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Opening Address of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Rahamon A. Bello FAEng
At the 5th Inaugural Lecture in the 2013/2014 Academic Session Delivered by
Professor Jelili Adisa Akinwande on Wednesday, June 18, 2014

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Dean, Faculty of Dental Sciences, Professor G. T. Arotiba,
Deans of other Faculties,
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,
Gentlemen of the Press,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 5th Inaugural Lecture in the 2013/2014 Academic Session entitled: The Jaw-Breaking Words Specialty: Its Practice, Education and Bedroom Teaching/Learning. The lecture will be delivered by the amiable Professor Jelili Adisa Akinwande of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Faculty of Dental Sciences in our College of Medicine.

Born on November 3, 1948 in Abeokuta, Ogun State, Professor Jelili Adisa Akinwande is a proud alumnus of Ahmadiyya College, Lagos State (1959-1964); Federal School of Science, Onikan (1967-1968) and School of Dental Sciences, College of Medicine of the University of Lagos (1969-1974). His academic and professional qualifications include a BDS (June 1974), FMCDS (September, 1985), FWACS (December, 1987) and Diploma in Immunology (University of London, 1988).
A recipient of several academic distinctions and awards including the Overseas Development Administration (ODA) Scholarship for a Diploma Programme in Immunology of Oral Cancers at Hammersmith Hospital and Royal Postgraduate Medical College, University of London from January to December 1988, Professor Akinwande is the first Nigerian to obtain the FMCDS of the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria by examination in 1985.

The thorough-bred academic observed a clinical attachment at Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grienstead, England in 1982 and a 2-week Intensive Course in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Cannisburn Hospital, Gaslow in 1986.

Professor Akinwande's professional career can be traced back to 1974 when he underwent an internship programme at the Lagos State Dental Headquarters. After observing the compulsory one year National Youth Service Corps programme as a general Duty Officer in Benue State from 1975 to 1976, he was appointed Dental Surgeon Grade II at the Lagos State Dental Headquarters in 1976. He moved to the University College Hospital, Ibadan in 1977 as Registrar Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

The Lagos University Teaching Hospital appointed Professor Akinwande as a Junior Resident, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in 1978 and Senior Resident in 1980. He became Lecturer II in the College of Medicine of the University of Lagos in 1980 and steadily rose through the ranks to lecturer I in 1985, Senior Lecturer in 1990, Associate Professor in 1998 and Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in October 2001.

The astute intellectual has served the University meritoriously as Acting Head, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (1990 - 1995 and 1997 - 2001) as well as Acting Dean and Dean, School of Dental Sciences (2003 and 2004 to 2008 respectively). He represented the University at a Global Congress on Dental Education in Dublin in September, 2007.

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Outside the University, Professor Akinwande is a true scholar who continues to impact his immediate community and society at large. He was a member of the Panel for the Accreditation of the Ghana Dental School and proposed School of KNUST (January 2007); Maxillofacial Complex at Ring Road and Dental Clinic Complex at Dugbe, Ibadan, Nigeria (March 2007) as well as the Dental Department of Lagos State University Teaching Hospital (December 2007). From August to October 2008, he served as a Visiting Professor who delivered over 4 Guest Lectures at the Dental Institute at the University of Leeds, United Kingdom and in 2009, he participated in the establishment of a new Dental School at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Ghana as a Visiting Professor.

With over fifty six (56) publications in both local and international learned journals, Professor Akinwande has participated in several both local and international conferences as well as supervised over 15 postgraduate dissertations.

The Fellow of American College of Dentists is also a member of professional bodies and social societies such as the Nigerian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, Nigerian Dental Association and The Leagues of Gentlemen. He is a Rotarian (Idi-Araba Branch) and Adviser ACAOBA 604.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, it is my honour to invite Professor Jelili Adisa Akinwande who is married and blessed with six (6) children to deliver his inaugural lecture. I wish you all happy listening.

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We have just listened to a brilliant and instructive inaugural lecture which has once again proven the stuff which UNILAG dons are made of.

The lecture which was divided into three broad areas reflected the elements of Professor Jelili Adisa Akinwande’s journey as an academic, researcher and surgeon in the area of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

The first part of the lecture captured five of the most remarkable cases of tumours of the oral and maxillofacial region that were successfully treated. Today’s inaugural lecturer noted that these cases had two things in common: late reporting and lack of follow-up due to inadequate fund. While pointing out that there is a greater chance of curing a patient with a benign or malignant tumor if it is detected and treated early, Professor Akinwande appealed that the federal government should heavily subsidize the cost of treatment to ensure prompt treatment.

The Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery also highlighted his findings in the case studies on Burkitt’s Lymphoma, a type of cancer that predominantly occurs in the jaws of African children. According to him, to completely eradicate the disease, malaria should be wiped out from the African continent.

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According to Professor Akinwande, there are a lot of global controversies over the need for double qualification in Medicine and Dentistry for one to qualify as an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon. In contributing to this debate, Our Inaugural Lecturer called for adequate medical training and not degree in Medicine. He proposed several guidelines for advanced training in the specialty, which would serve as a good alternative to the acquisition of double degree irrespective of whether the first degree is BDS or MBBS.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, you all will agree with me that Professor Otinwa has fulfilled his toga as Professor of the University of Lagos and is therefore discharged and acquitted. I urge you all to buy copies of the lecture for proper digest and for your libraries. I thank you for listening and hereby declare this inaugural lecture closed.

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