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A true and defined institutional system and the need for improved quality education has been described as a road map to the solution of crisis of Nation States in Africa. The former Vice President Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency Alhaji Atiku Abubakar GCON disclosed this at an occasion marking the 5th lecture series and 10th year Anniversary of Sen. Ndi Obi's Zik lecture endowment fund to commemorate the legacies of Great Zik of Africa held at the University Auditorium.

His Excellency and Chairman of the occasion in his remark emphasized that a good quality education should be the priority of government to its citizens and education should also focus on equipping youths with the necessary skills in order for them to contribute significantly to the challenges bedeviling the country.

The former Vice President however stressed that a good quality education should not be left in the hands of the government alone. He called on Heads of Institutions, academia, and private individuals to support the crusade as well as seek proactive measures geared towards improving educational system in the country.

Alhaji Atiku commended the benefactor of the Zik Annual Lecture series, Sen. Ben. Ndi Obi for his support to UNIZIK and for initiating the zik Annual lecture to the University which he stressed has helped in cross fertilization of ideas and promoting inter-Africa relations and further called for more endowment and support for Nnamdi Azikiwe University.

His Excellency commended the Faculty of Social Sciences for bringing the former Prime Minister of Kenya His Excellency RT. Hon. Raila A. Odinga as the guest lecturer of this year’s Zik lecture series and other eminent Nigerians and Africans that have been invited in the course of the programme. He described such gesture as a welcome development that will help in strengthening National growth and development.

The benefactor of the Zik Lecture series Sen. Ben Ndi Obi expressed gratitude to the Chairman and also to the guest lecturer for honouring the invitation and for the show of love for the Great Zik of Africa whom the University is named after.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Joseph Ahaneku in the same vein commended the dignitaries who have honoured the event with their presence. He congratulated the Faculty of Social Sciences for steadfastly ensuring that the lectures hold every November.

Other dignitaries present at the ceremony include the Deputy Governor of Anambra state His Excellency Dr Nkem Okeke, former Governor of Anambra state Mr. Peter Obi ,the traditional ruler of Awka, His Royal Highness Obi Gibson Nwosu, top government functionaries, stakeholders, captains of industries, staff and students of the University and members of the press.

A system of Government devoid of ethnic conscious leaders, corruption, a truly established independent judiciary system and a reduced sectionalisation of power has been suggested as some of the challenges bedevilling the development of Nation states in Africa. The former Prime Minister Federal Republic of Kenya, His Excellency RT. HON. Raila A. Odinga made these suggestions known at an event marking the 5th Zik Lecture series and 10th year Anniversary of Sen. Ben Ndi Obi’s Zik Lecture endowment fund to celebrate the life and times of Great Zik of Africa.

His Excellency while dwelling on the theme of the lecture series tagged ***“The Crisis of Nation states in Africa”*** emphasized that a nation fails when it is captured by bad politicians and corrupt minded leaders. He called on African leaders to shun all forms of inequality, religious segmentation, and marginalization in health care delivery and in education sector.

Hon. Odinga challenged African leaders to emulate the good qualities of Great African Nationalist in the struggle for better lives of Africans. He advised leaders to make pro active efforts in developing the youths of the country through improved social amenities, free basic education, basic skills acquisition that will develop the youths and help in reducing social vices to a minimum thereby proffering solutions to crisis of Nation states in Africa.

He also encouraged National leaders to make proper use of natural resources of a country by transforming them into wealth that will create jobs for the unemployed youths in the country. He advised Nigerian leaders to emulate the legacies of Great Zik of Africa in fight for corruption and injustice. He described the Great Zik whom the University is named after as a defender of the down trodden, opposition to oppression and injustice, an anti corruption crusader and an ambassador of African Union.

In the same vein, the Executive Governor of Anambra State, His Excellency Chief Willie Obiano stressed that the roles of Zik in the History of Africa cannot be over emphasized. He described the Great zik as a Pan –Africanist who ensured that peace and sanity reigned in Nigeria.

The Governor represented by the Deputy Governor Dr Nkem Okeke charged leaders of the country to be visionary leaders who will see to the wellbeing of their citizens through provision of adequate security of lives and properties, creating good institutions in the various levels of government, creating an enabling environment for investor as well as investing in sectors of the economy that will create job for the teaming population and proffering possible solutions to development.

Dr Okeke commended the benefactor of the lecture series Sen. Ben Ndi Obi for his commitment to the lecture series. He thanked the University management for hosting the programme in honour of Great Zik of Africa.

