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Editorial Board appreciate all and sundry who contributed either through criticism or advise towards the success story of the official Magazine/Year Book of Accounting Department.

OUR LOGO



The Book stands for Knowledge and Research

The **ADA** and **EBEN** represent the culture of Edo State as well as Academic Authority

The **IVORY TUSK** symbolizes Honour and Integrity deriving from Knowledge

RED stands for Academic Strength and vigour

The **SHIELD** embodies the concept of knowledge as an armour against ignorance

The overall design projects Ambrose Alli University as a citadel of learning where the search of truth and academic excellence will be pursued for the advancement of man and his culture.

Motto: Knowledge for Advancement

VISION: To Foster the growth of knowledge for the advancement of society

MISSION: To be a culture of excellence in teaching and research and in total development of the individual person and in tune with the socio-cultural environment and technological realities of a dynamic world

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NATIONAL ANTHEM

Arise O' Compatriots
Nigeria's call obey
To serve our father land
With love and strength and faith
The Labour of our Heroes past
Shall never be in vain
To serve with heart and might
One nation bound in freedom,
peace and unity

O God of Creation
Direct our noble cause
Guide our leaders right
Help our youth the truth to know
In love and honesty to grow
And living just and true
Great lofty height attained
To build a nation where peace and justice shall
reign

NATIONAL PLEDGE

I pledge to Nigeria my country.
To be faithful, loyal and honest.
To serve Nigeria with all my strength.
To defend her unity, and uphold her honour and
glory.
So Help me God



AMBROSE ALLI UNIVERSITY ANTHEM

We have searched for a land
A place pure and true
Where knowledge is supreme
Where development springs
A surety for the state
Hope for the Nation

The place is Ambrose Alli University
AAU - Centre for perfection
AAU - Place for enlightenment
AAU - Fountain for advancement in Ekpoma

Though the road may be rough
The place gives us strength
Though weather inclement
The vision is clear
A place for excellence
Where culture reigneth

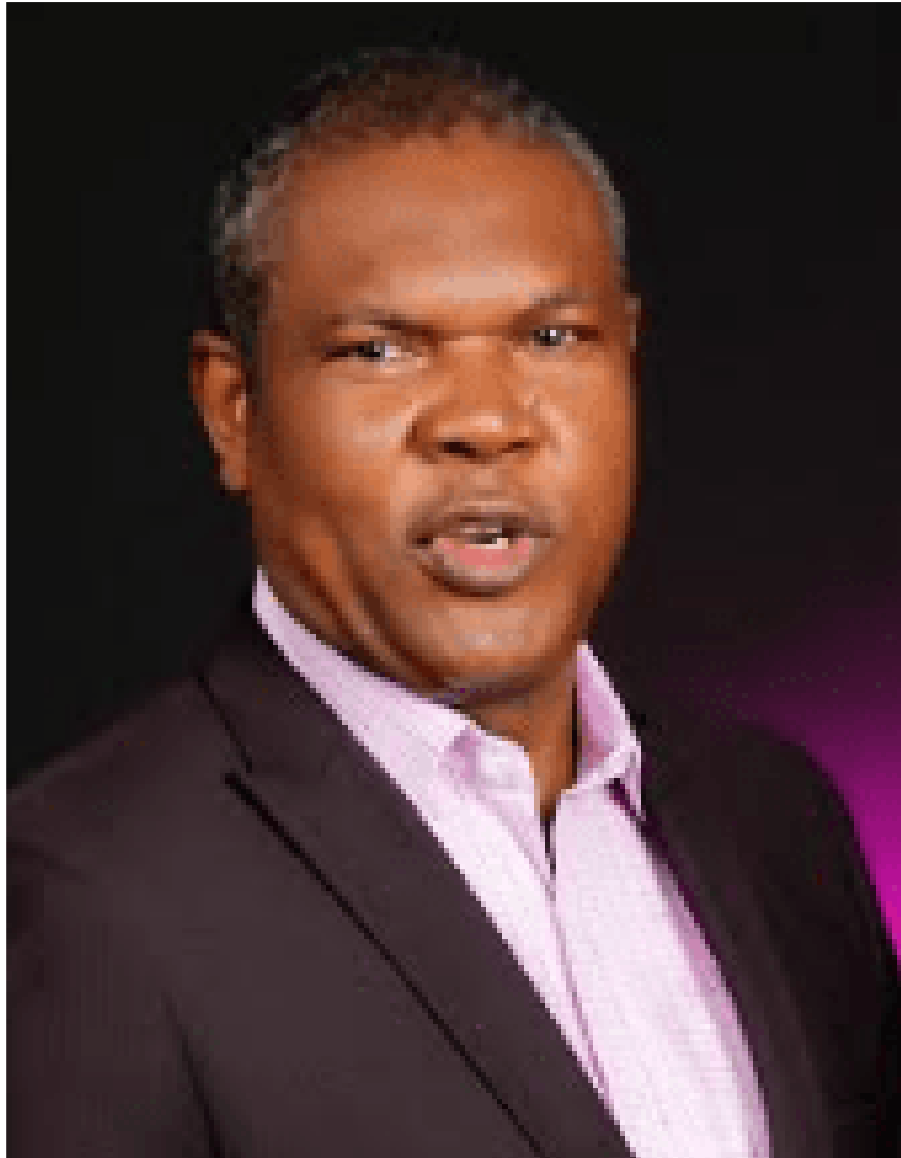
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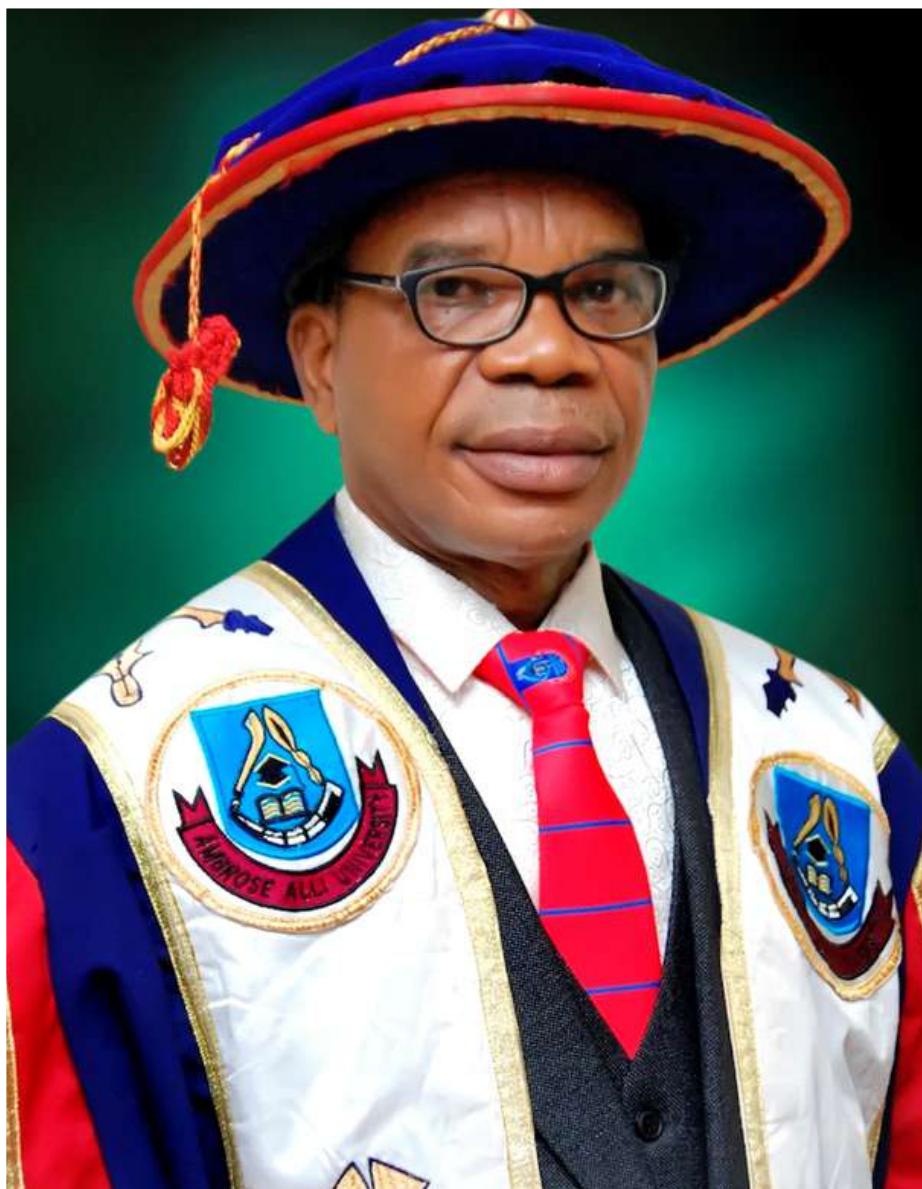
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HISTORY OF ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

The department of Accounting came into existence in 1989/90. As from 1993/94 the department has awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science Honours in Accounting yearly.

Philosophy of the Department

The underlying philosophy of the degree programme in Accounting is to produce a stream of accounting graduates who are imbued with the requisite attitudes, ethics and professional skills necessary for improving the frontiers of accounting practice locally and internationally.

At the completion of the B.Sc. degree programme in Accounting, graduates gain the necessary exemptions from Professional Accounting Bodies in Nigeria and Overseas. The department also admits students into Post graduate programme from PGD to Ph.D. level in accounting.

Objectives of the Department

The major objectives of the Department of Accounting are to produce high-level Accounting Personnel and to expand the frontiers of Accounting knowledge through research and publications as well as improving the quality of professional accounting in Nigeria and beyond. Thus, the department's programme is development with the following aims:

- a) To expand the frontiers of application of accounting discipline through stimulating interest in and providing needed leadership in research and experimentation in all branches of Accounting.
- b) The need for an all-round grounding in various aspects of Economics, Finance and Management so that the Accountant will see himself as an organizational team member whose collaborative effort is required for the attainment of set organizational objectives.
- c) Encouraging the interaction of staff and student with Accounting practitioners so as to inculcate the necessary attitudes, ethics and skill of professionalism in them.

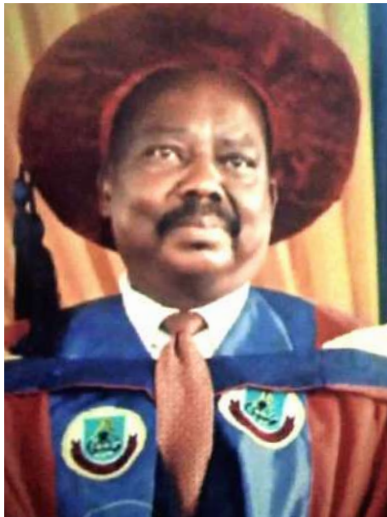
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HOD ACCOUNTING



DR. ISEDU
HOD BANKING & FINANCE



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DEAN OF FACULTY OF
MANAGEMENT SCIENCE



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Professor Jeremiah. U. Idialu a former Head of Department in Accounting, Ambrose Alli University (1993 - 1996 & 1998 – 2004). He has written a lot of books, research articles in both academic journal and professional journal across the world. He is a fellow of Institute of Chartered Accountant of Nigeria (ICAN). He obtained his Higher National Diploma (Accountancy) in 1983 in Auchu Polytechnic, MBA in 1990 in University of Benin, Ph. D in Business Management in 2010 in Delta State University, Abraka after he was appointed as adjunct senior lecturer in Delta State University, Abraka.



