



## Government Urged to further Invest in Nigerian Universities



Professor Peter Olufemi Adeniyi

**T**he government has been called upon to empower Nigerian Universities if it must deliver on its mandate to boost science and technology.

A foremost Nigerian academic and distinguished administrator, Professor Peter Olufemi Adeniyi (OON) made the call at the 6th Convocation Lecture of Joseph Ayo Babalola University recently.

Referring to the manifesto of the government in power (APC manifesto, 2015:9) that a greater proportion of expenditure on University education will be devoted to science and technology with more spaces allocated to science-oriented courses; Professor Adeniyi said that the first step is to empower all the universities in the country, including private universities which is the foundation of public institution today.

The former Vice-Chancellor of FUTA and Former Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council, University of Ado (now Ekiti State University) emphasized the need for both federal and state governments to establish, through legislation, special science and technology scholarship in order to encourage the youth.

The Convocation Lecturer who is currently the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council of Chrisland University, Abeokuta, noted that Nigerian universities have passed through many years of great challenges, especially the private universities, but they have not relented in their efforts. He cited JABU as one of such, which despite the stiff competition, has distinguished itself, with its outstanding level of development despite the few years of existence.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor of JABU, Professor Sola Fajana described the lecturer as the most appropriate personality to deliver the year's Convocation lecture titled "University Governance, Community Service and National Development", considering his past antecedents and undying passion for national development.

## Lassa Fever: Cleanliness, Preventive Measure against Outbreak

**T**he Principal Medical Officer of Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Dr. Olusola Bamidele Ojo has called on all staff and students to ensure cleanliness of their environment as one of the best measures against the spread of lassa fever.

'There is no injection or vaccine to prevent lassa fever but we can prevent the spread through cleanliness and healthy waste disposal practices' he mentioned.

The mode of infection according to him include ingestion of food contaminated with rat urine and

faeces; using of rat as food, person to person contact via sweat, blood, faeces, urine; and other body fluids.

The News Agency of Nigeria as at January 17 put the death toll at 41 out of 93 reported cases of lassa fever outbreak in 10 States.

Prevention they say is better than cure, it is hoped that every member of the University community would take the professional advice seriously and also be steadfast in prayer against the outbreak of the epidemic in the community.

### DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

## Scholar Calls for Urgent Review of Nigerian Education System

**S**takeholders in the education sector have been called upon to review the nation's education system which is fast dwindling and has almost reached a point of collapse.

Mrs. Fola Ogunsola, FCA, FCIT, made the plea at the 5th Distinguished Lecture of Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji Arakeji, while delivering a lecture titled "Packaging the Next Generation of Leaders: The Role of Nigerian Higher Institution".

Mrs. Ogunsola identified parents, teachers, community, government, professionals and other regulatory bodies as the stakeholders in the education system that must rise up and save the nation's education system from total collapse.

According to the founder of Fola Ogunsola Foundation, "we can no longer wait for government; we must wake up to create tomorrow's change makers. Higher institutions must break the two basic problems that have infected our education system since early 90s which are attitude and skills gap".

The lecturer noted that studies have shown serious gap in terms of what Nigerian graduates can offer and the basic skills that the society expects them to have. "Education being the bedrock of good leadership must be taken with all seriousness if Nigeria would come out of its plagued economy, as an uninformed and



Mrs. Fola Ogunsola, FCA, FCIT

uneducated leader who is not well trained in terms of character and learning can only be an incompetent, unprepared, corrupt, unskilled and un-impactful leader", she maintained.

Mrs. Ogunsola advised the Management of JABU not to be part of the statistics, but must pursue the true concept of entrepreneurship which is to produce well rounded and grounded graduates that can fit into any leadership position within a very short time after graduation.

The Vice-Chancellor of Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Professor Sola Fajana described Mrs. Ogunsola as a determined woman, an exemplary icon that Nigerian women must emulate. He appreciated her for the heart-wrenching lecture which was a wake-up call for the nation and the government that intends to succeed.

