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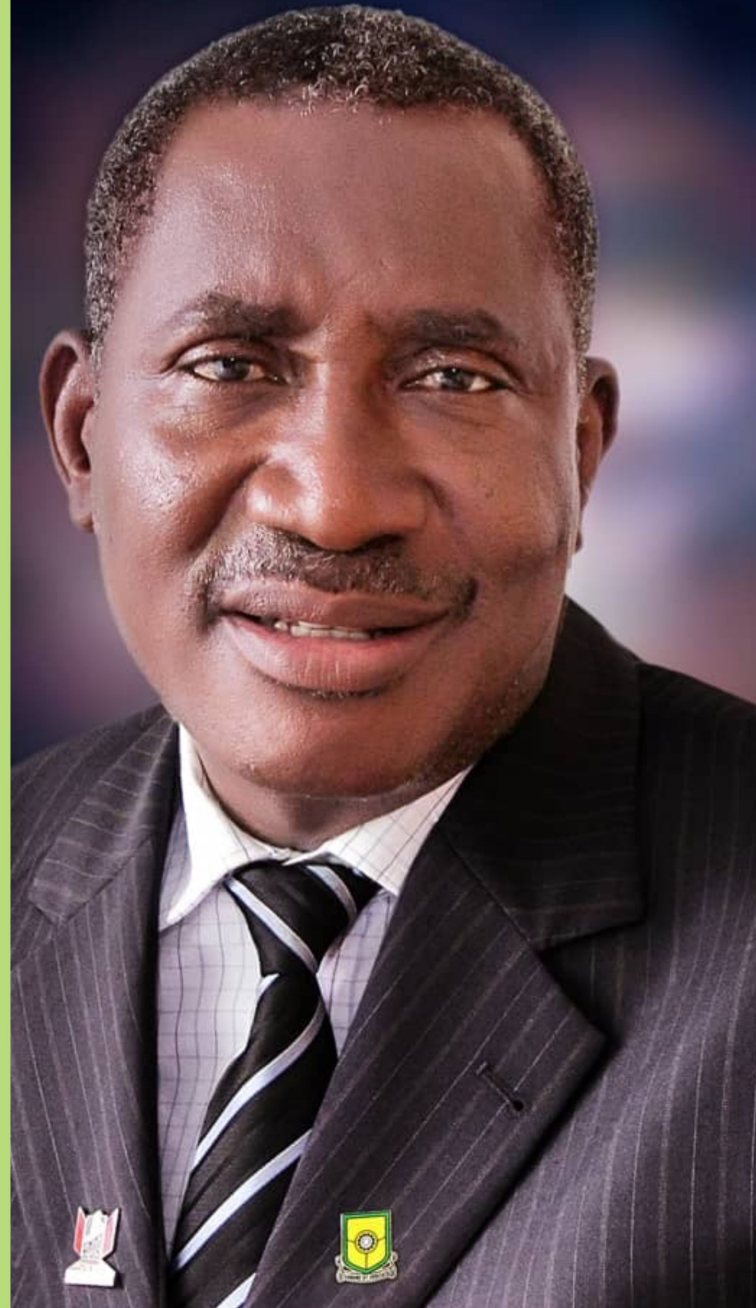
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Rector, Yaba College of Technology

first Alumnus Rector of the foremost Institution in Nigeria.

FAGBEMI CHALLENGES YCT ALUMNI



Prince Lateef Fagbemi (SAN) delivering his address at one of the College functions

The Yaba College of Technology Governing Council has challenged the Alumni Association of the College to support less privileged students with scholarships and the College through endowment funds.

The chairman, Governing Council of the premier institution, Prince Lateef Fagbemi (SAN) gave this charge at the Alumni Lecture series/Awards titled; Technical Education and National Development: Current and Future Trend organised by the College and its Alumni Association recently at the College Multipurpose Hall. Prince Fagbemi, who was the Distinguished Guest of Honour declared that Harvard University is what it is today because of the huge endowment funds contributed by its Alumni Association.

The funds, he said can be used to support research and physical development of

infrastructures in the College and helping students in areas of career development as they have much to gain from the them.

The guest speaker, Executive Secretary, Lagos State Technical and Vocational Board and former Rector, Lagos State Polytechnic, Engr. Olawunmi Akanmu Gasper in his presentation identified four major challenges facing technical education in Nigeria.

He stressed that in the development and growth of technical education in

Nigeria, the country has neglected technical education for too long; there has been manifestation of institutional failure to provide jobs for the teeming youths; absence of a well model of technical education and as a nation we have failed to provide hope for our young people who are the bulwark of the population; adding that the essence of technical education is to empower the youths to develop technically and not dependent on non existing white collar jobs.

He advocated that it is very important for the education sector and managers in the country to evolve innovative ways to position technical education which will be peculiar to the country as a model. The trend, Engr Gasper emphasised would be fashioned in line with the models in Dubai, Canada, Germany, Korean, Singapore, United Kingdom.

In his address, the Rector of Yaba College of Technology, Engr. Femi Omokungbe said that the College looks forward to benefiting from the experiences of its Alumni in diverse world of business, industry, education, entrepreneurship, technology, science and all other fields of her endeavours.

