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#### UNIMED HAS TRANSFORMED HEALTH PROFESSION IN NIGERIA, SAYS AIYEDATIWA

Ondo State Governor Lucky Aiyedatiwa has disclosed that the achievements of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED) in just a decade of its establishment have truly transformed the landscape of health profession education in Nigeria.

Aiyedatiwa said his administration was proud of the re achievements of the university, noting that the institution hadgiven the state a place of pride in Nigeria's health and education landscape.

The governor, the visitor to the university, who spoke during the 6th convocation and 10th anniversary of the university in Ondo State, informed the gathering that health and education are two pillars that will always be prioritised by his administration because they are fundamental to sustainable development.

Represented by his special adviser on education, Dr Olawunmi Ilawole, Aiyedatiwa noted that, "With today's convocation, UNIMED has produced three sets of medical doctors and dentists in less than 10 years of existence, a remarkable feat in Nigeria's history. UNIMED has also produced four sets of Nurses; four sets of physiotherapists, two sets of Medical Laboratory Scientists, and six sets of graduates of health sciences.



" I have been reliably informed that over the years, UNIMED has consistently recorded 100 per cent in all professional examinations conducted by regulatory councils, including Nursing, Medical Laboratory Sciences and Community Health.

"This convocation is unique and is taking place at a unique period in the history of the university as well as the state.

For the university, this week has been one of the well-deserved celebrations in respect of its 10th anniversary given its trailblazing performance in the short time of its existence."

Earlier, the vice chancellor of the university, Prof Adesegun Fatusi, said a total of 634 students were graduating.

### **FROM THE EDITOR**

The 10th Anniversary of the University was celebrated with pomp and pageantry. It was a celebration of excellence, as no one could cover the glory of the moon. The University shone brilliantly and the event was hugely successful! Read through the news of all that happened in this week's newsletter.

While the 10th Anniversary was going on, the University was not put on hold. Other activities continued. The University trained first set of Emergency Medical Responders. Check out the full details inside.

All through the period of the 10th Anniversary, excellence was all on display. Little wonder, Dr. Agbaje beamed his searchlight on the subject of excellence. Find out what he said about it.

Other regulars are also served. It is a bumper package. You cannot afford not to read this edition of UNIMED Weekly. Happy reading.



ISAAC OLUYI Head, Public Relations Unit

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### EX-GOV MIMIKO GETS OVATION AT UNIMED CONVOCATION

Former governor of Ondo State, Dr. Olusegun Mimiko, was the cynosure of all eyes at the convocation ceremony of the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo, yesterday as he bagged a Master's degree in Health Law and Policy.

The 70-year-old former governor who enrolled for the master's degree programme at the university had bagged his first degree in Medicine and Surgery over 40 years ago from the Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife.

Mimiko, who was adjudged the best M.Sc graduating student in Health Law and Policy received the Oluwarotimi Akeredolu prize for the best student in Master of Health Law and Policy.

Mimiko, who established the university 10 years ago while serving as the governor, said he was glad to see the institution achieving high feats as it has produced three sets of medical doctors within 10 years. He said the university has enjoyed an uninterrupted academic programme due to the commitment, dedication and resilience of the management of the institution.

Governor Lucky Aiyedatiwa has assured that his administration will continue to prioritise education and health because they are fundamental to sustainable development.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

66 "Teamwork makes the dream work." – John C. Maxwell.

He disclosed that the state government has committed N1 billion towards the construction of a new senate building, assuring that his administration is determined to ensure that the university remains a beacon of health professions education in the country.

Represented by his Special Adviser on Higher Education, Dr Olawumi Ilawole, the governor stated that the university has grown to be a force to reckon with both nationally and internationally.

While congratulating the university and the graduates, the governor expressed the readiness of his administration to support the university and other tertiary institutions in the state,

saying that the state government will continue to demonstrate unwavering

commitment to excellence in health and education.

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### **34 BAG FIRST CLASS AS UNIMED GRADUATES 634 STUDENTS**

No fewer than 634 students on Thursday graduated from the University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo State, during the institution's 6th convocation.

With 34 of the graduates bagging first class, 539 students will graduate from the institution's first degree, 95 will emerge from the postgraduate programmes, and 127 students will be graduating with unclassified degrees.

