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From the Vice-Chancellor

End of 23/24 Session: Together we can achieve more

As we conclude the second semester of the 2023/2024 academic session, I am delighted to extend my heartfelt congratulations to each one of you for your hard work and dedication. Under my leadership as your Vice-Chancellor, it is a privilege to witness the commitment displayed by our staff and the exemplary behavior shown by our students throughout the examination period.

I am particularly proud of the way our university community has worked together to uphold the



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Elsevier, Stanford University rank 2 MOUAAU Scholars Among Top 2% Scientists in the World

By Ubadire Agua, Chinedu Ononiwu and Ginger Eke

Two scholars of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike (MOUAAU) have been listed among top 2% scientists on earth by Stanford University, USA and Elsevier.

The scholars are Engr. Prof. MacManus Chinenye Ndukwu and Engr. Dr. Kennedy C. Onyelowe, both of the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology (CEET), MOUAAU. In the 2024 ranking of research scientists globally, published on September 16 by Elsevier, a global information analytics company that helps institutions and professionals

to progress science, advance healthcare and improve performance, MOUAAU's Prof. Ndukwu and Dr. Onyelowe were listed among 233 other Nigerian scholars who made part of the 2% top World Scientists for their outstanding research and scholarly publications in SCOPUS.

SCOPUS is a trusted source-neutral abstract and citation database that offers a comprehensive overview of global interdisciplinary scientific information, covering the areas of science, technology, medicine, social science and



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values of excellence and integrity that Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, stands for. Your efforts have not only contributed to a smooth and peaceful examination process but have also strengthened our collective spirit and determination to achieve even greater heights in the future. I believe this sense of unity and purpose is what sets us apart, and it is a testament to the bright future ahead for our institution.

To our esteemed students, I wish you a wonderful and restful holiday. As you spend time with your families and loved ones, I encourage you to carry the same spirit of discipline and respect that you have demonstrated here at the University. We eagerly anticipate your safe return when school resumes, ready to embark on another productive academic journey together.

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the arts and humanity.

Details of the rating show that Prof. Ndukwu was ranked as No. 79 in Nigeria and 123,339 in the world with 80 papers in SCOPUS in the field of Energy while Dr. Onyelowe was listed as number 126 in Nigeria and 206,359 in the world with 135 publications in SCOPUS in the area of Energy Geological and

researchers in the University. He noted that the recognition of MOU AU scholars by Stanford University and Elsevier, is an eloquent testament that the University is contributing significantly to the advancement of knowledge in science and technology globally.

The VC also reaffirmed the commitment of his administra-



Engr. Dr. Kennedy Onyelowe



Engr. Prof. MacManus Chinenye Ndukwu

Geomatics Engineering.

The Vice-Chancellor of MOU AU, Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, while commending the scholars for making the University proud and visible on the global scene, by their dint of hardwork and commitment to research and scholarship, encouraged them to develop a robust mentoring programme for younger

tion to supporting both institutional and individual research efforts that will help to solve identified problems and bring solutions to some of the challenges facing our nation and the world.



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MOUUAU Greenhouse Project witnesses massive tomato harvest

By Sunday Anyim and Chinedu Ononiwu

One of the investments in massive crop production by the Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe's administration in Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike (MOUUAU), has started yielding results.

The institution's Greenhouse Project has commenced the harvest of tomatoes from its state-of-the-art Greenhouse farm.



According to the Project Supervisor and the Director of the Centre for Gender, Youth and Child Development, Prof. Mabel Ifeoma Onwuka, the University has been harvesting



between 50-100 kilogrammes of tomatoes weekly for the past three weeks, with the harvest expected to continue for several weeks ahead.

Prof. Onwuka, in a chat with MOUUAU News on Thursday, October 10, 2024, disclosed that the integrated nutrients management system, coupled with precision irrigation, has been instrumental in maintaining soil fertility and providing essential nutrients to the plants.

She further explained that a team of expert farmers in the University has applied best practices in tomato cultivation, resulting in the bountiful harvest that has been recorded so far.

MOUUAU's Greenhouse farming initiative demonstrates the University's commitment to innovative agricultural practices, enhancing food security, and promoting sustainable farming methods.

A Greenhouse is a special agricultural structure that is designed to regulate the temperature and humidity of the environment inside.

