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HIGHLIGHTS

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- 10th Anniversary: UNIMED Dominates Media Space
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FROM THE EDITOR

The University began its 10th Anniversary with Media Briefing on Wednesday, 4th December, 2024. The briefing was used to showcase the remarkable achievements of the institution in the last 10 years. Prior to the briefing, journalists were taken on the tour of the University to see for themselves the infrastructural growth of UNIMED. It's like a case of 'See Paris and die' when they saw the level of development at the main campus of the University. They could not but marvel at the level of work going on there! This confirmed to them that substantial part of the anniversary budget is indeed for developmental projects, not for jamboree!

In this edition, you will get to read the diverse reports of the media from different angles.

There is ability in disability. On Tuesday, 3rd December, 2024, UNIMED joined the rest of the world to celebrate "International Day of Persons Living with Disabilities". Check out the story in pictures.

CHIEF OLABINTAN GIFTS UNIMED A GUEST HOUSE

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo was gifted an ultra-modern guest house by Chief Olabintan Famutimi on Friday, 6th December, 2024 at Sabo Area, Ondo. Olabintan Famutimi, an Ondo Chief, business mogul, former national President of the Nigerian-American Chamber of Commerce and chairman of Tricontinental Group, in a rare display of philanthropy only exhibited by the likes Rockefeller and Bloomberg of the United States of America, donated his ultra-modern building at Sabo Area, Ondo to UNIMED as his contribution to the University which keeps growing in leaps and bounds.

The stakeholders and advocacy visits to the Osemawe, His Imperial Majesty and Paramount Ruler of Ondo Kingdom, Oba (Dr) Victor Adesimbo Kiladejo, CFR, Jilo III and the former Speaker of the Ondo State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Bamidele David Oleyeloogun are brought to your doorsteps.

We have the story of U-STEM (UNIMED Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), which focused on the theme "Ensuring Food Security through Science and Technology", reported in this week's edition of our newsletter.

The University was gifted a palatial building as guest house by the business mogul and philanthropist, Chief Olabintan Famutimi, on Friday, 6th December, 2024.

The official hand-over attracted the high and the mighty in Ondo Kingdom, and it turned out to be a celebration of good deeds. Check out the full story inside. In this week's "Thought of the Week with Dr. Agbaje",

Explaining the reason behind his action, he said "To leave a legacy that endures you must be a part of initiatives that will outlive you. For a university that is only 10 years old to have achieved so much, the right thing to do is to contribute to its continued growth and be a part of a sustainable legacy". He went further to say "My father had 23 children and none of us stays in his house. My grandfather had 63 children. Today his house is occupied by total strangers. My own children are not in the country, and even they come around, they scarcely stay in my house! So, why hold on to what may be a waste when you are no more when it can be beneficial to the society?" He said his recent battle with an illness and subsequent survival has changed his perspective about life.

He said he has come to realise that "whatever you own is what you owe humanity".

The Vice-Chancellor, while speaking at the event, appreciated the uncommon gesture and encouraged many more well-to-do individuals in Ondo Kingdom and beyond to emulate Chief Famutimi. In his words, "This is indeed a rare philanthropic gesture that should be emulated by everyone, particularly by prominent sons and daughters of Ondo Kingdom."



you will get to know that life is a process. Dr Agbaje makes it clear in his column that progress is made incrementally. Read more about it.

In all, the University could not but express gratitude to God, who has remained faithful to the institution from inception till date. It was a day of thanksgiving on Sunday, 8th December, 2024 at the Odosida campus of the University. See the glitz and the glamour inside.

