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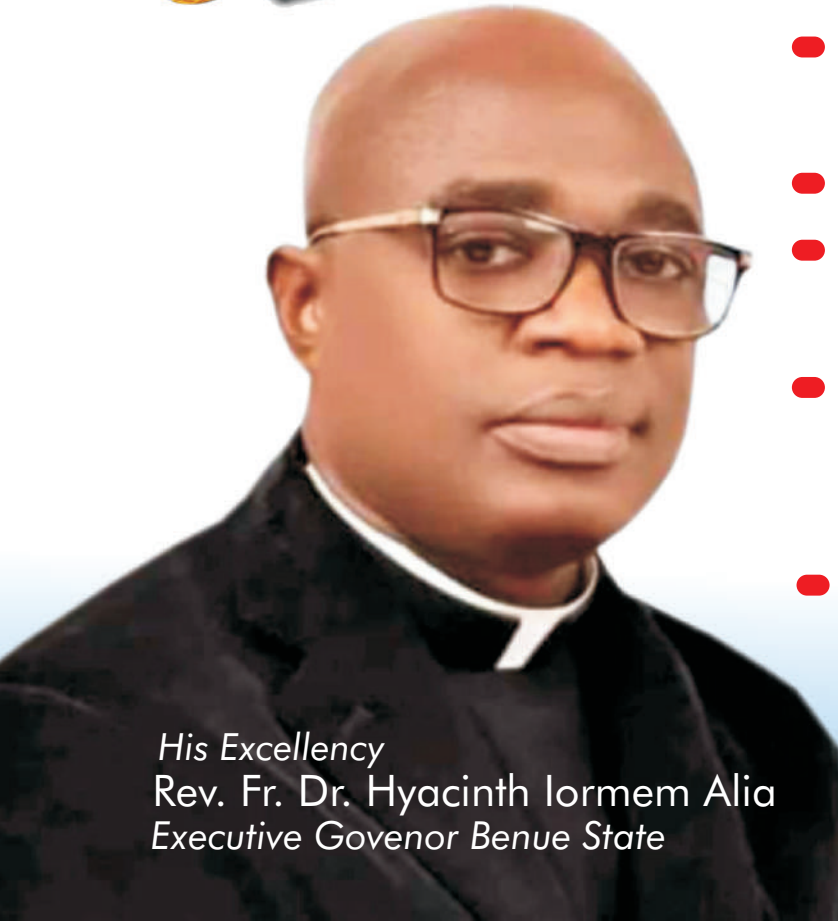
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Fr. Alia Wears New Cap - as BSU Visitor



His Excellency
Rev. Fr. Dr. Hyacinth Iormem Alia
Executive Governor Benue State

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Distinguished Senator (Dr) George Akume
Secretary to the Government of the Federation
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Your Excellency,

Hearty Felicitations to a Visionary Leader

The Vice-Chancellor of Benue State University, Makurdi, Professor Tor Joe Iorapuu, on behalf of the Governing Council, Senate, Staff and Students, heartily congratulates you on your well-deserved appointment as Secretary to the Government of the Federation.

Sir, your appointment is the acknowledgement of your sterling performance in previous positions of responsibility as Governor, Senator and Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, in all of which you left indelible marks.

There is no doubt that the experience garnered by you over the years, from grassroot politicking to high political networking across the country, your value addition to the policy thrust of the Bola Tinubu administration will be immeasurable.

As former governor and Visitor to our dear University, it is our prayer that God keeps you in perpetual state of good health of body and mind to discharge the functions of your new office for the growth of our nation.

Once again, congratulations.

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Long Live Benue State University!!!
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To be a Centre of excellence in creating knowledge and developing a complete person who is capable of not only responding to the cultural, social, political and economic needs of the environment but also setting the agenda for change.

University Anthem

Hail Great Benue State University
First of its kind, North of the Niger
Hail Great BSU, seated in the Benue trough
Citadel of Academic excellence
Lone pearl in the heart of the savannah
Where knowledge sails beneath the smiling
gaze of the African sun

Scientia Liberatio Populorum
We liberate through radiant knowledge
Born in response to a genuine need
To bridge the gap of illiteracy
To foster unity in diversity
Diligence, commitment our watch words
We develop manpower and preserve socio-cultural heritage

So let's arise
And light up wisdom's path
God on our side, we'll stand like a giant
Let's all arise
And take our place
In the haven of cultured men and women
Let's all arise
And leave behind
Traditions for generations to come

So now arise, Great BSU
Arise and light up wisdom's path.

FROM THE EDITORIAL DESK



That we are living in a jet age, propelled by the advent of the wide-wide web, which in turn has reduced the world to the popular "Global Village", is no longer an issue for debate. What with the torrents of ideas and propositions on inventions as discoveries which fly in the cyberspace per second of every 24-hour day, all of which coalesce into news deserving of humanity's attention!

For an in-house bulletin such as our own BSUnews, not much of these myriad

of activities may be axiomatic for its readership, yet we get caught up in the rat race of time, even for campus news only.

Just as we were about to round up the production of the last May, 2023 edition in which we refreshed memories on the University 30th anniversary and 18th-21st combined convocation ceremonies, event in the university took a quick turn.

The University Management had finished some major projects on the campus shortly after the convocation and which needed to be formally commissioned so they would be put to use. And so on Thursday, 11th May, 2023, the ceremony was held "with pump and pageantry," as the creche goes.

Two eminent sons of Benue State, namely Senator (Dr.) George Akume, then Minister of Inter-Governmental Affairs and Architect Sonny Echono, Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) joined the then Governor and Visitor of the University, Samuel Ortom to perform the assignment.

While Senator Akume represented the then President, Muhammadu Buhari, the then Governor and Visitor, Samuel Ortom was represented by his Commissioner for Health, Dr. Joseph Ngbea. Also at hand to lend support and credence to the event was the then Benue State Governor-elect, Rev. Fr. Dr. Hyacinth Iormem Alia.

Came May 29, 2023 and the new Governor, Rev. Fr. Dr. Alia took his oath of office and thus became, as the law stipulates, Visitor of the University.

In expression of the powers conferred on him as Visitor of the University, the Governor has since made some policy decisions on the University which are indicative that his heart and mind are on the institution.

First was the dissolution of the University's Governing Council on the 17th July, 2023. This was followed by the setting up of a 7-member Visitation Panel which was sworn in on 3rd August, 2023.

On the campus proper, the 16th meeting of the University's Congregation was successfully held on Thursday, 6th July, 2023 during which Professor Gowon Ama Doki was elected as Representative of Academic Staff on the University Governing Council.

The Department of Theatre Arts also hosted the 36th International Conference of the Society of Nigerian Theatre Artists (SONTA) which theme was "Performing Climate Change, Citizens and Food Security in Africa

These and many more have enriched this edition for the reader to digest as a full course of an intellectual *a la carte*."

T. Tser Vanger, *jp, anipr, anupa*
Editor

NEW VISITOR FOR BSU

By Jude Atakpugh

A new Visitor has emerged for Benue State University, Makurdi. He is, His Excellency, Rev. Fr. Dr. Hyacinth Iormem Alia the Executive Governor of Benue State. He succeeds the immediate past Governor of Benue State, Samuel Ortom.

He was born on 15th May, 1966 in Mbangur, Mbadede, Vandeikya Local Government Area of Benue State to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Katsina Alia.

The young Alia started his early educational pursuit at St. Francis Primary School Agidi, Mbatia in

Academic Degrees including M.A. in Religious Education (Psychology and Counselling) at Fordham University, Bronx, New York, USA in 1999 and M.A. in Biomedical Ethics at Duquesne University Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA in 2004. He completed his Doctoral Degree in Biomedical Ethics at Duquesne University Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA in 2005.

He has served as a Director of Pastoral Services, Catholic Health Services, North Campus Lauderdale Lakes, Florida, USA during which he

led and oversaw five full time contracts as Chaplain, providing a n n u a l development of departmental goals and budget, coordinating Ethics A d v i s o r y Committees, assessing and planning of Pastoral services and programmes as well as providing short and long term

Counselling services to many people across the world.

Similarly, Fr. Alia served as Chaplain, St Joseph Mercy health System Ann, Arbor; Coordinator and Chaplain, Jamaica Hospital and medical Centre, Queens, New York; during which he recruited, coordinated and supervised staff of numerous departments.

He also organised, planned and conducted spiritual services as well as participated in interdisciplinary hospital committees. He also served as Parochial Vicar, Immaculate Conception Parish, Astoria, New York, Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of the Cenacle Parish, Richmond Hill, Queens, New York.

In the area of pastoral work at home parishes in the Catholic Diocese of Makurdi, Benue State; Fr. Alia served as pastoral Vicar, St. John's Parish, Gboko; Assistant Cathedral

Administrator, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral, Makurdi; Parish Priest, St. Jude's Parish, Koti-Yough; Assistant Parish Priest, St. Theresa's Parish, High Level, Makurdi and Priest-in-Charged, St. Thomas Mission, Anum opposite main Gate, Benue State University, Makurdi.