The Vice Chancellor Prof. Joseph E. Ahaneku, FAS in his remark expressed appreciation to the Chairman of the 2016 Zik Lecture series and former Vice President, Federal Republic of Nigeria His Excellency Alhaji Atiku Abubakar for visiting the university and his show of love and support to the University.

He commended the Guest Lecturer and former Prime Minister Federal Republic of Kenya, His Excellency RT. HON Raila Odinga accompanied by his daughter for honouring the University’s invitation and contributing their quota to Nation Building.

Prof Ahaneku also expressed gratitude to the benefactor for his continuous support to the lecture series.

Other dignitaries present at the event include the immediate past Governor of Anambra state Mr. Peter Obi, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration) Prof. Carol Arinze Umeobi, University Registrar Dr I.H Isidienu, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences Prof. Stella Okunna, the wife of Great Zik of Africa Prof. Uche Azikwe, HRH Obi Gibson Nwosu, top government functionaries, Deans of Faculties, Heads of Departments, Directors of Units, staff and students of the University.

African leaders have been charged to stand up in defense to democracy. This injunction came when the former Prime Minister Federal Republic of Kenya, His Excellence RT. Hon Raila Odinga paid a courtesy visit to the office of the Vice-Chancellor to Kick start the 5th Zik’s lecture series.

Welcoming them, the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Joseph E. Ahaneku, FAS. heartily welcomed the former Prime Minister of Kenya to UNIZIK and Nigeria at large. He thanked him for coming to share in his wealth of knowledge. He also expressed appreciation to the distinguished benefactor, Senator Ben Ndi Obi (Ojeligbo) for his magnanimous endowment fund to ZIK’s lecture and prayed God to continue to replenish him. Prof. Ahaneku opined that the lecture series has helped in no small measure in upholding the legacies of the great Zik in UNIZIK.

In his response, H.E HON. Raila Odinga said he was very happy and delighted to be in UNIZIK. A University, named after the great Zik of Africa. He noted that he was humbled to be chosen as the Guest Lecturer for the 5th Zik’s lecture series.

Earlier, the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. Stella Okunna appreciated the benefactor, Sen. Ben Ndi Obi for his vision towards the Zik lecture series. She also expressed gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor for his support to the Faculty. Prof. Okunna thanked the guest lecturer for coming to share his ideas and knowledge for the betterment of the future.

As part of measures towards maintaining zero tolerance for indiscipline amongst staff of the University, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration) Prof. Carol Arinze-Umobi has organized a forum with members of the SERVICOM team of the University to curb unseriousness of staff over queries. She noted the efforts of the SERVICOM Team so far in the crusade and called for a better and effective service delivery.

After a wide deliberation on the issues, the following measures were adopted towards sustaining effective and efficient service delivery in the University.

1. Provision of two buses for early birds to convey staff to University premises, daily at no cost.
2. Introduction of log book to capture a graphic picture of staff attendance weekly/ monthly.
3. Routine check on departments/faculties by the SERVICOM Team to determine unserious staff at their duty posts.
4. Assignment of a bus for the SERVICOM Team in order to facilitate their routine checks on departments/faculties.
5. Report of any form of harassment of SERVICOM official to the Management for proper deliberation.
6. Remuneration for staff that show more dedication to duty.
7. Referring of any staff being absent from duty on two or more occasion without adequate permission, to the disciplinary committee.

**A Decade of Excellence: Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Holds 10th Anniversary Celebrations/Symposium on Phytomedicines**

As part of its 10th Anniversary celebrations slated for 8th & 9th of December, 2016, the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences will hold a Symposium/Workshop on Phytomedicines on 8th of December, 2016 (9 am to 6 pm).

***Schedule of Events:***

**9: 00 - 9: 45 am**: Lecture 1: Basic Methods in isolation and structural elucidation of Phytomedicines – Dr. F. B. C. Okoye

**9: 45 -10: 30 am:** Lecture 2: Formulation, standardization and stability of phytomedicines – Prof. I. S. Okafor

**10: 30am -11: 00 am:** Flag off of exhibitions (HRH Chief Prof. T. Omon Oleabhiele, National President, National Association of Nigerian Traditional Medicine Practitioners, assisted by the Anambra State chapter chairman)

**11: 00am: -11: 10 am:** Discussant 1(Prof. F. K. Okwuasaba)

Cultivation, harvesting, processing and preservation of phytomedicines

**11: 10 am-11: 20 am:** Discussant 2

Prof. J. C. Aguiyi: Development of phytomedicines from research lab to therapeutic use

