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UNIMED TO CELEBRATE 10 YEARS OF TRAILBLAZING EXPLOITS IN HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION

... TO COMMENCE ACTIVITIES MARKING THE CELEBRATION ON THE 4TH OF DECEMBER 2024

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo, Ondo State, the first specialised university of medical and health sciences in Nigeria, is set to celebrate ten years of trailblazing exploits in health professions education between 4th and 14th December, 2024.

The University, which has radicalised the medical science education landscape with its array of innovative programmes, has been a shining example in the last 10 years with remarkable accomplishments in teaching,

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FROM THE EDITOR

When a leader decides to go where there is no path in order to leave a trail, there are bound to be doubts, misinterpretations, misrepresentations and even wrong accusations. This played out in the misrepresentation of issues and distortion of facts that trailed the forthcoming 10th Anniversary budget. We bring the true story as captured by "The Hope Newspaper", a publication of the Ondo State Government. We also serve you snippets from the rebuttal of the Management to the spurious claim by SSANU on financial recklessness and negligence of staff welfare.

In this edition, we have stories on some of the preliminary activities of the 10th Anniversary such as debate competition, indoor games, among others. The atmosphere is getting charged for the Anniversary.

We also have the story of the annual debate and quiz competition used to commemorate the 2024 Ekimogun Festival. It's an annual competition sponsored by the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED) as one of its strategic community service programmes. At UNIMED, accreditation of its programmes is taken as a top priority.

This is to continue to demonstrate excellence as its watchword in all its undertakings. There is no room for cutting corners! In this edition, you get to read about pre-accreditation and re-accreditation of some of our courses. Which courses, you may want to ask? Check it out in this edition of UNIMED Weekly! Dr. Agbaje, in his 'Thought for the Week', interrogates the subject of mistakes as part and parcel of life. When mistakes are made and admitted, they can easily be forgiven. Check how and the benefits of admitting one's mistakes in his column.

You cannot but be up to speed about the goings-on within the University community when you read UNIMED Weekly. It is another edition you cannot afford to ignore! Happy reading!



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

UNIMED DEBATE SOCIETY (UDS) INTER-FACULTY WORD WAR II SHOWCASES EXCEPTIONAL TALENT AND INTELLECTUAL BRILLIANCE

The UNIMED Debate Society (UDS) second Inter-Faculty Tournament — was a remarkable showcase of exceptional talent, teamwork, and intellectual brilliance among participants. The tournament, aimed to foster knowledge sharing and academic excellence across faculties, had preliminaries of two of the slated completion on Wednesday 20th and Friday 22nd November, 2024 for Quiz and Public Speaking respectively.

The competitions held at the Tetfund Classroom, Laje campus, featured two stages: the Preliminary and Semifinal rounds.



A total of seven faculties participated in the tournament, starting with the preliminaries, where they competed for a place in the semifinals. The faculties that participated in the event were; Faculty of Clinical Sciences, Faculty of Medical Rehabilitation, Faculty of Sciences, Faculty of Nursing, Faculty of Dentistry, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences and Faculty of Allied Health Sciences.

The finalists are; Faculty of Clinical Sciences, Faculty of Medical Rehabilitation, Faculty of Nursing, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences for Quiz and Faculty of Nursing,

Faculty of Dental science, Faculty of Medical Rehabilitation and Faculty of Clinical Sciences for Public Speaking.

The grand finale promises to be an electrifying competition as the remaining teams vie for the coveted championship title.



TWO UNIMED PROFESSORS INAUGURATED INTO THE REHABILITATION TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

Two Professors of University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo got inaugurated into the Rehabilitation Technical Working Group on Monday, 25th November, 2024 in Abuja.

The two Professors are Dele Owolawi who is representing audiology and Julius Ademokoya (Visiting) who is representing Speech-Language Therapy. The choice of the two erudite scholars as members of the group is a testament to the quality of the personnel in the University.



The inauguration of the Rehabilitation Technical Working Group was conducted by Professor Muhammad Ali Pate, the Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare.