He also worked with as the Priest-in-Charge of Christ the King Rectory, Adi, Etulo and was Project Director for the proposed Catholic University, Vandeikya under the Catholic Diocese of Gboko.

Fr. Alia undertook several professional training programmes and courses and is a member of numerous professional bodies with certifications including: National Association of Catholic Chaplains, Catholic Health Services System, Wide Ethics Committee and Browed Ethics Committee.

He completed four units of training in Catholic health Administrative Programme at St. John's University, New York. To further demonstrate his academic prowess, Fr. Alia has very sound academic publications to his credit including: "Pastoral Psychological Education and Development in Small Communities and health Education and Communication" and "Bringing HIV/AIDS Education to Benue State, Nigeria".

He has presented conference papers on topical contemporary issues such as "Cultural Diversity and Sensitivity" "Mercy Hospital Physicians' Reaction to Ethics Consults" as well as "In Harm's Way: Suicide and its Impact on our Families."

Very Revd Fr Moses Orshio Adasu was the pioneer visitor. Others after him are: Group Captain Joshua Obademi, Brigadier-General Aminu Isah Kontagora, Brigadier-General Dominic Oneya, Dr. George Akume, Rt.Hon. Dr. Gabriel Torwua Suswam, CON and Samuel Ortom.



Fr. Alia

Gboko Local Government Area and obtained his First School Leaving Certificate in 1977. He thereafter proceeded to the then St. James Minor Seminary, Makurdi where he obtained his General Certificate of Education (GCE) in 1983. And with dogged determination to answer the Lord's call to work in His vineyard, Alia gained admission into St. Augustine's Major Seminary Jos, an affiliate of the prestigious University of Ibadan.

Following extensive studies, he obtained a Diploma in Religious Studies and a Bachelor of Arts in Sacred Theology in 1990 and was ordained a Catholic Priest on 7th July, 1990 by the Late Bishop Athanasius Atule Usuh of the Catholic Diocese Makurdi.

Thereafter, Fr. Alia proceeded to the United States of America (USA)

GOVERNOR ALIA DISSOLVES BSU GOVERNING COUNCIL, CONSTITUTES VISITATION PANEL

By Augustina Baaka/Jude Atakpugh



The Visitor to the Benue State University, Makurdi and Executive Governor of Benue State, His Excellency, Revd Fr Dr. Hyacinth Iormem Alia on Monday, July 17, 2023 dissolved the Governing Council of the University. The Dissolution was with immediate effect. He has therefore constituted a seven-man Visitation Panel with the mandate to amongst other things, thoroughly audit the activities of the University from 2016 when the last panel visited. The panel is to comprehensively investigate

activities at the institution and report back accordingly for necessary action(s).

Other terms of reference for the panel are contained in the letter conveying the decision of the Visitor.

The panel which is headed by professor Gabriel Moti as Chairman has Barr. Simon Orkuma as Secretary. Other members include, Professor Kwaghkondo Agber, Igyeigye

Peter, Professor Christie Ekoja, Mr. Sam Yuhwa and Professor Okpe Okpe.

In a letter conveying the decision of the visitor and signed by the Secretary to the Government of Benue State, professor Joseph Alakali, the panel was to be inaugurated on July 17th but was shifted and eventually held on Thursday, August 3rd, 2023.

MDCN INCREASES ADMISSION QUOTA INTO BSU MEDICAL COLLEGE

By Jude Atakpugh/Tser Vanger

The Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria, (MDCN) is to increase Admission Quota of medical students at Benue State University, Makurdi, from 75 students to 150.

The Registrar, MDCN, Dr. T.A.B. Sanusi disclosed this during a Courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor on Friday, 23rd June, 2023 when he led four (4) members of the Team

Academics and Technologists.

He stressed the need for the Management of the University to ensure that clinical students were provided accommodation close to the University Teaching Hospital to enhance teaching, learning and Research.

The team leader expressed optimism that from what the

committee's visit was coming at a time the University had put much in place in its desire to expand academic programs in the University. He disclosed that just a day before the visit of the committee, the University had received approval from the Pharmaceutical Council of Nigeria, PCN for commencement of a Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences in the University.

The Vice-Chancellor expressed happiness that all these would give room for more candidates to be admitted for Medical and Allied Medical programs, adding that Management would ensure that observations and suggestions of the Committee are speedily forwarded to the Visitor and Governor of Benue State, Rev. Fr. Dr. Hyacinth Iormem Alia for



on a re-accreditation and verification inspection of facilities at the College of Health Sciences, Benue State University.

Dr. Sanusi and his team inspected Laboratories, Students Hostel Accommodation, the College

Committee had seen on ground, the desire of the

University Management for an increase in the Admission Quota for medical students, should not be a difficult one.

Responding to the Exit Report of the Committee, the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Tor Iorapuu

consideration by the State government.

Benue State University presently has a carrying capacity of 75 medical students which is expected to be scaled up to 150 following the visit of the council committee.

TETFUND COMMISSIONS SIX PROJECTS IN BSU

By Dr. Bibiana Ayabam & Jude Atakpugh

It was a day of excitement and celebration as Benue State University on Thursday, May 11th, 2023 rolled out drums to welcome the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency Muhammadu Buhari, Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny Echono and other dignitaries to the University for the commissioning of six TETFund Counselling Development projects in the university will Centre and Faculty of Science in no small measure further enhance teaching and learning as well as improve Special Duties and academic standards. I wish Intergovernmental Affairs, to say that education forms an integral part of my Buhari commended TETFund agenda and we will Executive Secretary, Arc. Sonny continue to provide Echono and his team for necessary support to make effectively discharging the our educational institutions



L-R VC, Akume, Echono and Fr. Alia

sponsored projects. The projects commissioned were: Academic Office Block, Block of Offices at the College of Health Sciences, Faculty of Education Complex, Research Development and Innovation Centre, Health and mandate of the fund. According to him, since economic and establishment, TETFund has not technological development relented in discharging its of the country". Speaking in his capacity, Senator Akume education in Nigeria. "The commended the president commissioning of these globally competitive for

to development of the education sector, "You will agree with me that his support for the intervention activities of TetFund, including the recent upward review of Education Tax from 2 to 2.5 per cent has in no small measure contributed to the success stories the fund and its beneficial institutions have continued to record".

In his remarks, Governor Samuel Ortom who was also the Visitor to the University represented by the Commissioner for Health and Human Services, Prof. Joseph Ngbea, commended the outstanding contributions of TETFund to the development of tertiary institutions particularly in the state and the country at large and urged the university management to ensure proper maintenance of the facilities.

Meanwhile, the Executive Secretary said that about N18.83 billion had been spent by TetFund to provide physical infrastructure interventions between 2011 and 2021 in



Sen. Akume and Arc. Echono

tertiary institutions in Benue State.

He added that the Federal Government through TetFund had made huge investments to provide requisite infrastructure to aid teaching, learning and research in the nation's public tertiary institutions."

Speaking with news men shortly after the commissioning, the Governor-elect of Benue State, Revd. Fr. Dr. Hyacinth Alia, praised President Muhammadu Buhari administration has attained in

tertiary institutions over the years and sued for sustenance.

He added that, "With the quality and number of projects executed here, it is a lead way to great things to come to Benue state. I'm therefore, looking forward to collaborations with TETFund and other development partners as soon as I take oath of office", he assured.

Also, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Tor Joe Iorapuu, commended the efforts of the past governor's in developing the institution and expressed hope that the then Governor-Elect, Revd Fr Dr Hyacinth Alia will also add greatly to the efforts of his predecessors in developing the institution for academic excellence.

Professor Iorapuu appealed to the Executive Secretary of TetFund to assist the institution in the construction of a befitting Senate Building.



Tyoor Chia Kurugh dressing Arc. Echono in traditional attire

**ADDRESS OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR,
BENUE STATE UNIVERSITY, MAKURDI
PROFESSOR TOR JOE IORAPUU Ksm, fsonta, mnipr,
AT THE COMMISSIONING OF TERTIARY EDUCATION TRUST FUND
(TETFUND) SPONSORED PROJECTS ON THURSDAY, 11TH MAY, 2023**



Prof. Iorapuu

because it is happening just when I have completed the first two and a half years of my tenure. As a university, the event adds to the series of the celebration its 30 years of "Boundless Academic Growth." Even for His Excellency, Hon. Minister Special Duties, our former Governor, and Distinguished Senator, Dr. George Akume, there is a sense of nostalgia and happiness that his efforts and contributions during his tenure have continued to yield the desired result. His Excellency, Chief Samuel Ioraernyi Ortom, himself throughout his tenure ensured stability in the University. And so, from Rev. Fr. Moses Adasu, Senator Akume, Senator Suswam to Ortom, there are remarkable stories of each in ensuring the sustainability of this great State University. It was the first of its kind in the Northern part of this country. We are hopeful that the Governor-elect, Rev. Fr. Dr. Hyacinth I. Alia would want to add greatly to the efforts of his predecessors. I guess these emotions are with the Executive Secretary of TETFUND as well. He is not only a distinguished son of the State, but also an alumnus of the Postgraduate programme of Benue State University.