PROF. E. J. OFANSON is a seasoned scholar and an astute gentleman. He has lectured in polytechnic and university for over fifteen years. He has written and published articles in learned journals for economists, accountants and bankers. He is a lecturer and Former Head of Accounting Department (1997/1998) and also the Former Head of Banking and Finance Department



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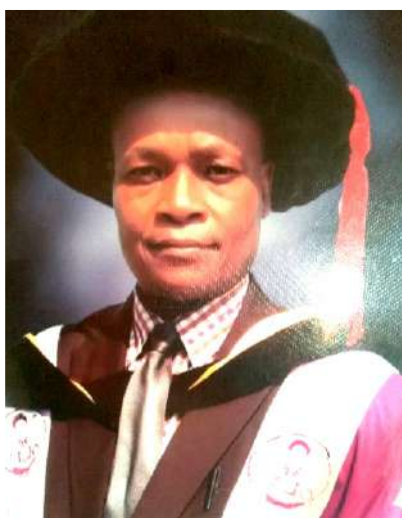


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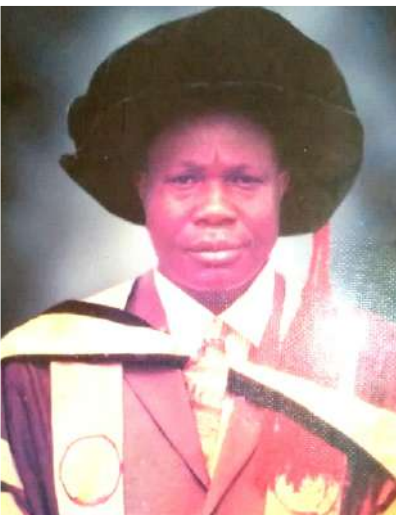
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HISTORY OF THE AMBROSE ALLI UNIVERSITY

On the 15th of January, 1981, the Bendel State Government, led by Professor Ambrose Folorunsho Alli, set up a committee on the establishment of Bendel State University and other Institutions under the chairmanship of Professor M.I. Ogbeide. The committee comprised academics, experienced University administrators and top-ranking civil servants. The committee submitted its report to the Bendel State Government in March, 1981, in which it recommended the establishment of Bendel State University and two other institutions. The government accepted the committee's recommendations and proceeded to concretize the University idea. A bill to make provisions for the establishment of a University for Bendel State of Nigeria was sent to the State House of Assembly for consideration. But the life of the bill in the House was turbulent as it generated prolonged debate and highly politicized controversy. In the long run, the bill was passed and signed into law on July 14, 1981. The Bendel State University metamorphosed into Edo State University, Ekpoma (now Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma) and Delta State University, Abraka following the



creation of two states, Edo and Delta States, from the defunct Bendel State. At its take-off, Prof. M.I. Ogbeide and Mr. S.A. Kakulu were appointed as Vice-Chancellor and Registrar of the University respectively in August, 1981.

The University, with small staff base, arranged entrance examination by which 408 foundation students were admitted, and subsequently matriculated, into the eight existing colleges of the University at the time, to wit: Colleges of Arts and Social

Science; Agriculture and Natural Resources; Education; Engineering and Technology; Natural Sciences; Environmental Design; Legal Studies; and Medical Sciences. In

October, 1983, the then State Governor and Visitor, Dr. S.O. Ogbemudia appointed a visitation panel to the University.

The aftermath of the report of the panel orchestrated the introduction of the traditional Faculty system to the University in the 1984/1985 academic session and the closure of three (3) colleges. These were the Colleges of Medical Sciences, Agriculture & Natural Resources and Education. At this time, the Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Environmental Design, Law and Natural Sciences then constituted the University. Professor D.O. Aihe was appointed acting Vice-Chancellor on March 1, 1984 and Mr. E.A. Omobude became the acting Registrar on March 13, 1984.

Engineer (Professor) P.A. Kuale was appointed substantive Vice-Chancellor on January 15, 1985. In 1988/1989 session, a new Vice Chancellor, Dr. AweleMaduemezie, F.A.S., was appointed for the University. He assumed duty on January 17, 1989. Prof. (Sir) J.E.A. Osemeikhian became the acting Vice-Chancellor of the University on December 17, 1992. In May 1997, Prof. Mike I. Isokun (JP) was appointed Sole Administrator of the University. In September, 1998, the then Military Administrator of the State, Navy Commander, Anthony Onyearugbulem, abolished the Sole Administrator and appointed Prof. (Mrs.) A.E. Uduebo as acting Vice-Chancellor. Prof. (Sir) D.E. Agbonlahor was appointed as the substantive Vice-Chancellor in June, 1999. Prof. D.O. Aigbomian was appointed substantive Vice-Chancellor in May 2004. Briefly, Prof. F. Alofokhai was appointed acting Vice-Chancellor in June 2009 at



the expiration of Prof. Aigbomian's tenure before the appointment of Prof. Sam Oniamikogbo as substantive Vice-Chancellor in August 2009. His administration was however short-lived with the appointment of Late Prof. (Mrs.) C.A. Agbebaku as acting Vice-Chancellor in May 2, 2011 and, later, as substantive Vice-Chancellor in March 2014 by the former Executive Governor of Edo State, Comrade Adams Aliu Oshiomhole. At the expiration of her tenure on May 2, 2016,

Prof F. O. Okogbo was appointed as overseer of the University by the Governing Council of the University before the appointment of Prof. I.A. Onimawo as the 9th substantive Vice-Chancellor of the University on May 11, 2016. The present Chancellor of the University is H.R.H. Alhaji (Dr). Yahaya Abubakar, the Emir of Minna, while Prof. Gregory Akenzua of Benin Kingdom is the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Governing Council.

The University, as currently constituted has a flourishing School of Postgraduate Studies and twelve Faculties including Academic Directorates, Institutes and Centres



LIST OF FACULTIES, ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTES, CENTRES AND DIRECTORATES

The University has twelve (12) Faculties, sixty-five (65) academic departments, two (2) Institutes, two (2) Centres and nine (9) Directorates . These are:

FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE (4)

Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension
Department of Animal Science
Department of Crop Science
Department of Soil Science

FACULTY OF ARTS (6)

Department of English
Department of History and International Studies
Department of Modern Languages
Department of Philosophy
Department of Religious Management and Cultural Studies
Department of Theatre and Media Arts

FACULTY OF EDUCATION (6)

Department of Curriculum and Instruction
Department of Educational Foundations and Management
Department of Guidance and Counseling
Department of Library and Information Science
Department of Physical and Health Education
Department of Vocational & Technical Education

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY (4)

Department of Civil Engineering
Department of Electrical & Electronics Engineering
Department of Materials and Production Engineering
Department of Mechanical Engineering

FACULTY OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (4)

Department of Architecture
Department of Building
Department of Fine and Applied Arts
Department of Geography and Environmental Management

FACULTY OF LAW (4)

Department of Commercial and Industrial Law
Department of Jurisprudence and International Law
Department of Private and Property Law
Department of Public Law

FACULTY OF LIFE SCIENCES (4)

Department of Biochemistry
Department of Botany
Department of Microbiology
Department of Zoology

FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES (4)

Department of Accounting
Department of Banking and Finance
Department of Business Administration
Department of Public Administration

FACULTY OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES (4)

Department of Chemistry
Department of Computer Science
Department of Mathematics
Department of Physics

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (4)

Department of Economics
Department of Political Science
Department of Psychology
Department of Sociology

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

FACULTY OF BASIC MEDICAL SCIENCES (5)

Department of Anatomy
Department of Medical Biochemistry
Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences
Department of Physiology
Department of Nursing

FACULTY OF CLINICAL SCIENCES (16)

Department of Anesthesia
Department of Community Health
Department of Chemical Pathology
Department of Family Medicine
Department of Hematology
Department of Histopathology
Department of Medicine
Department of Medical Microbiology
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Department of Ophthalmology
Department of Orthopedics Surgery
Department of Pediatrics
Department of Pharmacology
Department of Psychiatry
Department of Radiology
Department of Surgery

INSTITUTES (2)

Institute of Education
Institute of Governance and Development Studies

CENTRES (2)

Entrepreneurial/Career Studies
Strategic Studies

DIRECTORATES (9)

Academic Planning Unit
Consultancy Services
Part-Time Degree Programmes
Foundation Programme
General Studies
Information and Communication Technology
Research Publication and Development
Quality Assurance and Linkages
Industrial Training Unit

**AMBROSE ALLI UNIVERSITY
JOURNALS**

Ambrose Alli University Journal of Environmental Studies
Ambrose Alli University Journal of Management Sciences
Ambrose Alli University Law Journal

Ambrose Alli University Postgraduate Journal
Annals of Environmental Management
Annals of Medical Research
Annals of Natural Sciences
Archives of Clinical Research
Ekpoma Journal of Languages and Literary Studies
Ekpoma Journal of Social Sciences
EJOTMAS: Ekpoma Journal of Theatre and Media Arts
Epha: Ekpoma Journal of Religious Studies
IRORO: A Journal of Arts
ITAN: Journal of History and International Studies
Journal of Applied and Basic Sciences
Journal of Engineering and Scientific Application
Journal of Health and Applied Sciences
Journal of Strategic and Development Studies
Nigerian Journal of Agriculture and Forestry
Nigerian Journal of Christian Studies
Studies in Education
Journal of Physical Science

PROF. IGNATIUS A. ONIMAWO, THE ERUDITE PROFESSOR WHO CAME, AND SAW AND TRANSFORMED AMBROSE ALLI UNIVERSITY, EKPOMA, ARMED WITH THE SIMPLE TOOLS OF KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE AND INTEGRITY



On the 11th day of May, 2016, a silent revolution took place in the sprawling campus of Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma. That was the day that Professor Ignatius A. Onimawo assumed duties as the Vice Chancellor of the said University.

Shortly thereafter, the Erudite Professor held meetings with the various arms of the University community, including the Governing Council, the Senate, the Faculties, non-Academic Staff and the Student bodies. In those meetings, the Vice Chancellor took time to spell out to the Organs concerned, his Agenda/Vision for the University which he explained as the intended Strategic Plan to transform and reposition the University.

The agenda or vision which the Vice Chancellor has prosecuted over the last three and half years boiled down to a 12 point mission chart which has strategically and tactically

driven the actions and decisions of the cerebral Professor from May, 2016 to date. The vision is to transform AAU into “... a **first class university that would be rated as the best State University and among the best ten in Nigeria in knowledge and skills for service delivery to the society**”. These are:

Repositioning governance (or e-govern) through team play, e-governance, transparency and consultation;

Infrastructural development/Access Road which included improved aesthetics, Grand Structures, new faculty buildings, directorate buildings, landscaping, environmental control and private sector investment;

Improved funding and revenue generation;

Internationalization;

Harmony and Public Relation;

Academic excellence;

Staff Welfare/Development;

Security;

Staff/Students Health;

Deepening of ICT/Web Presence;

Students Welfare; and

Spiritual Enthronement of God Almighty through prayers.

On repositioning Governance, the Vice Chancellor in 2016 collaborated with the MTN and Globacom Nigeria Limited who are major

players in internet and communication industry to achieve an increase in internet bandwidth operational within a radius of 25 kilometers from the University as the epicentre. These entailed the introduction of fibre-optics technology which contributed to strengthening the University's ICT Division and empowered it to achieve better signals for ICT within the University. Desktops and Laptops were consistently and systematically acquired through direct purchasing using the internally generated revenue of the institution as well as through the attraction of supplies by donors organizations and alumni. Some of these computers were deployed to the University Library which was renovated and upgraded by the creation of computer based technology examination center within its complex and other centers. These activities had brought about the following results:

E-GOVERNANCE which has facilitated the creation of: e-Senate, e-Result, e-Transcripts, e-Payments; e-Registration, e-Voting, e-Admission, e-Learning, e-Examination or CBE, Robust Interactive website and Efficient Virtual Library. Following these achievement, Ambrose Alli University has for three consecutive years from 2017 to 2019 won the Award of the Best State University in use of

Technology in the Nigerian Technology Awards.

Through a robust collaborative and public relations effort by the Vice Chancellor, Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria and the NNPC had donated a state-of-the-art ICT Centre to the University in 2018 which has raised the University to be in the list of one of the best ICT Centre in Nigeria. Also, Dr. Tony Elumelu, an alumnus of the University was persuaded to donate a 500 capacity Examination Centre to the University.

All these have helped to raise the status of the University in webomatic ranking in Africa from 176th position to 56th position and placed it among the best 10 in Nigeria.

Education, Management Sciences and Mass Communication. The building, furnishing and completion of the said faculties were funded by TETFunds.