WORDS ON THE MARBLE

“The 10th Anniversary is to showcase the remarkable achievements of the institution and to galvanise further support for its development. There is no activity or programme being executed during this anniversary that is different from what was done during the Founder’s Week, save for the anniversary Dinner/Award Night. The amount budgeted for the anniversary is for the development of the main campus, convocation and a portion of it for the 10th Anniversary.

Please note that it is to the credit of the Fatusi-led administration that it secured land for the permanent site of the University and has systematically been developing the site for the University to ensure that the institution can start operating from that site by its 10th Anniversary and to change the narrative

of UNIMED being the only government-owned institution in Ondo State that is not operating on permanent site.

The 6th convocation ceremony of the University will take place at the new campus on the 12th December, 2024”.

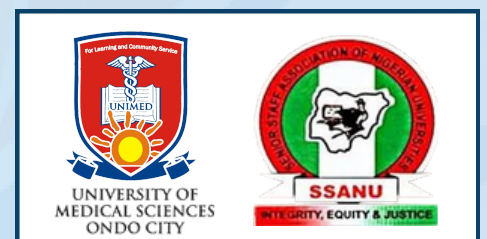
“Prior to Professor Fatusi’s resumption as Vice-Chancellor, the workers were being owed five (5) months’ salaries. The Fatusi-led administration cleared the backlog! In the last two months, under the leadership of Professor Adesegun Fatusi, staff of the University have received several arrears, particularly palliatives and 25% consequential adjustments.

The University has also approved payment of Consolidated Medical Salary Structure (CONMESS) with effect from July 2024 to its medically qualified lecturers, a policy yet to be implemented by most universities (including federal universities).

The University is actually leaving no stone unturned to ensure that staff welfare is prioritised at all times.

In fact, the administration also ensured that contrary to the situation it met on ground, salary is now being paid regularly on monthly basis, usually at about the 25th of the month. It is also pertinent to note that the Fatusi-led administration has been paying annual end-of-the-year bonus to all staff over the last two years – a rare feat in public institutions, despite the fact that the administration has more than doubled the workforce over the last four years!”

- Extracted from the Rebuttal of the Management to the claim of SSANU that the University is planning to spend N65 Million on 10th Anniversary while they are owing staff



UNIMED TO CELEBRATE 10 YEARS OF TRAILBLAZING EXPLOITS IN HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION

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,research and community services. The University, for instance, has produced 3 sets of medical doctors in less than 10 years of existence, a remarkable feat in the history of Nigeria's medical science education! It has also assisted in introducing over 10 new programmes into the Nigeria's university curriculum in conjunction with the National Universities Commission (NUC). These and many other firsts will be showcased in the course of the University's 10th Anniversary.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adesegun Fatusi, while unveiling the programmes lined up for the anniversary said "This is not just an anniversary; rather, it is a celebration of trailblazing exploits that cut across teaching, research and community relations. We have opened up a new vista in health professions education, and we are convinced our impacts in the last 10 years must not just be celebrated but documented for posterity".

To this end, the University will address the press to enlighten and educate the public about the workings of the institution, showcase its achievements and give room for members of the fourth estate of the realm to ask questions. This is in line with the TEA (Transparency, Efficiency, and Accountability) mantra of the University.

The Chairman, Anniversary Committee, Professor Ogundahunsi who itemised the programmes that will be used to celebrate the anniversary submitted that 'the programmes are carefully selected to revolve round the essence of universities all over the world which are - teaching, research and community service". According to him "this is to enable us further impact the society even while celebrating 10 years of the University's existence".

He then listed the activities lined up to celebrate the University to include, among others, advocacy and stakeholders' engagement, U-STEM competition for secondary schools, community health outreach, annual research and innovation programme, sports, anniversary lecture, commissioning of projects, convocation, students competition on public speaking, bestowment of awards on eminent personalities in the society, among others.

The University hopes well-meaning and prominent citizens of Ondo State will rally round the institution through moral and financial support. UNIMED is the pride of Ondo State, particularly in medical and health science education.

