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PRESIDENT TINUBU LAYS FOUNDATION STONE FOR CEP LEGACY BUILDING AT UNIZIK 19TH CONVOCATION

As part of the activities marking the 19th Convocation Ceremony of Nnamdi Azikiwe University, the Visitor to the university, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, represented by Prof. Joseph Eberendu Ahaneku, has performed the foundation stone-laying of the Continuous Education Program (CEP) Administrative Legacy Building.

In his address, President Tinubu reaffirmed his administration's commitment to the education sector, emphasizing ongoing efforts to revamp the system to improve both the quality and accessibility of education for all Nigerians. He stressed that the government remains focused on ensuring that sound education reaches every citizen, irrespective of their socio-economic background.

Representing the President, Prof. Ahaneku, who is also the Vice-Chancellor of the African University of Science and Technology, Abuja, and a former Vice-Chancellor of UNIZIK, commended the university's leadership under the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joseph Ikechebelu. He praised the administration for its vision of "BLESSED UNIZIK", a strategic initiative aimed at enhancing teaching, research, academic, and administrative excellence, infrastructure and security within the institution.

Earlier in his remarks, the Director of CEP, Prof. Okenwa Cy Ogbodo, lauded the Acting Vice-Chancellor for his support and approval of the project. He highlighted the significance of the Continuous Education Program, which has been in existence for 33 years, noting that it was long overdue for a dedicated administrative building. He stated that the new facility would contribute to improving the institution's overall outlook and effectiveness in managing the part-time programme.

Prof. Ogbodo reaffirmed his commitment to ensuring that the CEP continues to produce graduates who excel both in learning and character, ultimately contributing to societal growth and development. He further called on university alumni, friends of the institution, and past beneficiaries of the CEP to support and invest in the legacy project.

The highlight of the event was the ceremonial foundation stone-laying of the CEP Legacy Administrative Complex, officially performed by the institution's Visitor, marking a significant milestone in the university's pursuit of academic excellence.

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Quote:— "Burying someone's career only guarantees yours a shallow grave"—Very Rev. Fr. Prof. Bonachristus Umeogu

CHIEF DR CHIKA EMENIKE HONOURED AT NAU 19TH CONVOCATION

At the UNIZIK 19th Convocation, the university conferred A Doctor of Commerce degree (Honoris Causa) to Chief Dr Chika Emenike who has been a strong pillar and support not just to our university but to the society at large. We congratulate him and wish him success.

Abridged Citation of Chief Dr. Chika Emenike

Chief Dr Chika Emenike, was born on July 23, 1969, in Amanator Ozuakoli, Imo State, and is the founder, Chairman, and CEO of Kotec Group of Companies. He began his business career over 30 years ago with Chitec Motors Nig. Ltd. He later established Kotec Group in 2001, which encompasses subsidiaries in diverse industries, including automotive, food manufacturing, and hospitality.

A philanthropist and job creator, Chief Emenike employs over 3,000 Nigerians and has supported numerous individuals in establishing businesses. His contributions to societal development include rebuilding key infrastructure in his hometown and sponsoring various charitable initiatives. Chief Emenike is also an active member of several religious and social organizations.

He has received numerous awards, such as the Black Legend African Achiever (2009), EGPDF-Guinness African Industrialist of the Year (2012), and the National Productivity Order of Merit (2022). He holds an Honorary Doctorate in Business Administration from Imo State University (2023).

Chief Emenike is married to Lolo Prisca Emenike, and they have children.

UNIZIK IMMORTALIZE SEN. (DR) PATRICK IFEANYI UBAH

Shortly after the COVID-19 lockdown, the Late Sen. (Dr.) Patrick Ifeanyi Ubah (Ebubechukwu Uzo) demonstrated his commitment to philanthropy by mobilizing support from friends and associates across the country, particularly from Anambra State, to establish a state-of-the-art medical center for Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka.

This facility was designed not only to serve the staff and students of the university but also to provide essential primary healthcare services to the surrounding communities.

In recognition of his immense contributions, the University Management, under the leadership of Prof. Joseph I. Ikechebel, chose to immortalize the distinguished senator during the #UNIZIK19thConvocation by naming the medical

center "Sen. (Dr) Patrick Ifeanyi Ubah Medical Complex, Awka" in his honour.