**11: 20am -11: 30 am:** Prof. J. I. Ogaji: Transition from research to industry

**11: 30am -11: 40 am:** Discussant 4

Prof. C. O. Esimone: Quality Assurance of phytomedicines

**11: 40 am - 11: 50 am:** Discussant 5:

Dr. H. C. Ogbunagafor: Functional Foods

**11: 50 am-12: 20 pm:** Tea break!!

**12: 20 pm-1: 00 pm:** Panel Discussion

**1: 00 pm-2: 00 pm:** Experiential Lectures on Phytomedicines in disease management

HRH Chief Omon, Pharm. Ekenna Elikee (Ekenna Natures Limited), Pharm. Ben Amodu (Jasmin Herbals)

(Each to give between 5 and 10 most interesting healings recorded in their practice with phytomedicines, in 10 minutes for each speaker)

**2: 00 pm – 6: 00 pm:** Hands-On: Hands-On training: Extraction, fractionation, TLC (Dr. F. B. C. Okoye & Prof. I. S. Okafor)

**Venue of Workshop:** Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Auditorium, Agulu Campus

**Keynote address will be delivered on 9th of December, 2016, by Professor Maurice Iwu (President, Bioresources Development Group) by 12 noon.**

**Venue:** Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Auditorium, Agulu

**Highlight**: Launching of N2.5 billion Excellence Fund

Workshop registration fee is N7, 500 (workshop only) and N10, 000 (workshop plus hands-on), and covers registration pack and lab necessities (for hands-on). All students can pay a flat rate of 5, 000 provided they have a valid identification. All researchers in Biological Sciences, Health Sciences & Technology, Medicine, Basic Medical Sciences and Chemistry are encouraged to attend.

**Account Number:** 1200067659

**Account Name:** Consultancy Services, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, UNIZIK

Please scan payment slip to unizikpharma@gmail.com

All members of the University Community are invited to the anniversary celebrations holding on 9th of December, 2016, at Agulu campus.

The 45 traditional rulers of Old Aguata Union (OAU) will confer Chieftaincy title on our Vice-Chancellor Prof. Joseph E. Ahaneku, FAS on 17th of December, 2016 at Aguata Local Government Headquarters by 10am. University Community are requested to send in their goodwill messages to PRO, OAU Professional, UNIZIK Chapter.

The advert rates are as follows:

Inside front page - N50,000

Inside back cover - N50,000

Back cover page - N80,000

Centre spread - N100,000

Full page - N20,000

Half page - N10,000

Quarter page - N5,000

All correspondence to PRO, OAU Professionals.

All staff of Nnamdi Azikiwe University have been advised to switch off all electrical appliances before leaving the office at the close of work. Any staff who fails to comply to this instruction will face the disciplinary committee.

The Vice-Chancellor has appointed **Dr. Donald N. Okoli** as Deputy Director, Sustainable Development. The appointment is for the 2015/2016 Academic Session. It took effect from 9th of May, 2016.

Dan Nwedo Uwandu of the Department Theatre and Film Studies was, on Thursday 10th of November, 2016, confirmed with the Society of Nigeria Theatre Artists’ (SONTA) ***Lifetime Achievement Award***. The investiture took place during the opening ceremony of SONTA’s 29th Annual International Conference/AGM at the Nnamdi Azikiwe University Auditorium.

SONTA Lifetime Achievement Award is the 3rd highest professional recognition a member can attain and strictly reserved for SONTA members with distinguished service to the society and the Theatre Industry. The award to Dan Uwandu was in recognition of his tireless efforts in founding and nurturing the first Theatre Arts Department in the South-East of Nigeria.

In compliance with the Public Procurement Act 2007, Nnamdi Azikiwe University invites competent and reputable Consultants with proven experience to submit bid documents for the Expression of Interest (EOI) for:

1. The Design of Access Road from the Works Department to the University Library
2. The Design of Access Road for the Faculty of Agriculture at Ifite Ogwari
3. The Design of Medical Centre at Awka
4. Architectural Services
5. Structural Engineering Services
6. Mechanical & Electrical Engineering Services
7. Quantity Surveying Services.
8. The Design of Lecture Hall
9. Architectural Services
10. Structural Engineering Services
11. Mechanical & Electrical Engineering Services
12. Quantity Surveying Services.