Protocol

On behalf of the Chairman of Council, the Management, Staff and Students, I am delighted and honoured to welcome you all to this very important occasion and moment in the history of our university. Your Excellencies, we are all humbled that you accepted to be here in spite the short notice and your tight schedules to witness and express solidarity with us. We

know what is happening now across the country. It is a moment of transition, and so, there are several political and administrative meetings taking place in preparation for a new political administration at the State and the Federal levels. As a university, we do not take this gesture for granted.

There are several emotions accompanying this event. For me, this event is significant

Executive Secretary Sir, you may recall that on 31st May, 2022, when the University Council and Management paid you a courtesy visit, we informed you that the six projects listed below were at various advanced stages of completion. Today, we are here to commission these landmark projects with the gracious support from the Federal Government of Nigeria through the intervention of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TetFund).

The completed projects to be commissioned are:

- a) Academic Office Block
- b) Block of Offices at the College of Health Sciences
- c) Faculty of Education Complex
- d) Research Development and Innovation Centre
- e) Health and Counselling Development Centre
- f) Faculty of Science Complex

In addition to the projects to be commissioned today, from 1999 till date, TetFund has committed a total of nine billion, two hundred and seventy-seven million, seven hundred and thirty-two thousand, one hundred and twenty-three Naira (N9, 277,732,123.00) to the University for content-based intervention as well as development and upgrading of infrastructure. Our campus is dominated with TetFund-sponsored legacy structures including the Central Library, laboratories, lecture theatres, faculty buildings, student social centre, and entrepreneurship development centre, not excluding research (IBR, NRF, ARJ, AMB), academic training and conferences (foreign and local), post-doctoral, bench work and developments in ICT. Despite your benevolence, Sir,

like other institutions we still have our challenges. As you are already aware, we have a very small campus, and we desire to expand in terms of content-base and infrastructure. Our university has commenced appreciable steps with NUC to start the following programmes: Architecture, Pharmacy, Industrial and Technology Education and Building Engineering. As you also know, the University does not have a Senate Building after 30 years. We are still using the inherited dining hall of the old craft school for one of the highest functions of any University administration. Your Excellencies, distinguished ladies, and gentlemen, on behalf the former Vice-Chancellors, staff, and students, I wish to express my profound appreciation to the Federal Government through TetFund, for the profound impact on the landscape of our campus and the unquantifiable intellectual building capacity that we have benefitted from over the years. To this end also, we humbly request the Hon. Minister of Special Duties, to convey our sincere appreciation the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Muhammadu Buhari and the Minister for Education Malam Adamu Adamu for the sustained gesture in the education sector.

Similarly, we cannot conclude this remark without the mention of our Unions, especially the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU). I am personally happy that I was part of the struggle that gave birth to the Education Tax Fund and TETFUND today. Nigerians are enjoying the proceeds of this struggle because, Nigerian University Academics, branded

as radicals by the military junta then, sacrificed their lives, some lost their jobs, some died, and some got missing and have never been found till today. Notwithstanding these efforts of our Union, I appeal that the Union redefines or modifies its strategies especially when it comes to engaging with a democratically elected government.

Your Excellencies, I would like to stress that TetFund has been a game changer and its interventions have impacted positively on the infrastructural and manpower development in our university. ES Sir, we shall be knocking on your door again with our request for further intervention. You will recall that we approached you with a shopping list and you have, like the good brother listened to us. We will send the list again just to remind you.

I am pleased to inform Your Excellencies that so far, TetFund has approved the construction of the Faculty of Management Sciences building as well as rehabilitation of the Central Library and construction of perimeter fencing of the campus.

I would also like to specially thank His Excellency and Visitor, Samuel Ortom for the keen interest he has shown in our university and for the overall attention he has paid to the education sector. May God continue to uphold your efforts, sir.

To all our guests, I warmly welcome you to our campus and to the legendary Benue hospitality.

Thank you and God bless.

BSU HOSTS SONTA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

By Jude Atakpugh

36th



Prof. Doki

Benue State University, Makurdi hosted Society of Nigeria Theatre Artists, SONTA 36th International Conference and Annual General Meeting with the theme: "Performing Climate Change, Citizens Agitations and Food Security in Africa". The event was held at the College of Health Sciences Auditorium between, 11th-14th July, 2023.

In his welcome address, the Conference Convener and Head, Department of Theatre Arts, professor Abraham Idoko, defined the event as the culmination of an enormous collective effort championing the cause of quality curricular, research and promotion of academic discourse and robust practice in the areas of theatre, media, film and culture in Nigeria and beyond.

Professor Idoko further disclosed that we witnessed a significant increase of global concern with the rational utilization of renewable natural resources and with the conservation of species from the impact of an expanding society with an ever more sophisticated technology at its disposal. He noted that we are witnesses to the most critical environmental challenges in

human history, exposing the climate, planet, lives and future of humanity at risk. This development he said, has called for interdisciplinary conversations towards advancing

solution that would restore in the already polarized ecosystem.

The President of SONTA, Professor Gowon Ama Doki, in his welcome address, stated that the conference was unique, as it was coming after a new government has taken charge of affairs at both national and State level. As Artists, we are trained and usually inclined to giving hope to the hopeless. Therefore, ours is to write, ours is to critique, ours is to construct as well as perform to instruct".

Professor Doki opined that "we are poised to interrogate the ravaging impact of climate change on our society which has

continued to threaten with warmer temperatures and changing weather patterns, disrupting the usual balance with severe and frequent catastrophic conditions like storms, flooding, droughts, desert expansion and reduction in lands for foods. All these have jointly combined to introduce far-reaching and broad-based problematics which continue to generate aggravating circumstances with tension and restiveness".

Dean, Faculty of Arts, Professor John Agaba in an address welcome participants to the conference. He noted with delight that the theme was timely and expressed optimism in the competence of the speakers. He reinstated the negative impact of climate change on agriculture and urged the conferees to come up with recommendations that would help agricultural production.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor



Prof. Idoko & Agaba



Prof. Hagher (L) receiving Elder Artist Award from Prof. Doki

Tor Joe Iorapuu, in opening remarks, acknowledged the immense contributions the society has made to the advancement of higher education in Nigeria and urged members not to relent. He stated the determination of members of the Society in ensuring that their training, intellectual prowess and competencies as mirrors of the society serve as a catalyst for transformations that are critical to societal development. He congratulated members of the Society and urged them to remain focused and continue the unique work that they are doing.

"In continuing with our academic traditions of applying our critical competencies to enhance the understanding of, and possibly "mid-wifing" solutions to problematic social phenomena, I am pleased that the Conference this year is centred on the theme: "Performing Climate Change, Citizens' Agitations and Food Security in Nigeria". In Nigeria generally, but in Benue particularly, such a confab could not have come at a better time as we are living with the consequences of climate change and its concomitant challenges of flooding leading to displacements, loss of homes and livelihoods, food insecurity for

man and animals, which in turn manifests in the violent farmers-herders conflicts as witnessed across the country with an unprecedented loss of lives, livelihoods and property on a scale possibly only comparable to the civil war times".

On his part the Chairman of the occasion and Secretary, Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, Professor Yakubu Aboki Ochefu advocated the need for the merger of the Ministry of Education with that of the Arts and Culture for mutual understanding and cordial working relationship. He described the theme as apt as he looked forward to useful recommendations that would

proffer solutions to climate change and environmental degradation.

Professor Steve Oga Abah of Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria delivered a keynote address during the Conference.

Professor Iorwuese Hagher who was installed as a Theatre Elder in a goodwill message stated that theatre has remained asset to Nigeria. Therefore, the conference must rise up with a big agenda as the world is advancing in artificial intelligence. He maintained that Nigeria problem is tribalism and SONTA must save Nigeria.

Highlights of the conference was the conferment of distinguished leadership award on the Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Lokoja, Professor Olayemi Akinwumi and the host Vice-Chancellor, Professor Tor Joe Iorapuu. Life achievement award recipients were: Dr. Achibi Samuel Dede, professor Adeditan Kayode Ademiju-Bepo, Dr. TochukwuJ. Okeke and Dr. Mrs. Lilian Eguriase Bakare. SONTA fellowship was conferred on Professor Olusola Anthony and Professor Mariam Asabe lyeh.



