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MDCN INDUCTS 53 UNIMED STUDENTS INTO MEDICAL AND DENTAL PROFESSIONS

The Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) on Thursday, October 10, 2024 inducted the 3rd set of Medical and Dental Students of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo City, Ondo State. The induction ceremony which had 42 medical and 11 dental students took place at the Main Auditorium, Odosida Campus, Ondo. Delivering the Induction Lecture titled 'Be Yourself: The Real Not the Ideal', a Consultant Radiologist and National President, Guild of Medical Directors, Dr Abiodun Raymond Kuti highlighted the nobility of the medical and dental professions, advising the newly inducted doctors to recognize, create, and use opportunities around them. He said: 'To be noble means that you are possessed of moral, mental and social qualities that other people admire and wish to emulate. As new entrants into the medical profession,

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FROM THE EDITOR

No one celebrates activities; only results are celebrated.

While most universities are bedeviled with only activities as a result of constant disruptions of their academic calendar; UNIMED, Ondo, on the other hand, keeps celebrating results. This, again, was demonstrated on Thursday, 10th October, 2024, as the University inducted new sets of Doctors and Dentists. Read the Induction Ceremony story in this edition.

Akin to the celebration of results as exemplified by the Induction Ceremony is the report on

the Environmental and Occupational Health Science students who excelled in their professional exam by recording 100% success.

The University also showed over the weekend that it can hold its own anywhere by taking the launch of the first Nigeria National Youth Index to Port Harcourt. The launch was done in style and it attracted critical stakeholders in Adolescent and Youth development.

This is a must read edition. Relax and enjoy it. Happy reading!



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UNIMED RECORDS 100% SUCCESS IN ANOTHER PROFESSIONAL EXAM

As Students of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Excel in their First Council-Regulated Exam

Students of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health in the School of Public Health, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo has recorded a 100% pass in their first professional examination coordinated by the Environmental Health Council of Nigeria (EHCON) held on the 2nd and 3rd of September, 2024.

The first set of nine (9) students in the Bachelor of Environmental Health Science (B.EHS) programme was presented for the examination and they all passed, which qualifies them to be licensed Environmental Health Scientist/Officers of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The Head of Department, Dr. Oluwaseun Odipe expressed gratitude to the Management and everyone who made the feat possible " On behalf of the department, I want to sincerely appreciate the University Management, the Vice Chancellor – Professor Adesegun Fatusi, the past and present Deans of the School of Public Health – Professors W. O. Adebimpe and Ofonime Johnson, our Pioneer Head of Department that started this dream – Professor Ife Adewumi, every member of staff of the University that has contributed to training and teaching of our students till date, parents/sponsors and even the students themselves for achieving this great feat".

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adesegun Fatusi congratulated the students and encouraged the Department not to relent in churning out the best students at all times. His words " I think congratulation is in order. This is a commendable feat. While we celebrate this remarkable achievement, I encourage the Department not to rest on their oars, as excellence is not a one-off. To remain the best, you must be consistent. Again, congratulations to the students and staff of the Department".



NIGERIA IN DIRE NEED OF MEDICAL DOCTORS -MDCN

The Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) has declared that the country is in dire need of medical doctors owing to the increasing rate of population of Nigerians and others living in the country.

The Registrar of the Council, Dr Fatima Kyari who spoke at the third induction ceremony of the medical and dental graduating students of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo on Thursday said the population of the country demands more hands in the medical profession.

Kyari who was represented by the Deputy Registrar and Head of Department of Planning, Research and Statistics of the MDCN, Dr Victor Gbenro said the World Health Organization (WHO) has affirmed that the number of medical doctors practicing in the country was not enough for the growing population of the country.

She therefore charged students to develop interest in medicine for the country to meet the WHO standard in the country.



"We are in need of more medical doctors in the country today. We are far from what the World Health Organization demands because our population in Nigeria keeps increasing and there is a need to meet up with the standard. Therefore, it is important for the young ones to develop interest in medicine," she said

Inducting the new set of graduating medical and dental students, the MDCN boss charged them to treat human lives with absolute fear of God and in line with medical ethics, threatening that their licenses could be withdrawn if they fail to live up to the oath they took publicly.

you must bear in mind that you are torchbearers for a practice that has strong commitments to nobility and is by itself noble.' 'It is feasible that some of you will end up in higher callings different from the practice of medicine, including holding public offices. It will be foolish and counterproductive of your training to regard such moments of elevation to a public role, elected or appointed, as your self-actualisation and nothing more. Your conduct and behaviour in such posts should always be guided by the idea of nobility with which I began this address. Be your real self for it is in such a moment that you may ultimately make or mar your place in history,' Prof. Kuti added.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, UNIMED, Ondo, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi celebrated the inductees as he highlighted numerous progress the University has made in less than 10 years of its establishment.

'A couple of years back, there were doubts even whether we would survive but here we are not just surviving, we are thriving, making impacts and growing by the day. Today in this country, the University of Medical Sciences, proudly Nigeria's first specialized medical and health sciences University is only about 10 years old but we have the largest collection of medical and health sciences courses across all the Universities in Nigeria and West Africa,' the VC said.