**Eligibility Criteria**

Interested firms must have verifiable cognate experience in the professional area they are applying for and they must have:

1. Evidence of registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC):
2. Evidence of current firm’s Tax Clearance Certificate or that of the Principals (for the last three years, i.e. 2013, 2014 & 2015;
3. Evidence of registration with the BPP’s National database of Contractors, Consultants and Service Providers;
4. Clearance Certificate from National Pension Commission as evidence of compliance with Pension Reform Act, 2014;
5. Evidence of compliance with Industrial Training Fund Amendment Act, 2011 by inclusion of copy of Compliance Certificate from the Industrial Training Fund;
6. Evidence of current practice license with the relevant professional regulatory bodies;
7. Detailed Company profile indicating, amongst others, the areas of core competence of the firm and that of the Principals;
8. Evidence of previous similar experience of the firm and individual members of staff on similar jobs;
9. Qualification and Experiences of the key staff to be deployed for this assignment; and

**Submission / Opening**

Three copies of Expression of Interest (EOI) must be packaged in sealed envelopes clearly marked “Expression of Interest “indicating the project applied for at the top right hand corner of the wax sealed envelope and addressed to the Registrar, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka to reach him not later than six (6) weeks of this publication that is on or before 12.00 noon on 19th December 2016.

All EOIs will be opened immediately after the deadline at the Council Chamber of the University in the presence of the bidders or their representatives and any interested member of the public. Interested Consultancy firms may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 10.00am to 3.00pm (Monday – Friday).

**Please note that:**

* Only shortlisted Consultants may be invited for further consideration
* Late submission shall be rejected
* This advertisement shall not be construed as a commitment on the part of Nnamdi Azikiwe University to appoint any consultant; nor shall it entitle any consultant submitting documents to claim any indemnity from the University.
* Nnamdi Azikiwe University reserves the right to take decision on any of the documents received
* Any form of canvassing from any source whatsoever shall result in immediate disqualification.

University of Ilorin in collaboration with the Society for the Preservation of Phytofuel and Sciences invites the Vice-Chancellor NAU, to her 6th International Conference (JATROPHA 2016).

***Theme:*** Roadmap to increase JATROPHA Production and Investments of Higher Value-

added products.

***Chairman:*** Maj. Gen J. A. Omosebi

National President Jatropha Growers, Processors and Exporters Association of Nigeria

**Guest Lectures:** Dr. Kabir Abdulkadir

 Founder and National Coordinator Greenshield of Nations Abuja

***Date:*** 27th of November – 30th of November, 2016

***Time:*** 10am daily

***Venue:*** University of Ilorin

Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka is set to host the 35th Professional Development Conference/AGM of the Institute of Safety Professionals of Nigeria.

The Conference/AGM is schedule to hold as follows:

**Theme:** **“Emerging Health and Safety, Security and environment Challenges in Nigeria”.**

**Date:** 24th – 26th November, 2016

**Time:** 9.00 a.m. daily

**Venue:** Nnamdi Azikiwe University Auditorium, Awka, Anambra State

Health Sciences and Technology, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty OF Pharmaceutical Sciences.

The family of Barr. Philomena Okoye express appreciation to the Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Members of University Governing Council, University Management, NAU Women Association, ANUPA, SSANU and the entire University Community for the show of love and support during the funeral ceremony of her husband.

Due to innovation from the Security Department, the entire University Community and visitors are solicited to cooperate with the security personnel at the gates by collecting tallies when coming into the University and submitting to boot search as well as giving back the tallies when exiting the campus.

Furthermore, any property leaving the University for **Whatsoever Reasons** must be approved by the Chief Security Officer. In the same vein, any property coming into the University must be documented at the said gates to ensure maximum security in the campus.

All members of NASU are requested to turn up en masse for the burial ceremony of Late Mr. Sunday Charles Morah of Security Department.

**Date:** Thursday 24th of November, 2016

**Venue:** Amikwo village Awka, Awka South L.G.A of Anambra State

**NB:** Bus leaves Admin CEP Block (Opposite Faculty of Education) by 11am

The immediate past Registrar of the University Barr. C. C. Okeke invites the University Community to the marriage ceremony between her daughter Miss. Ijeoma Vera Okeke and Mr. Chidi Kenneth on Friday 30th of December, 2016 at Church of Pentecost Anglican Communion beside Government House, Awka at 12noon. Reception follows immediately at Suncity Exclusive Hotel (Hall of Honour) Awka by Regina Caeli Junction.

**Traditional marriage** ceremony takes place on 27th of December, 2016 at Barr. C. C. Okeke’s compound Umunnealam, Umudim, Nnewi, Nnewi North Local Government Area Anambra State.