Prof. Doki presenting (L) Distinguished Leadership Award to Prof. Iorapuu

MUTA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO SIXTEEN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

By Jude Atakpugh

The Mutual Union of Tiv in America (MUTA) has awarded scholarship to sixteen undergraduate students of Tiv origin studying in Nigerian Universities. The scholarship cuts across the fourteen Tiv Speaking Local Government

Gwer-East: Teryila Gabriel Kough, J. S. Tarkaa University, Mathematics, Gwer-West, Aondoungwa Paul Kurshav, J. S. Tarka University, Agricultural Engineering; Katsina-Ala, Wueseter Philip Ityumbe, J. S. Tarka University, Civil

Medicine; Ushongo: Aondolumun Richard Bumkeng, Federal University, Wukari, Statistics and Vandeikya: Nater Paul Akpoken Benue State University, Medicine & Surgery.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Tor Joe Iorapuu thanked MUTA for their sacrifice to encourage education of the youths and urged other Tiv sons and daughters to emulate the MUTA gesture and contribute to the development of youth education. He admonished beneficiaries to work hard to attain academic excellence and cautioned them to avoid vices that would affect their academic performance. He thanked the parents for nurturing their children to accept formal education and encouraged them not to relent.

Earlier the Chairman, MUTA Education Committee, Professor James Gire had explained that the scholarship is merit-based without any external influence. He charged beneficiaries to work hard for academic excellence.

Professor Gire disclosed that application for the annual scholarship starts from January 15 to April 15. Names of successful applicants are announced on June 5th while the award ceremony holds mid-July.



MUTA Awardees

Areas in Benue State and one slot each for Taraba and Nasarawa States. The scholarship was presented to the beneficiaries during a brief ceremony on Wednesday, July 18, 2023 at the Senate Chambers of the Benue State University, Makurdi.

The 2023 beneficiaries include: Buruku: Fater Thomas Ukanwua, Benue State University, Medicine & Surgery; Gboko: Mmenge Moses Teryila, J. S. Tarka University, Animal Production; Guma: Aondona Cyril Pue, Benue State

Engineering and Konshisha: Tesem Isaac Terzungwe, Ahmadu Bello University, Pharmacy.

other awardees were: Kwande: Fater Jacob Undo, J. S. Tarka University, Veterinary Medicine; Logo: Nelson Senongo Iyorkaa, Benue State University, Medicine & Surgery, Makurdi: Ngodoo Brenda Aondoakaa, J. S. Tarka University, Plant Breeding; Tarka: Sesugh Joseph Amenger Benue State University, Medicine & Surgery; Ukum: Peace Kumater, J. S.

BSU FACT FINDING COMMITTEE NOT A VISITATION PANEL- HON. BIAM

By Jude Atakpugh/T. Tser Vanger

The Chairman, BSU Fact Finding Committee and Chief Chancellor for appropriate measures and strategies he employed that led to the finding mission, which is has explained that, the suspension of the ASUU strike committee is not a Visitation and resumption of students Panel but a fact finding one and academic activities. He maintained that the recommendations to the Governor for possible intervention to enhance a steady academic calendar in the University".

This is in order to have University was to interact with important stakeholders to steady academic calendar in the University".

institution during the tenure of to the last strike by the The Committee Chairman revealed that it had earlier interacted with Senior Staff Association of Universities, SSANU based on the governor's directive to arrest a planned strike by their members. He reiterated that, they are not out to witch-hunt or victimize any staff but to listen very carefully and make recommendations for amicable resolution of issues discovered".

Revd Fr Dr Hyacinth Iormem Academic Staff Union of



Hon. Biam & VC

Alia as the Visitor/Executive Universities, ASUU. Governor of Benue State. Hon. Biam said," the committee is not a Visitation to the University and Thursday, June 15, 2023 Panel, we have a defined assured members of during the committee's mission to the University. Trying conducive atmosphere interface with the Management to establish facts regarding and provision of the of the University at the Vice- immediate intervention. If needed information to Chancellor's Conference government is going to conduct their assignment.

NASU EXCO VISITS VC

By Jude Atakpugh



VC & NASU Chairman

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Tor Joe Iorapuu on Friday, June 23, 2023 granted audience to the newly elected Exco members of NASU-BSU led by the Chairman, Comrade Hembraor Samuel Terfa.

The Chairman while addressing the Management appreciated the cordial relationship existing between the union and Management and sued for sustenance. He enumerated challenges facing his members to include: delay in the confirmation of non-teaching staff, Arrears of Earned Allowance, lack of training and retraining of NASU members, non-recognition of higher qualifications of NASU members and delay in release of lateral conversion/change of cadre as well as reluctance of Council to grant amnesty to members who acquired higher qualifications.

Comrade Hembraor appealed to the University Management to expedite action in handling issues mentioned to have industrial harmony. He assured Management of regular interface to discuss issues affecting members with the hope of addressing them to avoid escalating industrial

The NASU Chairman also expressed reservations to the recently proposed proposal of examinations for all cadres of staff as one of the three qualifications for promotion.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor assured that their requests would be brought to Management for necessary action. He encouraged them to embrace dialogue and advocacy for industrial harmony and reminded them that they were elected to serve their members and should not misinterpret Union leadership for populist activism.

The new Exco members are: Sani Ismaila, Secretary, Rose Mngusonun Iorna, Treasurer with Kelechi Agir, Ama Orduen, Demesugh Japhet, Yina Peter and Nyoosu Peter as members.



NASU Exco

BSFA SEEKS PARTNERSHIP WITH BSU

By Jude Atakpugh/Tser Vanger



The Chairman, Benue State Football Association, Barr. Paul Edeh has expressed the readiness of the Association to partner with the University to develop a policy document that would guide football administration in Benue State. This would enable footballers acquire knowledge, skills and University education that would improve their performance. Barr. Edeh who is an Alumnus of the University disclosed this when he led his exco members to pay a Courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Tor Joe Iorapuu on Wednesday, July 5, 2023.

According to him, the absence of a policy document has greatly affected the administrative and general operations of football activities in Benue State. He therefore, expressed the need to have a document that would guide activities of footballers to attain higher education and become useful to the society even after their football career.

Barr. Edeh revealed that his tenure as the Chairman, BSFA would

institutionalize Tor Tiv Cup competition, revamp BCC Gboko, upgrade J.S Tarka Stadium, Gboko to a State and national monument and looked forward to Management cooperation and support to succeed. Responding the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Iorapuu commended the idea of institutionalizing the Tor Tiv Cup competition as a way of engaging the youths to reduce restiveness in the land. Noting that sports builds network and promotes unity among people.

ensure that He affirmed that sports as an football is investment, the move to grassroots driven upgrade J.S. Tarka stadium, to discover and Gboko to a national and encourage international monument would talents from the further boost revenue for the rural areas to Association and increase become sporting and commercial national and activities in the area.

international Professor Iorapuu assured that stars. Adding the request by the Association to that, his exco have a policy document would has put in place be vigorously pursued for the measures to development of football administration in Benue State and Nigeria at large.

The Vice-Chancellor also appreciated the intervention of Barr. Edeh during the ASUU Strike as a mark of a true alumnus who has the interest of his Alma mater at heart and urged him not to relent. He called on other graduands of the University to join hands in the development of the Benue State University for academic growth and excellence.



BSFA Delegation and University Management

MEDICAL AND DENTAL SPECIALISTS ASSOCIATION COMMENDS VC

The EXCO Medical and Dental Specialists Association in Basic Medical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, Benue State University led by their Chairman, Dr. Innocent Abi paid the Vice-Chancellor a Courtesy Call on Friday, June 23, 2023.



Exco with the VC

According to him, their visit was to commend the Vice-Chancellor on the academic excellence and infrastructural development in the University since his assumption of office and encourage him not to relent. They also requested the migration of their members from the CONUASS salary structure to CONHESS.



L-R Profs. Ajene, Iorapuu, Sorkaa and Mr. Yongo

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor assured that all their demands would be considered at the Management for necessary action. He encouraged them to embrace dialogue and advocacy for industrial harmony and reminded them they were elected to serve their members and should not misinterpret Union leadership for populist activism.



DVC (Academic) Prof. Ubwa receiving meritorious service award from SU-BSU

CCHD HOLDS ENTREPRENEURSHIP SEMINAR FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS

By Jude Atakpugh/Augustina Baaka



Prof. Batur-Laha

The Centre for Counselling and Human Development (CCHD) in conjunction with Students Union, Benue State University, Makurdi, on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 held a one-day entrepreneurship seminar for graduating students of the of the University.

The Director, Professor Gbenda Batur-Laha, in a welcome address charged the graduating students to listen attentively in order gain knowledge and skills that will help them generate income and become self-reliant. According to him, upon graduation, most graduates go about seeking/waiting for jobs opportunities which most times, are not readily available. "Therefore, this seminar is apt and timely and should not be taken for granted".

Professor Gbenda explained that, the Directorate is determined to ensure that students of the University get the requisite knowledge and skills that would positively impact their lives and the society. He implored them to always visit the Centre for counselling and guidance for academic growth and performance to be able to face the

realities of life now and after graduation.

In a lead presentation, Arc. Apeh Harrison, a Public Speaker and entrepreneur informed the students that to be successful in life or business, they need to work hard, show commitment and self-discipline, adding that with tons of problems in the society, there is need to provide solutions that would eventually create job opportunities to survive in the contemporary society.

