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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“It’s not how many times you say I love you, but how many times you prove you do. Words are nothing without actions.”

- Anon

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TOP OF THE WEEK



Prof Ademola Tayo and Prof. Ibrahim Gambari (3rd and 4th left), With them are Prof Femi Ajayi (4th right), Babcock officers and members of Prof Gambari's entourage.

RESTRUCTURING INEVITABLE, PROF GAMBARI

Nigeria needs the collaborative and selfless efforts of the political elites as well as constitutional amendments to build a better Nigeria for all.

Former United Nations Under-Secretary and Nigeria's permanent representative to the UN, Professor Ibrahim Gambari expressed these views as guest lecturer of the University's Public Affairs Forum last week.

His paper, *Federalism and the future of Nigeria: the challenge of restructuring*, called for a paradigm shift on

restructuring and a revisiting of the 2014 constitutional conference to allay fears

on restructuring and move Nigeria forward.

“Had the consensus reached at the 2014 constitutional conference been implemented rather than thrashed, we would not be talking about restructuring today,” he said.



Prof. Ibrahim Gambari at the Forum

According to him, since restructuring, nation building and federalism were hinged on the same principles, Nigeria needed to embrace it as a necessity, not an option for survival.

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DISSECTING THE TROUBLE
WITH ZERO IN MATHEMATICS

Inaugural lecturer, Joseph Adelodun and Prof. Prof Ademola Tayo, (3rd and 4th left). With them are (l-r) Professors Cryril Nwangburuka, Iheanyichukwu Okoro, Sunday Owolabi and Stephen Fapohunda.



Against increasing loss of interest in Mathematics, Professor Joseph Adelodun has called on Universities across the country to reverse the trend through floating postgraduate courses as well as boosting research in the subject.

The Professor of Mathematics who stated this while delivering the University's 27th inaugural lecture, *Zero, the Troubler*, also called on the government to reward past labour of teachers of Mathematics.

According to him, several factors contributed to creating the "trouble" with zero. Among others, was that unlike other numer-

als, zero had no additive inverse.

"By way of definition, the additive inverse of 4 is -4; the additive inverse of 5 is -5. But 0 has no additive inverse," he stated.

Similarly, the concept of zero was not only relatively new as both a number and numeral, but signified both something and nothing.

Furthermore, its misuse by the public also got professionals worried when people say "number" when they actually meant to say, "numeral."

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Top left: A cross section of guests at the lecture. Top Prof Adelodun exchanges pleasantries with Prof Sunday Owolabi.



Left: A cross section of staff and faculty applaud the lecturer. Top: Prof. Ademola Tayo and Prof. Adelodun.



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He said a number was an abstract idea and a numerical concept that could not be touched.

“What one can see or touch is its representation or symbol,” he noted. “When we say ‘four’, the mention of four either gives the idea of the quantity required or the quantity of interest.”

Consequently, since nobody could see a four, a hundred or a twenty, and what could be seen or touched was merely a symbol that represented these numbers, the symbol was nothing but a

numeral.

“Therefore a numeral is different from a number in the sense that a person was different from his or her name,” he added.

Professor Adelodun also said zero behaved differently from other numerals thereby giving

beginners in mathematics a great concern.

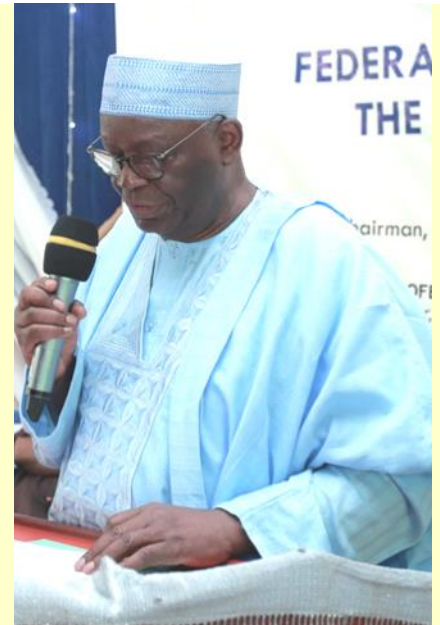
He said even the reading or pronunciation of zero was trouble for many and that instead of saying zero for 0, people say oh.