During a brief ceremony to unveil the signage for the medical complex, the Visitor/Minister paid tribute to the late senator, describing him as a "good man" whose generosity and dedication to humanity left a lasting impact. The Visitor was represented by Prof. Joseph Eberendu Ahaneku, former Vice-Chancellor of UNIZIK and the current Vice-Chancellor at the National University of Science and Technology (NAUST), Abuja.

Through his selfless acts, Sen. Ifeanyi Ubah's legacy continues to inspire, ensuring that his vision for accessible healthcare and community development lives on.

May the soul of the Late Distinguished Sen. Patrick Ubah continue to rest in peace. His memories live on.

NOTICE OF INCREASE IN ELECTRICITY BILL

There was increase in EEDC electricity bill 30% by EEDC for February 2025 compared to January 2025, for Unizik.

Investigation by the electricity committee revealed that this 30% increase in energy consumption was actually wasted energy.

In view of this development, the following measures, will be implemented immediately

1. All business shops not given approval to connect to EEDC will be disconnected temporarily and will be expected to apply for power supply officially, including those located inside Faculty buildings.

2. All business centers who have not been paying electricity bills or those who are not up to date with their payment will be disconnected from the University's power supply.

3. Please note, if you are disconnected, the reconnection cost is N10,000 (ten thousand Naira) per shop.

Light UP Unizik project is on course. Your cooperation is needed to sustain the regular power supply in our university.

IGU ARO UNIZIK 2025: A CELEBRATION OF IGBO HERITAGE AND CULTURAL ADVANCEMENT

The Directorate of Igbo Village and the Institute of African Studies, in partnership with the Ministry of Culture, Entertainment, and Tourism, Anambra State, recently hosted the much-anticipated Igu Aro UNIZIK 2025. The event, a vibrant display of cultural pride, attracted a wide array of attendees, including government officials, university management, students, traditional rulers, cultural groups, and representatives from the Chinese community at UNIZIK, as well as businessmen and industry leaders.

In his welcoming speech, Very Rev. Fr. Prof. Bonachristus Umeogu, Director of the Igbo Village and Institute for African Heritage Studies (IVIAHS), highlighted the establishment of the institute in the 2016/2017 academic session. The transition from the Igbo Village and Centre for African Civilization (IVACAC) to IVIAHS marks a significant evolution in the institute's mission to preserve and promote Igbo civilization, which he

described as a vast body of indigenous knowledge and practices.

Fr. Umeogu outlined IVIAHS's vision, which includes academic programs and research initiatives focused on Igbo knowledge systems. Notably, he announced the establishment of the Center for Traditional Medicine, designed to safeguard and institutionalize Igbo Indigenous healing practices. Plans to introduce degree programs in traditional medicine were also revealed, ensuring the preservation and recognition of these practices in an academic context.

The director emphasized the importance of collective support for IVIAHS, urging Igbo elites to contribute resources and funding to further its mission. He stressed that the success of IVIAHS hinges on four key pillars: securing funding from the Igbo elite, modernizing indigenous knowledge systems through scholarly research, promoting the Igbo heritage within communities,

and encouraging the youth to engage with their culture to ensure continuity.

Fr. Umeogu concluded by stating that the focus of IVIAHS is not merely cultural preservation, but the establishment of a strong academic and intellectual foundation for future generations, grounded in the principles of Igbo civilization. He called for unity and investment in an Igbo university, where Igbo knowledge systems in fields like medicine, law, science, engineering, governance, and philosophy can be taught and explored.

In his address, Acting Vice-Chancellor Prof. Joseph I. Ikechebelu commended Fr. Umeogu and his team for their outstanding contributions to the success of the Iri-Ji UNIZIK, Ohazurume Igbo Festival, and Igu Aro UNIZIK festival. He praised the directorate's efforts in promoting the rich heritage of the Igbo people.

Prof. Ikechebelu also delved into the significance of the Igbo calendar, a timekeeping system that has existed for centuries. He explained the structure of the Igbo calendar, which consists of a four-day week (Izu Eke, Oye, Afor, Nkwo) and 28-day lunar months (Onwa). With 13 months in a year, the Igbo calendar stands as a testament to the cultural depth of the Igbo people.

The event featured a lively mix of cultural performances, music, and dance, with the Acting Vice-Chancellor also reading the academic calendar in the Igbo language.

The highlights of Igu Aro UNIZIK 2025 included the unveiling of the UNIZIK Igbo Calendar for the year 2025, the inauguration of the Igbo Village's permanent site, and the presentation of awards to distinguished individuals for their contributions to the promotion of Igbo culture and heritage.

