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Our Mission

- Building leadership through Christian education; transforming lives, impacting society for positive change.

Our Vision

- A first-class Seventh-day Adventist institution, building servant leaders for a better world.

Our Core Values

- Excellence
- Integrity
- Accountability
- Servant Leadership,
- Team Spirit
- Autonomy & Responsibility
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Go where you are celebrated – not tolerated. If they can’t see the real value of you, it’s time for a new start.”

- Anon

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Celebrating a Retiree: Director Human Resources, Dr Abiola Makinde and other HR staff celebrate with Mrs Joy Chioma and spouse, Dr. Sylvanus Chioma (3rd and 4th right).

PROF. PAT UTOMI PAYS COURTESY VISIT



Prof Ademola Tayo (I) and Prof Pat Utomi

The University President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo, last week received Professor of Political Science and Management Consultant, Prof. Pat Utomi during a courtesy visit to his office.

Prof. Utomi who was one of the guest speakers at the

International Conference on Knowledge and Information Management hosted by the Department of IRM, said he was impressed

with the infrastructural development in the University and regretted his inability to have paid an earlier visit.

“I have heard a lot about Babcock and impressed with what I see,” he said.

His visit coincided with that of another keynote ad-

dress speaker, Prof. Daisy Selematsela, Professor of Knowledge & Information Management, University of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Some members of the Local Organizing Committee including Head of the IRM department, Dr. Yemisi Babalola, Director of RIIC, Prof. Grace Tayo and Prof. Rosaline Opeke, were also present.

Prof. Tayo wished the organizers and guests a successful outing at the conference.

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THE MAKING OF A PATENT - PROF ONIGBINDE

Things are looking up for Researchers in Babcock University. What started out as a small experiment in the laboratory has turned out to be the first of the 13 researches submitted for patent approval.

A faculty of the Basic Sciences Department, Prof. Adebayo Onigbinde is at the centre of it all. He shares his experience with our Assistant Editor, Mr. Godwin Ugbaka. Excerpts:

Q. What is the patent all about?

A. When you have a patent, you have an exclusive right for the product for a period of 20 years. Nobody can do the same thing that you have done except they get permission from you.

Q. Which areas did you get patents on?

A. They are in three areas : Sugar-free sweet potato (Yellow Ipomoea batata) for confectionaries and other commercial derivatives; Sweet Potato composite baby-weaning formula II and production of Wheat flour fortified with animal and plant proteins

Q. What inspired you to



Prof. Onigbinde: The future is like the sky.

go into this?

A. I would say it is more of inspiration from God because it occurred to me overnight. Sometimes I wake up in the night and do my devotion and that is when the inspiration comes. This as well as the drive to impact my immediate environment.

When I was living in the US, I discovered that researchers took care of their environment first before going out so I thought of what I could contribute to my immediate environment.

Q: How long did it take you to complete it?

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“The future, like the sky, is unlimited. Anyone can do great things if they put their mind to it and if you have the mindset of contributing to the development of the human race.”



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A. Precisely it took me about two weeks because I started this research in December 2012 when everybody was on holiday. But I decided to stay back to try that inspiration I received in the lab. I got the result before resumption.

Q. What does this mean to you?

A. It means a lot to me; that I came to this world to contribute to its progress. It is the grace of God and I appreciate Him for that. It is not that I am better than my colleagues.

Q. Were you expecting the patent when you ventured into it?

A. Yes. I knew that what I got was original, and I knew that was one of the requirements for getting a patent. I knew it was a new process and was very sure we would get it.

Q. What does the future holds for other researchers in the University?

A. The future, like the sky, is unlimited. Anyone can do great things if they put their mind to it and if you have the mindset of contributing to the development of the human race.

It is hard work. But you have to be consistent and be prayerful. Like I said, God gave the inspiration and I followed through on it.

Q. To what extent did the BU administration support you?

A: They gave me a support grant when I was fine-tuning the process. Initially I used my own money. But I later got grant that helped me to fine-tune the process. You cannot get it done alone.

A colleague Mr. Feyisara Daramola is part of the research. You need the cooperation of like minds who are determined to succeed.

Q. What were the challenges faced and how did you overcome them?

A. The major challenge we had was availability of standard equipment to make the process easier. BU is planning to set up a central laboratory to facilitate research. Sometimes we had to go outside of the school to do some of the analyses which cost money and time.

Q: Patent without sustainability may create problems.