Adding that the college would harness



A Cross Section of the members of the YCT Governing Council and executives, Alumni Association of the College

YCT COUNCIL TASKS ALUMNI BODY

The Yaba College of Technology Governing Council recently jawed with the executive members and elders of the College Alumni Association on the need to strengthen the existing pact between the institution and its alumni.

The jaw-jaw was at a meeting held in the Syndicate Room of Yaba College of Technology recently among the Governing Council members of the College, Alumni Association and management.

The Council through its chairman, Prince Lateef Fagbemi (SAN) expressed displeasure on the state of involvement and contribution of the Alumni body to the development of the College in the face of her enormous challenges.

He observed that all over the world, Alumni Associations have responsibilities to shape the future of their institutions by contributing to the growth of their alma mater, appropriate for a World Class institution like Yaba College of Technology.

The Association, he added, should collaborate with the institution's development efforts by organising a wide range of activities to raise funds, through donations in cash and kind, Annual Lectures, and other Programmes as a purposeful and vibrant Alumni Association. He called on the Alumni executives to identify the

issues militating against the growth of the Alumni Association with a view to ensuring that College benefits from its large Alumni members present all over the world and to critically examine the urgent need of establishing branches in all 36 states of Nigeria and the Federal Capital Territory within the next one year.



Prince Lateef Fagbemi (R) Paying homage to Oba of Lagos, His Royal Majesty, Oba Akiolu

He also canvassed for the need to bring about the much needed cohesion between the Alumni Association and the College Management.

The 1st Vice President of the YCT Alumni Association, Pastor Nureni Alabi, who

represented the President, Pastor Femi Martins, in the address read on behalf of the President, enumerated the achievements of the Alumni body and lauded the warm relationship between the Association and the College as engendered by the administration of Engr. Femi Omokungbe, Rector and the Governing Council of the College upon assumption of duties.

He enumerated the challenges being faced by the body that has hindered the development and expectations from it; stating that the beacon of hope has now surfaced.

ALUMNUS FORTIFIES YCT ARTI

Builder Lynus Aiteobhor, an alumnus of Yaba College of Technology, in a bid to strengthen the effectiveness of the College Centre for Applied Research and Technology Innovation (ARTI) donated a 3.5 KVA Femam generator.

The 2009 graduate from the Building Department is the Chief Executive Officer of Greyfield Integrated Services, a building and civil engineering establishment.

The Deputy Rector, Administration, Mrs. Titi Ukabam, received the generator on behalf of the Rector, Engr. Obafemi Omokungbe.



YCT Alumnus, Elder Lynus Aiteobhor presenting a 3.5 KVA generator to the Deputy Rector, Administration, Dr. (Mrs) Titi Ukabam, donated to the College

She expressed the College appreciation to the donor for his magnanimity and demonstration of love to his alma mater that created a career path for his growth.

RECTOR ASSURES ALUMNI PROGRESSIVE PACT



A cross section of the executives, YCT Alumni Association and members of the College Governing Council during the College Convocation Ceremony

The Rector, Yaba College of Technology (Yabatech), Engr. Obafemi Omokungbe has assured the Alumni Association of the institution of a progressive pact in advancing the course of their alma mater.

Speaking at the stakeholders meeting between Executive of Alumni Association and Alumni staff members of the College titled “Fostering Synergy for Progress”; he hinted that the Management and the Association would no longer be working at parallel, but togetherness.

Omokungbe promised to proffer solution to the way and means in which the Association would forge ahead and achieve its noble course. Said he; “We shall relieve the elders of the burden we have been given them by allowing them to rest, while the younger ones would take over, elders will be at the

back stage but we shall be coming to them for advice”.

“The College has inaugurated Alumni committee inclusive of alumni staff members that would work and meet up the requirement of Alumni Association for the betterment of the Association”.

Earlier in his welcome address, the President of Alumni Association, Pastor Oluwafemi Martins highlighted the eight years face off with the Management majorly as a result of communication misunderstanding.

“We thank God that steps have already been taken by the new administration under our own able Rector, Engr. Obafemi Omokungbe. He stated that the Association is putting up a proposal that would be sent to the Rector for consideration on how to improve the College Internally Generated Revenue (IGR).

YCT DIAGNOSTIC CENTRE COMMISSIONED

The newly built Diagnostic Centre of the Medical Unit of Yaba College of Technology was recently commissioned by the Rector, Engr. Obafemi Omokungbe to improve the quality of health service delivery to staff, students and the general public.

Speaking at the commissioning, “the centre is equipped with modern facilities such as Hematology Analyzer, Chemistry Analyzer, Genotype Machine, X-Ray Machine with a bigger capacity to cope with students registration needs, Automatic Processor and Blood Mixer;” he said.

Earlier on, the Medical Director, Dr. Tunde Nubi appreciated the Rector, stating, that barely six months into Omokungbe's administration, the staff strength of the Medical Centre has



Engr. Femi Omokungbe, Rector, YCT; Commissioning YCT Medical Diagnostic Centre

improved greatly; the Centre now has 60 KVA Diesel Generator.

UPHOLD INTEGRITY - OMOKUNGBE

The Rector, Yaba College of Technology, Engr. Obafemi Omokungbe has implored staff of the College to uphold and sustain integrity in the course of discharging their duties.