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...CHIEF OLABINTAN FAMUTIMI GIFTS UNIMED AN ULTRA-MODERN GUEST HOUSE

We believe Chief The Osemawe, His Famutimi has thrown Imperial Majesty and a challenge to others. Paramount Ruler of We as a university the Ondo Kingdom, appreciate this Oba (Dr) Victor gesture and we want Adesimbo Kiladejo, to assure Chief that CFR, Jilo III, cut the we will maintain the tape and gave his building and use it in royal blessings. He a way that everyone also called on will be proud of". The indigenes of Ondo Vice –Chancellor Kingdom and citizens concluded on a of the state in general philosophical note to rally round the that "When you speak, University through you can be eloquent; their support for it to but a life of example is continue to remain much more eloquent". "the pride of the state According to him, the and the envy of all". action of Chief In attendance at the Famutimi is not only formal hand-over of eloquent, but one that the guest house were will remain indelible in the crème-de-la-crème of the society such as former commissioner of finance, Chief Adeduro, High Chiefs of Ondo Kingdom, members of Ondo Club 75, and principal officers of the University.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives - choice, not chance, determines your destiny." -Aristotle

CORRIGENDUM



This is the correct picture of **Dr Olatunji** who was promoted to the rank of a Reader. **The mix-up in his picture in last week's edition is highly regretted.**

UNIMED CANVASSES DEPLOYMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY IN NIGERIA

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo, Ondo State has canvassed deployment of science and technology towards achieving food security in Nigeria. This much was the highlight of this year's UNIMED Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (U-STEM) programme.

U-STEM Annual Competition and Science Fair for Secondary Schools, one of the numerous community relations' initiatives of UNIMED, is designed to promote utilisation of local materials, tools and appliances to produce prototypes that can improve quality of life as well as address everyday challenges through application of hands-on skills and scientific knowledge among competing secondary school students.

Speaking at the event aptly themed "Ensuring Food Security through Science and Technology", the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adesegun Fatusi, ably represented by the Director, Centre for Gender and Health Equity, Professor Augustina Duyilemi, said "This is the 4th edition of the programme and this particular one is very strategic.

He therefore encouraged the secondary school students in attendance to begin to embrace AI training as it will open very bright horizons for them in the future.

Dr. Lawal Oyeneyin, mni, the Director, Advancement Unit of the University, thanked the donors who have been sustaining the annual event through their magnanimous and selfless support. According to him, "the donors have simply been the backbone of this initiative that has enabled UNIMED to continue to give back to the community where the University is domiciled and other communities around. We do not take this for granted".

The 2024 U-STEM was rounded off with a competition and science fair for secondary schools, which was won by Ondo Boys' High School.



We consciously chose the theme to address food insecurity with deployment of science and technology, given the enormity of the challenges this has posed to the nation in recent times". He added that 'supposedly complex situations require simple solutions', which can easily come from knowledge of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The grand finale of the event on Friday, 6th December, 2024 held at the main auditorium, Odosida Campus of the University, featured experts such as Mrs Omolola Afolabi, Mrs Ruth James and Engineer Dele Akinsade who spoke on topics such as "Career Opportunities in Health Information Management", "Career Opportunities in Speech Therapy" and "Artificial Intelligence: Introduction to the Basics". In the presentation on "Artificial Intelligence", Dele Akinsade, who is in charge of Microsoft Expansion in the Middle East and Africa, asserted that "Artificial Intelligence will not take jobs away from anyone as often mooted by people; rather it will create opportunities in all areas of endeavour".

10TH ANNIVERSARY: UNIMED DOMINATES MEDIA SPACE

In the course of celebrating UNIMED 10th Anniversary, various media outlets in the country storms UNIMED to view its progress so far.

The media team took a tour round the various campus of the University. Thereafter, a brief meeting was held with the University Management.

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ONDO: OUR 10YRS OF EXISTENCE FULL OF INNOVATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS —UNIMED VC, Prof Fatusi

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UNIMED CELEBRATES WORLD DISABILITY DAY

The Office of Disability Affairs and Services, University of Medical Sciences, (UNIMED) Ondo City, Ondo State celebrated the World Disability Day tagged "Building an inclusive society for persons with disabilities " at the University Seminar Room on Tuesday 3rd December, 2024.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Roseangela Nwuba representing the Vice Chancellor Prof. Adesegun Fatusi condemned the discrimination against people living with disabilities, stressing that there are abilities in disabilities. She stated that "UNIMED gives room for all in terms of admission and employment without discriminating. This is because UNIMED believes in your abilities."