What steps are you taking to ensuring sustainability?

A: It all depends on Babcock. If BU wants to make the product, they have to invest on it. I have already made the job easier by approaching Bank of Industry, which has agreed to support it financially. We are also working on getting the relevant documents to support it. Babcock can start the business, sell it or license people to produce the product whichever they want.

Q. What is the cost implication of coming out with the patent?

A: I am still doing the estimate but I don't think it will be more than a hundred million Naira (N100million). We have found a site opposite the main campus on which to establish the factory.

Q: What are the economic benefits attached to it?

A. There is a patent document that shows benefits is shared by BU, my faculty, School, department and individuals.

Q: Is there any word of encouragement to others who may wish to venture into such project?

A: My word of encouragement is: you must focus on God and be a master of anything you do. Hard work pays. People who get patent approval are not geniuses; they just benefitted from the blessing of God that has been bestowed on them.

Q: Are you married with children?

A. Yes, I am and blessed with three children, all male. One is in US, one is studying Computer Science in Babcock University.

PRESIDENT INTERACTS WITH PCF MEMBERS



BU Students Association President, Ene Alu (left) makes her presentation at the meeting as Prof. Ademola S. Tayo and other PCF executive members (l-r) Mr, Ayo Aluko, Abiodun Osiyemi and Mrs. Bukky Fadayomi, listen with rapt attention.

Organizational change was one of the top agenda issues the President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola S. Tayo addressed at this year's Parents Consultative Forum.

These included the positions of the University Pastor and the Director of Student Support Centre previously held by Prof. Tunde Ojewole and Dr Augusta Olaore respectively. Since they are currently on leave of absence, their positions are now held by Dr Sunday Audu and Dr Elizabeth Okonkwo

respectively.

Similarly, the immediate past Vice Chancellors of Caleb University and Adventist University of West Africa, Liberia, Professors Ayandiji Aina and Olusola Ogunwemimo have returned to continue their service in the university on the completion of their tenures.

Before proceeding further, the President called for the observance of a minute silence for three members who died in December 2018.

Professor Tayo also enlightened parents on Babcock's compliance with government's policy on the extended Student Industrial Work Experience Scheme from a three-month to a six-month programme to provide broader industrial experience to students.

By implication, 300 level students would now be expected to return to school for their second semester in July on the completion of their training, January to June.

He further appealed for greater collaboration between parents and the school to nib challenges such as drugs before they become worse.

"I don't think there is any school that is not faced with drug issues today," he said. "But here in Babcock University, we are confronting it headlong as our main reason for existence is the redemption of our students."

He therefore urged the parents to be more vigilant when their wards travel and avoid any unnecessary movement during the national elections.

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A cross section of parents and University officers. Front row: (l-r) University Pastor, Dr. Sunday Audu and SVP Academics, Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro.

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OTHER ISSUES ADDRESSED BY THE PRESIDENT

ON 60/20 CELEBRATION: There are plans to organize a big celebration to mark the Babcock University anniversary at 60 years as an institution and 20 years as a privately accredited institution this year.

ON MEAL OPTIONS Students are expected to take meals prepared by the school to ensure they get a balanced diet and to give them time to focus on their studies. Even so, the food council, comprising the students' body and staff, meet monthly to prepare a balanced menu.

ON EXTERNAL EXAMS: Babcock University stood out in both bar exam of the Nigeria Law School and ICAN exams.

ON EXCHANGE PROGRAMME: Besides the Medical students, Social Work and Computer Science students jetted out to Havana State University in Atlanta Georgia, USA and University of Computer Skills, Lois in Poland on exchange programme.

ON RENOVATION IN NEAL WILSON HALL: Repair work in Neil Wilson Hall would soon be completed.

ON CLINICAL ROTATION IN INDIA: Arrangements are ongoing to ensure the sustainability of the medical students' clinical rotation to India.



Responding to matters arising: (l-r) SVP Management Services, Prof. Sunday Owolabi and VPFA/University Bursar, Dr. Folorunsho Akande.

A parent takes her turn as the Director of External affairs, Protocol & Logistics, Mr. Isaac Osuntade listens with interest.

BU HOSTS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INFORMATION



Prof. Ademola Tayo (2nd right) with (l-r) Head of IRM Department, Dr. Yemisi Babalola, Prof. Pat Utomi and Prof. Daisy Selematsela.