Other structures completed were the Administration Building of the University funded by the Government of Edo State, the 250 capacity Lecture Theatre Units A and B in the Faculty of Environmental Studies, the rehabilitation and refurbishment of Kudirat Female Hostel (Sections A and B), Iyayi Female Hostel and Mariere Male Hostel (A and B), Ogbeha Medical Students' Hall, Rehabilitation and Refurbishment/Furnishing of a 500 Lecture Theatre for

taken giant steps in development is the University Library which prior to the Vice Chancellor's attention was described by the NUC Panel as **"..... an accident waiting to happen"**. After its rehabilitation and stocking by the Vice Chancellor, the NUC Panel of Accreditation described the same library as **"one of the best in Nigeria"**.

The Library has the capacity to sit 1100 persons. It is equipped with the state-of-the-art computer facilities. It is stocked with the relevant and up to date literature, texts, articles, journals, periodicals, e-learning materials, relevant research materials and publications suitable for the 21st century academic institution. It is also a computer based examination (CBE) Centre.

The Vice Chancellor has within his tenure also constructed a 6 wings block of offices for Lecturers of the Faculty of Arts. He had equally constructed and equipped a 500-capacity Lecture Hall at the Faculty of Engineering and Technology. The same Faculty of Engineering and Technology also had a Workshop constructed and furnished for them. And there was also the construction and equipping of a soundproof Theatre and Media Arts Studio.

The faculty of Law was not excluded from the developmental activities of Prof Onimawo during this period as the faculty's Lecture Theatre was rehabilitated and

INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT

AAU under Prof. Onimawo has witnessed some spectacular transformation embracing the development of 82 physical projects. 42 of these projects were funded by TETFund, 20 were funded by the Presidential Needs Assessment Intervention while the remaining 11 projects were funded through internally generated revenue

Among the 82 infrastructural Structures completed by the Vice Chancellor between 2016 and 2020 are the building and furnishing of six new faculties namely, Social Sciences, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences,



the Faculty of Environment, Rehabilitation and Refurbishment/Furnishing of ETF Twin 500-Capacity Lecture Theatre for the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Another area of development in which Prof Onimawo has

remodeled by the Vice Chancellor. The faculty of Social Sciences also had its 300 capacity 3 in 1 Lecture Theatre renovated.

Aware that modern learning now goes beyond mere degrees acquisition, the Vice



Chancellor has also constructed and equipped a General Workshop for the Entrepreneurial/Career Centre. The said workshop together with the various tools and raw materials provided therein is employed to instill on both the staff and students who pass through them, the necessary skills to blend with their academic knowledge to earn a living as well as make positive impacts in modern Nigerian economy.

As earlier mentioned, the Vice Chancellor has within this tenure constructed a broad access road from the Administration Building to the University Library and thence to the Faculty of Law. This long road, apart from its breathtaking effect on the

campus' landscape has contributed immensely to ease traffic in the campus.

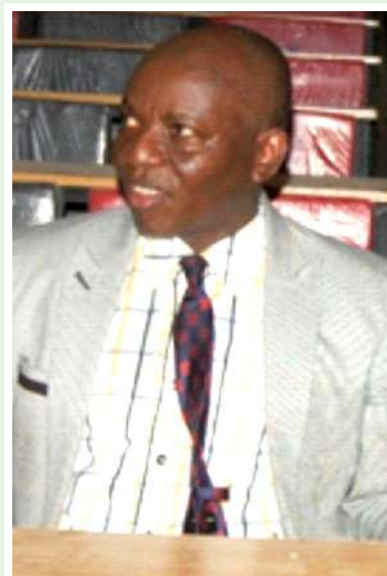
IMPROVED FUNDING AND REVENUE GENERATION:

The Vice Chancellor during his tenure seized great opportunity to synergize with the Federal Government of Nigeria to attract funds to the University. Thus the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) and the Presidential Needs Assessment Intervention (NEEDS) Funds have been made to invest in the University Infrastructural Development Schemes. He has equally collaborated with the private donors and alumni of the University to attract physical and ICT development to the University. These have resulted in the construction and furnishing of faculty buildings, offices, ICT Centres, computer hardware, etc., etc., and of course, through e-Payment, e-Registration and other express financial activities, the University has improved its internally generated revenue (IGR) which have been employed for the Institution's development. e-Finance has generally improved transparency and accountability in the management of the University's assets and resources generally. As transparency demands accountability and discourages corruption, the introduction of e-Finance

generally has not gone without some resistance from those whose corrupt tendencies have been frustrated by these management innovations. E-payments are now the only acceptable payments for the university's services such as admission fees, school fees, etc., thus eliminating cash payments. E-payments equally generate express alerts and accounts of all payments made thus eliminating corrupt interferences. This has of course inhibits corruption. And those who lose from this process have been very restive and unhappy.

INTERNATIONALIZATION

The Vice Chancellor has substantially increased the involvement of the University in International activities and events such as seminars, exhibitions, staff exchange programmes, sabbatical leave for staff in foreign universities



and institutions, postgraduate scholarship as well as

students exchange and/or competitive programmes. This has given exposure to the beneficiaries of the programmes and enhanced their skills by acquainting them with how things are done differently elsewhere. The beneficiaries have visited European, American, Asian and African Universities and Research Institutions for the above programmes. The students' exchange and competitive programmes have exposed them to other University environments and their favourable performance has enhanced the University's regional and international reputation and ranking in Nigeria, Africa and beyond. The University's infrastructures and equipment/facilities have equally not escaped attention and ranking. And it is has held its ground and received favourable and improved ranking relative to its previous position. The Award of the Best State University in use of Technology in the Nigerian Technology Awards and the improved status of the University in webomatic ranking in Africa from 176th position to 56th position and its placement among the best 10 in Nigeria are clear indices of the enhancement of the University during the last five years under Prof. Onimawo.



University is gradually rising once more. The introduction of ICT and the resultant e-Learning, e-Examination and e-Results has compelled students to concentrate on their studies as they are aware that “sorting” and “blocking” can no longer work. They recognize that their performance and grading is no longer a product of corrupt process; that the course lecturer no longer exercise absolute control in their performance; that it is no longer business as usual. This has brought a lot of transparency into the academic performance of students and greatly exposed the skills of the students. But it is not without resistance. E-Examination and e-Result has discouraged corruption. And this does not go down well with the few corrupt teachers and lazy students who benefit from the old ways. There has therefore been some fierce resistance to the Computer Based Examinations (CBE) as it discourages corruption and favouritism and crass commercialism of our education. This has greatly improved the performance of the students who are made to work harder. It has also been

deployed to the admission process of new students who do their post UTME tests through the CBE process and are expressly marked. The admission process has become faster and neater and it encourages excellence. This transpires into the University admitting better qualified students and bringing out competent graduates equipped to excel in the competitive world.

SECURITY

Prior to the emergence of Prof Onimawo as the Vice Chancellor of the University there were so many challenges to the security situation in the University. Cultism reigned supreme as the University was a leading institution in cultism in the entire Nigeria. There were several incidents of murder and maiming in the campus resulting from cult activities. Cultism naturally engendered corruption and impunity. The cultist controlled and determined in most cases the result of his examination. And most of the beneficiaries of this process quite naturally neglected their academic pursuits as they could always influence the

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

As mentioned in the foregoing paragraph, the reputation of the

result they scored in the examination even when they fail to write such examinations altogether. To achieve their objectives, such cultists relied on the bad eggs among the Academic Staff as well as those in the Examinations Department of the University. They equally relied on the vulnerable and insecure environment on campus. The University property and the staff and students were unsafe in this era of impunity. The introduction of ICT as well as improved relations between the Administration and the Staff on the one hand, and between the administration/staff and the students on the other hand has improved the security situation tremendously. Moreover the awareness that lecturers no longer control examination results has substantially enhanced the safety of the faculty staff who were hitherto compelled to the perils of their life to award unmerited but dictated marks for examination. Of course, this is not to say that there were no examinations merchants among the University's Staff. There were quite a few such rapacious people who preyed on the gullible students for their ignoble benefits. They exploited the female students sexually while the male students were made to part with the little money given to them by their parents/guardians. This had turned some desperate students into armed robbers thereby making the University

community very unsafe. But Prof. Onimawo changed this situation. Through rapprochement and the creation of a benign



environment regulated by ICT and internet traffic.

ICT/WEB PRESENCE

As earlier mentioned, Prof. Onimawo has given considerable attention to improving the ICT status of AAU and enhancing WEB presence in the Campus and immediate surrounding environment. This has enabled him to carry out his e-governance programme. Previously mentioned is the expansion, renovation, refurbishing and general upgrading of the University Library as well as furnishing of the same with various ICT devices. His collaboration with MTN and Globacom to improve the internet traffic by providing relevant facilities to achieve the same is a noteworthy achievement. This has brought about a high degree

of transparency in the management of the University. Such transparency enhancing policies include CBE, e-

Exams, e-Results, e-payment, e-admission, among several others. This has brought about a great deal of improvement in the way things are done in the University. Now, students get notifications of their results as soon as they have completed writing their examination. Admission processes are announced promptly so that successful candidates know of their performance so that they can quickly prepare for their transition from secondary schools to the University. By this policy the University accounts and fiscal activities are easily accessible to those in a position to access same. The benefits of this policy are endless, including e-library which helps to improve access to various publications and enhance research activities by both staff and students.

HEALTH SERVICES

Health services in AAU prior to May, 2016 could be described as epileptic and primitive. There were skeletal



workers on ground and the facilities were antiquated and inadequate. Both staff and students requiring medical attention therefore had to look elsewhere if they wanted to stay alive or recover quickly. But this situation was quickly reversed as the Vice Chancellor came on board. Competent hands were recruited for the Health Centre and the facilities were upgraded and medical supplies were made available to meet the need of the University Community. The benefit from this is enormous as fewer people need to go elsewhere for medical attention and the health status of both staff and students had tremendously improved.

STUDENTS WELFARE GENERALLY

Every University is established to bring up the generation of high caliber leaders for the society, for public service, as well as in the scientific, artistic and business world. And the

quality of every University is judged by the quality of graduates it produces that can bring cutting edge skills to bear on the needs of their society and ensure the development of their country. As earlier observed, the vision of the Vice Chancellor is to make Ambrose Alli University “... **a first class University that would be rated as the best State University and among the best ten in Nigeria in knowledge and skills for service delivery to the society**”. To Prof. Onimawo, therefore, the students are the centerpiece of management's focus in the University. During the past four years under his watch, students have been enjoying unimpeded access to first class infrastructure, resource materials and world class digital academic exposure. They enjoy freedom from the Lords of oppression and darkness in the University system who had hitherto preyed on the poor youth on campus. Sexual harassment has been abolished as the platform for students' vulnerability has been dismantled and the sex hawks who preyed on susceptible young female no longer prosper in their business. Examination marks/results racketeering and admission mercantilism are no longer viable businesses as the environment for blackmail and extortion of vulnerable students has been obliterated. The old days of analogue university system has been phased out under the watch

of the ubiquitous Vice Chancellor. It is the rule now that so soon as students click the submit icon on their laptop after writing their examinations, results are automatically shown on their screen. There is no more room for victimization of students by improper grading. There are no more missing results or answer booklets. There is no more poaching of students by compulsory buying of handouts as a condition for proper grading after their examinations. All books recommended as course materials are placed in the bookshop where students are encouraged for their own good, but not mandated, to buy them. Recommended textbooks must pass proper appraisal by a Committee set up to certify their fitness. The digital reforms introduced by Prof. Onimawo has given the students the opportunity to thrive on their merits. Thus examination results and admission are no longer for sale in the University. All hardworking students that benefit from this sanitized arrangement have expressed their gratitude to the Vice Chancellor and the management of the University for this great opportunity to thrive on hard work and succeed on their own merits.

SPIRITUAL ENTHRONEMENT OF GOD ALMIGHTY THROUGH PRAYERS

Prof. Onimawo is a scientist with a difference. He is a Christian of the Roman

Catholic denomination with a strong faith anchored on God. As earlier posited, the Vice Chancellor believes in the “**Spiritual Enthronement of God Almighty through Prayers**”. And in pursuit of this mission, the Vice Chancellor since his assumption of duty has established a spiritual programme known as “**AAU Prays**”. It is a prayer session organized in the Campus on every first Thursdays of the month. It is attended by all willing Christians and presided over by various Christian Leaders/Pastors in the Campus. It is a prayer session in which the presence of God is invoked and HIS Word is ministered to the believers. God is therefore the Grand Patron of the University under Whose guidance the University operates. Muslims are equally encouraged to engage in their prayer sessions. God is therefore enthroned as such and His presence and aura prevails over the affairs of the University.