## Institutional Repository (IR) Seminar Held In JABU

By Utulu, A. U  
Department of Mass Communication

**A** PhD student of the Department of Information Systems, University of Cape Town, South Africa, Mr. Samuel Utulu has called on the leadership of Joseph Ayo Babalola University Library to tap into institutional repository as a source of increasing the resources of the University Library online.

Speaking at a seminar organized by the University Library on the topic "Institutional Repositories: The Untapped Gold Mine", Mr. Samuel Utulu stated that institutional repositories are a set of services rendered by a university to ensure that its community members – staff and students, produce, preserve and have online access to its stock of intellectual property, which include all scholarly works produced by its members such as text books, research articles, conference, workshop, and seminar papers, and research data.

According to Mr. Utulu, "if JABU will introduce Institutional Repository and faithfully tap into its effective use by all the stakeholders, which include; Academics, Administrative departments, Academic Planning Unit, Student Affairs, Library and Management, it will assist in getting the University more visible to the global intellectual and academic domain as Institutional Repository is about posting academic, intellectual, and other relevant materials of staff and students online for global view".

The seminar was well attended by the University Library staff and other members of staff of the University, which included the Director, Academic Planning, Professor Noah Attah, the Sub-Dean College of Natural Sciences, Dr. Richard Ukpanukpong, and the Head, ICT Unit, Mr. Dare Ogundimu.

## Registrar Treats Registry Staff to a Bash

**A**ccording to tradition, the Registrar of Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Barrister Wale Aderibigbe on Saturday 30 January again organised the 5th hanksgiving get-together for all the Registry staff of the University at his residence in the staff quarters.

This year's party witnessed new novelties as participants described it as the most interesting so far.

There were wine and dining, songs rendition, testimonies, dancing, competition, riddles and jokes and the newly introduced presentation of awards to nominated staff of the year.

The categories of awards included, the most firm staff, most accommodating staff, best dressed staff, best driver and others.

The vice-chancellor Professor Sola Fajana, giving a short exhortation charged all staff to be appreciative of God's goodness as it is another way to receive more from him.

The host, Barrister Wale Aderibigbe could not conceal his joy as he and other distinguished members of the University, Professor A.A. Odotuga, professor and Barrister Noah Attah, all danced with the children and staff as Mr. Oyedele Samuel of the compliance played the live-Band.



New staff training orientation

## Fresh Beginning for New Staff as they Receive Orientation

**A**ccording to the usual practice of the University to organize training sessions exercise for its newly employed staff before welcoming them on board, no fewer than 25 new administrative staff received intense training on 4-7 January 2015.

During the training orientation, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sola Fajana charged the new staff to be workers of integrity; upholding honesty, morals, dignity, diligence, excellence and above all; have the love of the University at heart.

Professor Fajana emphasized the mission, vision of JABU and the core values of JABU's founding fathers, as he urged them to plug into them if they would be successful in their career in JABU.

The Registrar, Barrister Wale Aderibigbe, who spoke on the conditions of service enumerated the 'dos' and 'don'ts' of the Institution as he urged the new staff to be role models for the students. He noted that "the way things are done in the University is no longer business as usual as everyone must work hard for his/her salary or promotion".

Pastor John Babalola, the University Chaplain highlighted the chapel activities, especially the Wednesday Community Prayer Meeting, which he said is mandatory for all staff and students.

JABU Acting Deputy Bursar, Mr. Oladiran Ajayi and all Heads of various Units were also present to tutor the new staff on the mode and act of administration in the university.



The registrar over the years has not failed in hosting all the registry staff at his home, describing it as joyful moments that he cherishes annually.

## JABU emerges 4<sup>th</sup> at ABUAD 2015 NPUGA

**J**oseph Ayo Babalola University has recorded a significant victory by placing fourth out of the twenty-one participating universities at the last Nigerian Private University Games hosted by Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti.

Clinching six gold medals, four silver and seven bronze medals, Joseph Ayo Babalola University secured victory by beating Achievers University, Babcock University, Oduduwa University, Elizade University, Lead City University, Elizade University among several others.