Engr. Omokungbe while delivering his welcome address at a one-day Anti-Corruption Sensitization Program for Principal Officers, Deans of School, Directors of Academic and Service Unit, Heads of Teaching and Non Teaching Department organized by the Anti-Corruption and Transparency Monitoring Unit (ACTU) of Yabatech, titled: “Corruption Consequences and Prevention in an Organisation” emphasized that integrity can only be upheld and sustained through self discipline and imbibing the axiom of honesty. He stressed that the best policy is righteousness as it exalts a nation.

ALUMNUS OMOKWALE BOWS OUT

The Rector, Yaba College of Technology (Yabatech), Engr. Obafemi Omokungbe showered encomium on the former Deputy Rector, Administration, Engr. Benjamin Omokwale who served the College from 1985 - 2019 and retired meritoriously from active service.

Speaking at the 2nd Distinguished Service Lecture organized by the Department of Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering titled: “The Engineer in Administration and Governance: Past, Present and Future” by Engr. T.K. Ogini, in honour of Omokwale.

He noted that retirement is a thing of joy and every staff must look forward to it, retirement from service must be celebrated. Omokwale is a deserving colleague, a distinctive professional and a seasoned administrator, an alumnus of the College and an excellent Engineer; he said.



Rector, YCT Engr. Femi Omokungbe presenting an Award plaque to former Deputy Rector, Administration, Engr. Benjamin Omokwale at a lecture in his honour

KOICA TO PARTNER YABATECH

Korea International Cooperative Agency (KOICA) will be partnering with Yaba College of Technology (Yabatech) in the area of technical assistance.

KOICA is the government agency of Korea Republic that provides grant on technical assistance to developing countries with the team led by the Country Director/ Regional Representative, Mr. Sook Hyun Park.

The Agency was received by the Rector of Yabatech, Engr. Obafemi Omokungbe, expressed the College appreciation for the visit with the hope that the visit would usher in a flourishing relationship between the College and the Agency.

of the football squad.

He noted that the donation was part of his little contribution to the expansion of sports in the College, as a way of appreciating the institution and to encourage the upcoming students who are nursing the ambition of becoming professional footballers.

The donor, who was accompanied by his wife, has taken his football career to a reputable note of being the Head Coach of Arsenal Soccer Schools in India.

The Rector of the College, Engr. Obafemi Omokungbe while receiving the gifts, thanked Adewale, and charged other alumni of the College to emulate him by giving back to the institution.

The Head Coach of Yabatech football team, Mr. Frederick Yamala in a related development presented to the Rector a trophy won by the College football team during the duel between Yabatech and Lagos State Polytechnic (LASPOTECH) football team as part of the activity to mark LASPOTECH 40th Years Anniversary which YABATECH won via penalty shoot-out

ALUMNUS DONATES SPORTS TOOLS



L-R Dr. Peter Egbeni, Rector, Engr. Obafemi Omokungbe, Mr. Frederick Yamala, the donor of a set of Jersey, an alumnus Mr. Adewale Abdulateef Seriki, his wife and Pastor Oluwafemi Martins.

Adewale Abdulateef Seriki, an alumnus of Yaba College of Technology (Yabatech), donated a set of football jersey and two balls to the College to boost her sports' performance and development.

Adewale who studied Business Administration and graduated in 1994 said that he got necessary exposure and tremendous development in his football career as a student and one of the strikers



The Sports Jersey, donated by an Alumnus of Yabatech Mr. Adewale Lateef Seriki

OMOKUNGBE ADVISES NEW DEANS



The Governing Council Chairman, Yabatech Prince Lateef Fagbemi congratulating Engr. Femi Omokungbe, Rector Yabatech after delivering his address at College event.

The newly elected Deans of School in Yaba College of Technology, (Yabatech), have been advised by the Rector, Engr. Obafemi Omokungbe to provide harmonious and conducive environment for teaching and learning.

While addressing the new Deans at the inauguration ceremony, Engr. Omokungbe congratulated all the Deans for their electoral success, and noted that the office of Deans of School which is saddled with enormous responsibility, also serves as the Rector's representative in the School, thus it is an office of service to the College in an administrative capacity.

“According to him, may I urge you to settle down fast in their duties as handed over to you and attached to your letters of appointment. As Deans, you are now the clearing house of your school, therefore see every staff as your staff including those who contested against you. Observe the law of balance in all your activities as equilibrium in nature brings about harmony and peace.”

Speaking earlier, the Registrar Dr. Sikiru Momodu disclosed that the inauguration was a landmark event happening for the first time in the College and gave kudos to Omokungbe's administration.

He said that the inauguration ceremony was organized to stress the importance of Dean's office, in view of the key role they play to the success of the administration of teaching and learning in the College.



A Cross Section of Staff Alumni and other dignitaries at the Alumni Lecture series

Speaking on behalf of the elected Deans, Dr. Julius Oke, the Dean, School of Environmental Studies thanked the Management for the initiative and innovation.