DISTRACTORS & SPOILSPORTS

The fundamental transformation that took place in the University since the Vice Chancellor came on board has been generally wholesome. Both staff and students have benefitted immensely and the University has progressed extensively. But this has not gone without some major challenges. The digital policy of the Vice Chancellor has serious deleterious effect on corruption. Business has not been as usual for those who had



always tried to prosper at the expense of the University and the students. Computer Based Examination (CBE) and e-Results as well as the digital finance policy such as e-Payment, e-Admission, etc., has frustrated a lot of persons who wanted to profit from crime and corruption and to enjoy the proceeds of their crimes. Initially they had hidden behind the shadows while murmuring over their losses. But as the Digital Professor's first five-year tenure as Vice Chancellor draws to its close, they are unable to contemplate another five years of loss of business. These were men and women who enjoyed bloated bank accounts as a result of examination racketeering, admission commercialization, false accounting and various corrupt practices whose roads have been closed by the Vice Chancellor. These are people who could change

esoteric SUV Cars faster than it took to change suits, cars that they could not otherwise afford with their three years salaries and allowances. The enthronement of transparency and Christian uprightness in the campus is virtually stifling if not outrightly strangulating to these corrupt elements. They have been compelled to be content with their emoluments as civil servants. They are now sneaking out to attack the Vice Chancellor in the hope that he would not be allowed a second tenure by the government. Unsubstantiated cry of corruption is being bellowed. Naturally the CBE, e-admission and e-results have been equally unfavourable to lazy and corrupt students who would rather patronize the admission “agents” and examination racketeers to gain entry into the University and to pass through the University without allowing the university to pass through them. To discourage examination malpractices, the University under the guidance of the Vice Chancellor had introduced a “fifty-fifty examination procedure”. By this procedure, a 300, 400 or 500 capacity examination hall can only accommodate not more than fifty students during examination with the examination candidates spaced out in the hall to discourage communication among themselves. By this procedure, no student is allowed to write examination more than once in any hall. And no lecturer is allowed to supervise examination in a

particular hall more than once. Students must cross out the unused space in their examination booklets. And when they fail to do so, officers of the examination division shall do so before handing over the booklets to the lecturer in charge of the course who must sign a slip to indicate the number of scripts he has collected from the examination department. A few such students who could not pull their weight to cope with the fair but rigorous and transparent policy are in cahoots with their deposed business associates to vilify the Vice Chancellor in the hope that his exit would pave way for them to graduate unmeritoriously from the University with purchased results.

While the corrupt persons protest in the hope of ensuring a return to the old status quo, those honest majority who have seen the climate of change that ushered in an era of transparency and tremendous progress are jubilating. Indeed the tenure of the erudite professor can rightly be termed the golden era of Ambrose Alli University, an era of all embracing transformation. It has ushered in an all pervading peace with incidents of cultism and corruption seriously curtailed if not absolutely eradicated. He has established an institutionalized process of transparency that would be difficult for the next succeeding Vice Chancellor to change, but which he could build upon to take the University to greater heights. It is a truism that **“when you fight corruption,**

corruption fights back”. That is exactly what is happening in the campus of the Ambrose Alli University as Prof. Onimawo prepares to draw the curtain over his first tenure.

The State Government has wisely set up a Visitation Panel to visit the University and examine how it has been managed in the past 10 years. This will enable the Panel to compare and contrast the modus operandi of Professor Onimawo as well as weigh his achievements against those of his predecessors. This has therefore made the setting up of the Panel a welcome development that would keep the Governor, who is the Visitor of the University, properly informed as to the achievement of the Vice Chancellor as opposed to the wolf cries of the mudslingers whose only interest is to go back to the old ways that would certainly set back the University by a decade.

DIGITAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY (DFA) IN A GLOBAL PANDEMIC PERIOD

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1. INTRODUCTION

Accountability in the context of this discussion is conceptualized as the responsibility by an individual or a group of individuals, or an entity for the performance of a designated role(s) and/or the result(s) of specifically assigned function(s). **Wigmore (2014) states that** accountability is an assurance that an individual or an organization will be evaluated on their performance or behaviour related to something for which they are responsible. Thus, the expression is connected to responsibility but perceived more from the standpoint of oversight. Corporate accountability involves being answerable to all an organization's stakeholders for all actions and results.

Terrible diseases such as Ebola, Lassa fever, HIV/AIDS, etc. have been in the World for some time now but the Corona Virus (COVID-19) pandemic presents unprecedented challenges and the greatest demand for compulsory social distancing that has drawn attention on accountability for digital financial services. Digital financial services make for social distancing; governments' effective disbursement of funds to areas of quick needs; and rapid access to online payments and financing by various households and firms. In the midst of these daunting challenges, the COVID-19 pandemic presents and aggravates the risks to stability and integrity with the heightened use of digital financial services unaccompanied by appropriate regulations and safeguards.

In the public sector, the pandemic period is expected to provide a legacy of longer-term financial impacts of the interventions by governments across the globe. The consummate and incomparable character and amount of the fiscal measures adopted in response to COVID-19 underpins the necessity for a well-built public financial management to maximize their immediate effectiveness. Essentially, strong public accountability for the resources utilized for combating the global pandemic places high demand on high quality financial reporting as an essential ingredient for making and evaluating the transparency impact on public sector finances. The Corporate Governance of State-Owned Enterprises (SOE) needs to be analyzed in relation to the transparency and control environment governing SOEs with an emphasis on financial reporting, auditing, and transparency requirements. The purpose of the analysis is to provide countries with a clear standard comparison of SOE practices in accountability requirements across the globe.

Advances in technology carry the promise of resolving some of the key challenges to achieving full financial inclusion. Disruptive technologies and new entrants are radically changing the financial services industry thereby forcing traditional business models to adapt and

transform the economics of delivery to benefit marginalized communities. Artificial intelligence, automation, big data, distributed ledger technology, and machine learning present just a few cases of technology developments that are accelerating advances in financial services. New entrants, such as mobile network operators, payment service providers, merchant aggregators, retailers, FinTech companies, neo-banks, and super platforms, are leveraging these technologies and altering the competitive landscape for financial services.

Financial inclusion benefits economies and societies as a whole. Prior studies have found that extending traditional financial services to low-income households and small scale firms goes hand-in-hand with increasing economic growth and reducing income inequality (Ulric, Purva, Sumiko & Ratna, 2020). This paper posits that digital financial inclusion is also associated with higher GDP growth.

Notwithstanding the increase in payments made through online or mobile channels, a lot of consumers may not have keyed into the digital payments system. The global COVID-19 pandemic has certainly shifted more consumers towards digital payments vis-à-vis industry and legislative initiatives designed to facilitate access. As digitalization presents remarkable opportunities and

challenges, the objective should be to increase the reach and extent of financial services to people who currently have inadequate or no access to these services on an enormous scale.

2. Conceptual Overview of Digital Financial Services (DFS) in the COVID-19 Pandemic Period

Digital financial services (DFS) relate to financial services such as payments, remittances, and credits accessed and conveyed through digital channels, including those made via mobile devices (Agur, Peria & Rochon, 2020). DFS covers recognized tools like debit and credit cards presented largely by financial institutions; Innovative solutions built on cloud computing digital platforms, and distributed ledger technologies, straddling mobile payments, crypto-assets and peer-to-peer applications. The novel solutions are generally referred to as fintech (Alper & Miktus, 2019).

DFSs can be exploited to counter the strains and shocks of COVID-19, and the crisis possesses the possibility to speed up their development and utilization (Sahay, Eriksson, Lahreche, Khera, Ogawa, Bazarbash, Beaton, 2020). Sahay, et al (2020) shows that digital finance is increasing financial inclusion and is also associated with higher GDP growth for countries where DFSs have not been developed. These include having an adequate digital infrastructure such as high-quality communication services that facilitate access to the internet and mobile connectivity, and putting in place legal and regulatory requirements that facilitate DFS. Incentives for local adoption and the existence of a national ID system can also facilitate the development of DFS.

3. Challenges to Digital Services and DFA in the COVID-19

Pandemic Period

As digital revolution is taking place in the financial services industry, crowded non-bank innovators are contributing both customer-facing and back-office financial technology products and services. This revolution comprises emerging market economies, and in several places presents feasible digital choices to conventional banks, which have left large populations under-banked (Saal, Starnes & Rehmann, 2017).

Even if the global economy is emerging from the collapse caused by COVID-19 pandemic, the recovery is likely to be subdued forcing global GDP to remain lower than pre-pandemic trend for a protracted period. Numerous risks shade the outlook, together with those connected to the pandemic and rapidly rising debt. The pandemic has further reduced already-feeble growth potentials for the following decade. Crucial guidelines for actions will be critical in raising the probability for better growth outcomes while mitigating worse expectations. Urgent concerns consist of sustaining weak groups to guarantee a timely and extensive immunization process in order to get the virus under control. Although macroeconomic policy support will continue to be imperative, inadequate fiscal policy space accompanied by soaring debts necessitate a determined transformation agenda that would strengthen development projections. Attempts to tackle these various challenges will extend beyond national, regional to global cooperation.

4. Public Financial Management (PFM) in the COVID-19 Pandemic Period

Any successful government reaction or response to emergent disasters such as COVID-19 must necessarily depend on excellent public financial management (PFM). Thus, IMF clarifies that PFM systems will be imperative for handling the pressing challenges posed by the pandemic. These include calculating and searching for financial resources required to deal with the disease, appropriating money to the requisite delivery units, accounting for and reporting on the resources deployed and guaranteeing sustainable stability of process and operations even as nearly all government staff members are absent or work from home.

The implication of the above is that National Governments are therefore implementing speedy corrective actions like reprogramming expenditures, assigning supplementary funds, mounting accelerated implementation mechanisms, and planning for liquidity needs. A great level of dexterity is required to effect the urgently needed adjustments. However, in the presence of the ordered agility, there is need to avoid misuse of funds and preserve future macroeconomic stability by reconciling or balancing the virtues of flexibility against the demands of fiscal discipline. Thus, the World Bank team led by Srinivas Gurazada pointed out, that recent health crises such as Ebola and others showed that PFM principles, controls, and safeguards should certainly be a intensified emergency.

How governments should mount a quick response to the corona virus pandemic while ensuring efficient and visible PFM to meet longer-term development needs remains the big question.

Efficient PFM for hard times like the COVID-19 crisis demands that this issue should be taken seriously and this reaffirms the value that PFM practitioners can provide to fiscal risk management and accountability.

Marignani (2020) suggested that some of the emerging key insights to the panacea would include *inter alia*:

Provision of flexibility and Preservation of Accountability

Anywhere authorization of expenditure procedures and procurement processes require simplification or accelerated treatment, reporting and accountability mechanisms together with ex-post controls should be maintained;

Amplification of a Clear Medium-Term Spending Framework,

This should involve reinforced cash transfer schemes, which are critical for effecting immediate response to a crisis. In this regard, Governments should identify medium-term investments to boost economic growth while leaving no-one behind;

Prioritization of Macroeconomic Analysis and Situation planning

The present pandemic has placed a burden on national governments to **prioritize macroeconomic analysis and** develop country situation plans with diverse core assumptions and key macroeconomic projections with strong considerations for the national economic impacts of COVID-19.

Regular Review of Business Continuity and Recovery Plans;

It is important for Federal Ministry of Finance to take action as a response to critical places where workers should be extensively engaged at a distant or remote location. It is important to ensure that government structures are able to seize opportunities for digital transformation.

Construction of Institutional Resilience to Future Crises;

Vital strategic, operational, and individual resilience should be developed to manage the current pandemic and to absorb future shocks. Staff should be assisted to adjust to fresh ways of doing their work and latest technologies can limit large-scale disruption.

Development of National Disaster Risk Financing Strategy;

Development of national disaster risk financing strategy designed to alleviate the financial, economic, and social impacts of exogenous distress or shocks is paramount. The strategies cover risk and vulnerability assessment, risk awareness and education, risk management, disaster response and resilient recovery.