 UNIZIK High School Principal , Lady Chibuzo Onyejike, invites University Community to the Wedding ceremony of her Son Darlington Nnamdi Onyejike on 3rd of December, 2016 @ Archbishop Patterson Memorial Chapel, Bishop Crowther Seminary (BCS), Awka by 9.00am. Reception follows immediately at Numac Hotels (Behind BCS, Awka).

**🎔Wedding Bells🎔**

* Dr. Nwachukwu J. Obiakor, a lecturer of the Department of History & International Studies invites the University Community to the wedding ceremony between him and his heartthrob Miss Chiagoziem Brenda on Saturday 26th of November, 2016 at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Chaplaincy, UNIZIK, Awka at 11am. Reception follows immediately at Stamford Hotels & Suites, Aroma Awka.
* Mrs. Iyida Eucharia, a staff of Medical Centre UNIZIK, Awka invites the University Community to the marriage ceremony between her daughter Miss. Chekwube Juliet Iyida and Mr. IKechukwu Michael Omeh on 3rd of December, 2016 at Corpus Christi Cathedral Kaduna Street, D/Line, Port Harcourt at 10am. Reception follows immediately after Mass at Randolph Hotel and Resorts Old Aba Road, Rumuogba, Port Harcourt.

Department of Environmental Management, UNIZIK has lost one of its staff Mr. Bede Maduako Eduputa. He died on 12th of October, 2016, after a brief illness. His remains would be conveyed from Regina Caeli Catholic Hospital Awka to his compound at Okpaliko village Eziowelle on Friday 25th of November, 2016 for requiem Mass and interment.

Faculty of Education, UNIZIK has lost one of its staff Dr. Lady (Mrs.) Eyiuche Olibie. She died on Monday, 24th of October, 2016. Until her death, she was a lecturer at the Department of Educational Foundations. Commendation Services holds on Tuesday 29th of November, 2016 by 1pm @ University Auditorium. She will be buried on Friday 2nd of December, 2016 at Olibe’s compound, Ukpo Anambra State.

A Professor of Chemistry and the Director, Centre for Sustainable Development, Prof. Ikenna Onyido will pay last respect to his late mother, Ezinne Chinyere Keziah Onyido who died on Friday, July 22, 2016. She will be buried on Thursday, November 24, 2016 at 10am in the family compound in Umuhu Village, Okija, Ihiala Local Government Area. Tributes and letters of condolence may be sent to ikennaonyido@yahoo.com, or addressed to the Centre of Sustainable Development, UNIZIK.

**Bereavement**

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joseph Ahaneku, FAS regrets to announce the demise of:

* Sir Peter Chukwudebelu Okeke KSM (Nze Umechukwudebelu), who passed on to glory on the 8th of October, 2016 at the age of 77years. Until his death, he was the father of Mrs. Augustina Okoye, Department of Sociology/Anthropology. He will be buried on 24th of November, 2016, at Ezihu village Igbo-Ukwu in Aguata Local Government Area, Anambra State.

* Chief Ogbonnia Fidelis Okolie (Ezeokolieezennia) who died on 25th of August, 2016 at the age of 86. Until his death, he was the father of Engr. Paul Okolie of Mechanical Engineering. ***Burial Arrangement:*** Friday 25th of November, 2016-6pm: Vigil Mass at his compound, Amazu Okoroigbo village, Arondizuogu, Onuimo LGA, Imo State. Saturday 26th of November, 2016- 11am: Requiem Mass at St. Charles Catholic Church Station Amazu Okoroigbo village, Arondizuogu, interment and condolence follows immediately. Sunday 27th of November, 2016- 8am: Outing/thanksgiving Mass at St. Charles Catholic Church Station Amazu Okoroigbo village, Arondizuogu and condolence follows immediately.
* Dr. Valentine Uneojo Omoja who died at the age of 39. Until his death, he was the husband of Omoja Uzochukwu Chioma a lecturer in the Department of Physics and Industrial Physics. ***Burial Arrangement:*** Thursday 1st of December, 2016- 5pm: Vigil Mass at his compound, Abukaka Quarters Owelle, Anambra West L.G.A. Friday 2nd of December, 2016-10am: Burial Mass at his compound. 4th of December, 2016- Thanksgiving at Vincent De Paul Catholic Church Owelle/Ukwalla.

* Mrs. Catherine Oyidi Okeke, who died on 23rd of September, 2016 after a brief illness. She will be buried on 10th of January, 2017 at her husband’s compound, Umubele Village, Awka, Anambra State. Until her death, she was the mother of Justina Ify Okeke of Records Unit and Mr. Osondu Okeke of the Mechanic Section of Works Services Department, UNIZIK.

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