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Executive Secretary Visits Caleb University

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC) Professor Julius A. Okojie, on Thursday, 7 August 2008 undertook an unscheduled visit to Caleb University, Ketu, Lagos. During visit, which is a continuation of his familiarization tour of Universities in Nigeria, meetings were held with the Vice-Chancellor and University Management and other staff of the University. Facilities of the University were also inspected.

The Executive Secretary informed the Vice-Chancellor, Professor T. N. Tayo and staff of the university that his visit was to assess the progress of the university since its licensing in 2007, review its plans for future development and also to provide him the opportunity to advice on how to properly reposition the institution for greater challenges. Professor Okojie expressed confidence in the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor of the university, whom he commended as a great scholar and administrator whose wealth of experience in university management would drive the institution to attain excellence in service delivery. He therefore urged Management and staff to cooperate with the Vice-Chancellor to achieve the vision of the university. He further advised the university to take the following appropriate actions to ensure that it was on the right track:



Professor Julius A. Okojie
Executive Secretary, NUC

- Address the issues of indiscipline that presently abound in the Nigerian University System;
- Ensure that the right calibre of teaching and non-teaching staff are recruited;
- Institute an effective staff training and development policy to keep staff abreast of emerging trends in their various disciplines and to reduce staff turn-over;
- Ensure that the programmes offered by the university are relevant to national development; and
- Evolve a reasonable cost sharing scheme for survival.



Prof Julius A. Okojie discussing with the VC, Caleb University, Prof. T. N. Tayo

sterling leadership qualities of the NUC Executive Secretary and described him as an erudite scholar whose contributions to the Nigerian University System and the nation are worthy of emulation. He informed the Executive Secretary that though the university is young, it has made remarkable progress in the areas of quality service delivery, physical infrastructure development, staffing and capacity building. Professor Tayo expressed his appreciation to the Executive Secretary for the kind words, advice and encouragement and urged him not to relent in his service to the university system and the nation.

He assured the Vice-Chancellor that NUC had plans to restore confidence in the university system and to ensure quality university education in Nigeria. Consequently, the Commission is planning to introduce institutional accreditation in Nigerian Universities Accreditation System and sustain the programme audit exercise.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Caleb University, Prof. T.N. Tayo extolled the



The Executive Secretary with Principal Officers of the University during the inspection tour

Nigeria to Host 12th AAU General Conference

aigeria is to host the 12th General Conference of the Association of African Universities (AAU). This is sequel to the hosting right granted the University of Ilorin and University of Abuja to co-host the Conference in Abuja from 4 – 9 May 2009.

At the Inaugural meeting of the hosts, the Vice-Chancellors of the two universities called on the Federal Government and other well meaning Nigerians to assist the universities towards successful hosting of the Conference. More than 600 delegates from 139 member universities are expected in Nigeria for the event. Also expected are observers from universities in other parts of the world. Nigeria first hosted the Conference in 1967 at the University of Ibadan.

To ensure a hitch-free Conference, which has as its theme, ***“Sustaining Development in Africa: The Role of African Universities”***, two Committees have been inaugurated to organize the Conference and make it the best ever in the history of the AAU. *The Conference Local Organizing Committee and the Conference Steering Committee* are to be headed by the Vice-Chancellors of the two universities supported by their respective Registrars with other members drawn from various Faculties and Departments of the two universities, Government agencies, relevant Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) concerned with higher education and the Media.

The Conference, which will also feature the election of a new President, 3 Vice-Presidents and 11 Members of the AAU Executive Board, will be one of the major priorities of Professor Goolam Mohammedbhai who assumed duty as Secretary-General of the Association on 1st August 2008.



NIGERIAN NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO



FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Third Mondialogo Engineering Award 2008/2009 – Call for Participants

The UNESCO/Daimler Mondialogo Partnership has launched the second round of the Mondialogo Engineering Awards (MEA). The goal of the Mondialogo Partnership is to promote intercultural dialogue, particularly among students and young Engineers from developing countries.

The Mondialogo Engineering Award encourages engineering students in developed and developing countries to form International Teams and to create project proposals that address the United Nations (UN) Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), especially poverty reduction and sustainable development to improve the quality of life in the developing world.

Each International Team would engage in international cooperation and intercultural dialogue over a six month period, from November 2008 to April 2009, to propose practical, high quality engineering projects for the benefit of local communities in developing countries.

The Mondialogo Engineering Award consists of a total amount of €300,000. MEA Gold Awards of €15,000, Silver Awards of €10,000, and Bronze Awards of €5,000. It is intended that these awards be used as ‘seed funding’ to help develop and initiate the project proposals.

Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki partnered with the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (Engineers without borders), United States of America (USA) to win one of the awards in the 2006/2007 edition.