The roll calls of newly elected Deans are: Dean, School of Arts and Printing, Dr. Adekunle Adeyemi; Dean, School of Environmental Studies, Dr. Julius Oke; Dean, School of Science, Mr. Aderohunmu Joseph, Dean, School of Technology, Dr. Peter Okolie; Dean, School of Liberal Studies, Bar. Ikpen Wellington; Dean, School of Technical Education, Mr. Olalekan Alaba; Dean, School of Management and Business Studies, Mr. Ojo Williams; Dean School of Engineering, Engr. Ize Balogban and Dean, Student Affairs, Mrs. Olajumoke Shobande



(L-R) The Chairman Governing Council, Prince Lateef Fagbemi, Rector Yabatech, Engr Femi Omokungbe and others leaving the venue of the Rectors' introduction to staff members by the College Governing Council



YABATECH ROADS WEAR NEW LOOK

The entire road network of Yaba College of Technology (Yabatech), which had been in a deplorable conditions for years past now wears a new look of rehabilitation.

The bad state of the road network was fixed by the working and visionary Rector of the College, Engr. Obafemi Omokungbe with the support of the College Governing Council.

Car owners that ply the College roads can now heave a sigh of relief as a result of the fixing of the roads for easy access and movement, which no doubt is a great advantage to the College image.



Yabatech rehabilitated road

KAYODE SAMUEL NOW SSANIP CHAIR



Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Polytechnic (SSANIP), Yabatech Branch, recently elected Mr. Kayode Adekunle Samuel as its new chairman to pilot the affairs of the union for the next four years.

Mr. Kayode, a Senior Accountant in the Bursary Unit succeeded Mr. Olorunninbe Omopariola, Deputy Registrar School of Management and Business Studies, who completed his tenure as Chairman late 2018.

The newly elected Chairman polled 228 votes to defeat Olaogun Nojim Oladimeji who got 213 and Okonofua Odis Monday who had 32 votes respectively.

In the keenly contested election that took place at the College Hall on October 11, 2018, other officers elected were Omaji Mathias, who emerged unopposed as the vice chairman with 456 votes; Odundayo Kolawole Olagbende, Secretary with 344 votes to defeat Onikute Beatrice Itohan who got 130 votes, Iyiola Omotayo won Publicity Secretary post with 283 votes to defeat Olayiwola Rasaq Olatunde who got 105 and Ekpo Idatesit David who had 78 votes.

Abayomi Lukmon Olasunkanmi won unopposed as Assistant Secretary with 437 votes, Oludayo Taiwo Olusegun, Treasurer with 425 votes, Akande Opeyemi Lawrence as Financial Secretary with 436 votes, and Elubanji Anthony as Trustee with 442 votes all unopposed.

The Electoral Committee headed by Dr. J.A. Sonibare, Deputy Registrar, Council Affairs, was acclaimed to have conducted a credible, fair and free election, good organization.

YABATECH RECTOR DETESTS CULTISM



The Rector, Yaba College of Technology (Yabatech) Engr. Obafemi Omokungbe has frowned at students involving in cultism, drug abuse, and social vices within and outside the College.

Addressing students at a yearly sensitization program, organized by Students Affairs Unit titled: Youth and Maladjusted Behaviours: Sensitisation on Drug Abuse, Engr. Omokungbe noted that the second stanza of national anthem addressed that; “Oh God of creation, direct our noble course, guide our leaders right, help our youths the truth to know”; one of the truth to know is the vices of maladjusted behavior and avoiding it to enable the youths attain lofty height.

The Ag. Medical Director of the College, Dr. S.T. Nubi spoke extensively on meaning, effects, causes and solutions of Drug Abuse. Major Adanu of the Nigerian Army Reference Hospital did justice to the title, “Impact and Sociological Consequence of Drug Abuse”, while The Director, Continuing Professional Developmental Centre, Dr. T. A. Omomia delivered a passionate lecture titled “Cultism the Hydra-headed Monster with video-visual to drive home her points.

OUR PATH TO POSTERITY IN ONE YEAR - OMOKUNGBE



(L-R) The organiser of the Afrikanwatch Magazine Award presenting an Award plaque to Rector, YCT, Engr. Femi Omokungbe

Like a flash of a thunder in the sky and disappearance of a vapour in a jiffy, the clock hands tick by and by to signal the dusk to dawn of the day.

Seemingly, the present administration of Engr. Femi Omokungbe recently clocked a year for a make of excellence and transformation adorning the premier institution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria-Yaba College of Technology.

The administration came to power in March 06, 2018 and the Rector with a gladden heart and gratitude to God, Governing Council, Management, Staff and Students of the College declared:

My dear colleagues, Staff and Students, today marks one year in office of this administration with my humble self at the helm of affairs as the Rector of the College.

At the commencement of this journey and an assumption of duty, we were clearly and formally resolved to leave this College better than we met it. This conviction leads us to our expressed Mission and Vision for the College which was presented to the College at the first family meeting in 2018. Our major thrusts being:

- * Academic improvement and Development
 - * Infrastructural Development and upgrading/refurbishment of existing structures
 - * Welfare of staff and students
 - * Expansion/improvement of Internally Generated Revenue
- One year is a short time to judge the performance of an administration. We have albeit tried to lay the foundation and provided the sign posts for our direction in the years to come.

During this one year, we have completed most of the projects that were ongoing with the ultimate implication of the necessary growth of the College.

Some of these projects include but not limited to (i) the College Central Research Laboratory is now functional and opened to all staff, students as the general public for research activities.

(ii) Construction of Hostel classroom blocks and the perimeter fence at Epe and the College water factory which were abandoned are nearing completion as the Contractors had to be called back to site after a protracted negotiation.

