said "we cannot undermine the role of law in the challenges facing us as a nation, particularly in the development of appropriate laws for the management of the Nigerian environment".

She stressed that international and national environmental law constitutes one of the critical components of capacity building in the modern context, adding that the combined force of the Federal Ministry of Environment and its enforcement parastatals like the National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA) and National Oil Spill Defection and Response Agency (NOSDRA) can foster government-

realized, the law should not be hidden from the people. It must be in the consciousness and awareness of the people". She identified ceaseless change in policies, lack of continuity and frequency change in leadership as the bane of effective environmental management.

Professor Fubara, therefore, challenged Nigerian to host the next annual global World Environment Day as part of efforts to boost effective Environmental Management in the country.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Oluwafemi Balogun in his Welcome Address read by the DVC (Academic) Professor Chryss Onwuka, made it known that the extent of compliance to environmental laws and regulations is not satisfactory saying there is need to assess the role of legislation vis-à-vis the relevance, review an enforcement to guarantee the sustainability of our environment.

The lecture which had in attendance Chief Odebiyi who chaired the occasion and other experts in Environmental Law and Environmental Management both within and outside the institution.

praise and thanksgiving to God.

No thanks to the spirit filled Chapel of Grace Choir, Choristers of UNAAB International School (UNIS) and UNAAB staff school who lifted the souls of the congregation with highly inspiring and praise provoking choruses and special anthem of worship to God.

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The Grace of God Is Our sufficiency — VC

Speaking, however, the Vice-Chancellor described the Thanksgiving as a testimony of the fulfilment of what God promised to use him and his Management to achieve for the University at the inception.

He, therefore, attributed the huge success so far recorded in the administration of the University in the last three years to God's sufficient grace.

According to him, "I want to express my deep appreciation to my creator for fulfilling his words. The grace of God has been our sufficiency since we assumed office; God has always been there for us. It is not surprising that Pastor Iyunade centred his prayer on Grace. We are worshipping in the Chapel of Grace," he added.

Professor Balogun who read the only Bible lesson of the day from the Book of Psalm 138:1-8 was accompanied to the service by his wife and the new Head of Department of Bio-Chemistry, Prof. (Mrs) Elizabeth Balogun and children.

Earlier in his speech, the Guest Minister who is a renowned motivational speaker, Engr. Abiodun Fijabi said "UNAAB ain't seen anything yet. God is leading Prof. Balogun and his team to take UNAAB to the pinnacle of success. What you have seen so far is just a tip of the iceberg".

Fresh Maize For Sale

Fresh green maize are now available for sale to staff, students and members of the University Community at large, courtesy of Teaching and Research Farms Directorate (TREFAD).

According to TREFAD Deputy Director, Mr. J.J. Olobashola, intending buyers should visit UNAAB Consult Kiosk from 9.00 a.m. for their purchase, while those interested in bulk purchase should contact Mr. Jaiyeola on 08035391766.

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... Large Turn-Out At Thanksgiving Service, Reception

Grace Church, the venue had already been fully occupied well-wishers most of who adorned corporate native attires.

Staff of the Vice-Chancellor's office and members of the Anniversary Planning Committee were a sight to behold

as they turned up in corporate native uniform otherwise known as "Aso-Ebi".

Devil was apparently green with envy as he was demoted by the well-wishers who for the most part of the service rented the venue with songs of

UNAAB ALUMNUS To Sponsor PhD Students

UNAAB Alumnus and former President of the Students' Union, Dr. Babatunde Omilola has promised to create opportunities for the sponsorship of PhD students whose studies are at advance stage.

values to the University Library through donation of current Books and Journals.

Delivering his lecture, he enjoined Nigerians to see agriculture as a business, by stepping up from small agriculture to



*A cross-section of guests at the 2ND LEMCEL Annual Lecture.
(Inset) The Guest Lecturer, Dr. Babatunde Omilola responding to questions from the audience.*

Besides, Dr. Omilola who is a top shot at International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington DC also promised to donate valuable Books and Journals on Agric Economics to the University.

Omilola made the promise while delivering a Lecture titled "Poverty, Growth and the Performance of African Agriculture in an Era of Global Food and Financial Crises" at the Second AG Leventis Memorial Centre for Learning (LEMCEL) Lecture Series held at Julius Okojie Lecture Theatre 2.

The Guest Lecturer said his gesture was inspired by the rapid development he saw on Campus as compared to his undergraduate days while driving to the venue of the Lecture.

Omilola stressed that based on the enviable transformation, it was imperative and expedient of him to compliment the good works of the present administration by assisting Ph.D students and adding

commercialized agriculture in order to meet hunger and poverty rate in the near-est future.