To register for the Mondialogo Engineering Award, every International Project Team should complete a registration form and a statement of Project interest online at: www.mondialogo.org/mea/application. Registration phase runs until 31 October 2008.

The Commonwealth Education Good Practice Awards 2009

The Commonwealth Secretariat invites submissions for the Education Good Practice Awards, Round Two, which will culminate in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in June 2009 at the 17th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers (17CCEM). Commonwealth Ministries of Education, Civil Society and non-governmental organizations working in the field of education are invited to submit good practices on their work in one or more of the following 6 Action Areas, by Friday, 31 October, 2008.

- Achieving Universal Primary Education
- Eliminating Gender Disparities in Education
- Improving Quality in Education
- Using Distance Learning to Overcome Barriers
- Supporting Education in Difficult Circumstances
- Mitigating the Impact of HIV/AIDS on Education System.

Submissions must be sent by e-mail and/or post and must be addressed to;
The Coordinator, Commonwealth Education Good Practice Awards Education Section, Commonwealth Secretariat, Marlborough House, Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5HX, United Kingdom, e-mail: educationawards@commonwealth.int.

Good Practice Award submissions will only be accepted from organizations, not individuals.

The adjudication of finalists will be in June 2009 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Some funding for travel will be available for finalists.

History of the Awards

In 2005, the Commonwealth Secretariat launched the first round of Education Good Practice Awards, which Ministers had recommended in 2003, to recognize and acknowledge good practices in Education throughout the Commonwealth. Nine finalists of the first round attended the adjudication at the 16th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers (16CCEM) in South Africa in December 2006; and good practices from South Africa, Cyprus and India were selected as the winners. Education Ministers at 16CCEM endorsed the programme as an effective means of disseminating information on promising problem-solving initiatives across the Commonwealth.

How to submit a Good Practice Award

Good Practice submissions must be programmes, projects, policies, strategies or significant interventions which have made a positive difference to the status and condition of primary school children, their teachers, or the education system of a country in respect of one or more of the 6 Action Areas.

Criteria for the Good Practice Awards

- **Relevance:** The Good Practice demonstrates a socio-culturally sensitive and economically appropriate response to the context and challenge of education delivery in a specific country.
- **Measurable Impact and Effect:** The value of the Good Practice is measured through qualitative and quantitative indicators to demonstrate impact and effect.
- **Sustainability:** The Good Practice is or can be projected to have positive impact and effect whether intermittently at intervals, or on a consistent, continuous basis as required over the long-term.
- **Efficiency and Effectiveness:** The Good Practice has demonstrated cost-savings and/or the efficient and effective use of resources in its implementation.
- **Community Participation and Contribution:** The success of the Good Practice is enhanced or enriched through community and civil society participation, ownership or contribution.
- **Replication:** Given similar conditions and circumstances, the Good Practice has the potential to be replicated in the Education systems of other Commonwealth countries.

Submissions must include:

- A 50-word Executive Summary of the submission
- A 1,500 (maximum) word description of the project
- An Application Form (available in PDF on the awards web-site at www.thecommonwealth.org/education)
- Information on the size of the organization, the budget involved and the size of the target/beneficiary population.

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS: Friday, 31 October, 2008.

Submissions received after this date will not be considered.

List of Approved Universities in Nigeria

S/N	UNIVERSITIES					
	Federal	Year	State	Year	Private	Year
1	University of Ibadan, Ibadan	1948	Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port-Harcourt	1979	Babcock University, Ilishan Remo	1999
2	University of Nigeria, Nsukka	1960	Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma	1980	Madonna University, Okija	1999
3	Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife	1962	Abia State University, Uturu	1981	Igbinedion University, Okada	1999
4	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	1962	Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu	1982	Bowen University, Iwo	2001
5	University of Lagos, Lagos	1962	Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye	1982	Covenant University, Ota	2002
6	University of Benin,	1970	Lagos State University,	1983	Pan-African University,	2002