Our modest implant has land mark on our path so far:

- * Student Services

- * The provision of improved student service has been established through effective communication and confidence building activities between student and management
- * The rejuvenation of the Hall Warden Committee for effective students services and Hostel administration
- * Massive renovation of students hostels to provide a conducive environment for residents including provision of hostel furniture e.g. Bed, Mattresses etc.
- * Efforts are also being made to return the recreational rooms (common room) in the hostels which were allocated to food vendors to the students.
- * Provision of basic amenities like water, electricity, clean and hygienic environment, provision and repair of classroom furniture etc.

Academic Standards

So much effort has been made by the Academic Board to entrench a stable Academic Calendar to align the College with global best practices for the first time, in many years the 2017/2018 session was concluded peacefully without any student hiccups. The long lost time for the Part-Time programme was curbed to inform diplomatic moves and the uncommon cooperation of the Academic staff union.

It is our hope that the 2018/2019 session will beam improvement on the 2017/2018 session with the support and cooperation of the Academic staff, the Academic Board meetings have become inspiring as the attendance has improve the quality of conversation on issues on the floor of the Board. Academic traditions are gradually returning as academic activities have become professionalized, some of such activities includes the decentralization of result processing, the strengthening of the capacity of the School Boards, respect to security and hierarchy in appointment of Heads of Department and Directors of Academic Unit, the review of the Administration of Part-Time programmes etc.

The Introduction and appointment of Sub-Dean to assist in effective administration of the schools.

Efforts are underway to procure all necessary equipment for the laboratories and workshops in preparation for the impending accreditation of program in the College.

Other achievements worthy of mentioning include Repair of the College roads for easy movement,

Resuscitation of staff buses, Repair of several abandoned College vehicles for the use of Principal Officers, Council members and other official assignments. Purchase of befitting vehicles for the Rector and Registrar of the College.

Renovation of the Yusuf Grillo Auditorium
Improve security is a major milestone as staff and student can easily move around the College premises without fear of molestation

Significant effort has been made in the area of capacity development. The re-introduction of the vote system has provided an opportunity for many staff to attend conferences and workshops and others forms of training.

Call for more Support

All the achievements listed above could not have been possible without the goodwill, support and contributions of all staff. This cannot be taken for granted. I therefore on behalf of the College Management express my profound appreciation and gratitude to all of you: The Principal Officers, The Academic Board, Deans of School, Directors of Academic and Service Units, Academic staff, Senior Non Teaching Staff, Junior Staff, Staff Unions (ASUP, SSANIP, NASU) our Security companies as well as the cleaning companies. I am indeed grateful.

However, the journey is still long and we are not even yet half way. The import is that more support, more work, more cooperation is required to get to our destination. I therefore solicit for your support and cooperation in the years ahead with more dedication, commitment, self discipline as we move on.

Let us leave a legacy worthy of emulation for posterity, let us move this College to its proper and enviable position. Let us truly leave it as the best and most preferred institution.

Thank you and God bless you all.



The Deputy Rector Academics YCT, Engr. Kehinde Osifala in a congratulatory mood with the Rector, Engr. Femi Omokungbe during his introduction to staff members on assumption of duty

YABATECH GETS SKILLS ACQUISITION CENTRE

The chairman, Rose of Sharon Foundation, Mrs. Folorunsho Alakija has built an ultra modern Skill Acquisition Centre for Yaba College of Technology to advance vocational training.

At the commissioning of the Centre, the donor called on the federal government to invest more on skill acquisition training.

Alakija said that “Germany is what it is today due to the huge efforts placed on human development vis-a-vis the acquisition of skills, and that Nigeria should emulate such act by establishing technical Colleges in order to produce skillful personnel that has gone through series of technical trainings in different fields”.

According to her, the Skills Acquisition Centre will provide trainings in the area of fashion design, bead making, make-up artistry, shoe making, welding and fabrication as well as provide support for a skillful Nigeria.

The richest woman in Africa highlighted the positive effects of a skillful economy as the emergence of self-development, cottage industries, reduced unemployment and a prosperous economy. “Prosperity does not come overnight but through doggedness and determination. Everyone must contribute to the development of Nigeria, she advocated.



The donor, Yabatech skill acquisition Centre, Mrs. Folorunsho Alakija (M) YCT Management team and other dignitaries at the handing over/commissioning of the centre

Appreciating the gesture, the Rector of the College, Engr. Femi Omokungbe described the Centre as not only a blessing to the College but to the nation because the support for entrepreneurship and skill acquisition development is an open door to fulfilling the dreams of many.

“Skills are the pathway to prosperity and personal development. With the right skills, individuals are prepared for active citizenship and open possibilities because they are equipped to set up their own business and also create jobs for others”.

Omokungbe urged both private and public sectors to partner with academic institutions in the training of Nigerian youths on different skills for national development to combat the challenge of unemployment in the nation.

YABATECH PARTNERS LASG

The Management of Yaba College of Technology is set to partner with the Lagos State government on Ready Set Work (RSW) project to solve youth unemployment through the capacity building.

Ready Set Work is a 13 weeks Lagos State initiative designed to solve youth unemployment, capacity, entrepreneurship, sustainable growth and development.