JABU sports contingents which comprised seventy athletes who represented the University at the Games got all the six gold medals from Chess board games, Discus throw and Shot-Put field events.

Emmanuel Ogbodo, a 400 level student of Computer Science in the College of Natural Science, placed the University's name on the lips of every athlete as he brilliantly clinched victory in most of the events in style.

It was gathered that the Nigerian Private University Games hosted by Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti was a direct fall-out of the JABU-NPUGA hosted in 2013 as other sister private universities turned up *en masse* to ensure they were not left out in the bid to be enlisted for hosting.

JABU came 6th at the JABU-NPUGA 2013 festival.



The Vice-Chancellor, Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Professor Sola Fajana with Minister of State Niger-Delta Affairs, Dr. Claudius Daramola in Abuja

## NUC Secretary, Professor Julius Okojie visits JABU

**T**he Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission, (NUC), Professor Julius Okojie, on Friday, 20 November 2015, paid an unscheduled visit to Joseph Ayo Babalola University to ascertain their progress and see first-hand, the level of its academic activities and infrastructural development.

While he touring the infrastructural facilities on the Campus, Okojie expressed satisfaction at the level of development in JABU since inception in 2006.

The Executive Secretary seized the medium to call on industries to assist private institutions to develop. He observed that the Federal Government had already created the enabling environment that would ensure their success and urged the private institutions not to relent in aiming to achieve world-class status.

He also advised the University Management to innovatively raise funds through its alumni and from members of the host communities, as the first 5 years of any University are always precarious, and any assistance, no matter how little would be worthwhile.

Professor Okojie informed the University Management that the Board of the Nigerian Research and Education Network (NgREN) had been reconstituted to include two members each from federal, state and private universities, in order to accommodate all the institutions in the Nigerian University System, (NUS).

He highlighted some of the benefits of subscribing to the network and encouraged JABU to key into the growing development. He told the University authorities that NgREN had driven down the exorbitant costs of bandwidth and increased the capacity of subscribers to deliver world-class teaching and research services.

## NESA organizes Workshop for College of Management Sciences

**T**he National Economics Students Association, (NESA), JABU Chapter has organised a one-day workshop on research methodology and data estimation processes for students in the Department of Political Science, Sociology, Economics, Business Administration and Accounting.

Speaking at the workshop, the Head of Department, Economics, Dr. Samuel Olaiya stated that the workshop was organized to ensure that the students take on responsibilities by themselves which would in turn become a legacy for them in the nearest future.

Dr. Kolapo Ige, a lecturer in the Department of Economics posited that the workshop was organized in order to create a solid foundation for students to work on in their research projects.

Ige equally pointed out to the students the need to understand the use of the packages deployed for usage as it aids in the projection of their image in the nearest future.

### NEWLY APPOINTED PROFESSORS & ASSOCIATE

**Professor Olusegun Orive**  
Dean, College of Environmental Sciences

**Professor Noah Attah**  
Director Academic planning

**Professor Festus Epetimeyin**  
Dean, College of Management Science

**Professor Adio Afolayan**  
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**NOTE** Students who want to appear on our "Student of the Month" page should visit PR&M Unit for booking. Eligible candidates should meet the minimum required CGPA of 4.0.

### NEW APPOINTMENTS

Vice-Chairman, JABU Consult	Dr. O.O. Aina
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### LONG LIFE & PROSPERITY