While disclosing this during the convocation ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi, revealed that those with unclassified degrees consist of 41 medical doctors, 23 dental surgeons, and 64 physiotherapists.

According to Fatusi, the research portfolio of the university has expanded within the last five years as well as focus on community development initiatives.

He said, "This convocation marks the first time that UNIMED will be awarding its honorary degree, and the calibre of people for whom our Senate and Council have approved the award speaks volumes of its import. There are five awardees who cut across the three geographical regions of our country, including two women.

"This convocation is my last as the vicechancellor of this university, and it signifies the end of the tenure of the second administration in the history of this fast-growing institution as I complete my tenure in the first quarter of 2025.

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two sets of medical laboratory scientists, and six sets of graduates of various health sciences programs in just 10 years of existence. This is a remarkable feat in Nigeria's history."

Meanwhile, the former governor of the state, Olusegun Mimiko clinched the Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Odunayo Akeredolu prize for the best graduating student in Master of Health Law and Policy.

On his part, Governor Lucky Aiyedatiwa, who disclosed that his administration has committed NI billion towards the construction of the university's senate building, hailed the institution on the strides achieved within a decade.

"Each graduate has not only completed an academic journey but is now part of the pioneering spirit that this institution has been known for since its establishment. For many of you in professional courses, I am aware that you have had to take your professional examinations along the way to get to this point of graduation.

"I have been reliably informed that UNIMED has consistently recorded 100% in all professional examinations conducted by Councils, including Regulatory Nursing, Medical Laboratory Sciences and Community Health over the years.

"I am immensely proud of the remarkable achievements of this university, and without any doubt, UNIMED is our pride in Ondo State, and the institution has given us a great place of pride in the Nigerian health and education landscape."

#### **AIYEDATIWA PROMISES IMPROVEMENT IN EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE DELIVERY**

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Aiyedatiwa, who hailed the university's decade of remarkable achievements, said: "The quality of infrastructure and human resources in an institution such as UNIMED is of utmost importance. This Senate Building will stand as a symbol of our collective dedication to excellence in education and healthcare.

The governor highlighted his administration's unwavering support for the institution, including the recent approval of N500 million as the first tranche for the Senate Building project and ₦250 million in counterpart funding for the Olu Akinkugbe Faculty of Pharmacy.

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He noted that the institution has continuously evolved, introducing a range of innovative programs aimed at addressing contemporary educational and professional needs.

"Among its achievements, the university has successfully produced three cohorts of medical doctors within the past decade, a testament to its commitment to academic excellence."

The vice-chancellor also commended the governor for his financial commitments, which he governor's said indicated the dedication to advancing the infrastructure university's and overall success.



### **EX-OAU VC CALLS FOR STATE OF EMERGENCY IN EDUCATION** ... As Varsity Graduates 634 Students

Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife, Prof. Bamitale Omole, has called for an immediate declaration of a state of emergency in the nation's education sector.

To this end, the former Vicetasked Chancellor governments at all levels to invest more in education, as all the development indices of the country centre on the education sector.

Omole Additionally, Prof. urged political office holders in the country to release part of salaries their and for the allowances development of the education sector.

The former Vice-Chancellor expressed worry over the budgetary allocation of the federal government to the education sector since independence, which he said below the 20% is recommended by the United Nations.

Delivering 10th the anniversary lecture of the Ondo State-owned University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo. on Wednesday. Prof. Omole noted that only a few states in the country prioritise the education of their people, as shown in their budgetary allocations, while others show little concern.

The former Vice-Chancellor "The Leviathan spoke on Debacle: **Re-imagining** University Education in Nigeria in an Age of Governmental Backsliding."

Former Vice-Chancellor of According to the don, ineptitude and indifference from governments at all levels have almost destroyed the nation's education sector.

> He said the budgetary allocation to the education sector from 1960 to date is not encouraging, hence the need for the government to show more interest in the sector.

> former Vice-Chancellor The attributed the poor technical knowhow and lack of professionals in many fields to the government's lack of interest in education, as reflected in the poor funding of the sector.