Representing the Governor, the Special Adviser to the Governor on Education, Mr. Obafela Bank- Olemoh said that the program will focus on graduating students of all division of national diplomas and that selected students will join other students from the University of Lagos (UNILAG), Lagos State University (LASU),

Lagos State Polytechnic (LASPOTECH), Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education (AOCOED) and Caleb University, Imota.

The Special Adviser asserted that 5,000 participants will engage in the 13 weeks program in any of the three selected centers (LASU, LASPOTECH and UNILAG) and that graduation is dependent on 11 weeks course attendance.

He encouraged the students to make judicious use of the program to change their lives for good because "youths live in a generation where they have to go extra mile to succeed in life". If you do not succeed, Nigeria will fail. Your life is in your hands.

Engr. Obafemi Omokungbe, the Rector, in his address

said that the College is a good pedestal to partner with the State government on the RSW project and that the initiative will provide her students with skills needed to meet global demand as quest for job creators commenced in 2016.

Engr. Omokungbe hinted on Management's

commitment to ensure requirements for full participation is met, stressing that the program will expose the graduating students and nominated facility members to new ways of imparting knowledge.

YABATECH INTRODUCES GRASSCUTTER FARMING

The Yaba College of Technology, Lagos, has introduced greater cane rat (also known as grass cutter) farming and four other short-term courses in its flexible skills programme to empower the public and make life easier.

Dr Ibrahim Abdul, Director of Flexible Skills in the college, said recently that the programme would last from six to 12 weeks.

Abdul listed other courses to include land scalping and gardening, vegetable farming, print media enterprise and video handling and editing.

He said that the college had been working with the Commonwealth of Learning in the past two years to come up with the flexible short courses.

OLUNLOYO TEACHES YABATECH STAFF MATHEMATICS

It was rare opportunity for staff and students of the nation's oldest tertiary institution, Yaba College of Technology (YABATECH) to drink from the fountain of knowledge of 84-year-old former Governor of old Oyo state, Dr. Victor Omololu Olunloyo who demonstrated his proficiency in Mathematics at an event in the college recently.

The staff and students had the rare opportunity to tap from Dr. Olunloyo (guest lecturer) wealth of knowledge in Mathematics at the First Research and Development Public Lecture organised by YABATECH with the topic: Mathematics, Science, Technology and Innovations.

The citation of Dr. Victor Omololu Olunloyo revealed that he shook the foundations of the British educational landscape like a tornado and strode like a colossus with gigantic academic achievements.

It reads: "This young gem graduated with B.Sc. (General Engineering – Civil and Mechanical Engineering) in June 1957 having notable first in First Class in Theory of Structures and all Mechanical subjects and First Class in Mechanical Design. In July 1958, this rare gem achieved yet another feat by bagging B.Sc. (First Class Honours) degree in Mechanical Engineering.



The Chairman, Governing Council, YCT presenting an Award plaque to the chairman, convocation lecture ceremony held recently

" He was treated to an adoring and high profile graduation ceremony. The young engineer was specially transferred from the Faculty of Applied Science to the Faculty of Pure Science for a Ph.D. in Mathematics straight away. He completed his Ph.D. Mathematics in 2 years including 2 summer vacations.

His choice as the guest lecturer for the first research and development public lecture was acknowledged by the gathering when his curriculum vitae was read. Olunloyo made First Class in Civil Mechanical, PhD in Applied Mathematics, 5-Times Gold Medalist in Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Mathematics and British Association 1939, prize for advancement of Science University Prize man 1958, University of St Andrews,

Scotland.

"It is heartwarming to inform you that the record set in 1957/1958 by Engr. (Dr.) Victor Omololu Olunloyo has remained unbroken till date – 62 years after," it added.

Among those who listened with rapt attention while Dr. Olunloyo demonstrated his proficiency in Mathematics on the White Board include, YABATECH Rector, Engr. Obafemi Omokungbe, a member of the Governing Council, Engr. Jude Eluma, Registrar, Dr. Sikiru Momodu, Deputy Rector (Academic) and chairman, Research Development Publication Committee, Dr. Kehinde Osifala, Deputy Rector (Admin), Mrs. Titilayo Ukabam, Deans of schools, Heads of department, Directors and students.

The Octogenarian shocked the audience when he revealed that he visited the college 65 years ago (1954) to write

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(HSC) student at 18 years and was invigilated by the renowned Archdeacon Lucas.

During the lecturer, Dr. Olunloyo also had to use the white board several times to solve Mathematics questions using a simple method which baffled staff and students of YABATECH and for every question he solved, the former governor received standing ovation.

The former governor while presenting his 18-page paper will stop at interval to solve Mathematics questions on the white board, thus drawing the attention of the high table and the audience and in some instances he will expect them to provide answers before proceeding to the next stage.

He described Mathematics as a prestigious subject and also referred to it as the Queen of the Science. The former governor disclosed that Mathematics is closely tied with philosophy and logic.

The Octogenarian regretted that Africa and Nigeria in particular has not been able to produce Noble Prize winners in Sciences and asked "when would the blacks rise to such position in the World? We need the institutions and the brains. We have some but only a critical mass of them would get us there. We need our own Bill and

Melinda Gates, a Steve Jobs and Mark Zukerberg of the Facebook fame".

In his speech, YABATECH Rector, Engr. Omokungbe said the college as a technology based institution has as its bedrock, the concept of research and development, noting that there can be no technological breakthrough and advancement without research.