Arc. Harrison presented a book he authored to the students to broaden their knowledge in business careers and called on interested participants to come

acquired to be self-employed and put it into practice to avoid being stranded after graduation so as to earn themselves a livelihood.

Dr. Mrs. Bibiana Ayabam of the Information and Public Relations Unit, Benue State University, in a goodwill message, advised the students to be good ambassadors of the university. She implored them to apply the knowledge acquired in the University and from the seminar to be successful in life. She urged them to be confident and bold in conducting themselves and maintain a positive mindset as they embark on their new phase of life.

The Chairman, Caretaker Committee, Student's Union, Adih



Cross-Section of Students

up with business proposals which he promised to assist winners with the best proposals with the sum of one hundred thousand N100,000 each for startup and mentor them for their business to succeed.

Dr. Victoria Daor an Industrial/Organisational Psychologist encouraged the students to embrace the skills

Chocho in a vote of thanks, appreciated the Centre for organizing the seminar for the graduating students and sued for sustenance. He thanked the speakers saying the knowledge impacted would greatly enhance their Choice of business opportunities that would improve their economic and living

NAVY COMMANDANT VISITS BSU

By Dr. Bibiana Ayabam



Navy Delegation with Management

The Commandant, Nigerian Navy Provost and Regulating School, Makurdi, Cdr M.B. Salisu on Thursday, July 20, 2023 paid a Courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor, Benue State University, Professor Tor Joe Iorapuu, *fsonta*,

explained excellence. In his remarks, the Vice-purpose of Chancellor, Professor the visit was Iorapuu thanked the to seek Commandant for the visit, collaboration stating that as a university with the located at the Bank of the University in River Benue, there was need affiliation of for synergy between the courses University and Navy to offered by the Naval enhance security coverage. Regulating School so that He assured that their they become useful to the request for affiliation would a military personnel upon be carefully looked into in retirement. He appreciated order to get approval from Management for the warm the relevant authorities. reception and promised

FAKE NEWS:

"SOME PROFESSORS/LECTURERS THAT DIED ARE STILL ON BSU PAYROLL COLLECTING SALARIES".

By Tser Vanger

The above title has been trending on some social media platforms, especially Facebook accounts of some individuals as newsflash in the past few hours. Coming at a time a committee set up by the state government has been on a fact-finding mission to Benue State University, this type of alarming but false red flag raised by those who are ill clad about the workings of the University system may excite those who are ill informed.

As a policy, the University's bursary Department is the first point of Notification once there is a reported case of death from any Department or Unit of the University.

Once such has been received,

which is normally done before the burial of the deceased staff, the name of such a staff is removed from the salary voucher immediately. However, if a staff dies and at the time of his/her death certain allowances to which they were entitled are outstanding, such names are retained on the payroll until such indebtedness are completely paid up to the point of death.

In the case of Benue State University for, instance, there is the case of salary component known as Earned Academic Allowance (EAA) for Teaching Staff and Earned Allowance (EA) for non-teaching staff which was negotiated and implementation back-dated to 2009.

Payment of this particular allowance is being paid from time to time by the University as the Agreement signed with the Unions and the State Government stipulated.

It follows then, that deceased staff who were in the employment of the University at the time this payment commenced but who died some years later are entitled to it as it goes to their next of kin. This is the standard practice in the work industry anywhere.

Therefore, the terse assertion that professors who died are still on the payroll at the Benue State University is false in its entirety and should be disregarded by all.

DISCLAIMER:

BSU Vice-Chancellor Disowns Social Media Accounts

By Tser Vanger

It has come to the attention of the public that the Vice-Chancellor of the Benue State University has opened some social media accounts (Whatsapp and Facebook) with the view to defraud members of the public through promise of contract awards and employment. In view of this, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Tor Joe Iorapuu has alerted members of the public to disregard any published contents on social media so as not to fall prey to the sinister motives of the scammers.

To entice unsuspecting members of the public to their trap, the fraudsters have created a pseudo conversation between the Vice-Chancellor and some imposters as contractors taking advice from the Vice-Chancellor on how to submit quotations or bid successfully for various items. For the avoidance of doubt, the university is not conducting any employment exercise at the moment and even when it is to be done, relevant tools at their disposal to arrest the miscreants and treat these cases in accordance with relevant laws.

Meanwhile, the University has alerted the relevant security agencies and mobile Networks to use such advertisements to arrest the miscreants and treat these cases in accordance with relevant laws. Additionally, monetary provisions in the laws attached to either employment or admission cases as these cheats would like

BSU SET TO ESTABLISH FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE

T. Tser Vanger

Preparatory to the mounting of a Faculty of Architecture in Benue State University, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Tor Joe Iorapuu, *fsonta, mnipr, ksm* on Friday, 2nd June, 2023 received officials of the Benue State Chapter of the Nigerian Institute of Architects (NIA) led by the Chairman, Arc. Sam Dura who paid him a Courtesy Call.

programme is granted approval by the National Universities Commission, and assistance for its take-off. He acknowledged He maintained that on immense architectural assumption of duty as the Vice-Chancellor, Pharmacy and Architecture were amongst and Nigeria if eventually desired programmes to be introduced. He explained that the He expressed optimism that the concept of Architecture as a University would admit faculty instead of a



NIA and Management

Professor Iorapuu expressed the readiness of the University to establish the Faculty of Architecture to commence in the next Academic Session. Adding that necessary measures would be put in place by the Management and students in Pharmacy for the department was innovative 2022/2023 academic session to the discipline aimed at based on positive response creating specialized areas being awaited from the NUC as Horticulture, Interior Resource Verification Report. Decoration and landscaping Earlier, the Chairman, Arc. etc. Dura had expressed gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor for his

BSU MANAGEMENT UPHOLDS CENTRE FOR CONSERVATION SCIENCE AND PRACTICE

By Jude Atakpugh

Management of Benue State University has accepted a proposal to establish the Centre for Conservation Science and Practice in the University for effective utilization of the University Zoological Garden. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Tor Joe Iorapuu, disclosed this administration to ensure that includes over 60 endemic necessary measures are put in place for the immediate take-off of the Centre. He further called on other Benue sons and daughters to also contribute their quota for the development of the Benue State University to enhance academic conserved and managed.



during a presentation by a Professor of Ornithology and Conservation Biology, University of Jos, Shiiwua Manu and Dr Samuel Ivande, Conservation Coordinator, Indianapolls Zoo to the Management of the University on Friday, July 6, 2023. Professor Iorapuu expressed excellence. Earlier in a presentation, Professor Manu explained that and poor management of these resources resulting with rapidly growing population, dependence on from limited awareness and natural resources even to meet understanding of the link the legitimate needs of over 200 million Nigerians livelihood and further continues to increase pressure compounded by limited local on its biodiversity and wildlife. capacity for effective

management and conservation of these natural resources to drive decline and loss of these vital natural resources”.

He noted that reversing these declines and unlocking the potential of Nigeria's natural resources to create value that aligns with conservation objectives and delivers sustainable growth and economic development requires clear strategies to increase awareness and knowledge about their importance and value for our livelihood. Therefore,

that abound in the wildlife and green economy.

He further emphasized that the Centre for Conservation Science and Practice is a strategic Partnership for the delivery of World-Class Biodiversity Conservation Training at the Benue State University. Stating that with other partners and collaborators, they are proposing a partnership with the University that allows them to bring over 30 years of demonstrated local and international experience in the

incorporate global best practices in the field of biodiversity conservation and nature-based solutions to environmental challenges.

Also, in collaboration with other international partners such as the IUN SSC Conservation Planning Species Group, the proposed Centre will also offer internationally recognized certification programs in biodiversity assessments, conservation planning and practice for wildlife officers and conservation practitioners from both government and non-governmental organizations in Nigeria and across the African sub-region.

They are ready to work with local and international partners (potentially including the Copenhagen Zoo and the Indianapolis Zoo) and through multi-disciplinary collaborations. The centre will also help to revitalize and reposition the BSU Zoological Garden into a leading wildlife management (zoo keeping, Zoo business development, Ex situ conservation breeding, Wildlife health etc).

The total sum of the proposal aims to develop the centre to a mutually beneficial partnership with our commitment to convene the necessary local and international expertise and to source for the funding to support the research and training costs at the centre. With the understanding that the University will support this partnership by certifying graduates from the programme, providing suitable facilities including office spaces, lecture rooms and full access/management of the BSU Zoological Garden.



Fencing of the University

concerted effort to develop and improve local capacity for effective management and conservation of our biodiversity must be intensified”.

“As global awareness continues to grow about the links between declining biodiversity, the changing climate and the resulting devastating effects of ecosystem function and human livelihood, it is becoming clear that we require ambitious capacity building and increased collaborative action to reverse these negative trends and unlock the opportunities

practice and development of capacity for Biodiversity conservation. This is to further strengthen and connect the expertise, facilities and programmes of the Department of Biological Sciences in the University.