> Omole stated that "Taiwan. Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore channelled have а huge percentage of their budgets to education" and advised the federal government to borrow a leaf from these countries. According to him, these nations are more developed due to their interest in education. The development of the education sector, he said, will lead to the development the socioof economic status of the country and bring about progress in all sectors of the economy." A nation that forsakes the education of the people will be backward in all areas of life. For a nation to be developed, there's the need to develop the education sector.

> as education is the bedrock of transformation in life," he stressed.

> He added that "education brings enlightenment and civilization of minds, hence the need for the government to concentrate on the development of the education sector, as that is the only way through which the country can move forward."

> Omole submitted that for universities to be responsive, there is a need for a paradigm shift in the nation's educational system.

Meanwhile. no fewer than 634 students of the Ondo State-owned University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo, will graduate from the institution on Thursday.

Briefing newsmen at а preconvocation press conference, the Vice-Chancellor of the university, Prof. Adesegun Fatusi, disclosed that the graduands are from various departments of the university.

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The Vice-Chancellor also announced that the university will confer awards on some distinguished personalities, including the Osemawe of Ondo Kingdom, Oba Victor Adesimbo Kiladejo, former Governor of Ondo State, Dr Olusegun Mimiko, and Chief Isaac Akintade, a past member of the university's governing council.

The awards. he said. are in recognition of the meritorious contributions of the awardees to the growth and development of the university.

He further disclosed that the university's first Ph.D. graduate, Sunday Olarewaju, will receive his at the degree convocation ceremony, which will take place at the university's main campus on Thursday.



### **AIYEDATIWA BREAKS GROUND FOR UNIMED SENATE BUILDING** ..reaffirms commitment to education. healthcare

The Governor of Ondo State, the Senate Building project. He noted that the institution has Aivedatiwa. Luckv performed the groundbreaking funding ceremony for the construction Akinkugbe of the Senate Building at the Pharmacy. University of Medical Sciences The ceremony also featured educational (UNIMED), Ondo City, on Friday. The event, a key highlight of the including the conferment of Among its university's 6th Convocation, honorary underscores administration's commitment to advancing education and healthcare in the state.

Speaking during the ceremony, Governor Aiyedatiwa described the ₦1 billion project as a strategic investment in the institution's future. "The quality of infrastructure and human resources in an institution such as UNIMED is of utmost This importance. Senate Building will stand as a symbol of our collective dedication to excellence in education and healthcare," he stated.

The governor also used the occasion to celebrate the university's decade of achievements, remarkable lauding its leadership, staff, and students for their contributions Vice-Chancellor, to its growth.

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"You are the future of healthcare in Nigeria, and we are counting on you to bring transformative change," he said. Earlier, in his address, the Prof. Adesegun Fatusi, extended heartfelt congratulations to the governor on his recent victory in the gubernatorial election.

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> Vice-Chancellor The also commended the aovernor for his unwavering support for the university. He specifically praised university's new Chancellor the governor's approval of ₩250 million for the construction of a pharmacy complex and an additional billion for ₩1 the Senate Building.

> > significant financial These commitments. he said. underscore the governor's dedication advancing to the university's infrastructure and overall success.

> > In attendance were the Chief of Staff, Segun Omojuwa, and the Special Adviser on Education, Wumi Ilawola.



### UNIMED TRAINS 32 FIRST EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS

### ... Now accredited as a training site for basic life support training of America Heart Association

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo trained 32 First Emergency Medical Responders between Tuesday, 10th December. 2024 and Friday, 13th December, 2024 at Laje Campus of the University.

to the Vice-According Chancellor. Professor Adesegun Fatusi, "The First Emergency Medical Responders training is an initiative of the University aimed at empowering participants with life-saving skills and demonstrates the institution's commitment to community health and preparedness." He further said that preparatory to opening up the training to the public and proper certification of trainees as professionals, "UNIMED has been internationally accredited as a training site Life for Basic Support training". To this end, the Vice-Chancellor said "the University is now strategically positioned to help stem avoidable deaths often occasioned

by lack of emergency medical responses on Nigeria's highways through cutting-edge knowledge". The first emergency medical responders training held last week, to Professor according Akingbola, the lead instructor from the United States of America, was to "enhance participants' understanding of common medical emergencies equip participants with basic life support skills, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs). improve participants' ability to manage bleeding, shock, and other critical injuries, and foster a sense of community responsibility and preparedness".

