



## NOTIFICATION OF THE 107TH UNIVERSITY INAUGURAL

I am directed to inform you that the 107<sup>th</sup> Inaugural Lecture titled: "**TRANSFORMING LOCAL MATERIALS INTO SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS: INNOVATIONS IN ANALYTICAL AND MATERIALS CHEMISTRY**" will be presented by Prof Uchenna Eunice Ekpunobi from Department of Industrial Chemistry, Faculty of Physical Sciences. It is scheduled as follows:

**Date:** Wednesday. 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2025

**Venue:** University Auditorium

**Time:** 1.00pm

## PROF. JOSEPH I. IKECHEBELU SCORES HIGH IN PUBLIC PERFORMANCE RATING AS ACTING VICE-CHANCELLOR

A public opinion poll conducted via the University's official Facebook page has revealed overwhelming support for the leadership of the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Prof Joseph I. Ikechebelu.

Appointed on November 20, 2024, by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, Prof. Ikechebelu came into office with a clear agenda to transform the institution through his BLESSeD Vision — Beautify UNIZIK, Light Up UNIZIK, Excellent UNIZIK, Safe UNIZIK, Secured UNIZIK, and Digitize UNIZIK.

This philosophy became the cornerstone of his administration's efforts to promote institutional excellence.

The online poll, conducted from April 19 to 21, 2025 had members of the University

community — including staff, students, alumni, and friends of the University assess his performance in four categories: Excellent, Very Good, Fair, and Poor.

Out of 1,304 votes cast, 73% (955 votes) rated Prof. Ikechebelu's performance as Excellent, while 14% (185 votes) rated it as Very Good. Only 8% (107 votes) and 4% (57 votes) gave ratings of Fair and Poor, respectively.

The results underscore widespread approval of Prof. Ikechebelu's leadership style, reforms, and developmental strides within a relatively short period. Many observers see the poll outcome as a strong endorsement of its vision and administrative approach.

## UNIZIK LAW GRADUATES SHINE BRIGHT AT NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL

The recently released results from the Nigerian Law School have once again affirmed the Faculty of Law, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, as a beacon of academic excellence in legal education in Nigeria.

In a remarkable feat, eighteen (18) of our graduates made First Class Honours, at the 2025 Bar Finals Examination, the highest in the history of the Faculty, further showcasing the university's commitment to nurturing top-tier legal minds.

The outstanding graduates are:

1. Ibe-Omodo Chioma - Enugu Campus
2. Ebubechi Bartholomew Okonkwo - Bayelsa
3. Julius Chukwudi - Port Harcourt
4. Ebubechi Ifunanya Nnaji-Port Harcourt
5. Peace Udochukwu Onuigbo -Bayelsa
6. Chinecherem Maureen Anatuanya - Lagos
7. Wisdom Chibuike Oguguo -Port Harcourt
8. Obiajulu Leonard Okoli -Lagos campus
9. Charles Olumba Stella Onyeka- Port Harcourt campus
10. Echefu Stellamaris Uchechukwu - Abuja
11. Nwokocha Annastecia Chidinma - Yola
12. Obasi Sochima Evangeline - Yola
13. Ezeanyaso Tony Chinweitito -Port Harcourt Campus
14. Nwabuzor Chioma Glory -Lagos
15. Amanoh Chisom Goodness - Yola
16. Alagboso Daniel Ifeanyi - Abuja
17. Anene Chinaza Peace -
18. Ifechukwu Praise Mmesoma - Yenagoa

This impressive achievement reinforces the Faculty of Law's tradition of excellence and

reflects UNIZIK's unwavering dedication to academic distinction.

The elated Dean of the Faculty of Law, Professor Felicia Ayaogu, confirmed the news with pride, stating, "This is the true situation. Our students have made us proud, and we give all glory to God Almighty."

She credited the remarkable achievement to the dedication of the Faculty's lecturers, emphasizing that the Faculty of Law has made deliberate efforts to cultivate an environment that fosters effective learning, teaching, and research. Professor Ayaogu also expressed her gratitude to the Acting Vice-Chancellor for his unwavering support to the Faculty.

Reacting to the news, the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joseph I. Ikechebelu, FAMedS, FNAmEd, commended the Faculty of Law for its continued stellar performance. He reaffirmed the university's commitment to supporting all faculties in producing globally competitive graduates who are equipped to provide innovative solutions to global challenges, in line with his BLESSeD Vision for UNIZIK.

Prof. Ikechebelu also extended heartfelt congratulations to the eighteen high-achieving graduates, assuring them of the university's continued support as they progress in their professional journeys.

UNIZIK continues to shine on the national stage—and beyond!

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## **AWARD ON THE ACTING VICE-CHANCELLOR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION-REQUEST FOR GOODWILL MESSAGES**

The Department of Educational Foundation of the University will confer on the Ag. Vice-Chancellor, A Meritorious Award at its Hybrid International Conference holding on 7th May, 2025.