“For instance, a phone number, 08033820864 is wrongly read by many as oh8oh3382oh864, the phone number, 07030000047 is wrongly read as oh7oh3ohohohohoh47,” he stated.

He therefore called for an intentional and sustained action plan to reverse this trend as every other field of study had some level of relationship with Mathematics.



Prof. Tayo and lecturer, Prof. Joseph Adelodun with Deans and officers of the University. Extreme right is the Chief of staff, Dr. David Alao.



Prof. Gambari (right) addressing the audience at the public forum

“RESTRUCTURING, INEVITABLE,” PROF GAMBARI

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He said as a matter of urgency, Nigeria needed to create safety nets to take care of the underprivileged and the handicapped.

“You cannot build a nation with increasing inequality,” he said. “Our

constitution should continue to be amended until we get a perfect model.”

Citing the restructure of Nigeria from regional to state government structure, he said agitations for change were inevitable.

Professor Gambari also called on universities to be part of the national conversation and be in the forefront of brainstorming on solutions to global challenges.

He commended Babcock for its role in adding value to higher national education.

On his part, independent consultant and former Professor of Political Science and special guest of honour Professor Adele Jinadu said Nigerian intellectuals had a duty to become the voice of the people.

He frowned at the idea of Lawyers muddying the waters with confrontational views on federalism rather than using happenings between local and state governments and state and federal governments as grounds for reevaluating their positions.



Clockwise: Acting Dean of the VASSS, Ass. Prof. Jumoke Yacob-Haliso welcomes Prof. Gambari and his entourage. University Pastor, Dr. Sunday Audu and a cross section of students.

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Dr Haliso prepares to present Prof Ibrahim Gambari a plaque as Prof Ademola Tayo and a faculty member watch with interest.

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He advocated power sharing between the local and state governments on one hand, and states and federal government on the other for building a stronger Nigeria.

The Director of the Nigeria Institute of Legislative and Democratic Studies, Professor Femi Ajayi who chaired the event, cited weak governance and absence of credible leadership as factors responsible for Nigeria's inability to maximize its great potentials.

While commending the organizers of the Forum, President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola S. Tayo said the event would serve as a veritable vehicle for addressing pressing national issues.

According to him, the programme was not only timely,



Top and bottom: Prof Tayo presents plaque to Prof. Femi Ajayi and Prof. Jinadu. Dr Haliso and another watch.



The Chord makes a strong presence at the Forum.

but capable of inspiring great ideas especially with a guest lecturer like Professor Ibrahim Gambari whom he referred to as one of the best and finest brains to have emerged from Nigeria.

He pledged administration's support for the programme, an initiative of the Veronica Adeleke School of Social Sciences and urged participants to be attentive to details on strategies for finding way forward on national challenges.

BABCOCK HOSTS CAREER AND JOB FAIR



Prof Sunday Owolabi with Alumni Best Business Plan Awardees (left- right) Eguolor Hunder, Glory Enabulele, Olumayokun Adebiyi, Ogechi Abraham and Hannah Akinbode.

Babcock University once again rose up to the challenge of empowering five unengaged alumni with an award valued at N200,000 each for presenting best business plans.

The award marked the climax of the Phoenix Graduating Class Career/Job fair & Exhibition with several foreign and Nigerian organizations in attendance. These included: P & G, Stanbic IBTC, Unilever, Deloitte & Touche and JET Professional Recruiters among others in attendance.

The awardees were: Hannah Akinbode, (fish farming); Ogechi Abraham, (ICT); Eguolor Hunder, (Communication); Glory Enabunlele, (shoe making) and Olumayokun Adebiyi, (Event management/ beverage catering).