Management of Public Investment for Economic Rejuvenation

Public investments are crucial to re-launch the economy affected by a pandemic, even if public investments may be cut or postponed at the beginning of a crisis. Therefore, the economic viability of infrastructure investments should be carefully evaluated and only actions of factual importance are selected. The post-crisis phase may also provide important opportunities for a recovery.

Institutional Collaborations;

Funds should be speedily deployed to the areas of operation with required effective cooperation between the executive and the legislature. Internal and external resources should be consolidated by countries in order to secure a swift response and institute a broad socioeconomic recovery plan. It is necessary to engage civil society participation basically

to ensure an accountable and transparent response.

Digitalization of Public Finances toward Reduction of Ultimate Exogenous Shocks

Accelerated responses to future disasters are crucially required to ensure an integrated and transparent PFM information system. The pandemic is evidently and noticeably accelerating the digitalization process in many societies, accompanied by associated risks including cyber criminals and malicious state actors that require governments' control.

In addition to the above, other short term measures include:

Socioeconomic effects of the pandemic and their interconnectivity should be charted as an overall agenda for informed decisions to support public institutions to shift focus to the COVID-19 affected areas. This requires support for governments to account for new economic and fiscal constraints, and adjust fiscal policies to assist COVID-19 most affected people together with social protection schemes and economic stimulus packages;

The budgetary and legal framework for emergency response mechanisms should be clearly understood and expenditure authorization procedures set up accompanied with support activities such as issuance of additional guidance for procurement, direct awards, assisting the national procurement officers with monitoring international and domestic markets for price comparisons, and ensuring that all procurement information related to COVID-19 on government portals is made public so as to enhance transparency and trust;

High liquidity demands should be prepared by ministries of finance in order to cope with

crucial peculiarities of managing cash flow during crises particularly in the health sector and in countries with low cash reserves. There is usually need to develop a treasury arrangement for cash management as part of overall business risk and continuity groundwork;

It is important to secure reporting and accountability mechanisms to trail and track COVID-19 expenditures, inform policy makers, and dispel corruption. This could include necessary support system to initiate suitable budgeting and accounting codes within existing structures, thus capturing COVID-19 allocations and expenditures. This will involve sustenance of inclusive policy dialogue and citizen engagement in policy development processes to ensure accountability.

5. Digital Financial Inclusion (DFI) in the COVID-19 Pandemic Times

The COVID-19 global pandemic is a booster for digital financial services, providing for low-income households and small scale enterprise (SSE) to greatly benefit from advances in mobile money, fintech services, and online banking. In addition, financial inclusion resulting from DFS equally aims at enhancing economic growth. Despite the increased use of DFS occasioned by the pandemic, there are challenges posed against the growth of the industry's small scale players and has brought unequal access to digital infrastructure (Leora Klapper, 2020)

. Thus, there is a need to involve a number of actions to guarantee utmost inclusion for better advancements.

Firstly, low-income households and SSEs can benefit greatly from advances in mobile money, fintech services and online

banking. The transition towards DFS was already helping societies advance financial inclusion before the inception of COVID-19, bringing gains to numerous low-income households and SSEs with practically little access to conventional financial institutions. Government protocols such as social distancing, lockdowns, etc. have heightened an accelerated use of DFS. Countries like Liberia, Ghana, Kenya, Kuwait, Myanmar, Paraguay, Portugal, etc. have backed the transition with actions such as decreasing fees and raising limits on mobile money transactions. **It is reported that** Africa and Asia pilot DFI, but with considerable disparity across countries. In Africa, Ghana, Kenya, and Uganda are the vanguards. In contrast, the Middle East and Latin America have a propensity to use digital financial services more moderately. In some countries, such as Chile and Panama, this likely mirrors a comparatively higher level of bank penetration. In the majority of countries, digital payments services are growing into digital lending as firms build up users' data and develop fresh ways of using it for credit worthiness analysis. Marketplace lending, which uses digital stands to openly connect lenders to borrowers doubled in value from 2015 to 2017. While so far concentrated in China, the United Kingdom, and the United States, it appears to be growing in other parts of the world, such as in Kenya and India. During the COVID-19 lockdowns, digital financial services are enabling governments to provide rapid and secure financial support to "hard-to-reach" people and businesses, as shown in

Namibia, Peru, Zambia, and Uganda. This serves to mitigate the economic effects and potentially strengthen the economic recovery.

The task ahead is how to strike the huge prospect of digital financial services in the post-COVID-19 period. Several factors are required to put things into shape. Equal access to digital infrastructure backed by access to electricity, mobile coverage and internet connectivity, digital ID; increased financial and digital literacy; and the avoidance of data biases are essential for a further inclusive recovery. A previous global survey revealed that regulators need to sustain fast-paced technological transformations in fintech in order to ensure end user and data protection, cyber security, and interoperability across users and national boundaries.

In order to optimize the gains from digital financial services, it is imperative to make sure that the fintech landscape remains adequately competitive. The COVID-19 pandemic has offered possible benefits for the sector but also creates challenges for smaller fintech companies. Some of the issues include tightening of funding, rising non-performing loans, decline in transactions and credit demand. Some halted new lending since the onset of lockdowns. Widespread consolidation and retrenchment of start-ups would lead to greater concentration in the sector and could slow down inclusion.

One obvious impact of the global pandemic is that the trend towards greater digitalization of financial services is now resident. World and national leaders should eliminate the

digital divide across and within countries in order to build inclusive societies, address rising inequalities and reap the benefits of digital financial services during and after the current pandemic. This requires striking the right balance between enabling financial innovation and addressing several risks such as inadequate consumer protection, lack of financial and digital literacy, unequal access to digital infrastructure, and data biases that need action at the national level; as well as addressing money laundering and cyber risks through international agreements and information sharing, including antitrust laws to ensure adequate competition.

6. CONCLUSION

Accountability as an expression is connected to responsibility but perceived more from the standpoint of oversight. It involves being answerable to all an organization's stakeholders for all actions and results. Digital finance is increasing financial inclusion and is also associated with higher GDP growth for countries where DFSs have not been developed. The global Covid-19 pandemic has accelerated digital innovations for transforming people's interaction with financial services leading to exceptional demands for developing countries to advance the transition in securing an inclusive digital finance.

Any successful government response to emergent disasters such as COVID-19 must depend on excellent PFM. An initial emphasis on PFM measures that limit the spread of the virus and support those affected by health and social protection policies should be supported. Necessary PFM systems for handling urgent challenges including calculating and searching for funds required

for dealing with the disease, appropriating money to the requisite delivery units, accounting for and reporting on the resources deployed should be deployed to assure sustainable stability of process and operations. Thereafter, the focus could shift to fiscal, monetary, and financial measures that mitigate the economic impact of COVID-19. Access to affordable financial services is critical for poverty reduction and economic growth. For poor people, especially women, access to and use of basic financial services can raise incomes, increase resilience, and improve lives.

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DR. NOSA ALFRED EDOBOR OMOREGIE: A Relentless Researcher, Consultant and Businessman



Dr. Nosa Alfred Edobor Omoregie (born April 23rd in the 70's) is a Senior Lecturer and currently the acting Head of Department of the Department of Accounting, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma. He is the chief executive officer (CEO) of Moben D' Excel Nig. Ltd and Creative Investment. He is married to Princess Beauty Osahenrumwen Omoregie from the royal and reputable family of Uwelu Kingdom and they are blessed with Children.

Early Life and Education

Dr. Nosa Omoregie was born in Useh, Edo State (Nigeria) to farmers parents in the village.



From an early age he showed great interest in Education, this made his father to send him to live with his brother in Lagos state. He

commenced his primary education in Army Children Primary School, Ojo Barracks, Lagos State where he obtained First School Leaving Certificate. He gained admission into Army Cantonment Boys Secondary School Ojo Barracks for his secondary education. While in Junior Secondary School three (J.S.S.3), he lost his father. The mother and Guardian ask him to discontinue his education because they could no longer afford to pay his fees, he was asked to go and learn a craft or trade. The young boy without any support decided to continue his education by all means possible by doing menial jobs to pay his fees because he knew even at a young age that education is the best way to a brighter future. After years of hustling in the street for survival and fending for himself, he obtained his WAEC result. After his secondary education, he returned home to Edo State to pursue a university education in the University of Benin. He was admitted to study accounting under the part-time programme in 1998.

University Education is not as easy as secondary school in terms of financial, intellectual, and emotional requirements especially for a young man without a sponsor. Dr Nosa Omoregie believes in the power of education so was more motivated and determined to be a graduate thus he engaged in various hustles to fund himself through five years of academic training and

graduated with a B.Sc accounting (Second Class Upper Division) in 2003.

Lecturer, Researcher and Many Degrees Holder

After he obtained his B.Sc. in



Accounting he immediately applied for Masters in Accounting. On completion of M.Sc. Accounting, having not secured a job yet he enrolled for Masters of business administration (MBA). In 2007, he was offered a lecturing job in the department of accounting, faculty of management sciences, Ambrose Alli University Ekpoma.

Today, Dr. Omoregie is a very versatile and ever relentless researcher across boundaries with many degrees to his credit. Ph.D. Operations Research, M.Sc. in Accounting, Masters in Business Administration (MBA), Post Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE), Masters in Education (M.Ed.), Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Science (PGDCS), B.Sc. in Accounting and more recently B.Sc. in Business Administration. He has authored and co-authored many academic books and over 50

journal articles both in Local and International Journals. He is a chartered member of Nigeria Institute of Management (NIM) and Institute of Certified Public Accountants (ICPA).

Business: Research, Consultancy and Marketing Services

Dr. Omoregie is a man that believes in multiple streams of income having struggled in the street since his teenage years to fend for himself and sponsor his education to the highest level. This has shaped his life as a rugged hustler; he sees a business opportunity where others will think there is none. In 2010, after three years as a lecturer he decided to register a business with corporate affair commission (CAC) in order to bring to life the various business ideas he has been nursing. He set up Moben D' Excel Nigeria Limited – A consultancy, Research and Marketing Services company in Ekpoma, Edo State. The company is involved in research projects consultancy and management development programme for both public and private sectors companies. The company gave birth to other

Strategic Business units (SBUs) such as Excel De Moben Driving School which is accredited by Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and Creative Investment which is based in Uwelu market, Benin City – a credit and thrift cooperative venture.

Excel De Moben Driving School has trained and certified over 200 students on how to drive since inception in 2011. It has grown under the modern strategic management structure to be the biggest and best driving school in Edo central region of Edo State with branch office now in Benin City. Creative Investment is cooperative venture that has provided its members with convenient and secured means of saving money and obtained credit at a reasonable rate of interest without collateral. Creative investment was created in 2016 and has helped build many small-scale businesses in Uwelu community market through the financial management abilities of Dr. Nosa Omoregie.

Leadership and Empowerment

Dr. Nosa Omoregie has shown high level of leadership and strategic management quality. He was class representative but in B.Sc and Masters programs in the University. As head of department of accounting, he has completely digitalized the departmental activities making learning and access to information much easier for students thus he has been named –the “Digital HOD”.

He has empowered lots of intelligent students who cannot fund their education, giving them the chance to work in his organization and helping them to raise their fees by creating various means of earning for them. His work ethics and business drive has been a source of motivation to anybody that has come across him.

Dr. Nosa Omoregie is a Strategic Leader by Calling, an Accountant by Profession and a Businessman by Destiny.

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PRESENTATION OF PROFESSOR AUGUSTINE O. OKOLIE BY

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Professor Augustine Oke Okolie is a man of a very humble beginning who prefers to remain unnoticed rather than beat drums about himself. The little brief of his profile presented here is just the few things that we have compelled him to let out of himself as a way of celebrating and honouring him in recognition of his sterling qualities and meritorious services to the Department of Accounting, the Faculty of Management Sciences and Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma in general, before and since his disengagement from the service of the University.