To this end, the Ag. Vice-Chancellor kindly solicits for goodwill messages from members of the University Community. Such messages should be directed to the head of the Department of Educational Foundation, Dr Ugochukwu I. Offor (08035085372) and or through the Ag. Director, Information and Public Relations.

Below are the rates for the goodwill mesaage in the brochure.

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**Facebook:** Nnamdi Azikiwe University

**Instagram:** @officialunizik

**X:** @unizikofficial

Kindly follow and regularly visit the website to be up to date on events happening on campus.

## **UNIZIK MANAGEMENT OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZES COMRADE CHUKWUDI ANTHONIA-LED SSANU EXECUTIVES**

The Management of Nnamdi Azikiwe University (UNIZIK), Awka, has formally acknowledged the Comrade Chukwudi Anthonia -led executives as the legitimate leadership of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), UNIZIK Branch.

In a memo dated 25th April 2025 (Ref. No: NAU/REG/57A/74), the University Registrar, Mr. Victor I. Modebelu, directed the university community to recognize only the duly elected executives under Comrade Chukwudi Anthonia. The memo further cautioned against any individual or group parading themselves as SSANU leaders or operating unofficial social media platforms in the association's name.

The Comrade Chukwudi Anthonia -led executive was elected on 25th March, 2025 during the 5th Quadrennial Congress held at the Multi-purpose Hall, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Anambra State.

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This announcement reaffirms the university's commitment to upholding due process and recognizing only duly constituted leadership within its community.

## **NOTICE OF INCREASE IN ELECTRICITY BILL**

This is to notify you about the 30% increase in electricity bill by EEDC for February 2025, and 28% increase for March 2025 for Unizik.

Investigations 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 henceforth:

1. Electricity Taskforce will monitor all Faculties, Departments, Units and shops at the close of work everyday, any shop, lecture hall or office where electrical appliances (ACs, Fans and lightings etc) are not switched off will be disconnected immediately, and defaulters made to pay a fine before being reconnected.
2. Deans, Directors, HODs and Heads of units are reminded of the earlier directive by the university Administration for them to set up an electricity taskforce/ monitoring committee, who will interface with Unizik electricity committee to ensure control and regular supply of electricity.
3. Having completed the metering of business premises in Unizik, metering of all university buildings has commenced as approved by the University Administration.
4. With this, users of each building bear the cost of metering. The essence of this second phase of metering is to enable us ascertain the actual energy consumption in our university, while income generating units will be made to pay for their energy consumption.

Light UP Unizik project is on course.

Your cooperation is needed to sustain a regular power supply in our university.

Thanks and God bless!

## **PROFESSOR FESTUS AGHAGBO NWAKO LIBRARY, UNIZIK, CELEBRATES WORLD BOOK DAY WITH MAIDEN PUBLIC LECTURE**

The Professor Festus Aghagbo Nwako Library at Nnamdi Azikiwe University (UNIZIK), Awka, marked its maiden public lecture in commemoration of the 2025 World Book Day. The event, held at the University Auditorium, themed: "***Libraries and Information Institutions at Crossroads: Issues,***

***Implications, and Imperatives in the Era of Change and Transformation.***"

The occasion was chaired by Prof. Chinedu Nebo, Vice-Chancellor of the University on the Niger, Umuaya, who underscored the pivotal role of books as vessels of knowledge, culture,

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and imagination. Represented by Prof. Uche Onwudiegwu, he described libraries as sanctuaries of learning that foster critical thinking and intellectual growth across disciplines.

In his welcome address, Prof. Joseph Ikechebelu, Acting Vice-Chancellor of UNIZIK, emphasized the significance of World Book Day as a global celebration of reading, publishing, and copyright. He noted that UNESCO's designation of April 23 as World Book and Copyright Day in 1995 reaffirmed the importance of books in societal development. Prof. Ikechebelu praised libraries for their indispensable role in promoting literacy and academic excellence.

Prof. Stella Anasi, University Librarian in her remark, highlighted the evolving landscape of libraries in the digital era. She stressed the need for libraries to embrace technological advancements to enhance accessibility, user experience, and innovation while maintaining their core mission as custodians of knowledge.

Delivering the keynote lecture, Prof. Charles Omekwe examined the transformative challenges facing libraries, including the shift

from analog to digital systems, the rise of artificial intelligence, and issues of digital equity. He urged stakeholders to view libraries not as relics of the past but as dynamic institutions essential to intellectual and democratic progress. Prof. Omekwe called for proactive engagement in digital ethics, sustainability, and inclusive knowledge dissemination.

The event also featured remarks from HRM Igwe Nnaemeka Alfred Achebe, Royal Father of the Day, and Dr. Dominic Omokaro, President of the Nigerian Library Association, represented by Dr. Nkechi Udeze. Both emphasized the cultural and educational significance of libraries in national development.

Highlights of the event was presentation of awards to distinguished individuals for their contributions to the growth of the university library.

The event reinforced the enduring relevance of libraries in an ever-changing world, calling for collective efforts to sustain their role as pillars of knowledge and enlightenment.

## **SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!!!**

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

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