According to him, the College, in its drive to entrench the culture of research and advancement established the Applied Research and Technology Innovation Centre (ARTI) to promote and facilitate the performance of industry-oriented researches as well as promote research in the college.

Omokungbe commended the Research and Development Committee of the College for taking a step further, particularly at the time of the nation's down turn and the

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Prince Lateef Fagbemi (SAN) Chairman, Governing Council, Yaba College of Technology

Science, Technology and Innovation, concepts that have far reaching implications for the development and growth, indeed for human existence."

Chairman of the Research, Development and Publication Committee, Dr. Osifala said the purpose is to generate and exchange ideas that would be useful and beneficial to the college, the state and the nation at large.

He used the opportunity to invite academia, industrialist, entrepreneurs, business leaders and international experts in various fields to talk on diverse issues on development and that suggestions and ideas generated would be forwarded to the relevant agencies of government for their attention and necessary action.

Osifala informed staff of the availability of research and fabrication grant from TETFUND running into millions which has not been accessed. (Culled from the Sun Newspaper)

FASHOLA PROMISES YABATECH ROAD

The management of Yaba College of Technology (YABATECH) has sought for the intervention of the Federal Government on maintenance of infrastructures at the 71-year-old college.

Specifically, the college appealed to the Federal Government to assist in fixing the road network as well as the provision of electricity infrastructure

“The Lagos State office of FERMA had visited the college for an on the spot assessment of the status of the road.”

We are requesting for a ministerial touch to ensure that our roads rehabilitation and reconstruction become a reality.

“The second request is with respect to the



The Minister of Works, Power and Housing, Mr Babatunde Raji Fashola (SAN) (M) and other dignitaries at the YCT Convocation Lecture

that is as old as the institution itself.

Engr. Obafemi Omokungbe, Rector of the institution tabled the request before Mr. Babatunde Fashola (SAN), the Minister of Power, Works and Housing, who was the guest speaker at the 32nd Convocation Lecture of the College which was held recently.

According to Omokungbe, the 71-year-old institution had been facing the huge burden for replacement of facilities that had become dilapidated and decayed due to age, considering the paucity of funds.

“First, we seek your assistance to facilitate the completion of the reconstruction of the college road network to give this premier institution a befitting outlook and ease of movement.

construction of an electricity substation for the college. The issue of electricity supply to the college has been a daunting task to be accomplished by the college management alone. Curriculum delivery is almost impossible as lectures and laboratory practicals are hampered,” the Rector added.

Fashola who spoke on “Sustainability of Technological Advancement: A Key to Industrial Growth,” said the Federal Government had been embarking on the development of public roads and other infrastructure, even for higher educational institutions.

In response to the requests of the Rector, Fashola promised that his ministry would look into the needs of the Yaba College of Technology in areas of its internal road network and a mini power station to ensure that there would be conducive learning environment.

FAGBEMI COMMISSIONS YCT WATER PLANT



Prince Lateef Fagbemi
Chairman, YCT Governing Council Commissioning YCT Water Project

The Chairman, Governing Council, Yaba College of Technology, Prince Lateef Fagbemi (SAN), has commissioned the College commercial water plant.

At the commissioning, Prince Fagbemi expressed his delight on the successful completion of the project and an avenue that gave him a joyful moment. Stating that it is a means of boosting the College internally generated revenue (IGR).

He eulogized the Rector, Engr. Obafemi Omokungbe for his resilience, and his ability to embark on projects that would bring accolades and improve the well being of the community.

The Rector, he said, has the understanding of the Council, polite, civil, and always concerned with pursuing giant strides activities. He is on the fast lane to see that Yabatech develops in all ramifications; Fagbemi stressed.

According to him, “We all know the importance of water, no man on earth will wake up in a day and say that he is not going to drink water, if at all he is not drinking, he will use it to bath. I am happy that the dream of this water factory has come to pass; therefore I want to congratulate everybody that contributed to the project. I want to recommend this water for everybody, also encourage us to advertise this water, because no matter how good your product is if you don't advertise it nobody will do it for you. I want to advise that all the materials that will be needed for the production of the water should be sourced from within including the labeling, so that the money is retained here, nothing should go outside.”

The Rector, Engr. Obafemi Omokungbe in his opening address expressed his happiness on the water factory in the name of Yabatech and being another landmark achievement for his administration as a dream come to reality.

According to him, “at the inception of this



A cross section of the members of the Yabatech Governing Council, Management and other dignitaries at the commissioning of YCT Water Plant recently

He described him as a silent achiever who God has put in charge to pilot the administration of this College to a greater height; adding that the commercial water plant will provide hygienic water for the College community, its environs and at affordable rates.

administration in March 2018, the water factory was one of the uncompleted projects that I inherited. The project particularly caught my attention; the reason being that water is a fundamental human need. Clean and safe water is required for a healthy living and as a responsible institution; we are concerned with the

well being of our staff and students. We want everybody to stay healthy, we want everybody to ensure that water in the College is safe for consumption and we want to produce water by ourselves since the source of water being sold by most vendors is unknown. The College revenue is very poor, and it has become quite challenging to meet up with the maintenance of the existing facilities and provision of infrastructure for the College. It therefore become necessary for the College to urgently improve its internally generated revenue to be able to meet its obligations since the fund from government has become inadequate. It was on this basis that the Yabatech Consult was mandated to ensure completion of this project within the shortest possible time.”