Enabunlele said she would use her money to buy more equipment to expand her shoe business.

While congratulating the awardees, the President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola Tayo urged them to put the money into good use.

He further urged the Graduating Class to develop soft and entrepreneurial skills to be relevant in the job market because the first degree was just a launching pad.

“Now is the time to unfold the latent gifts embedded in you and soar as white collar jobs are no longer the in-thing,” he said.

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Phoenix Graduating Class Sponsor, Pastor lyke Ekpendu and other participants of the Job/Career Fair.



Prof. Tayo presents cheque award to Glory Enabulele as other officers (Prof, Joseph Olarenwaju, Dr. Folorunsho Akande and Prof. Sunday Owolabi watch.



Students make enquiries as they make a stop over at the Lekoil Exhibition stand.

Bottom right: Mr. Adeboye Makinde chat up one of the Fair facilitators. Beside him is Dr. Esther Adejumo, Co-Sponsor of the Grad Class.

Bottom left: Prof. Tayo and other officers visit another exhibition stand.

Bottom right: Grad Class President, Uchechukwu Ofili and faculty member, Dr. Stephen Maitanmi.



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He also thanked the programme organizers and sponsors for the improvement in planning and execution.

Senior Vice President, Management Services, Professor Sunday Owolabi said all contestants in the Business Plan competition, not only had great ideas, but also possessed tremendous entrepreneurial skills. However, limited resources meant only five could get the award.

An awardee, Ogechi Abraham said the award would enhance his mobile App business plan designed to connect freelancers.

But for Hannah Akinbode who graduated in with a degree in Nursing 2016, venturing into fish farming may bring more than just an extra income. It is an opportunity to translate her entrepreneurial skills into actualizing her other dreams.



A cross section of the students at the fair.

PUBLIC HEALTH STUDENTS MARK WEEK



Faculty and students with the panelists after the discourse. Miss Adeleke and Mrs Olusola ((4th and 5th left), Onome Etim (middle) and Mr. Jonathan Dangana next to her.

Students of Public Health gave back to the community recently as they marked their departmental week with the theme: **Prevent, Promote, Protect.**

The programme which flagged off with a game night on campus to promote mutual bonding and friendship, had among other events, a hand washing campaign held at the BU Staff School.

The students shared the value of promoting oral and physical hygiene through brushing and hand washing as they met with more than 300 children at the staff school.

Beyond the distribution of toothbrushes for the Staff School children, members carried out vital health check for teachers and other University students at the BU Student Association Secretariat car park.

The week also featured a panel discussion themed, **How Risky**. According to a member of the Association of Public Health Students, the discussion was “aimed at identifying sexual health issues in Nigeria, determining

the risk levels and debunking sexual myths.”

The discussion panelists included a team from Action Health Inc. comprising Senior Programme Officer, Mrs. Francesca Olusola and Programme Officer, Ms. Tina Igbiniedion as well as Medical Student, Tolu Adeleke, 300 level Public Health student, Onome Etim and faculty, Mr. Jonathan Dangana.

They wrapped up the week with an award night dinner tagged, **A Hollywood Night** and thanksgiving held at the Beulah Chapel.



Public Health students promoting hand washing at the BU Staff School.





Left: Prof Iheanyichukwu Okoro at the inauguration of the BU Public Affairs Forum. Right: A cross section of participants with former Head of Social Works Department, Dr Augusta Olaore (2nd right).

BABCOCK INAUGURATES THE PUBLIC FORUM

As Babcock inaugurated the Public Forum as a signature programme for agenda setting and crystallization of ideas, Senior Vice President Academic, Professor Iheanyichukwu Okoro lauded the initiator, Professor Femi Ajayi for mooted the idea.

'We see this forum as CSR from Babcock University to the society,' said

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Prof. Okoro. "Through it, Babcock would contribute her quota to educating society and proffering solutions on germane issues affecting Nigeria's corporate existence."