4th - 14th DECEMBER



WED. 4TH	Media Briefing (12:00pm) / Advocacy & Stakeholders' Engagement (3PM)	UNIMED Council Chamber, Laje Medical Campus, Ondo / Ondo City
THURS. 5TH	Advocacy & Stakeholders' Engagement (11:00am)	Government house, Akure
FRI. 6TH	Finals of U-STEM Competition for Secondary Schools (11:00am)	Odosida Campus UNIMED
SUN. 8TH	Thanksgiving Service 10:00am	University Auditorium, Laje Campus
MON. 9TH	Road March / Community Health Outreach (10.00am) / Sports final (Indoor games Table Tennis -3PM)	Laje Medical Village Campus / Odosida Campus
TUES. 10TH	Annual Research (10am - 2pm) & Innovation Programme / Sports final (Female soccer) 4PM	Laje Medical Village Campus / Stadium
WED. 11TH	Anniversary Lecture (11am) / Anniversary Dinner & Honours Programme (3pm)	Civic Centre, Ondo City
Thurs. 12TH	Commissioning of Projects Commemorative Naming of Buildings & Convocation and Award of Degrees (9:00am)	Odosida, Laje, UNIMED Main Campus
FRI. 13TH	Students Competition (Innovation Show & Inter-Faculty Debate Final) (10.00 - 12.30 pm) / Muslim Prayer & Thanksgiving (1.00 pm)	University Auditorium, Laje Campus
SAT. 14TH	Variety Programme (10am - 3pm) / Soccer Finals (male) 4pm	Odosida Campus / Ondo Township Stadium



UNIMED VC DENIES N65M ANNIVERSARY SPENDING CLAIMS BY SADE ADEWALE, ONDO

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Prof. Adesegun Fatusi, has debunked claims of plans to spend N65 million on the institution's anniversary.

The allegation as reported by an online media outlet, was described as "laughable and mischievous", according to a statement issued through the university's Public Relations Officer, Mr. Isaac Oluyi.

According to Prof. Fatusi, "The publication is, at best, a distortion of facts and an uninformed portrayal of the significance of the university's 10th anniversary. It is imperative to state that this approach of 'calling a dog a bad name in order to hang it' is becoming increasingly unbecoming."

Prof. Fatusi emphasised that his financial acumen and dedication to transparency have enabled the university to achieve significant progress over the past five years. He criticised the allegations as not only strange but also a calculated attempt to discredit his leadership.

In his words: "It is unfortunate that a highly respected union within the university (SSANU) went to the press on this matter without first exploring internal mechanisms to understand the issues at stake.



This smacks of ulterior motives, which may not be unrelated to attempts to attack the personality of the Vice-Chancellor.

"In fact, the accusation of financial recklessness is laughable, given that the same university, being unfairly criticised by certain mischievous individuals within the system, was recently recognised, celebrated, and rewarded for excellence by the Ondo State Government."

Prof. Fatusi also criticised the media outlet that published the story, accusing it of violating the principles of balanced journalism. "The media outfit failed to seek the institution's opinion on the matter, instead aligning with a mischief-maker eager to carry out a dirty job for the union," he said.

Clarifying the matter, he added: "While it is false that the university is spending N65 million on its 10th anniversary, the public needs to understand that the celebration is aimed at showcasing the institution's remarkable achievements and galvanising further support for its development.

"The university is, in fact, adopting a fundraising approach to finance the anniversary activities. It should also be noted that a significant portion of the budget is allocated to the development of the new campus, which will host the convocation ceremony."

Prof. Fatusi highlighted that the land for the university's permanent site was secured under his administration, which has been systematically developing the site to ensure operations begin there by the 10th anniversary. "This is a major step towards changing the narrative of UNIMED being the only government-owned institution in Ondo State not operating from a permanent site," he added.

He concluded: "The 10th anniversary is not a jamboree. It is an innovative initiative to further develop the university, carried out with the full support of the Governing Council."

Source: The Hope Newspaper of November 24, 2024



UNIMED SPONSORS ANNUAL DEBATE AND QUIZ COMPETITIONS DURING EKIMOOGUN FESTIVAL

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo, has sponsored Annual Debate and Quiz competitions used as part of the activities to commemorate the 2024 Ekimogun festival, which was held on Thursday, 21st November, 2024 at the Civic Centre, Ondo.