He appreciated the support of the State Government under the leadership of Governor Lucky Orimisan Ayedatiwa which has helped the University to start pharmacy.

He said: 'We are glad that just early this year, the government was able to give us ₦250 million to support our faculty of Pharmacy. That is a dream we have had for 10 years, now we have admitted our first set of pharmacists because of that support. We trust God that he will be with us in December when we celebrate our 10th anniversary and when the promise of the senate building and the foundation would be laid by God's grace.' The Executive Governor of Ondo State, His Excellency, Lucky Orimisan Ayedatiwa represented by the Special Adviser to the Governor on Education, Dr. Olawunmi Ilawole emphasized the need to train more doctors to meet the growing need for health professionals. 'The vexing issue of the chronic and severe lack of health professionals worldwide is devastating. We want to sincerely appreciate the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria for increasing the admission quota for UNIMED to train more doctors,' the Governor said.



SOME OF THE LINKS TO THE NEWS

<https://guardian.ng/news/nigeria/mdcn-calls-for-action-over-shortage-of-doctors/>

<https://thesun.ng/nigeria-needs-more-doctors-medical-council/>

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SPARKLE LAUNCHES THE FIRST NIGERIA NATIONAL YOUTH INDEX

... Advocates equipping youths with necessary tools and support systems to thrive

The “Strengthening Programming for Adolescents and Youths through Resource and Knowledge Generation and Link to Evidence” (SPARKLE) Project launched the first Nigeria National Youth Index (NNYI) to address a critical gap in monitoring youth development parameters in the country at Sparklyn Hotel in Port Harcourt on Friday, 11th October, 2024.

The development of the NNYI was initiated and led by the SPARKLE project of the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, with funding from the Ford Foundation. The NNYI is a policy-driven, practical and cost-effective approach to measuring and monitoring various dimensions of youth development in Nigeria using available secondary data sets. According to the Project Coordinator, Dr. Olorunfemi Ogundele “The development of the first NNYI and its associated reports is the result of the collaborative efforts of several stakeholders within the youth development space in Nigeria, including academic institutions and researchers, federal- and state-level government agencies, civil society organisations, youth themselves, and international development agencies”.



He added that “the NNYI offers an analysis of youth development in some of the critical areas specified in Nigeria’s National Youth Policy, including education, employment, health and well-being, as well as gender and social inclusion”. Ogundele, in his presentation of the Nigeria National Youth Index, explained further that “by providing an overview of the state of youth in Nigeria, this report seeks to illuminate the path towards ensuring periodic and objective monitoring of youth development in Nigeria and to serve as a basis for advocating evidence-informed advocacy for more targeted and effective youth development interventions”.

While explaining the significance of the National Youth Index at the launching, the Project Director and Vice-Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Professor Adesegun Fatusi submitted that “our nation's young people are not just beneficiaries of development; they are active participants in shaping the future. It is, therefore, imperative that we equip them with the necessary tools, opportunities, and support systems to thrive in an increasingly complex world. The insights from the Nigeria National Youth Index will guide stakeholders in identifying gaps, leveraging strengths, and ensuring that no young person is left behind in our pursuit of national growth and prosperity”.



The event also witnessed the unveiling of the logo for the 4th Nigeria Conference on Adolescent and Young People's Health and Development being organised by the Society for Adolescent and Young People's Health in Nigeria (SAYPHIN). The conference tagged "Garden City 2025" is scheduled to hold in Port-Harcourt in August 2025.

The Chairman, Local Organising Committee of the conference, Professor Omosivie Maduka, who is also the Director, Centre for Health and Development, University of Port-Harcourt revealed the theme of the conference to be "The Evolving Adolescent and Youth in a Digital Age: Building Resilient Young People in a Changing World".



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<https://thesun.ng/stakeholders-charge-youths-on-developmental-initiatives/>

<https://thesun.ng/nigeria-national-youth-index-launched-to-drive-youth-development/>

<https://tribuneonlineng.com/unimed-vc-urges-youths-to-drive-national-development/>

<https://guardian.ng/news/sparkle-advocates-support-systems-for-youths-in-critical-areas/>

<https://betareports.com/sparkle-launches-the-first-nigeria-national-youth-index/>

<https://www.optimaltimesnews.com/2024/10/11/sparkle-launches-first-nigeria-national-youth-index/>

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DIRECTORATE OF ACADEMIC PLANNING CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR 2024 TETFUND CONFERENCE INTERVENTION

The Directorate of Academic Planning of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo has called for the second batch of submissions for the 2024 TETFund Conference Intervention.

The call was made in a statement released by the Directorate and signed by Dr. Olorunfemi Ogundele. The statement, inter alia, read “We are pleased to inform you that the second batch of submissions for the 2024 TETFund Conference Intervention opens on Monday, October 14th to October 18th, 2024 for non-teaching staff, while the deadline for teaching staff is October 20th, 2024”.

Dr. Ogundele added that “the hard copy of application should be sent to the

Directorate of Academic Planning and Quality Assurance and an online submission should be made as soon as it was received via email”.

TETFund requires that application is submitted at least three months before the conference or workshop.



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