Prof. Ajayi who was former Dean of Veronica Adeleke School of Social Sciences, VASSS, set the ball rolling before his appointment as Director of the Nigeria Institute of Legislative and Democratic Studies.

EARLY VOTING LEGISLATION IN THE OFFING

The Director of the Nigeria Institute of Legislative and Democratic Studies, Professor Femi Ajayi said the institute is working

on legislation for early voting in the country.

He disclosed this while presenting his paper, *Federalism and the Future of Nigeria: The Challenge of Restructuring*, at the University's Public Affairs Forum.

He said the institute had approval of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)'s on the legislation effective from 2023 general elections.

He noted that in countries such as Finland, UK and the US, where this was practiced, early voting gave people disenfranchised by their inability to vote because of their nature of jobs such as journalist, security personnel and observers, opportunity to do so before election dates.

He also called on the University not to relent in their efforts to build quality manpower for national and global development.



Top: Prof Femi Ajayi

Right: Prof Brian Littlechild, Professor of Child Welfare, University of Hertfordshire, UK (left) and Mrs Lynette Messenger, Head of BSW programme @ at the public forum.



PHOTO-SEEN - THESIS



Prof. Tayo with Ogun state Governor-elect, Dr. Dapo Abiodun, (2nd and 3rd l) with other university officers during a courtesy visit. (l-r) Dr. Folorunsho Akande, Dr. Abiola Makinde, Barr. Niya Arijje and Mr. Isaac Osuntade.



Pictures 1 & 2 above: Prof. Tayo in a chat with Prof. Habeeb Oduye. Prof. Seyi Oduyoye with Prof. Tayo and Prof. Oduyoye during a visit.



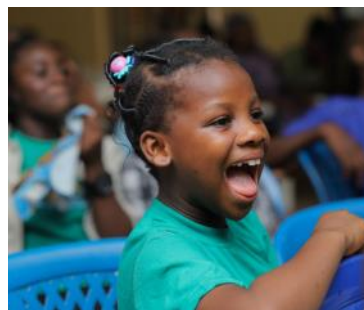
It was a mixed grill of activities from courtesy visits to departmental weeks and Job Fairs. Pictures capture the President's visits, Political Science and Public Health departmental week as well as the Phoenix Graduating class, the career and job fair.



PHOTO-SEEN -THESIS



The Pioneer Church Youth & Children's ministries made a strong case for service with a smile during their community outreach programme in Ilishan-Remo, **Operation Smile** as part of the Global Youth Day celebrations themed, **Adopt.**



The University community and friends celebrate with Prof. Joseph Adedun after the 27th inaugural lecture.



PIONEER YOUTH HOSTS OPERATION SMILE

As Adventist Youth across the world marked the Global Youth Day, March 16, over 80 members of the Pioneer Church Adventist Youth Ministries came out for Operation Smile, a community outreach programme in Ilishan-Remo.

The event themed, Adopt, was marked with music, drama and Bible quiz. They also brought food and clothing to share with children in the community.

Although the storm affected attendance from the host community, the University Outreach Pastor, Pastor Elijah Adewumi urged the children

not be discouraged but to be of consistent in their walk with God.

Two youth preachers, Elisha Adewumi and Daniel Obialor, shared the sermon of the day, *Jesus, a Friend We Can Trust*.

The Classique World Concept drama club presented a skit on the value of sharing and overcoming evil and bullying with good deeds.

"I enjoyed this programme and wish we could do it more often," said one of the children.



Children waving their balloons as symbol of their commitment to share. With them are the programme coordinators, Pastor Elijah Adewumi (left) and Josephine Akarue.

"We plan to do more," said programme Coordinator, Josephine Akarue, "We want to take the message of hope beyond the ivory tower to touch lives in the community."

According to her, the goal of the adopt programme, is to collaborate with others to reach out, enrich and uplift at least five children per quarter. These include children with special needs.



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