SEC PARTNERS UNIZIK'S CENTRE FOR CAPITAL MARKET STUDIES TO BOOST SME GROWTH AND INVESTMENT SUSTAINABILITY

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Nigeria has given its full backing to the upcoming Conference/Workshop on Harnessing Capital Market Opportunities for the Growth of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and Investment Sustainability, scheduled for May 2025.

This development marks a significant milestone for Nnamdi Azikiwe University (UNIZIK), Awka, as its Centre for Capital Market Studies takes the lead in fostering financial literacy, deepening market participation, and enhancing access to capital for SMEs across the country. Stakeholders, industry experts, academics, and entrepreneurs are expected to participate in

what promises to be a groundbreaking event, this writer reliably gathered.

In a letter addressed to Prof. Chinedu Onyeizugbe, Director of the Centre for Capital Market Studies, SEC Nigeria commended the Centre's commitment to financial education and inclusivity, emphasizing the workshop's alignment with the Commission's broader mandate. The letter, signed by Bola Ajomale, Executive Commissioner, Operations, on behalf of SEC Director General, Dr. Emomotimi John Agama, expressed SEC's enthusiasm to collaborate, pledging active participation in the event.

Speaking on this landmark partnership, Prof. Onyeizugbe, alongside his Deputy Director, Prof. Promise Oparah, reaffirmed the Centre's readiness to work closely with SEC in delivering a world-class event that will not only enlighten SMEs but also connect them to sustainable investment opportunities.

The success of this initiative would not have been possible without the visionary leadership of the Acting Vice-Chancellor of

Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Prof. Joseph Ifeanyichukwu Ikechebelu, whose support has created an enabling environment for impactful research and academic excellence. His confidence in the Centre's leadership has further strengthened UNIZIK's reputation as a hub for innovation and economic development.

UNIZIK WINS THE ZACCHEUS ONUMBA DIBIAZUE PRIZE FOR POETRY

In a moment of great pride, Nweke Benard Okechukwu, a final-year student from the Department of Mass Communication, presented his well-deserved trophy to the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joseph I. Ikechebelu, in his office.

Nweke emerged the 1st position in the Zaccheus Onumba Dibiazue Memorial Libraries (ZODML) National Poetry Award for Nigerian universities, outshining 1,445 participants from 120 universities nationwide.

The prestigious contest, which took place in Lagos, also awarded him a cash prize of 250,000 Naira.

A huge congratulations to Nweke Benard Okechukwu for his outstanding achievement and to Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, for fostering such remarkable talent.

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CHIEF EMEKA ANYAOKU VISITS UNIZIK, INSPECTS PROGRESS ON EMEKA ANYAOKU INSTITUTE

At Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph I. Ikechebelu, warmly welcomed renowned Nigerian diplomat and former Commonwealth Secretary-General, Chief Emeka Anyaoku, GCON (Adazie Obosi), to the university. He was led on the visit by the SAVC (General Duties), Prof Au

Nnonyelu who is also the Director of the Emeka Anyaoku Institute.

Chief Anyaoku was on campus to inspect the progress of construction at the Emeka Anyaoku Institute for International Studies and Diplomacy. During his visit, he also engaged in discussions regarding

potential dates for the formal commissioning of the building.

The Emeka Anyaoku Institute, once fully operational, is set to become a center for advanced learning, offering postgraduate

programmes in international studies and diplomacy under the auspices of Nnamdi Azikiwe University.

Good things are happening in UNIZIK!!!

IGNITING THE FUTURE: UNIZIK LAUNCHES AI AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE

Artificial Intelligence and Digital technologies have emerged as a powerful technology revolutionizing research, education, industry and society worldwide. Universities are increasingly leveraging AI for innovation in teaching, learning administration and community engagement, and Nnamdi Azikiwe University Awka (NAU) in response to its transformative potential, has strategically established a **Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Digital Transformation (AIDTC)** "to position UNIZIK as a global beacon of academic excellence by harnessing AI-driven innovation, digital empowerment, and data-enabled operational excellence" transforming every facet of the university's research, teaching, and administration for a brighter, smarter future.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is actually a technology that simulates human intelligence processes by machines, especially computer systems. It enables computers and machines to think and learn like humans. There are numerous benefits to be derived from the use of Artificial intelligence, which include, but not limited to:

- **Improved Research Capabilities:** AI enhances research by enabling analysis of vast amounts of data in record time.
- **Efficient Administrative processes:** AI can streamline admissions, automate grading and improve resource management, thus reducing the work load of members of staff.