Professor A. O. Okolie graduated from the Department of Accounting, Edo State University, (now Ambrose Alli University), Ekpoma in 1994/1995 session. He proceeded to the University of Benin, Benin City where he bagged the Master of Business Administration (MBA) in 2000; Master of Science (M. Sc) Accounting in 2007, and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) Accounting, 2013. Professor A. O. Okolie passed the qualifying examinations of the highly revered Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) in November, 1999; was inducted an Associate (ACA) of the Institute in April, 2000 and admitted Fellow (FCA) in April, 2012. He was also awarded direct membership of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN) in 2009; Institute of

Corporate Administration of Nigeria, December, 2010; Institute of Industrial Administration of Nigeria, October 2011; Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Nigeria (ICPAN), November,



2014; Chartered Institute of Treasury Management in Nigeria (CITM), November, 2014; European Centre for Research Training and Development, UK, 2014.

Professor A. O. Okolie was appointed graduate assistant in the Department of Accounting, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma on November 1st 1995 and rose steadily to the position of a Professor of Accounting on October 1st, 2016. He held several positions in the University, including Ag. Head

of Department, from 25th September, 2008 to 25th December, 2010. As Chairman of Faculty of Management Sciences Welfare Loan Scheme, Professor A. O. Okolie nurtured and grew the Loan Scheme from a grant of Ten Thousand (₦10,000) Naira only on 1st October, 2012 to Twenty Million (₦20,000,000) Naira only as at 30th September, 2020. He was also the Treasurer who introduced a lot of innovations and streamlined the loans scheme and accounting system of the Ambrose Alli University Lecturers' Welfare Association (AAULWA) from 2014 to 2017, during which period, the asset base and funds of Association grew from ₦0.465 Billion to ₦0.662 Billion.

Professor A. O. Okolie was a member of the editorial board, fund raising and conference organizing committee of the Institute of Governance and Development, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma between 2013 and 2015; member Faculty of Management Sciences Committee on Teaching, Research and Publications, 2014; member, Senate Ad Hoc Committee on the investigation of the circumstances surrounding the constant forgery of University receipts, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma (January 9th, 2009); member, Senate Ad Hoc Committee "to look into the clearance of students from the Defunct Study

Centers”, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma (October 14th, 2010); Chairman, Faculty Software Development Committee (Ad Hoc), Faculty of Management Sciences, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma (January 28th 2009); Member, Editorial Board and Management Committee, Centre for Strategy and Development Studies, AAU, Ekpoma (2015 – 2016); Chairman, Departmental Examination Malpractice Disciplinary Committee, Department of Accounting, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, (2016 to 2020); Chairman, Departmental Journal and Publications Committee, Department of Accounting, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, (2016 to 2020); Chairman, Curriculum Review and Development Committee, Department of Accounting, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, (2016 to 2020); Coordinator, Departmental Postgraduate (PGD, M.Sc, M.Phil&Ph.D) Programmes (2016 to 2020).

Professor A. O. Okolie also held several external appointments while he was in the employment of Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma. He was appointed resource fellow of the institute of certified economists of Nigeria (ICEN) in 2005; Faculty Member and Resource Person, Chartered Institute of Treasury Management in Nigeria, (CITM) in 2014; External Examiner, Department of Accountancy, Auchi Polytechnic, Auchi, Edo State, Nigeria, 2016 and 2017; Adjunct Senior Lecturer, Samuel Adegboyega University, Ogwa, Edo State, 2013 – 2016; Adjunct Associate Professor of Accounting, Novena University, Oghume, Delta State, Nigeria, 2014/2015; Adjunct Professor of Accounting, Achievers University, Owo, Ondo

State, Nigeria, 2017;

As at the time Professor A. O. Okolie disengaged from AAU to DELSU, Professor A. O. Okolie has conducted oral examinations as an external examiner to Nine (9) PhD candidates and Four (4), M. Sc candidates in a number of Universities in Nigeria. He has supervised two PGD candidates in Business Administration; One Master of Business Administration candidate while three PhD candidates, two M. Phil candidates, and Twelve M. Sc candidates are still under his supervision and at various stages of completion of their studies in accounting plus one PhD (Business Administration) candidate, DELSU, Asaba campus. He was external assessor to Auchi Polytechnic, Auchi, for the promotion of some staff from Principal Lecturer to the rank of Chief Lecturer (2019), and external assessor, to University of Port Harcourt for the promotion of a staff to the rank of a Professor in the Department of Accounting, Faculty of Management Sciences, University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt, Nigeria (September, 2020).

True to the saying that a golden fish has no hiding place, the search light of Delta State University beamed on Professor A. O. Okolie in September, 2020 and has since taken his service as a professor to the Department of Accounting, banking & Finance, Faculty of Management Sciences, Delta State University, Asaba Campus. He is currently Chairman, Land Allocation Committee, Delta State University, Asaba Campus, Chairman, Delsu Journal of Management Sciences

Editorial Review Committee and Chairman, Faculty Curriculum Review and Development Committee, all in DELSU, Asaba campus.

Professor A. O. Okolie scored his first major breakthrough in research when he brought to limelight for the first time in Nigeria, the existence of Earnings Management and Income Smoothing activities of Public companies in Nigeria, a work that was published and popularized by ICAN in 2006. To his kitty are over fifty-six publications which include fourteen oversea publications, twenty national and local publications, seven papers in books of reading, and seven textbooks, all spread across Nigeria, Cameroon, India, UK and USA.

Professor A. O. Okolie has received several national and international awards. He was awarded the African International Achievers award by the African Media Executives in Ghana on 5th May, 2018. This was in recognition of his sterling commitment, hard work, determination and legendary achievement in Public Service; He was given the Institute of Policy Management award for eminent achievement in the field of human endeavour through the application of policy management principles (2017); He won the National Association of Edo Students' award of excellence for contributions to the Edo students in Nigeria (2016). Others include the Institute of Industrial Administration Educational Leadership award (2011); and Institute of Corporate Administration Fellowship award of Honour for outstanding performance in Educational Administration (2010);

Professor A. O. Okolie who hails from Mbiri in Ika North East of Delta State, Nigeria is a happy husband to Mrs. Gina Iroghama Okolie and father to three wonderfully blessed children. He is a Christian, a minister of the word of God, pulpit evangelist and an ardent devotee of the “Church of Christ”.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I present to the University Management, the entire AAU community, and distinguished colleagues, Professor Augustine O. Okolie, “a man amongst men”. He is what they call him: “Tough, hard, rigid, and strict”; but underneath these attributes lies the simplest and nicest of hearts. In his hands, lies the willingness to help; but not many people know this aspect of

him. Many are in the field, but one has caught the attention of many by his lifestyle and beliefs. Now, he has become an epitome and a mentor to them all. Hard work, lifestyle and discipline are his hallmarks and remain the minimum expected from any with whom he deals. They know his requirements and with an eye of admiration, folded arms and a little of envy, they stay far away and observe him; yet it still would not deter him. Though turbulence and torrents roll like the “*pestilential aqua*”, yet the windstorm does “not long possess the sky”. For the worth of what he believes and knows stands him out in the midst of his contemporaries for a life time. The confidence and trust seen in him as a mentor is of no

mean virtue, and with his admirable statue, the yearning to get close to him and be like him gets stronger.

Today, we celebrate this distinguished professor, this chartered accountant, this man of humble beginning, a man of candor and valor, this man of many awards, this great husband and father, this distinguished pulpit evangelist and minister of God, this distinguished academic, amiable and admirable colleague, in recognition of his sterling qualities and meritorious services to Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Edo State and Nigeria in general.

TURNING DREAMS INTO Reality

From Nothing to Something

A great thinker of profound knowledge once said “what do you do with dry grapes? You make a raisin in the sun” so he said. The above underscores the rhetoric what do you do when hopes are suddenly dashed in your face? The answer to this question significantly determine whether or not we are in the track to making success the hallmark of our endeavors. The word Success is subjective, the way that success is defined shapes our working lives. It affects how organizations perform, who progresses within them and how power is exercised. The drive for success will enable us to imagine and then create more inclusive

workplace, which can influence progress towards a fairer society. Haven asserted that success is subjective, success is measured in so many ways, the most important of which is how you feel about yourself. As human and as an entity, our ability to carve out a niche and make a redefinition of ourselves regardless of the complexity of the societal structure is an act of bravery towards the approach of success and standardization of the complex structure which already exist in the nation. The Journey of a thousand mile begin with a step, this typifies the Forty years anniversary of

the Ambrose Alli University (AAU) Ekpoma.

The Ambrose Alli University had over the years been a growing phenomenon, it has not only facilitated the rapid and spontaneous growth and development of both the student and the resources but had also been part of the structural and developmental process of the state. The institution birthed by dream, nurtured with diligence in service and preserved by excellence is today an establishment of profound measures and achievements amongst other institutions.

The university over the years have earned its place as top notch

when it comes to curricular and extra-curricular activities. With myriads of achievements as an institution, the university is one to reckon with in all aspects of academic advances. Over the past decades, outstanding records and performances had been recorded all across Nigeria the University's law student were sought after, various departments and faculty have as well been redefined to suit the patterning of a well formed academic display of excellence and gratification. What makes the Ambrose Alli university Stand out among the rest is not only a factor of dream turn into reality by the founder, but the unrelenting effort of administration Prof Ignatius A. Onimawo has transformed the institution to a first-class University. It is of no doubt that without the head every other member of the body cannot functions properly nor act accordingly. This typifies the present administration of the institution under the leadership of Prof I A Onimawo. The present vice chancellor of the university had over the years been a “go get it man” as well as being a man of discipline in all ramifications. Of course, everyone had dreams to hatch into reality, everyone almost has the leadership instinct in one

way or the other, but not everyone can make a good leader out of himself. Taking a close look at the personality of the Vice Chancellor Prof. I. Onimawo and his personal achievements, it is pertinent to note that he had made the Institution an enabling ground for everyone to grow regardless of your status or qualification, the slogan is “once you are affiliated to AAU, growth is inevitable” yes! This is profound and factual in every sense. Upon assumption of office, the major concern of the vice chancellor and his administration was how to give the university a new brand and change its outlook from just a mere glorifying secondary school to a university of international standard through massive infrastructural development, eradication of cult activities and other anti-social misdemeanor among students on campus. Besides, several projects have been completed. Many other projects were launched under his administration as well. Other areas include the supportive assistance by the NDDC which tarred some of the major access roads, Shell company which

donated an ICT center and the Tony Elumelu Foundation (TEF) that donated examination center to the institution. These and many other developmental processes and structures places the university among the top 10 best university in Nigeria. The university E. Library is one of the best in Nigeria as well. One of the most striking and outstanding achievement by Prof. Onimawo is that students can now sit for their examination and see their score immediately with the introduction of C o m p u t e r B a s e d Technology(CBT). This has out an end to the era of missing and delayed results, examination malpractices, impersonation by students, victimization and further enhance accuracy. This feat is not what most “big” universities in Nigeria can boast of . In essence, the vice chancellor has equipped the school with necessary implementations and infrastructural development which will help the student learn efficiently and effectively.

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NOTABLE PERSONALITIES CONTRIBUTING TO AAU DEVELOPMENTAL AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

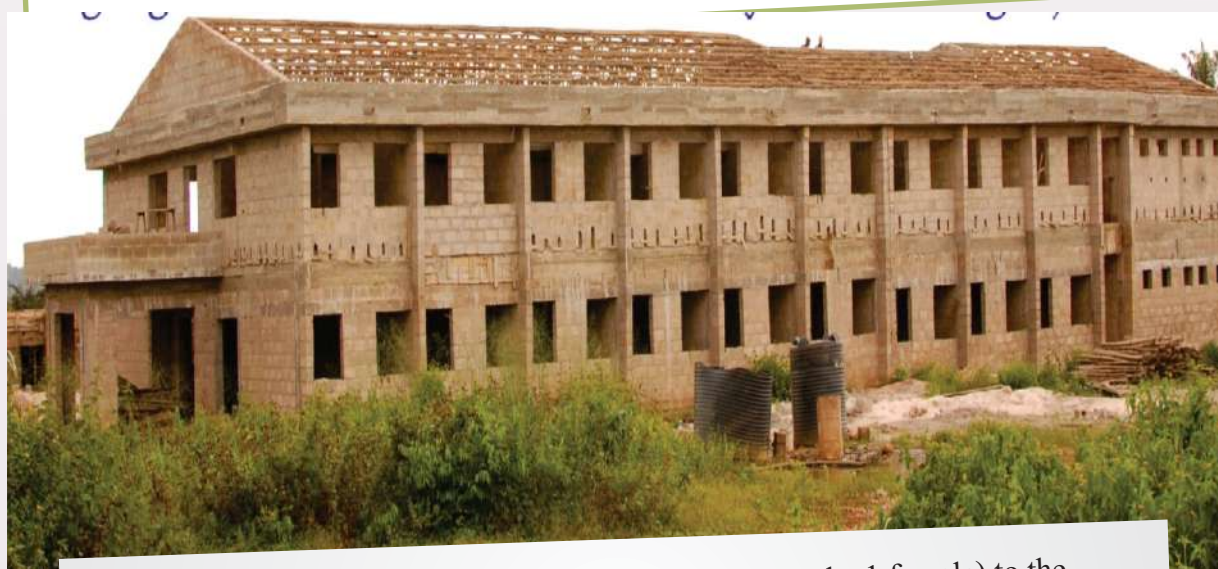
NNPC/SNEPCO donated ICT Lecture Hall, Offices, Computer Room, Computer Lab, WIFI Lounge, Smart Boards, Licensed Softwares And, Customised E-Learning Portal For Access To Online Courses





Chairman of UBA Group, Tony O. Elumelu, has donated a multipurpose Information Technology Centre to his alma mater, Ambrose Ali University.