	Benin City		Ojo, Lagos		Lagos	
7	Bayero University, Kano	1975	University of Ado-Ekiti, Ado-Ekiti	1982	Benson Idahosa University, Benin City	2002
8	University of Calabar, Calabar	1975	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso	1990	ABTI-American University, Yola	2003
9	University of Ilorin, Ilorin	1975	Imo State University, Owerri	1992	Redeemers University, Mowe	2005
10	University of Jos, Jos	1975	Benue State University, Makurdi	1992	Ajayi Crowther University, Ibadan	2005
11	University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri	1975	Delta State University, Abraka	1992	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin	2005
12	Usman Danfodiyo University, Sokoto	1975	Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko	1999	Caritas University, Amorji-Nke, Enugu	2005
13	University of Port-Harcourt, Port-Harcourt	1975	Kogi State University, Anyigba	1999	CETEP City University, Lagos	2005
14	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	1980	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	Bingham University, Jos	2005
15	Federal University of Technology, Akure	1981	Anambra State University of Science & Technology	2000	Katsina University, Katsina	2005
16	Federal University of Technology, Yola	1981	Kano State University of Technology, Wudil	2000	Renaissance University, Enugu	2005
17	Federal University of Technology, Minna	1982	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	Bells University of Technology, Badagary	2005
18	Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna	1985	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	Lead City University of Ibadan, Oyo State	2005
19	University of Abuja,	1988	Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005
20	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi	1988	Gombe State University, Gombe	2004	Wukari Jubilee University	2005
21	University of Agriculture, Makurdi	1988	Kaduna State University, Kaduna	2004	Crescent University, Abeokuta	2005
22	University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	1988	Cross River University of Technology, Calabar	2004	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005
23	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka	1992	Plateau State University, Bokkos	2005	University of Mkar	2005
24	University of Uyo, Uyo	1991	Akwa Ibom State University of Technology	2005	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji Osun State	2006
25	Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike	1992	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005	Caleb University, Lagos	2007
26	National Open	2002	Tai Solarin University	2005	Fountain University,	2007

	University, Abuja		of Education, Ijagun		Oshogbo	
27	Fed. Univ. of Petroleum Resources, Effurun	2007	Katsina State University, Katsina	2006	Obong University, Obong Ntak	2007
28			Bukar Abba Ibrahim University, Damaturu Yobe State	2006	Salem University, Lokoja	2007
29			Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006	Tansian University, Umunya	2007
30			Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	Veritas University, Abuja	2007
31			University of Education, Ikere-Ekiti	2008	Wesley Univ. of Science & Tech., Ondo	2007
32			Ondo State University of Science and Technology, Okiti-Pupa	2008	Western Delta Univ., Oghara, Delta State	2007
33					The Achievers University, Owo	2007
34					African Univ. of Science & Tech., Abuja	2007

NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION



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- 1) National University of Nigeria, Keffi, Nassarawa State or any of its other campuses
- 2) North Central University, Otukpo, Benue State or any of its other campuses
- 3) Christians of Charity American University of Sci. & Tech, Nkpor, Anambra State or any of its other campuses
- 4) Leadway University, Ughelli, Delta State or any of its other campuses
- 5) Saint Clements University, along Ado-Ekiti, Iyin, Ekiti State or any of its other campuses
- 6) Christ Alive Christian Seminary and University, Enugu or any of its other campuses
- 7) Atlantic Intercontinental University, Okija, Anambra State or any of its other campuses

- 8) Metro University, Dutse/Bwari, Abuja or any of its other campuses
- 9) Southend University, Ngwuro Egeru (Afam) Ndoki, Rivers State or any of its other campuses
- 10) University of Industry, Yaba, Lagos or any of its other campuses
- 11) University of Applied Sciences & Management, Port Novo, Republic of Benin or any of its other campuses in Nigerian
- 12) Rev. D. O. Ockiya College of Theology and Management Sciences, Emeyal II Ogbia, Bayelsa.(The Degree awarding part of their programmes) or any of its other campuses
- 13) Blacksmith University, Awka or any of its other campuses
- (14) Volta University College, Ho, Volta Region, Ghana or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 15) Royal University Izhia, P.O. Box 800, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State or any of its other campuses
- 16) Houdegbe North American University or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 17) Atlanta University, Ayingba, Kogi State or any of its other campuses
- 18) Sunday Adokpela University, Otada Adoka, Otukpo, Benue State or any of its other campuses
- 19) United Christian University, Macotis Campus, Imo State or any of its other campuses.
- 20) United Nigeria University College, Okija, Anambra State or any of its other campuses.
- 21) Richmond Open University, Arochukwu, Anambra State or any of its other campuses.
- 22) Samuel Ahmadu University, Makurdi, Benue State or any of its other campuses.
- 23) UNESCO University, Ndoni, Rivers State or any of its other campuses.
- 24) Strategic Business School, Lagos or any of its other campuses
- 25) Saint Augustines University of Technology, Jos, Plateau State or any of its other campuses
- 26) Open International University, Akure or any of its other campuses.
- 27) Lobi Business School, Makurdi, Benue State or any of its other campuses.
- 28) The International University, Missouri, USA operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 29) Collumbus University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 30) Tiu International University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 31) Pebbles University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 32) Aston U niversity, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 33) London External Studies UK operating anywhere in Nigeria.

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 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,
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 ANNOUNCER.

Best wishes for the week.