The just concluded international conference on Knowledge and Innovation Management ended with a call to practitioners to reposition the sector for sustainable development.

Hosted by the University's Information Resources Management department in collaboration with the Office of Research, Innovation and International Cooperation, the programme brought together

information management experts and academic eggheads across several disciplines.

Top among these were keynote speakers, Professor Daisy Selematsela, a Professor of Information and Knowledge Management, University of Johannesburg, South Africa and Professor Williams Siyanbola, Professor of Innovation Management, Centre for Energy, Research

and Development, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife.

Others were President/Chairman, Institute of Information Management, Ambassador Ayodeji Oyedokun and Dr Seun Ebiesuwa, a faculty of the BU Computer Science department among others.

President/Vice Chancellor who declared the conference open, said the theme was timely as

every organization needed new thinking for sustainable development.

"It is not just about building intranets," he said. "It is about building networks which can eventually be transferred to working skills."

Guest speaker, Professor of Political Science and Management Consultant, Professor Pat Utomi, decried the inability of many developing countries to adapt knowledge and manage available information thereby remaining technologically backward.

To reverse this trend, he said there must be a willingness not only to learn but adapt to the speed of change.

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Prof. Ademola S. Tayo greets one of the keynote speakers, Professor Williams Siyanbola. With them are Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro (left) and Ambassador Ayodeji Oyedokun (2nd



Like minds: Prof. Ademola Tayo (fourth left) with other facilitators and members of the Local Organising Committee. Pictured left: Prof. Daisy Matesela receives plaque from Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro.

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“Sustainable development in society is dependent on our ability to learn and adapt to change at the speed of thought,” he noted.

“But how can a country compete if she doesn’t know she has the endowments and turn them around into value chains to compete?” he asked.

According to him, if well managed, knowledge could mitigate against man-made disasters and fast track national development

Professor Utomi who was speaking on the theme, *Stimulating a Culture of Knowledge Management & Innovation for Sustainable Development*, said the weak bond between the town and gown, especially in the military era, adversely affected the universities’ prestige for research and their direct relevance to societal progress.

While expressing delight in the drive of private universities to change the narrative, he urged government and relevant institutions to continue to encourage the right people with great ideas in the university system that can move society forward.

Professor Utomi regretted Nigeria’s seeming inability to turnaround its natural endowments in cassava to secure the global market and dominance in value chains.

He noted that Nigeria, in spite of its rich endowment in cassava, did not match Indonesia in the volume of cassava-based products in the global market.

Right: Prof. Grace Tayo and bottom: Conference participants.



The Unity Chorale render their musical presentation

BABCOCK FLAGS OFF FREE ADULT EDUCATION



A cross section of the students at the Adult Education programme in rapt attention as Prof. Ruth Aderanti (pictured right) welcomes them.



As the University's Education Department, flagged-off its free Adult Education programme to staff and non-staff last week, it seemed like a small step of faith. But for the students, it was a huge leap in the right direction for self-development. According to the Head of Department, Prof. Ruth Aderanti, the Adult Education pilot programme is an initiative of the University administration to "bridge the education

gap amongst target community members and expand the horizon for their educational advancement."

The programme's curriculum for now, focuses on reading and writing in English Language with undergraduate students of Education serving as instructors.

Associate Programme Coordinator, Prof. Comfort Oyinloye is optimistic that with time, collaborations

could be formed to include other areas of study.

"What we want to do, is to give the participants the wings to fly. If they can read and write in English, they can enroll for further formal education. The programme is free to encourage everyone."

The programme which would be weekly on Sundays had more than 20 people last week and more were still expected.

A faculty member in Guidance & Counselling, Dr. Alice Bello was also there to give her support.

One of the students and staff of BU Clean, Bukola Akinkunmi, said, "I'm excited about the programme because I want to improve on my education and believe it would help me fulfill my destiny."



Students at the first Adult Education class. Left: Dr. Alice Bello makes a point.



L-R: Oluwabukola AKINKUNMI, Ubong EDET, Nnenna ONUGHA



L-R:
David OLANREWAJU, Kehinde AMOO, and IBRAHEEM



Associate Programme Coordinator, Prof. Comfort Oyinloye is optimistic that with time, the Adult Education program would expand beyond its current curriculum.

The Weekly Digest team wanted to know the students' take about the programme. Excerpts.

I came for the programme because I wanted to acquire more knowledge. I see Education as the best way to make it in life and fulfil my destiny.