NAME	DEPARTMENT/UNIT	DATE OF BIRTH
Mrs. B.O. Adeniyi	College Office, Law	1st January
Mr. P.O. Oyewole	Bursary	2nd January
Mr. A.O. Adegbenle	Vice-Chancellor's Office	3rd January
Mr. J.O. Ako	Works & Physical Planning	3rd January
Mrs. A.O. Biney	Student Affairs	4th January
Mr. N.F. Efosa	Security	4th January
Mrs. A.I. Akinjokun	Chemistry	6th January
Mrs. M.O. Ibejigba	JABU Int'l Sch	6th January
Mr. I.C. Metuonu	Philosophy	6th January
Mr. O.A. Faleye	History & International Studies	7th January
Mr. S.O. Ajayi	Works & Physical Planning	8th January
Mr. O.O. Adebayo	Works & Physical Planning	9th January
Dr. O.S. Ajimuda	English	10th January
Mr. P.A. Eladiya	Postgraduate Studies	11th January
Mrs. O.M. Odeyemi	Physical Sciences	12th January
Dr. K.A. Ige	Economics	15th January
Mr. O. Olatunbosun	Works & Physical Planning	15th January
Mr. O.J. Bilewumo	English	15th January
Mr. B.B. Omoniyi	Economics	15th January
Mrs. A.A. Djo	Registry	18th January
Mr. O.S. Adebisi	Estate Management	18th January
Mr. R.O. Fagbemile	Student Affairs	24th January
Mr. M.P. Ogunraku	Architecture	25th January
Dr. A.R. Fatubarin	Biological Sciences	26th January
Mr. P.T. Oyewole	ICT	26th January
Mr. J.O. Oladipo	Reading, Writing & Elocution Centre	26th January
Miss T.M. Ore	Student Affairs	27th January
Mrs. F.J. Oyeniyi	Student Affairs	29th January
Miss O.G. Olaseni	Student Affairs	30th January

## SUE Organizes Cancer Awareness Seminar

The Student Union of Joseph Ayo Babalola University on 11 January 2015 organized a programme on cancer awareness to sensitize the university community how to avoid the life threatening disease.

The Principal Medical Officer of JABU, Dr. Bamidele Ojo, noted that cancer awareness is still very low in Nigeria and "the level of ignorance about the disease is the cause of its worrisome spread". He harped on the fact that early detection through screening is the best prevention technique as it ensures survival.

Other guest lecturers at the seminar were, Mr. Babatunde Olawuni and Dr. Odumusi Oluwakemi

In a related development, the Guidance and Counseling Unit of JABU organized a seminar on drug abuse, where the speaker, Dr. Joshua Falaola, Department of Mental Health, LAUTECH, Osogbo spoke extensively on how to curb the menace of hard drugs usage among Nigerian youth.

Dr. Ojo identified three ways by which the scourge of the use of hard drugs could be checked, which included counseling, spiritual and medical intervention.

He highlighted the dangers, inherent in the use of hard drugs and how victims or addicts could be guided through.

### NOTICE

The entire community is hereby notified that **Mr. J.A. Abolaji**, the Deputy University Librarian was erroneously tagged as 'Acting' Deputy University Librarian in the December 2015 news magazine edition.

## Fellowship & Scholarship opportunities for students Scholars-hub-Africa

Undergraduate and Postgraduate Scholarships for International Students in UK, 2016.  
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**E-mail:** Scholarships@shu.ac.uk.  
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**Website:** [www.hbs.edu/mba/admissions/application-process/pages/default.aspx](http://www.hbs.edu/mba/admissions/application-process/pages/default.aspx)

## Security Unit Emerges Winner of the VC Cup Football Tournament; Works Physical Planning Unit Overall Winner

The Security Unit of Joseph Ayo Babalola University has emerged the winner of the football tournament of the Vice-Chancellor's games organized by the Sports Unit for staff members.



The final tournament of the march which ended in a penalty shoot-out in favour of the Security Unit resulted into a knock-off of VC's team which subsequently placed second after a two-goal score board by both teams.

In the same vein, the Works and Physical Planning Unit of the University has become the overall winner of the Vice-Chancellor's games as it showed brilliancy and displayed tact in all the featured games to clinch the overall cup despite losing out in the football tournament.

The Chairman, Local Organizing Committee on sports in the University, Professor Adetokunbo Adeola congratulated all staff for partaking in the

games as it was an end o a means in itself in the continuous pursuit of unity amongst all.

In his words, "... I congratulate everyone for participating in the games. The essence is to ensure unity among staff in the University". The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sola Fajana equally congratulated all participants and urged them to keep up the winning spirit and oneness.

Other games featured included snooker, volley ball and board games.