The project proposal includes the setting up and establishment of a Centre for Conservation Science and Practice, domiciled within the Department of Biological Sciences. This will convene global experts to deliver Conservation Science

CEFTER NEWS UPDATES

With Dr. Scholastica Ngunengen Banka; FIMC, CMC, NMIM
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CEFTER-BSU CELEBRATES GRADUANDS



CEFTER Graduands

Prof. Gillian Ogbene Igbum. Among others present at the function were Dr. Sylvester Adejo (Deputy Director, Research & Collaboration); Dr. Comfort Soomiyol (Monitoring and Evaluation Officer); Mr. Simon Danbeki (Project Accountant) as well as Dr. Scholastica Banka (Centre Secretary).

CEFTER-BSU PRESENTS STARTUP GRANTS TO 12 ENTREPRENEURS

Saturday, 18th February, staff were present to grace the 2023 was an iconic day in the occasion.

history of the Benue State Addressing the graduands, University, Makurdi. The the Centre Leader, Professor institution celebrated its Barnabas Achakpa Ikyo existence @30 and the 18th - congratulated those who 21st combined convocation. partook in the convocation The Visitor installed the new ceremonies and encouraged Chancellor, HGM, King them to be excellent (Barr,) Disrael Gbobo Bob- ambassadors of the Centre Mannuel II; kSC, JP, UN-MP having graduated from a World Bank African Centre of Excellence. He added that it function by conferring various degrees on the university graduates. convocation occurred at a

Graduates of the Centre time when the University was traveled far and near in order also celebrating its 30th to be a part of the anniversary as an institution convocation ceremonies and which makes their exit even the excitement of the day more exciting and were not lost on their faces. meaningful.

The Centre Management Highpoints of the occasion hosted CEFTER-BSU was the decoration of graduates at the new graduates with CEFTER-BSU postgraduate complex sash which was done by the auditorium where CEFTER Centre Leader and assisted Management Team and other by the Deputy Centre leader,

The Vice-Chancellor, Benue State University, Professor Tor Joe Iorapuu, on Thursday, 18th May, 2023 presented a start-up grant worth Six Hundred (#600,000.00) Naira to twelve startup innovators who benefited from the scheme at the Senate Chambers. The Centre for Food Technology and Research (CEFTER) had selected twelve (12) startup innovators to benefit from the Startup Grant Scheme. The selection was done through two competitive processes and the innovators are receiving both technical and financial support within the

next three months to upscale their products.

Selected startup beneficiaries are to undergo a three (3) month incubation (booth camp) during which they will interact with experts in different fields for technical support and undergo some training on market research, product development, testing and validation, business model canvas, business competency, financial modeling, legalities, team and leadership development

Newways Agro, Bridget Shidoon Idyu of BIDVANS Foods, Veronica Sefa of Sefawase Enterprises as well as ECOTUTU.

In his Opening Remarks the Director of the Centre, Professor Barnabas Achakpa Ikyo, informed the Vice-Chancellor that the first ten (10) beneficiaries were selected through the "Agro Hack Challenge". This program was done in partnership with the UNDP

were as a result of a strict competition judged by a Startup Committee that was made up of experts in Entrepreneurship and innovation. The Director added that since the university was in the celebration mood, the activity was also done as part of the celebration of Benue State University @30.

The Vice-Chancellor in his remark commended the awardees for their hard work and expressed hope that each of them would put to good use the grant they were receiving to start

their businesses. He added that this was part of the University vision which is to impact the community and more importantly take the classroom experience out to the public domain.

Responding on behalf of the awardees, Mr. Naanson commended the University for the kind gesture, especially that the process was devoid of any form of negative influence. According to him, it was a keenly contested and fairly judged procedure.

He thanked the University Management, the partners and all the facilitators for a great job.

Hallmark of the occasion was the presentation of the award via a dummy cheque to each member. The Vice-Chancellor with the assistance of the BAI-Hub representative, Dr. Shedrach Akpem as well as the Centre Leader did the presentation. Funding would be released after the signing of an MoU between the Centre and each of the awardees.



as well as innovator business branding.

Those who were awarded grants for the startup are: Muinat Muyideen of NAFARM Ltd., Fidelia Agera of FIDNEN Ltd.; Bernard Ngutor Agye of BEN-GUT Resources; Akwonya Unoogwu of Farm Trade, Sharon Otowo of Mixed Culture and Benedicta Kave of House of Rity. Other awardees include: Msughter George Azor of Msen Tech., Solomon Terhide Kpamo of

(Through the Benue Agribusiness Innovation Hub – BAI Hub) and the First City Monument Bank (FCMB). The Challenge pulled over one thousand applications from all over Nigeria with solutions that were centered on controlling food losses, processing, fabrication of equipment and promotion globally recognized agricultural processes.

According to him the other two (2) Startup innovators

LECTURERS UNDERGO TRAINING WORKSHOP ON TECHNOLOGY-AIDED LEARNING

By Jude Atakpugh

Five Lecturers in the Department of Vocational and Technical Education attended a training Workshop on Technology Enhanced Learning sponsored by the Tertiary Education Trustfund hosted by the University of Nigeria, Nsukka from 26th-29th July, 2022. The lecturers that participated in the workshop include: Dr Benedict

employability. provided a step-by-step learning guide on the Google Class Learning Management, System, BLOVS teaching techniques, structure of TEL Lesson Plans and Sample TEL Lesson Plans in different VTE subject areas

Participants across six tertiary institutions in Nigeria attended the training. They are: Benue

University was allocated five laptops and one MTN Broadband Router for use by the five participants. The items were presented to the Vice-Chancellor by the TEL Project Contact Person, Dr. Benedict Labe on Friday, July 3, 2023.

Professor Iorapuu commended Tetfund for the



Prof. Labe, Dr. Igonu and Prof. Iorapuu

Iorzer Labe, Dr Clement Orverlgyu, Sesugh Solomon Tar, Jane Hembadoon Odudu and Inalegwu Igomu.

The workshop, aimed to address pedagogical changes during and post-emergency periods for expanding Vocational and Technical

State University, Makurdi; sponsorship and urged Abubakar Tafawa Balewa participants to put the items University, Bauchi; University of donated into use to enhance Nigeria, Nsukka; University of teaching, learning and Uyo; Kaduna Polytechnic and research.

Yaba College of technology.

Due to effective performance of the lecturers and in line with the Funding Agency's (TETFUND) requirements, Benue State

BSU CAMPUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICIALS

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Prof. Igbum

Staff of the Benue State University who are graduates of the institution on Thursday, July 24, 2023 held their 4th Congress meeting at the Conference Hall, Faculty of Social Sciences and elected their chapter officials to pilot the affairs of the Benue State University Alumni, BSU Campus Chapter in the next two years.

Those elected include: Professor Gillian Ogbene Igbum, Chairperson; Mrs. Janet Ashiko, Secretary and Mr. Elaigwu Audu, Treasurer. Others were: Dr. Shadrach Teryila Ukuma, Vice-Chairman; Dr. Ezekiel Dondo Ivagher, Assistant Secretary, Mr. Stephen Gwar, Financial Secretary; Mr. Jude Atakpugh, Public Relations Officer; Brenda Atighir, Auditor; Mrs. Mercy

Keghter, Organizing chapter. She emphasized Secretary; Dr. Zack Wade, that as staff who are Organizing Secretary while graduates of the Professor Barnabas University, we must have Achakpa Ikyo, Ex-Officio. something to give back to The Chairman, Steering the University to enhance Committee, Professor teaching, learning and Barnabas Achakpa Ikyo, in research.

his opening remarks, Professor Igbum thanked members for giving them attending the congress opportunity to serve and meeting to elect officials that solicited for their prayers, would pilot affairs of the contributions and support Chapter. He explained that to succeed.

the delay in conducting the The National President, election was due to late Benue State University payment of salaries and Alumni, Comrade thanked members for their Lawrence Terungwa



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understanding with the Vihimga, was represented Steering Committee. by Dr. Terpase Nomor

In her acceptance speech, while the Director, the Chairperson thanked Advancement and the Steering Committee for Linkages inaugurated the working hard to organize newly elected officials. and mobilize members for the take-off of the campus

For the Records

A New Benue is Possible – Fr Alia

My fellow citizens of Benue State, Today marks a new beginning in the history of our beloved state as I take office as your governor. I stand before you with a sense of humility and purpose, fully aware of the enormous challenges that lie ahead.

But I am grateful for the trust you have bestowed and conscious of the sacrifices borne by all of you

village, you waited for hours on government, your government, end for our campaign train to WE WILL ACT!

arrive. That wait was not for Fr We were unambiguous in our Alia or my Deputy Barr. Sam Victory Speech at the polls: that Ode, mni. You were waiting for our State, Benue, is broken and Hope. Renewed Hope. And I needs a reset. The moment is here. And the time is now. A New Benue is Possible!