The hall, to be named The Tony O. Elumelu multipurpose hall, is furnished with computers, desks and chairs, measures 839 square meters and has adjoining offices and conveniences



Aliko Dangote made donation of two hostels (1 male, 1 female) to the Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma at the 22nd convocation ceremony of the university, on Saturday, October 19, 2020.



Pastor Chris Oyakhilome on 27th January 2014, presented the key of a 600-seat auditorium to the Governor of Edo State, Adams Oshomole. The building comes with its own standby generator for constant power supply.



Rev. Matthew Okpebholo a Business and global philanthropist founder of Ray Royal Construction Company and Matthew Okpebholo foundations holds Honorary Doctorate Degrees from Globally recognized institutions around the World.

He continues to Model true, Christ – Likeness through the provision of annual research grant to

final year indigene student of Edo State studying in tertiary institutions across the country. His micro Finance Scheme made of cash and material donations also include settlement of hospital/medical, school and examination fees and other indebtedness for widows and single parents.

Professor Julius O. Ihonvbere was Secretary to the Government of Edo State and former Special Adviser on Policy and Programmes Monitoring to the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria. A widely published author and prodemocracy activist, he currently represents Owan Federal

Constituency in the House of Representatives where he is Chairman, House Committee on Basic Education and Services. He holds the national honour of Officer of the Order of the Niger (OON).

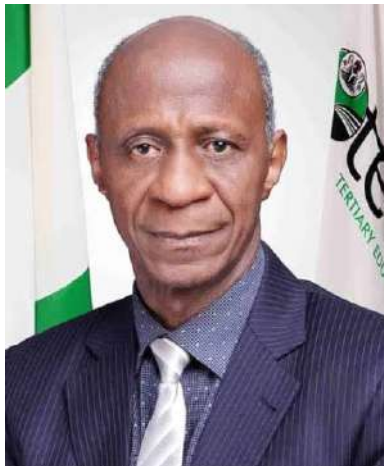


Professor Ignatius Onimawo, Vice Chancellor, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma has declared that his dream of changing the face of

the University during his tenure has been realized, just as he pointed out that over 33 projects have been initiated with many already completed

in the University. He commended the role played by TETFUND and NUC.

Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro interest in research and development (R&D) led to the creation of the Department of Research and Development (R and D) at the TETFUND. Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro obtained a Bachelor Degree in Agriculture in 1981 from the



University of Maiduguri, Master Degree in Animal Science from ABU, Zaria in 1988 and a Ph.D in Animal Science at the Federal University of Technology, now Abubakar Tafawa

Balewa University (ATBU) in 1997. He was elevated to the rank of Professor of Animal Science (specialising in Biochemistry and Ruminant Nutrition) in 2003. Professor Bogoro is among the Senior and accomplished leaders providing oversight as members of the Council for the National Think Tank for Translating Research to Innovations, Strategies and Evidence for Policies in Nigeria. The leaders are academics, national professional officers, technical, business and administrative leaders selected from universities, research institutions, national agencies and the media (www.uirf.ui.edu.ng). He is a prolific researcher, with numerous publications in international and local journals, whose versatility has also been projected through his consultancy on and management of international, national and regional projects supported by the World Bank,



UNDP, USAID, DFID, IPCR, OSIWA, NDI, FHI, NACA, and IFES. media (www.uirf.ui.edu.ng). He is a prolific researcher, with numerous publications in international and local journals, whose versatility has also been projected through his consultancy on and management of international, national and regional projects supported by the World Bank, UNDP, USAID, DFID, IPCR, OSIWA, NDI, FHI, NACA, and IFES.

CROSS SECTION OF ACTIVITIES IN THE UNIVERSITY



At the 2020 Alli Day Celebration held today the 22nd day of September, 2020 in Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Nigeria in memory of Late Prof. Ambrose Folorunsho Alli, the Founding Father of the University, whose

landmark philosophy of education and visionary leadership led to unprecedented development in the education sector in the then Bendel State (now Edo and Delta) and the emancipation of men to become assets within our

beloved country Nigeria and the world at large.

I am proud to have leveraged on the opportunity this rare gem of a man - Alli provided by establishing Bendel State University (now Ambrose Alli University) in 1981 to become

the recipient of the "Best Graduating Student Award" and "Oba of Benin Award for Best Final Year Student" of its Faculty of Law in the 2003/2004 Graduating Set; and to God be the glory, a Senior Lecturer of Law in the

same Prestigious Faculty till date. As an alumnus and now staff of this great citadel of learning, I remain a testament of Alli's developmental milestone.



Some members of Reception and Protocol Committee for the 22nd convocation ceremony of Ambrose Alli University held from 14 - 19th October 2019 Ambrose Alli University was one of the very few Institutions that got the blessing of the Institute of Chartered



completing this edifice. It's a building to behold indeed. Thank you, our dear governor, for completing this building within 6 months.

I hope to invite all of you for the official opening of this edifice by March, 2020. Thump up for our digital Vice Chancellor and his Management Team whose

tenure is witnessing a remarkable transformation of Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma. I must also thump up for the Pro-Chancellor/Chairman of Council, a great son of Esan and the entire Council members



Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) to run accounting programmes. See me receiving the Certificate of Award/Recognition on behalf of our amiable digital Vice Chancellor, Prof. I. A. Onimawo in the 5th floor of ICAN secretariat, Ebute Metta, Lagos on 10th, May 2019 to the glory of Oh my GOD, He has done it again. Godwin Obaseki, the Governor of Edo State has done the unthinkable again. This administrative building

was abandoned for more than 16 years without meaningful work done to complete it. It started during Lucky Igbiniedion's tenure through Osunbor and Oshomole without completing the project. I took a visit round



the building today and you need to see the state of the art facilities used by Obaseki in



whose tenure we are equally witnessing great developmental stride. Kudos to all staff and students.

**Complied
by Isiraojie Lawrence**

On behalf of the Directorate of Quality Assurance and linkages, we appreciate the Vice Chancellor, Prof I. A. Onimawo, and principal officers of this University, staff of the office of the VC and Registry for making the first virtual convocation ceremony a success. We thank all participants for their time and pray for more successes ahead. **Dr. O. M Iniaghe (Ag Director, QAL)**



ARTISTS SPEAK THROUGH VISUALS. INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF PATRONS/COLLECTORS OF AAU ARTS SCHOOL, EKPOMA, EDO STATE, NIGERIA.



CIBN Accreditation visit to Banking and Finance Dept, AAU, Ekpoma.



The IMC on NEEDS Assessment PRESIDENCY FRN on exit meeting with VC and Principal Officers of AAU. They expressed satisfaction with the impressive infrastructural development in the University in the last five years. They also said the Unions expressed their appreciation with the academic and infrastructural developments despite their agitations.

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Chief (Dr.) Ernest AzudialuObiejesi: A Seasoned Entrepreneur, Investor and Philanthropist

Ernest Nnaemeka Azudialu Obiejesi (born April 17, 1960) is a Nigerian business magnate and philanthropist. He is the chairman and chief executive officer (CEO)



of Nestoil and the founder of the Obijackson Foundation. Born in Okija, Anambra (Nigeria), AzudialuObiejesi first joined his father's family business in 1978 before setting up his first company, Obijackson West Africa Limited that traded goods across West Africa. AzudialuObiejesi's flagship company Nestoil is a

Nigerian Engineering, Procurement, Construction & Commissioning (EPCC) Company servicing the oil and gas industry.

He is married to Barrister NnennaObiejesi and they are blessed with Children.

Early Life: Humble Beginning in Okija and Education

From his humble beginning in Okija in present day Anambra State, Azudialu-Obiejesi had set his eyes beyond the confines of his village on lofty targets in distant and difficult terrains. He knew quite early that the world out there is competitive and unforgiving of errors, he therefore took time to study in order to gain inspiration for the task he had envisioned.

He commenced his primary education at St. Johns School, Fegge Onitsha Anambra State in 1964. However, this was truncated in 1967 by the Nigerian civil war which lasted

till 1970. After the war, he got into New Bethel Primary School Onitsha to complete his primary education. In 1973, he gained admission into the elite Dennis Memorial Grammar School, Onitsha (DMGS) for his secondary education which he completed in 1978. After his secondary education, he attended Government College Owerri, Imo State for his Higher School Education.

Upon completion of this programme, he worked with his father at the family trading business, DA Ifeanyi & Brothers



Trading Company, where he participated in trading activities. This was to be his first real exposure to the business environment. During his tutelage under his father, he was able to learn the rudiments of trading and started thinking of ways to transform, expand and revolutionize the family business. In 1983, with encouragement from his father, he set up what was to be the first of many business ventures – Obijackson West Africa Limited. The company engaged in direct procurement from overseas suppliers and manufacturers of household goods and consumables, engineering and carpentry tools, cosmetics and beauty products. The company's head office was located in Lagos, and branches set up in Onitsha, Aba, Maiduguri and Cotonou. Azudialu-Obiejesi nurtured the company from inception, grew and diversified it, with extensive interest in manufacturing, haulage and real estate development. Upon leaving Okija, his comfort zone in Eastern Nigeria, he realized that the future, though pregnant with promises, requires starting out early, with diligence, out-of-the-box thinking and hard-worn genius for the promise to be liberated from the clutches of obscurity.

Over the years, through dint of hard work, the lessons of his humble beginning soon propelled him to the very top of the Nigerian oil and gas Industry with controlling stakes in companies such as Nestoil, Neconde, EWT Energy Works, Century Power, B&Q Dredging and Shipside Drydock. He has, however, not forgotten how and where he started, hence his focus on the development of the town of Okija and environment as a critical corporate social responsibility focus.

Despite being introduced into the trading business at an early age,

Dr. Azudialu-Obiejesi found time for formal education. He believes in the power of education as the only springboard that can actually lift humanity out of poverty. He holds a bachelor's degree in accountancy and a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Benin. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate degree in Business Administration (DBA) from the renowned University of Nigeria, Nsukka. He is also an Honorary Fellow of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (FNSE). He was a finalist in the prestigious Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2012 and gained recognition from the Petroleum Technology Association of Nigeria (PETAN) for Industry Achievement of the Year Award 2014. Under his leadership, Nestoil companies were nominated in 2017 and 2018 by the London Stock Exchange Group as ones to Inspire Africa, being companies that generated vital employment opportunities, contributed to sustainable economic growth and are the bastions of best practices and good corporate governance practices.

His Wife Barrister Nnenna Obiejesi: The Administrative Powerhouse of Nestoil Group

Barrister Nnenna Obiejesi serves as Group Executive Director in charge of Administration. Trained in the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, and The London School of Economics, Obiejesi holds a Master's Degree (LLM) in International Business Law.

She has 30 years of local and international experience in



legal matters as well as Business Planning and Development. After her call to the Nigerian bar, she worked with Messrs Chike Chigbue & Co. [SAN] and Ike Obiora & Co [Legal Practitioners] where she practiced forensic advocacy under experienced and versatile principals.