**2024/2025 Undergraduate Admissions:
MOUUAU Admissions Board Screens 4010
candidates so far...**

Details next week



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Correspondents Chapel of Abia NUJ, pledges support to Prof. Iwe's Administration in MOUAAU

By Sunday Anyim and Patrick Oparah



The Correspondents Chapel of the Nigeria Union of Journalists, Abia State Council, has pledged to support the Management of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike (MOUAAU) led by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, CFS, in its efforts at repositioning the University for greater accomplishments and global visibility.

The pledge was made on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 by the Chairman of the Chapel, Chief Obinna Ibe, during an interactive session between the Public Relations Unit of the University and the Correspondents Chapel in their Office in Umuahia, the Abia State Capital

Speaking during the visit, the Head, Public Relations and Protocol Unit of the University, Dr. Ubadire Agua, said that the visit of the MOUAAU PR Team was to identify and interact with Pressmen in the State, who he described as a critical stakeholder group of the University.

Dr. Agua said that the Administration of the Vice-Chancellor of MOUAAU, Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, is working assiduously to reposition the University and make it a first-rate specialized institution in Nigeria, and noted that the efforts of the Vice-Chancellor may be known without the Press.

He implored the NUJ to partner with the

University in showcasing its achievements, especially in scientific research breakthroughs, community service and contributions to national development, among others.

Said Dr. Agua: "Our Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, CFS, is doing a lot of new things in the University which people need to know and appreciate. Without the Press, it will be difficult to effectively spread the good news of MOUAAU. I am one of you. Kindly partner with the PR Unit to promote our University, Dr. Agua concluded.

The Chairman of the Correspondents Chapel, Chief Sam Obinna Ibe congratulated Dr. Agua on his appointment as the Head of Public Relations in MOUAAU and commended the VC for "putting a round peg in a round hole". He also noted that Dr. Agua, despite being an old horse in the journalism and public relations profession, had started on a good note by visiting the Chapel to familiarize himself with his colleagues.

Chief Ibe assured Dr. Agua that the Correspondents Chapel will support the Administration of Prof. Iwe to succeed in Office, by regularly reporting the good things the University is doing in an objective and balanced manner.

In a vote of thanks, Mr. Steve Oko of Vanguard Newspaper said the familiarisation



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visit to the Chapel is a pointer that the University recognized the critical roles of the press and the need to create a wider awareness of its activities. He charged the newly appointed Public Relations Officer of University to bring his wealth of experience to bear in improving on image of the University.

Members of the Correspondents Chapel who were present at the interactive session include: Goddie Udejah of Guardian Newspapers, Emmanuel Ugwu of ThisDay Newspaper, Obinna Ibe of

Blueprint Newspapers, Kalu Eziyi of Leadership Newspaper and Ezeogo Boni Okoro of Oracle Newspapers. Others were: Sunday Nwakanma of The Punch Newspapers, Steve Oko of Vanguard Newspapers, Emeka Okafor of Daily Times, Henrietta Ashikodi of The Statesman Newspaper, Udoka Agwu of BusinessDay, Imo Thomas of Standard times and Joe Akwarandu of Pilot Newspapers.

It may be recalled that the PR Unit, in its media relations engagements, has vis-

ited the Broadcasting Corporation of Abia (BCA) where discussion was held on how the Broadcast Station and the University may partner for the good of the State.



Dr Ubadire Agua
(PRO MOUAU)

MOUAU VC felicitates with JAMB Registrar at 70

By Ubadire Agua and
Sunday Anyim

The Vice-Chancellor of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, CFS, has felicitated with the Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is'haq Olanrewaju Oloyede on his 70th birthday anniversary.

In a goodwill message signed by the Vice-Chancellor and made available to MOUAU News, Prof. Iwe described Prof. Oloyede as an astute administrator who has exhibited excellent



Prof. Is'haq Olanrewaju
Oloyede (Registrar JAMB)

leadership qualities and distinguished himself in an untiring pursuit of excellence with integrity, transparency and credibility.

Prof. Iwe extolled the JAMB Helmsman as an exemplary scholar that has restored public confidence in the admission process into Nigerian tertiary institutions by the technological innovations he instituted.

According to the VC, Prof. Oloyede deserves to be celebrated and commended for demonstrating transparency, accountability and financial prudence in public service.

The MOUAU helmsman maintained the University would continue to work tirelessly and steadily with the guidance and procedures set out by the Prof. Oloyede-led JAMB for the admission of candidates in the nation's tertiary institutions.

Said the VC to Prof. Oloyede: "We at Michael Okpara University, Umudike are proud of you and the service you have rendered to God and humanity. May your years ahead be filled with good health, success, fulfilment and satisfaction."



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