We are faced with a situation of One of the most pressing issues sustained insecurity, dampened facing our state today is morale from non-payment of insecurity. We cannot achieve



to make this happen. I am particularly excited at the promise of Hope which our newly minted administration represents.

During the campaigns, we traversed the length and breadth of our State and I personally saw, firsthand, the appalling situation of our people.

Town after town and village after

salaries, pensions and gratuity, any meaningful development in dilapidated infrastructure, a an atmosphere of fear and broken economy, an even more uncertainty. As your governor, I broken civil service, massive am committed to working with unemployment and security agencies and the underemployment, endemic Federal Government to ensure corruption and malaise. The list the safety of lives and property in is long our state. We will also work

These are all indicators of a tirelessly to address the root crisis-a deep rooted crisis. And it causes of insecurity, such as calls for action – bold and swift. I poverty, unemployment, and

social exclusion.

The state of our economy is another area that requires urgent attention. We can safely say that our State is on economic life support requiring intensive care. We will prioritize job creation and economic empowerment by promoting private sector-led industrialization, with a particular emphasis on agriculture. We will also work to improve the business environment in the state by enacting investor protection laws and streamlining procedures to make it easier to do business in Benue State.

We took a cursory overview of the state of our infrastructure and found every facet to be comatose and non-performing due to deliberate gross negligence.

We reviewed the state of water, health, education, sports, electricity, roads, public housing, telecommunications, and commerce infrastructure, amongst others, and found a highly unacceptable level of abandonment and decay. For the avoidance of doubt, no parastatal or extra-ministerial department of the Benue State Government, saddled with responsibility for public scrutiny, accountability and transparency was even minimally funded to deliver basic services. Consequently, public infrastructure has remained in a deplorable state of decay, and we are forced to start at ground

zero.

In view of this uncanny state of affairs, Government would immediately set in motion, machinery for clearing blocked drainage systems in Makurdi metropolis to address avoidable flooding, pending when a comprehensive solution would be found to the perennial flooding of the state capital. To provide immediate succor to the army of unemployed youth in the state, we shall execute this exercise through a public works



scheme or direct labor.

In addition, we have commenced discussions for revamping the moribund Benue Microfinance Bank and repositioning it as a vehicle for microcredit delivery in the state. This would domesticate the delivery of microcredit to the poor as a cardinal pursuit of our administration.

Our educational system is the

will invest in it accordingly. We will prioritize the training and development of our teachers and provide them with the necessary tools and resources to deliver quality education. We will also work to ensure that our children have access to quality education that reflects the demands of a modern economy, regardless of their socio-economic background.

We recognize the crucial role that women, youths, and children play in our society, and we are committed to creating opportunities for them to thrive. We will prioritize their empowerment and inclusion in all aspects of our development agenda.

To all Benue workers, please listen to me: We recognize the plight of our civil servants and pensioners who are owed salaries, pensions, and gratuities. We must strike a healthy balance between caring for the generation that toiled for this State (am talking here about pension and gratuity for our pensioners,) paying our serving employees a living wage and investing

in the future of our children through revised curricula that meets the demands of a modern economy.

The Bible has it very clear, "a laborer deserves his wage" We will prioritize and address the issue by ensuring that all verified arrears of salaries, pensions and gratuity, are paid promptly without further

delay! We will not do this alone. It is desirable that our Development Partners have a shared vision of our Strategic Development Plan for a Greater Benue. We know that there is no one-best way for development partnerships. It is on a case-by-case basis. This is the reason why engagement early in the game will be paramount. We have already started that engagement process before today and we will continue.

I assure our Donor Community and Development Partners that greater efforts will be invested in monitoring & evaluation activities to ensure that donor funds are appropriately channeled in an auditable manner. We will run an open, accountable, and transparent government. In-fact, we shall make these our Economic Articles of Faith!

Politically, our state has been disconnected from the Federal Government because of bad politics. I commit to reconnecting Benue State to the proverbial 'National Grid' of Nigerian politics in order to harvest the benefits derivable therefrom.

For our fellow contestants in the other political parties, I want to say to you loud and clear: the period of campaigns is over. It is now time for governance. I am not a Governor for APC. I am the Governor of Benue State. I want to extend a hand of fellowship to you all. Please join hands with us so we can build back Benue better than it ever was.

To the Investor Community, we are aware that Benue already lost its investment status owing to bad governance. What is also true is that the whole world is waiting to invest in Benue, but they are waiting for the enablers. A clearly articulated investment

vision with defined projects pipeline, a supportive legal and regulatory framework and value proposition at individual project level are the basic preconditions for investor attraction. These enablers are what our administration will prioritize. So, to all potential investors, we want to say to you that Benue is open for business.

May I announce that effective immediately and until further notice, all Government Bank Accounts in all Banks are hereby frozen. A 'Post No Debit' instruction shall remain in force until all Signatories are changed. Any Bank that violates this instruction does so at her own risk.

My fellow citizens of Benue, I make no pretensions to having the magic wand to actualize the many beautiful plans I have for this state. I am not setting out to be a lone-ranger governor – all-knowing and all-powerful. I will listen to you and work with you to achieve the Benue of our dream. I am full of hope that a new Benue shall arise from the present morass of stagnation and backwardness and assume her rightful place in the comity of great societies. My hope lies in the imaginative power of our people and their undying spirit.

So, today, I call on every one of us to commit to building a new Benue—a Benue all of us can feel proud to call home. Let our children and our children's children, a thousand years from now, recount with pride the brave efforts of this moment. Let it be recorded that we did what needed to be done to secure a happy future for future generations.

Now is the time for Benue to make that change of direction.

Now is the time for us to combine the creative imagining of our youths with the wisdom of our sages to regain altitude and soar to higher heights.

The journey ahead may be steep and hard, but we trust in the living God “who strengthens us in our weaknesses...” May he guide and protect us at each step of the way.

I remain quite indebted to all of you. To my very dear mother and the entire family, I love you. To all the great elder statesmen of Benue, beginning with the APC leadership, for your dogged support to liberate the people of Benue from poor governance. I thank the leader of our great party in Benue State, Sen. Dr. George Akume, the honorable Minister of Special Duties and Intergovernmental Affairs. I want to also thank the Tactical Air Command, which prayed for me at Mass this morning for a smooth takeoff in God's presence. I thank my dear friends and supporters all over the globe for their unwavering support. Let me also thank the concerned APC youths who ensured our town was clean yesterday.

God bless you. God bless Benue State, and may God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Thank you all!

Full Text of Revd Fr Dr. Hyacinth Iormem Alia Inauguration Speech as the Executive Governor of Benue State at the IBB Square, Makurdi on Monday, May 29, 2029

TEDFUND Commissions Six Projects in BSU

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Sen. Akume Commissioning the Administrative Building



Fr. Alia Commissions Academic Block of Offices at the CHS



Dr. Ngbea cuts the tape for Faculty of Education



Dr. Tarnongo commissions Centre for Research Management

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Sen. Akume commissions the Faculty of Science Complex



Dr. Ngbea unveils Centre for Counselling and Human Development



Sen. Akume, Prof. Iorapuu and Prof. Odey



Arrival of Fr. Alia



Cross-Section of Management



ES, Tetfund and Alumni President, Comrade Vhimga

BSU HOSTS 36TH SONTA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AS CAPTURED BY JUDE ATAKPUGH



Prof. Doki presenting Distinguished Leadership award to VC, Federal University, Lokoja



Prof. Iorapuu, Abah and Hagher



Dr. Okeke being conferred with Lifetime Achievement Award



Dr. Mrs. Bakare a recipient of Lifetime Achievement Award



Prof. Mariam Iyeh, fellow of SONTA



Prof. Sola Fosulo, fellow of SONTA



Prof. Ademiju-Pepo Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient



Prof. Ododo, DG National Theatre, Lagos

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Prof. Yakubu Ochefu



Prof. Dennis Akoh



Prof. Iyorwuese Hagher



Prof, John Agaba, Dean of Arts



Prof. Idoko, HOD, Theatre Arts



From (L) Profs. Saalu, Ekoja and Dr. Egwurube



Students of Theatre Arts Department, BSU



**Delegates of the Theatre Arts Department,
University of Jos with Prof. Iorapuu**

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7.	Elizabeth Shimenenge Ugechi	Languages and Linguistics	Associate Professor
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78	James Yankyaa	Security Unit	Assistant Security Officer
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87	John Aornyi Achagh	Maintenance Unit	Higher Technical Officer
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89	Sarah Agbo Usen	Psychology	Higher Executive Officer
90	Ladi Ogbole	Physics	Senior Executive Officer
91	Rebecca Mumbur Iortyom	Catering Unit	Principal Catering Officer I
92	Gideon Orjime Chaia	Transport Unit	Transport Officer
93	Alexander Itodo	Transport Unit	Transport Officer
94	John Ornguga Tinder	Academic Office	Principal Executive Officer II (Admin.)