Oluwabukola AKINKUNMI

The reason I joined this Adult Education class is to improve how to read and write in English as well as to better understand the language.

Ubong EDET

I came here to gain more education.

Nnenna ONUGHA

The reason I came to this school is to improve my education.

David OLANREWAJU

I am here to be more enlightened about education.

- Damilola IBRAHEEM

The reason I like to take part in this adult education programme is because Education is the best way to a brighter future.

- Funmilayo ISRAEL

I came to know better.

- Olusola SOSANYA

I want to know how to read and write better

Kehinde AMOO

I am here because education is the light.

Bose LAWAL

I came to know more and improve myself.

- Obiageri OBISIE

I want to know how to read and write very well.

- Sewa AGBODEMU

PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS

Babcock extended its Corporate Social Responsibility to the Ikenne Local Government Primary Health Care Centres recently. Dean of the School of Nursing Services Prof. Ezekiel Ajao and the SVP Academics, Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro led a team of faculty members to present medical equipment and drugs. The Head of Ikenne Local Government Administration, Alhaji Fatai Adeyemi received the items on behalf of the Centres. He said the gifts would help the centre meet the community's basic health care need.



Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro presents gift to Alhaji Fatai Adeyemi . With them are: Ms. Yetunde Soneye, Prof. Ezekiel Ajao and Primary Health Care Coordinator, Ikenne Local Government Dr. Esther Ogunsilu.



Three pre-conference workshops on SPSS, STATA and Practical Knowledge Management kicked off the International Conference on Knowledge and Innovation Management. Pictures capture two events - the workshop and the ICKIM keynote speaker, Prof. Daisy Selematsela as University Librarian, Prof. Clara Okoro reads her citation.



BABCOCK HONOURS RETIREES IN PICTURES



Retirees had their time of honour after their labour with the University. The Human Resources Department rolled out the red carpet to celebrate them with thanksgiving at the Babcock Pioneer Church and luncheon. Amongst them are: (l – r) Prof. Edward Esan, Dr. Ukairo Emea, Prof. Anjuwon Akinwande, Mrs. Joy Chioma, Elder. Shem Magaji, (represented by Jonathan Dangana), Mr. Waheed Akinleye, Mr. Samuel Okpechi, Mr. Moses Adesi, Mrs Hope Ogbonna and Mr. Taiwo Ogunyemi.



Director of Facilities Management, Engineer Abidemi Oyinloye presents a gift on behalf of the department to Mr. Taiwo Ogunyemi. With him are his spouse and other family members.





COMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JAN 25 - FEB 2 WEEK OF PRAYER

It is another time for spiritual revival and rebirth as the annual week of prayer holds simultaneously in both campuses with the theme: ***Experience His Word.***

Speakers for the event are: Ministerial Director for the Southern Africa Indian Ocean Division, Pastor Passnore Mulambo, (Iperu campus) and Youth Director for the Central Zimbabwe Conference,

Pastor Irvine Gwatiringa. (Main campus)

Venue: Babcock Sports Complex
Iperu Ceremonial Ground

Time: AM: 6:00 - 7:45
PM: 6:30 - 7:45

JAN 31

THURSDAY @ EIGHT

The Youth Director for the Central Zimbabwe Conference, Pastor Irvine Gwatiringa will be our guest on our phone-in programme on Hope 89.1FM.

Time: 8:30pm

Call: 08080256087

Department will host the 2nd edition of the Principals' Conference. Participants are expected from top league institutions and the SVP Management Services will be among the facilitators for the interactive sessions.

Venue: BGH **Time:** 10:00am

FEB 27

PROPRIETORS CONFERENCE

The SVP Management Services on behalf of the Marketing Department will be hosting the 1st edition of the Proprietors' Conference. It is expected to bring together about 50 participants across several states of the federation.

Venue: BGH **Time:** 10:00am.

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FEB 7 INAUGURAL LECTURE

The University will host its 26th Inaugural Lecture. See poster for details.

FEB 18 MID- SEMESTER EXAMINATION

FEB 20 PRINCIPAL'S CONFERENCE

The Marketing

REFLECTION



"Truth is a one-man
army but it can defeat a
battalion in one
second."

- Isaac Elesha

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Chairman:
Professor Ademola S. Tayo
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President/Vice Chancellor, Babcock University

Date:
Thursday, February 7, 2019

Venue:
Main Auditorium, Babcock Business School

Time: 2.00pm

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