The University, in the last four years, has taken this yearly competition as one of its numerous community service programmes. “I want to congratulate the organisers of this event for their steadfastness in putting this competition together every year. This is indeed commendable! Please be assured of our continued support of this competition all the time”.



This year's competition took place between the students of Ondo East and Ondo West Local Government Areas. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adesegun Fatusi, ably represented by the Director, Centre for Gender and Health Equity,

Professor Augustina Duyilemi, congratulated the organisers on the success of another edition of the competition and assured them of the University's continued support. In his words, The event was graced by the Ondo Development Council (ODC) members, teachers and students from various local government areas in ondo state.



MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL REHABILITATION THERAPISTS BOARD (MRTB) VISITS UNIMED FOR PRE-ACCREDITATION AND RE-ACCREDITATION OF PROGRAMMES IN FACULTY OF MEDICAL REHABILITATION

Members of the Medical Prosthetics & Orthotics were Rehabilitation Therapists Board (MRTB) visited the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo in November, 2024 for pre-accreditation and re-accreditation of programmes in the Faculty of Medical Rehabilitation.

While Physiotherapy was re-accredited and Occupational Therapy pre-accredited between 6th and 8th November, 2024; Speech Language, Audiology and

pre-accredited between 12th and 14th November, 2024.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adesegun Fatusi, represented by the DVC (Academic), thanked the MRTB team for the visit and encouraged them to do a thorough job that will help enhance the quality of the programmes at UNIMED, “we appreciate you most sincerely for this visit, and encourage you to do your job professionally so as to help enhance the quality of the programmes”, he said.

The pre-accreditation and re-accreditation exercises are parts of the University's commitment to running credible programmes duly accredited by the National Universities Commission (NUC).



10TH ANNIVERSARY INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SPORTING COMPETITIONS IN PICTURES



FINAL RESULTS FOR SCRABBLE (MALE)

- **3rd place** 🏅 Benjamin Ogunba from Allied health
- **2nd place** 🏅 Akinbola David from Nursing
- **1st place** 🏅 Adenikan Yomi from Clinicals.

FINAL RESULTS FOR SCRABBLE (FEMALE)

- **3rd place** 🏅 Jeje Oluwanifemi from BMS
- **2nd place** 🏅 Aroloye Moradeke from FMR
- **1st place** 🏅 Akinrinsola Rexona from Clinicals.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK WITH DR. DAVID O. AGBAJE

“Mistakes are always forgivable if one has the courage to admit them.” – Bruce Lee

MEANING:

This quote by Bruce Lee (1940-1973), a Hong Kong-American martial artist, actor and philosopher, suggests that acknowledging and admitting to one's mistakes is an important aspect of personal growth and integrity. The essence of the statement is that mistakes, while often seen as negative, can be forgiven if the individual demonstrates the bravery to own up to them. It emphasizes that courage in facing one's errors can lead to understanding, learning, and ultimately, a path to improvement.

In essence, it promotes the idea that accountability and honesty are crucial for healing and developing as a person.





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Call for Tributes

The entire University Staff (Academics and Non-Academics) are hereby informed of a proposed

“Coalescence of tribute “
to celebrate the end of tenure of the Vice Chancellor,
University of Medical Sciences, Laje Road, Ondo City, Nigeria

Interested individuals are enjoined to provide a tribute of not more than 250 words in length. Such tribute should be sent to:

1. aafon@unimed.edu.ng
2. wowolawi@unimed.edu.ng
3. oidowu@unimed.edu.ng

Deadline: 30th November, 2024.



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PHOTO SPEAKS

PICTURES FROM THE VISIT OF MRTB FOR PRE-ACCREDITATION AND RE-ACCREDITATION OF PROGRAMMES IN FACULTY OF MEDICAL REHABILITATION



NUC ACCREDITATION VISIT TO FACULTY OF SCIENCE



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ANNUAL DEBATE AND QUIZ COMPETITIONS DURING EKIMOOGUN FESTIVAL



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UNMED ALUMNI PRESENTS EQUIPMENTS TO UNIMED REGISTRY UNIT