She is an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators of The United Kingdom, and a Member of The Nigerian Bar Association. Mrs Nnenna Obiejesi who is an advocate for youth empowerment, is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Obijackson Foundation.

Business: Growing Immense Value from Nothing

Beyond being one of the pioneers of local participation in the technical aspects of the Nigerian upstream oil and gas industry, Azudialu-Obiejesi, is a



man noted for hard work and steadfastness, hence the reason he was able to grow immense value from nothing.

He had first stint in business and entrepreneurship when he joined his father's family business in 1978. After 5 years of detailed tutelage under his father, Dr Azudialu-Obiejesi was ready to plunge into the business world. He set up his first company – Obijackson West Africa Limited, which was essentially a trading company across the West Coast of Africa and beyond. In no time Obijackson became the forerunner of businesses spanning oil servicing, exploration and production, engineering procurement construction and commissioning (EPCC); dry dock services, power, aviation and dredging. Azudialu-Obiejesi's flagship company Nestoil is by far the biggest EPCC company in Nigeria's vast oil and gas industry. With Neconde's acquisition of Shell's OML 42 Oil Field in 2011 he proved that limitations only exist in the minds of men who choose to recognise them. Beyond the impressive reserves, OML 42 has 6 TCF of gas reserves to be developed in the next four to five years towards delivering about 500 million scf of gas per day to the domestic gas market. Another one of his companies – Century Power Generation is currently developing a 1500MW gas-fired power plant in Okija, Anambra State.

Nestoil has successfully consolidated its leadership role and charted a new path for indigenous players in the oil & gas and energy sector of the Nigerian economy, through Innovation and technology. Some of the ground-breaking projects delivered by Nestoil over the years include:

40km K2S project – This was the Kolo Creek to Soku Gas Plant, an EPC project to build an export pipeline to reroute gas from the Kolo creek gas area to the Soku gas plant facility for Shell Petroleum Development Company Nigeria (SPDC).

The Shell Kolo-Creek-Rumuekpe Trunkline Replacement Project (KCTL). This project was first of its kind. It involved a method of pipeline installation that preserves the delicate natural environment of the Niger Delta.

The Shell Nembe Field Logistics Base (FLB) Project. The FLB operations and project execution created a window for population growth in and around Nembe creek community.

The Shell Nembe-Cawthorne Channel Trunkline Replacement Project (NCTL). The pipeline installation required 7 major river crossings, the longest (Sego River) being approximately 1.1km.

Nestoil Limited and its sister companies, B&Q and Impac recently received the latest certification for Quality Management System, the ISO 9001:2015. The certification which is issued by Germany-based DQS, a leading certification body officially confirms that Nestoil and its sister companies have put people, processes and systems in place to ensure quality delivery of products and services to respective customers at all times.

Dr. Azudialu-Obiejesi is a non-executive director of Julius Berger Nigeria Plc and Smile Telecommunications Limited. But the road to success did not come easy for Ernest

Azudialu-Obiejesi. Unknown to many, Nestoil, the brainchild of Ernest Azudialu-Obiejesi began in a one room office on Idumagbo Avenue in Lagos Island in 1991. He had decided to give up the trading business and chart a new course in his entrepreneurial journey. He settled for the oil and gas industry. From staff strength of about 10 persons, he has nurtured Nestoil into a conglomerate which employs about 3,000 people. The conglomerate renders services spanning oil and gas pipeline construction, pressure vessel manufacturing, civil construction works, dredging, horizontal directional drilling, major steel fabrication, aviation, exploration & production, drilling, engineering and dry-docking services.

At the time Azudialu-Obiejesi ventured into the oil & gas industry, local content was still a figment of people's imagination. He saw the landscape move from a tranquil one to a stormy one with locals demanding more say in the mining of "black-gold". After nearly 20 years of literally weathering the storm alone in an industry dominated by foreign service companies, government finally signed the Nigeria Content Bill into law and set up the Nigeria Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) to enforce compliance and protect the interest of local players in the industry. The move has seen the emergence of new indigenous players in the oil and gas space. The chief executive did not need an enabling law. He dared to thread where others had failed. And so, in 1991, from his little office at Idumagbo, one of the busy market hubs in the heart of Lagos, he took the plunge with

the birthing of Nestoil.

Nestoil Tower Lagos (The administrative Headquarters of Nestoil Group)

Philanthropy: Making Corporate Giving a Philosophy

As his businesses began to flourish, Azudialu-Obiejesi set up the Obijackson Foundation as a

remains the only commercial bank in Okija till this day. This has greatly improved ease of doing business in Okija and created direct and indirect jobs for the people. Azudialu-Obiejesi says, he “feels a sense of duty to support people who want to succeed in life, but just

fulfilling. This hospital directly employs about 100 locals. Hundreds more are indirect employees in the form of contractors and other service providers.

Face of Okija

The Face of Okija is a beauty pageant with a difference. It is an annual, cultural, beauty pageant aimed at rejuvenating Igbo culture, one that is badly eroded by western influences. The Face of Okija supports and promotes Igbo language and culture and lays emphasis on decency, modesty, humility and being the archetypal African



platform to propagate his humanitarian endeavours. Through a well-thought-out strategy of empowerment, the Obijackson Foundation became a catalyst for growth, job creation, skill acquisition, healthcare delivery, infrastructural overhaul and cultural renaissance. The evidence is overwhelming. Before 2013, there was no single bank in Okija. Okija residents would go as far as Onitsha in order to perform a single banking transaction. This meant that people kept cash at home with the attendant risks. It also meant that most Okija residents were shut out of the organized financial payment systems and the attendant opportunities therein. All that was before Obijackson swung into action, acquired land, constructed a building for the bank and invited the bank to set up operations in Okija. That bank

need support to stir them in the right direction.”

There is also the Obijackson Women and Children's hospital in Okija he has built and developed into the foremost Women & Paediatric healthcare institution – first of its kind in eastern Nigeria. The hospital with state-of-the-art diagnostic, surgical and other equipment has delivered over 300 women with zero mortality till date. Patients who have no funds to pay for treatment are catered for by the Obijackson Foundation. Nobody is turned away from this hospital on account of inability to pay their bills. Azudialu-Obiejesi himself says the sheer profile of the hospital and the impact in saving the lives of women and children across eastern Nigeria makes this project extremely humbling and



woman. The contestants undergo one month of rigorous training in aerobics, dance, drama, cultural values and carriage. The winner, who must epitomize the Obijackson Foundation's values and principles, goes home with a brand new car, while other contestants are handsomely rewarded. She and other contestants will become the ambassadors of Obijackson Foundation and Igbo culture.

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HATE ME Not!

Before you hate anyone in this life, try and find out if you're important to the person, so that you don't waste your hatred.

I will never hate anyone but I will distance myself from people who do not value me.

Be careful so you don't hate a lovely person, because of a dirty rumour you heard about them which was created out of jealousy and envy.

Try to appreciate those who gossip about you. It's not easy for someone to leave their problems and carry yours on their head.

Forgive betrayals but be careful with them, because next time they may not spare your life. May God expose all pretenders around you.

Even if you kill yourself for some



people, they will still complain that you didn't die in a proper way. Do your best and leave the rest, you can't satisfy human

being.

If you are always worried about what others are saying about you, you will never be happy.

A jealous friend is a dangerous enemy.

When your blessings are getting closer, your attacks become greater. Don't look at the storm, God is by your side, you will win by God's grace

Everybody cannot love you, don't lose your peace over those who hate you. Those who convinced people to hate you cannot convince God to hate you.

God is with you.

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I take great pleasure in congratulating staff, students and alumni of our Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma (AAUE) on this auspicious 40th anniversary celebration. This milestone offers a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the history of Ambrose Alli University and the important contributions it has made to the personal and academic development of over 100,000 students, past and present. As you mark 40 years of success, you have every reason to be proud of the University's past and excited about its future. I am certain that AAUE will continue its vocation of preparing students to engage successfully with the world for many years to come.

I also want to congratulate the digital Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ignatius A. Onimawo whose tenure as Vice

Chancellor Ambrose Alli University, has witnessed tremendous progress, in the areas of infrastructure, improved fundings,



reve nue generation, global relevance,

Staff welfare developments, staffs and students health. Indeed, with the notable achievements of Prof. Ignatius A Onimawo, which many say is visible to the blind and audible to the deaf, he has definitely written his name on the sands of time as one of the best Professors to ever grace the exalted position of a Vice-Chancellor in Ambrose Alli University.

I am also delighted to celebrate the exceptional, strategic, pragmatic and digital head of department of accounting, Dr. Nosa Omoregie (Digital HOD), who has completely digitalized the departmental activities, making learning and access to information much easier for students. Also for putting this wonderful magazine/year book together on this 40th anniversary celebration.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EDO STATE STUDENTS (NAESS), AMBROSE ALLI UNIVERSITY



“Great NAESS – The Heartbeat”

A DISTINGUISHED DIMENSION: A BRIEF PHOTOGRAPHIC STORY OF NAESS-AAU UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF COMRADE LORDNIS OSEGWANO AKHABUE

Success in Leadership is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, the love of what you are doing or learning to do. Humanity is a blend of everything good and beautiful and all it takes to see this, feel and reach out to the heavens here on earth is a mind that projects tomorrow, an eye that sees a perfect world where love, light and empathy can be solidified to touch and torch lives in a society where knowledge-in-practice is the currency of hope. An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.

– Comrade Lordnis Osegwano Akhabue, President, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EDO STATE STUDENTS, AMBROSE ALLI UNIVERSITY, EKPOMA

The National Association of Edo State Students (NAESS) Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, is committed to vibrant representation of the well-being of her students by and large to promote peace, support and good leadership.

March circa 2019, NAESS

Leadership addressing the Vice-Chancellor Ambrose Alli



University, Ekpoma, Professor Ignatius Akhakhai Onimawo, flanked by Professor Jude

Ag. Bursar, and Dr. Aba Jane, Ambrose Alli University Librarian.

March, 2019, Ambrose Alli University's Old Administrative Building. Leadership of the National Association of Edo State Students, AAU Chapter, with **PROFESSOR IGNATIUS A. ONIMAWO, VICE-CHANCELLOR AMBROSE ALLI UNIVERSITY, EKPOMA.** L-R – Comrade Omorogbe Precious,



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Vice-President, Comrade Lordnis Osegwano Akhabue, President, Comrade Ediale Caleb, Financial Secretary, Comrade OjoOsayomore Destiny, Assistant Secretary General, and Comrade Iginoba Adams-Michael Omorodion, Treasurer. (Comrade Marvis IhamaOsamuyimen, Secretary General, Comrade KeziaIgiekhume, Director of Welfare).

A good leader walks and works the way, paves the path and blazes the



trail for others to follow. Professor Ignatius Akhakhai Onimawo, Vice-Chancellor, Ambrose Alli University Ekpoma, is a trailblazer. The digital Vice-Chancellor, as he is fondly called by admirers, has proven that something good can come out of Ekpoma at a time like these. Onimawo who is seen through his futuristic physical and mind-building projects, has blazed the trail upon which subsequent visionaries will build upon systematically, what will in turn lead to sustainable development of the Great Institution that countless will be proud of. His sterling achievements affirms largely that actions always prove why words mean nothing. Someone said this photograph – which tells more than a thousand stories – is prophetic, in that it shows the Vice-Chancellor leading members of Senate out of the Reverend Chris Oyakhilome Hall during the

2017 Convocation Lecture officiated by Lordnis O. Akhabue, as he then was, an unknown student who would later rise to become the visionary President of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EDO STATE STUDENTS, A M B R O S E A L L I UNIVERSITY. Let's call this photographic story – **AN ENDLESS END**, and say – **40 HEARTY CHEERS TO NEW HEIGHTS TO ALL DISTINGUISHED EDO**

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We also congratulate the digital Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ignatius A. Onimowo, whose tenure has occasioned unprecedented structural transformation unknown in our history as a people.

Finally, we celebrate a vibrant, versatile and exceptional leader of men, Dr. Nosa Omaregie, the current head of accounting department AAU, for his vision, pragmatism and foresight in putting this magazine/year book together at this auspicious moment of the University history's.



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