- **Enhances learning and teaching:** AI-powered tools can provide, intelligent tutoring and assist lecturers in curriculum development.
- **Fraud Detection and Academic Integrity:** AI can detect plagiarism, verify authorship, and prevent malpractice through advanced proctoring systems, ensuring fairness and academic honesty.
- **Enhances productivity:** improves quality and saves time.

However, as wonderful as the technology is, AI also raises some serious concerns, such as:

- **Ethical Concerns:** The use of AI in education raises concerns about data security, academic integrity, fairness and data privacy and ethical considerations regarding AI decision making.
- **Job Displacement:** There is the fear, of the possibility of AI replacing human jobs in education and administration.
- **Over Dependence on Technology:** Over dependence on AI may affect our critical thinking, problem solving skills and human interactions in education.
- **Cyber threats:** AI systems can be hacked into, and this could pose a risk to institutional data.

The Artificial Intelligence and Digital Transformation Committee's mission is structured around five strategic pathways, designed to foster transformative growth and inclusive excellence

across UNIZIK, which include: Innovation in research & education, personalized and inclusive learning, faculty & staff empowerment, strategic global partnerships & collaboration. Complementing the Committee's vision and mission is our newly proposed University AI Policy document, a detailed roadmap that outlines ethical guidelines, responsibilities, and mechanisms to ensure effective AI use, developed through extensive stakeholder consultations. This Policy ensures transparent, fair, responsible, and accountable AI applications, promoting privacy, mitigating bias, and enhancing human-centered governance of technology. We call upon every member of the UNIZIK Community to actively participate, providing insights, expertise, and enthusiasm to realize our shared vision. Engage with the Committee by attending workshops, offering feedback through

stakeholder consultations, and collaborating across disciplines. The Committee will also be circulating copies of questionnaires across various faculties in the University community, Faculty members are encouraged to respond to these questionnaires, as your input will be invaluable in ensuring a policy that shapes the responsible use of AI in NAU.

Welcome to the AI-empowered future at Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka!

From: AIDTC, NAU

Chairman: Prof. Christiana .C. Okezie

Secretary: Okoye Nneoma Emelechi

INTRODUCTION TO ACTU

The Anti-Corruption and Transparency Monitoring Unit (ACTU) was established by the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC) in all Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) to combat corruption. ACTU has all the powers of the ICPC, except for prosecution. Established in 2001 and revalidated in 2003, ACTU has been instrumental in promoting transparency and accountability in MDAs.

ACTU NAU: Fighting Corruption in Our Institution

The ACTU unit in our institution, Nnamdi Azikiwe University (NAU), has been actively investigating cases of corruption

and recommending appropriate sanctions to staff and students involved. Our goal is to create a corrupt-free environment that promotes excellence and integrity.

What Constitutes Corruption?

Corruption takes many forms, including:

1. Sex for marks
2. Collection of unapproved fees or levies from students
3. Absence from duty without official permission
4. Collection of gratification
5. Falsification of information or official documents

6. Collusion with contractors to deliver poor-quality jobs or supply inferior equipment/materials	Join Hands to Build a Corruption-Free Unizik
7. Demand for inducement before performing official duties	Let us unite to stop corruption, which can destroy our careers and undermine our institution's integrity. Together, we can build a Unizik that we can be proud of, for generations to come.
8. Negligence of duties or failure to perform officially assigned duties	
9. Disobedience to constituted authorities	
10. Inducement of students and staff to perform illegal duties	ACTU official email is actu@unit.unizik.edu.ng .
11. Selling books and manuals to students directly without using the university bookshop	Contact phone numbers: +234 706 466 4484 and +234 902 324 2492 WhatsApp or SMS message only.
12. Failure to hand over properly to a successor in office	Be assured of confidentiality and protection of any whistle blower on any corrupt activities in Unizik.
13. Misuse of funds/diversion of funds	
14. Failure to retire funds after completing a task	
15. Misuse or cunning use of the headship positions to force unethical board resolution on staff of department and students, etc	Chairman: Stephen Uchenna Ufoaroh. Secretary: Okereke Edward Kalu. ACTU NAU office: OLD EDUCATION ANNEX, OPPOSITE FIDELITY BANK, UNIZIK

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!!!

Report cases of sexual harassment and sorting through the Vice-Chancellor's security lines:

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