The Chairman, Ondo State Hospital Management Board. Dr. Fasoranti, accompanied the bv Permanent Sceretary, Dr. Avodele Adiii the at closing of the training, commended the University for the initiative and appreciated Professor Akingbola for his patriotic commitment.

He went further to say that "government is ready to encourage all initiatives will that improve healthcare deliverv in Ondo State". The training programme incorporated blended learning а approach, combining. short video lectures with practical demonstrations and hands-on simulations, and had in attendance police security officers, men, teachers and ambulance drivers.



### UNIMED REGISTRAR-DESIGNATE BAGS SUNSHINE STATE ROLE MODEL AWARD

I am always conscious of how my actions or inactions will affect the people in the society, especially the youth. To this end, I live a life of example, professionally and personally, with a view to inspiring others to do better. This, I consider to be a meaningful life that is worthy of emulation".

Ezekiel Mr. Adeniran is the currently, Deputy Registrar (Governing Council and General Administration), University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED) and by God's grace will formally be inaugurated as the Registrar of UNIMED in January, 2025. This is not thrust on him. He through earned it intentionality, knowledge, dedication, diligence and discipline. His recognition as 2024 Sunshine State Role Model is an attestation to the biblical saying that "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men".

The event, which was chaired by Barrister (Hon,) D.I. Kekemeke, Vice-Chairman, APC Southwest, featured lecture, launching of award brochure and Path Leadership Foundation.



The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo Registrar-Designate, Mr. Ezekiel Adeniran, bagged 2024 Sunshine State Role Model Award on Sunday, 15th December, 2024 at OSPDC Multipurpose Hall, Ijapo Estate, Akure.

The award in was recognition of his exemplary life and stellar professional performance as university а administrator of no mean While repute. beina presented the award, the organiser, Path News and Events, said "Mr. Adeniran is а product of intentionality with his eves set on areatness through dint of hard work and Spartan discipline.

His meteoric rise to the top of his career shows dedication, diligence and discipline." The organisers added, "These sterling qualities have inspired many young ones to remain focused and desire to be like him".

Responding to the Mr. Adeniran recognition, thanked the organisers and pledged to continue to live a life of example that will not only inspire this generation but the generations vet unborn. In his words. "I believe in living an examined life, as an unexamined life is not worth living!

UNIMED Registrar-Designate Bags Sunshine State Role Model Award

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK WITH DR. DAVID O. AGBAJE

"Excellence thrives when it is recognised, celebrated and rewarded."- Prof. Adesegun O. Fatusi

### **MEANING:**

This quote by Prof. Adesegun O. Fatusi, a Nigerian professor of community medicine and public health, the former provost of the College of Health Sciences at Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, and the current Vice-chancellor of University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, on UNIMED 2024 Research and Innovation Day, encapsulates a fundamental truth about the nature of excellence and the human drive for achievement. Here are a few interpretations and implications of this statement:

**1. Recognition:** Acknowledging achievements is crucial for motivation. When individuals or teams receive recognition for their hard work and accomplishments, it validates their efforts and encourages them to maintain or exceed their performance levels.

**2. Celebration:** Celebrating excellence creates a positive culture and fosters a sense of belonging and community. It reinforces the value of high standards and can inspire others to strive for similar levels of excellence. Celebration can take many forms, from formal awards to informal acknowledgments.

**3. Reward:** Providing tangible rewards—whether in the form of promotions, bonuses, or professional development opportunities—can significantly enhance motivation. Rewards serve as both an incentive for current performance and a benchmark for future achievements.

4. Impact on **Organizations:** In organizational settings, fostering an environment where excellence is recognized, celebrated, and rewarded can lead to higher emplovee satisfaction, increased productivity, a stronger commitment and to organizational goals.

5. Broader Implications: This concept extends bevond individual achievements encompass to collective efforts within communities. educational institutions, and broader society. By creating systems that recognize and reward excellence, we foster culture that а motivates improvement continuous and innovation.

In conclusion, the essence of Prof. Fatusi's statement reflects a vital aspect of human motivation and social dynamics. By ensuring that excellence is appreciated, we pave the way for ongoing growth, achievement, and a thriving culture of excellence across various domains.



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