He explained that the Yabatech Water Factory is equipped with the latest technology, machine and

equipment, approved by National Agency for Food and Drug Administrative Control (NAFDAC), having met the required standard and has approved trademark by the Corporate Affairs Commission.

Earlier, in his welcome address, the Director, Yabatech Consult, Mr. Udoh Iyang Udoh revealed that the water is named YABATECH PREMIUM TABLE WATER with the state of the art equipment.

The equipment, he said, included reverse osmosis, ozonator and superior micron filters for both bottled and sachets water; the bottle for the water are blown and produced in the College with equipment for production of 66 big iced blocks per day with a cold room for storage.

He assured that the factory will produce about 31,000 sachets water (50cl) and 10,000 bottled water (75cl and or 50cl) per day.

CANON DONATES DIGITAL PRINT EQUIPT TO YABATECH

The Canon Central and North Africa (CCNA) has donated 850 Series Digital Imaging Machine to Yaba College of Technology (Yabatech) for the training of the college students in the School of Arts, Design and Printing.

The donation is in line with the company's corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative and the partnership agreement signed between Canon and the College to support students in their professional development by conducting print workshop training with Canon specialists.

The partnership with Yabatech is an extension of Canon's Miraisha Sustainability Programme; the initiative launched in late 2014, aiming at building the capacity and talent of people in the African countries where Canon operates by leveraging the company's imaging heritage, advanced technological strengths and innovations.

The collaboration resulted into YABATECH-CANON PRINTING ACADEMY, and was commissioned by the Chairman, Governing Council, Prince Lateef Fagbemi SAN, who was represented by the Rector, Yaba College of Technology, Engr. Obafemi Omokungbe.

In his address, Omokungbe thanked Canon management and assured that the organisation's thoughts put on the Academy will be achieved. The Managing Director, CCNA, Mr. Roman Troedthandl said, “our collaboration with the

prestigious College, Yabatech, will provide a platform to develop the printing skills and give new opportunities to students. This will be achieved by providing them with innovative tools, practices and modern – skills necessary for proactive participation in the economy”.

The main goal of this partnership, he said, was to support students in their training and facilitate their professional integration in the industry by offering access to professional machines and a space for meetings and experience with experts.

The Dean, of School of Arts, Design & Printing, Dr. Kunle Adeyemi declared that “I am very delighted that my students from the school of Arts, Design & Printing can benefit from training provided by Canon's experts in the field of professional printing”.

It is an opportunity for the students to access enhanced training to develop their skills and interact with professionals who, in addition to a solid knowledge of the sector, have a clear idea of the industry needs in Nigeria; he added.



The 850 Series Digital Imaging Machine Donated by Canon to Yabatech

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Engr Femi Omokungbe, Rector, Yabatech presenting an Award plaque to Mrs Bunmi Lawson, an Alumnus and Director, EFINA during YCT Alumni Lecture.

the need to pay back to the College that moulded them through the Alumni Association.

Six eminent alumni of the college were given Distinguished of excellence in recognition of their contributions and services in areas of professionalism, Community Service, National Service achievements and Contributions to the College growth.

The Awardees are Pastor Femi Martins, President, YCT Alumni Association;

the strengths and potentials of its alumni to the benefit of the College.

Engr. Omokungbe called on the Alumni to make commitments in terms of ideas, donations and endowment to the college in partnership with the management.

The chairman of the lecture, Arc Babatunde Ojo, an alumnus, said that he was proud to be a product of the

college and felt honoured to have been asked to chair the occasion.

He said that the institution gave products and necessary tools to be professionals, great men and women and achievers.

In his welcome address, the president of YCT Alumni Association, Pastor Oluwafemi Martins applauded the gathering and sensitised the alumni on

Mrs. Bunmi Lawson, the immediate past Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, Accion Microfinance Bank Limited and Director, EFINA; Engr John Ediale of the first set of the college. Others are Arc. Ojo Babatunde, Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, Archikonsult Ltd and Senator Akinyelure Patrick Ayo, Founder, All Over Polytechnic.

ROTARY DONATES BOOKS

The Rotary Club of Mushin Golden led by its President Mr. David Chidozie has donated books to Yaba College of Technology.

Books donated to the College library are 11 copies of Physics, Mathematics by Jude Ndubuisi Onichi; 1 copy of Organic Chemistry by Brown and Frote, 1 copy of Organic Chemistry by William H. Brown, 1 copy of Organic Chemistry by G. Marc London, and 1 copy of Inorganic Chemistry by Gary L. Miessler and Donald A. Tarr

The Rector, of the institution, who was represented by the Deputy Rector, Administration, Mrs. Titilayo Ukabam expressed the College profound gratitude to the Rotary club and commended its laudable effort in



The President, Rotary Club Mushin, Mr. David Chidozie presenting books donated by the Club to Yabatech to Dr. (Mrs) Titi Ukabam, Deputy Rector, Administration, while others are admiring in appreciation

promoting and supporting education in Nigeria.

The College Librarian, Mrs. Taye Adebawale eulogized the Club for its generosity and promised that the Books would be put into good use.