"That you are physically impaired does not mean you can't be great. One of our students who is physically challenged just got inducted into the Medical Laboratory Science profession, you have the potentials, they are a rare gift from God. Don't allow your disability to destroy your ability. There is ability in every disability", Nwuba said.



The Disability Day was well attended by dignitaries and Principal Officers of the University.



UNIMED CELEBRATES WORLD DISABILITY DAY

The Osemawe of Ondo Kingdom, His Imperial Majesty, Oba (Dr.) Victor Adesimbo Kiladejo, CFR, Jilo III, hosted the Management of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo, on Wednesday 4th December, 2024.

The UNIMED Management, led by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adesegun Fatusi, paid a courtesy visit to the Paramount Ruler and Chancellor of the institution as part of its advocacy and stakeholders' engagement for the 10th Anniversary of the University.

The Vice-Chancellor, while speaking on the reason for the visit, said "We are here to intimate you with the activities lined up to celebrate the University's ten years of trailblazing exploits in health professions education and to thank you for your unflinching support since the inception of the institution". The Vice-Chancellor further thanked the Osemawe-in-Council and the entire people Ondo Kingdom for their support and hospitality, "we have enjoyed the hospitality of the people of Ondo Kingdom and this has contributed immensely to the success the University has been able to record in the last 10 years", he said.

The Osemawe, in his response, congratulated the University on its numerous accomplishments within a short period of time. According to the newly appointed Chancellor of the University, "I am proud of the University's achievements within the short period of its existence. The University has brought honour not only to Ondo Kingdom but also to the entire state. I congratulate the University on its 10th Anniversary".

The University will be taking its stakeholders' engagement and advocacy to the Government House on Thursday, 5th December, 2024.



WEEK 1 ACTIVITIES FOR 10TH ANNIVERSARY

4th - 14th DECEMBER



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, Odosida Campus
SAT. 14TH	Variety Programme (10am – 3pm) / Soccer Finals (male) 4pm	Odosida Campus / Ondo Township Stadium



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK WITH DR. DAVID O. AGBAJE

Chinese proverb:

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

MEANING:

This Chinese proverb emphasizes the importance of taking the first action to achieve a larger goal. Its meaning can be broken down as follows:

1. Initiation: Every large endeavour or goal, no matter how daunting, starts with a small, initial step. This highlights the necessity of beginning, regardless of how small that beginning may seem.

2. Progression: It conveys the idea that progress is made incrementally. Large achievements are often the result of many small actions taken over time.

3. Overcoming Fear: The proverb encourages individuals to overcome inertia and fear of starting something new. It suggests that rather than being overwhelmed by the enormity of a task, one should focus on taking that first step.

4. Mindset Shift: It promotes a mindset of perseverance and determination. Every step you take, no matter how small, moves you closer to your goal.

Overall, this proverb serves as an encouragement to initiate action in pursuit of one's ambitions and highlights the value of incremental progress in accomplishing significant tasks.

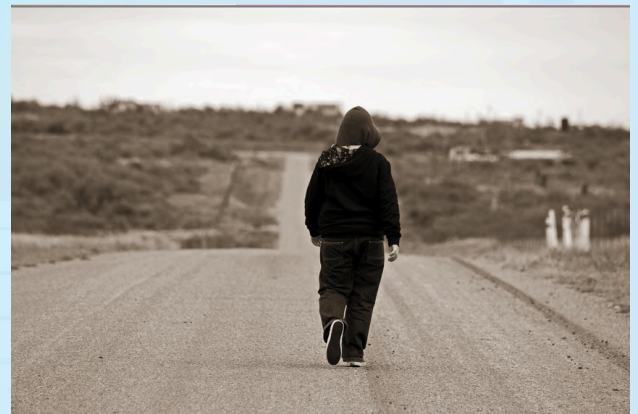


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