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8.	Maximillian Asom	Library Officer	University Library and Information Services
9.	Comfort Msurshima Vembe	Chief Clerical Officer	Centre for Research Management
10.	Josephine Mbaember Tyokase	Chief Clerical Officer	Department of Sociology
11.	Dickson Liambee Iorker	Chief Clerical Officer	Department of Political Science
12.	Blessing Iveren Ahungwa	Chief Clerical Officer	Centre for Continuing Education
13.	Rose Mngusonun Iorna	Chief Clerical Officer	Junior Staff Establishment
14.	Priscilla Nguwasen Asom	Computer Operator	Junior Staff Establishment
15.	Comfort Nguseer Katseen	Assistant Medical Records Officer	Directorate of University Health Services
16.	Patience Nguamo Tyoyima	Assistant Medical Records Officer	Directorate of University Health Services
17.	Lydia Ngutswen	Assistant Medical Records Officer	Directorate of University Health Services
18.	Tyolumun Andura	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
19.	Barnabas Terhemba Amande	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
20.	Iorember Agabi	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
21.	Grace Dooshima Ikyordoo	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
22.	Charles Yecho	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
23.	Emmanuel Terfa Hon	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit

24	Jemimah Nguher Dwem	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
25	Margaret Mseer Fiase	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
26	Joseph Odey Oglegu	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
27	Scholastica Aza Nyiutsa	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
28	Michael Agaga Usua	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
29	Andrew Aondoaver Kwaghzan	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
30	Peter Utile	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
31	Jennifer Ternenge Ahura	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
32	Dorcas Member Gbeda	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
33	Paul Mnguaorga Pev	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
34	Moses Injagama Ikyordoo	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
35	Dominic Doolumun Tivfa	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
36	Lois Laadi Tyav	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
37	Joseph Bume Sua	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
38	Donald Ioramba Audu	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
39	Paul Akaabee Chwada	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
40	Godwin Aondover Uba	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
41	Christopher Denen Moti	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
42	Terseer Ande	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
43	Samuel Ogwuche Usman	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
44	Emmanuel Apeh	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
45	Sunday Iorcher	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
46	Elizabeth Mwuese Jimin	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
47	Joseph Edache Adoyi	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
48	John Mwanger Iorunde	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
49	Sylvester Kwaghzever	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
50	Moses Ameh Adama	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit

51.	Francis Labar	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
52.	Alexander Orgbelunga Orsar	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
53.	Stephen Agada Abah	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
54.	Isaac Saawuan Ibi	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
55.	Sunday Ogwuche Igoche	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
56.	Sylvester Aondofa Shiuva	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
57.	Simon Zungwenen Igbudu	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
58.	Elias Terkaa Uzoh	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
59.	Christopher Tyohembe	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
60.	Peter Asema	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
61.	Titus Zaki	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
62.	Barnabas Atim	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
63.	Emmanuel Ochigbo	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
64.	Moses Utor	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
65.	Emmanuel Gever	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
66.	Joseph Ugele	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
67.	Ola Agwu	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
68.	Mathew Dooior	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
69.	Blessing Unjuh	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
70.	Richard Ngise	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
71.	Amos Suursha Mamadu	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
72.	Lazarus Akaha Igbotor	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
73.	Raymond Shishim	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
74.	Doo Kator Bur	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
75.	Godfrey Angeega	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
76.	Andrew Kwaghgande Jato	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
77.	Ngunan Achin Ama	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit

78	Dominic Abah	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
79	Johnson Ikpam	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
80	Emmanuel Orinya	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
81	Oliver Zakaa	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit
82	Terdoo Iorpenda	Chief Clerical Officer	Department of Religion & Cultural Studies
83	Patricia Msugh-Aondo Ikima	Computer Operator	GST Office
84.	Elizabeth Mbaidoove Chia	Chief Clerical Officer	Maintenance Services Unit
85	Terungwa Soomiyol	Chief Driver/Mechanic	Transport Unit
86	John Iorcher Agah	Chief Driver/Mechanic	Transport Unit
87	Dominic Akaakase Ayomngee	Chief Clerical Officer	Junior Staff Establishment
88	Dinna Nadoo Hembe	Technical Officer	Department of Physics
89	Jeremiah Inyope Ode	Housekeeper	Student Affairs Division
90	Elizabeth Akaahan	Housekeeper	Student Affairs Division
91	Robert Sekav Iwambe	Housekeeper	Student Affairs Division
92	Terfa Ahua	Housekeeper	Student Affairs Division
93	Denen Adedzwa	Housekeeper	Student Affairs Division
94	Wilfred Ashiekaa Akoo	Housekeeper	Student Affairs Division
95	Godwin Aondohemba Torkula	Housekeeper	Student Affairs Division
96	Tina Yuadoo Dough-Dough	Library Officer	University Library and Information Services
97	Timothy Torkaa Uzoh	Patrol Supervisor	Security Unit

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S/No	Name of Staff	Present Designation	Promotion
1.	Margaret Mbatomon Lyam	Senior Clerical Officer	Assistant Chief Clerical Officer
2.	Ashide M. Atule	Head Messenger/Cleaner	Caretaker 1
3.	Patrick Omaji	Senior Clerical Officer	Assistant Chief Clerical Officer
4.	Lucy Nguveren Yawe	Head Messenger/Cleaner	Caretaker
5.	Mwuese Gondo	Head Messenger/Cleaner	Caretaker
6.	Justina Abiye Attah	Head Messenger/Cleaner	Caretaker
7.	Terwase Usue	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor
8.	Isaac Ahua	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor
9.	Doris Alagba	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor
10.	Nguseer Digah	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor
11.	Helen Agbara	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor
12.	Liberty Aka Ogah	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor
13.	Sewuese Orngu Tingir	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor
14.	Hundekera Miriam Dooior	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor
15.	Judith Hembafan Anongo	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor
16.	Simon Gowon Ioryue	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor
17.	Victor O. Pagher	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor
18.	Moses T. Origbo	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor
19.	Iorcher Tyonenge	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor
20.	Alexander A. Agele	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor
21.	Tersoo Ama Doki	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor
22.	George Chiangi Avese	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor
23.	Juliana Kuwua Gede	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor
24.	Isaac Avuhul Kuah	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor
25.	Akumave Wombo	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor
26.	Donald Ahen Utsa	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor
27.	Geoffrey Usaa	Senior Patrolman II	Senior Patrolman I
28.	William Edache	Senior Patrolman II	Senior Patrolman I
29.	Dorcas Kwaghga	Patrolman	Senior Patrolman II
30.	Solomon Mkumave Mzaga	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor

31	Thomas T. Bani	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor
32.	Jonah Saakula	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor
33.	Edward Ernyam Aga	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor
34.	Francis Nongo Yaweh	Senior Patrolman II	Senior Patrolman I
35.	Joseph T. Agine	Patrolman	Senior Patrolman II
36.	Richard Orhembe	Patrolman	Senior Patrolman II
37.	Josephine Kwaghkuma Tsav	Clerical Officer	Senior Clerical Officer
38.	Regina Aondoumbur Ude	Head Messenger/Cleaner	Caretaker
39.	Kelechi Peace Agir - Ajuamiwe	Computer Operator II	Computer Operator I
40.	Augustine Verkaa Iortile	Head Messenger/Cleaner	Caretaker
41.	Jude Terkaa Igbudu	Head Messenger/Cleaner	Caretaker
42.	Francis Udam Gerchi	Senior Technical Assistant	Assistant Technical Officer
43.	Messiah Targema Anatsor	Senior Technical Assistant	Assistant Technical Officer
44.	Peter Terkura Tyoumbur	Senior Technical Assistant	Assistant Technical Officer
45.	Comfort Mbatimin Iorkegh	Head Messenger/Cleaner	Caretaker
46.	Terungwa John -Paul Koundun	Head Messenger/Cleaner	Caretaker
47.	Mercy Nguhilan Houghul	Head Messenger/Cleaner	Caretaker
48.	Felix Ushahemba Tyo	Chief Porter	Assistant Housekeeper
49.	Mwuese Martha Anza	Chief Porter	Assistant Housekeeper
50.	Gloria Ngodoo Akosu	Chief Porter	Assistant Housekeeper
51.	Jacinta Omateyi Ejiga	Chief Porter	Assistant Housekeeper
52.	Janet Okuke Oduh	Senior Porter	Chief Porter
53.	Christiana Tar	Head Messenger/Cleaner	Caretaker
54.	Okwori Agada Michael	Computer Operator II	Computer Operator I
55.	Faith Nguumbur Butu	Senior Messenger/Cleaner	Head Messenger/Cleaner
56.	Stephen Vesega Alaghve	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor
57.	Isaac Tersoo Angough	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor
58.	Christopher Mozeh	Senior Patrolman II	Senior Patrolman I
59.	James Gelleh	Senior Patrolman I	Assistant Patrol Supervisor