Dr. Omilola fondly referred to as "Limpopo" during his days as President of Students' Union Government of the 1998/1999 session in UNAAB gave an extensive talk on the relevance of agriculture in our society, the need to increase resource efficiency and manage adequately agricultural based funding available to us.

In what appears like a down-play to the captivated audience, Dr. Omilola vividly narrated the fall-out of Nigeria in the circle of countries which met the MDG 1 standard.

He however noted that all hopes are not yet lost for the country in turning around its status, stating that with an increase in the Agricultural GDP, and proper utilization of resources by those at the helm of affairs, Nigeria will have a turn-around.

... As Professor Sanni Re-Affirms LEMCEL Commitment

The Director, AG Leventis Memorial Centre for Learning (LEMCEL), Prof. Lateef Oladimeji Sanni has reiterated the Centre's commitment to re-orientate investors and industrialists on viable technological discoveries, innovations and good practices.

Prof. Sanni gave this assurance during his opening remarks at the Second LEMCEL Annual Lecture held at the Julius Okojie Lecture Theatre 2, UNAAB.

According to Prof. Sanni, the aim of the investors and industrialists' re-orientation is to promote sustain-

able agricultural and industrial growth through networking, Workshops, Seminars and trainings.

The Director, who thanked the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun for contributing immensely to the development of LEMCEL, seized the opportunity to list parts of externally funded partnerships, which LEMCEL has been operating.

Among the externally funded projects named includes: "Cassava: Adding Value for Africa (C:AVA) Project", sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. "Partnership for Regional Developers' Initiative" with Sierra Leone, Benin Republic and Nigeria, sponsored by Africa Association of Universities (AAU), Accra, Ghana and DFID, UK.

Others are, establishment of Food Science and Nutrition Network for Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Rural Livelihood in West Africa (FOSNUT), which project inspection has been fixed for 25 to 26 June 2010 at UNAAB, also sponsored by the AAU and DFID.

The EU – ACP project on Science and Technology for Enhancing the Contribution of Tropical Root Crops to Development in ACP countries, with three years duration from November 2009 – October 2012.

The project partners are, natural Resources Institutes, University of Greenwich, UK as well as institutions from Nigeria, Uganda, The Caribbean, Zambia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The Guest Lecturer at the event was, Dr. Babatunde Omilola, an Alumnus and former UNAABSU President, now and international Scientist working with International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington DC, USA.



Director, LEMCEL, Prof. Lateef O. Sanni

NWRI Sets To Donate Equipment To UNAAB

The National Water Resources Institute (NWRI), Kaduna, will tomorrow (Tuesday) donate water related equipment to the University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (UNAAB).

According to a statement by NWRI Desk Officer, Dr. J.K. Adewumi, the Chairman of the Governing Board of the Institute, Alhaji Mohammed Sabo Keana (Ciroma Keana) will lead a powerful delegation comprising 2 Governing Board Members and 2 Management members to present the materials to the University.

Copy of the statement further informed that the donation of the equipment will enable the South-West Zonal Office to take off smoothly.

UNAAB Vice-Chancellor, Professor Olaiya Balogun has already approved the visitation and set ma-

presentation a success.

However, at press time information on the equipments slated for donation are scanty, such that when contacted, the Director of Linkages and Partnership, Dr. Olukayode Akinyemi advised UNAAB Bulletin to keep it finger crossed.



Prof. S.T.O. Lagoke, DVC, Development

UNAAB's Dr. Atanda Is NMASN New President



Dr. Olusegun Atanda, Ag. HOD, FSM

The Acting HOD, Department of Food-Service and Tourism, Dr. Olusegun Atanda

has emerged the new National President of the Nigeria Mycotoxin Awareness and Study Network (NMASN).

He was elected at the just concluded 5th National Conference of NMASN held between April, 26 to 28, 2010, in Ilorin, Nigeria.

Dr. Atanda's feat has been officially communicated by the Dean, COLFHEC, Prof. S.O. Awonorin, to the Vice-Chancellor.

The "Omowe" as he is fondly called will now lead the new Exco of NMASN for the next four years as its National President.

AMREC Takes Cocoa Seedlings To Adao Village

Not less than 4,500 Cocoa Seedlings nursed by the extension arm of the University, otherwise known as Agricultural Media and Resources Centre (AMREC) will be distributed to Farmers at Adao Community near Alabata Village on Wednesday, June 9 at 10.00 a.m.

Director of AMREC, Professor Kolawole Salako has disclosed to UNAAB Weekly Bulletin.

According to him, the Chairman of Odeda Local Government, Hon. Kayode Akintunde, assisted by AMREC team will present the seedlings to the farmers.

Professor Salako revealed that AMREC has been nursing the seedlings for Odeda Local Government which bankrolled it since December.

He said the action was in line with the mandate of AMREC as envisioned by the University.



Prof. Kolawole Salako, Director, AMREC