

UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS, NIGERIA



OPENING ADDRESS OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR RAHAMON A. BELLO *FAEng* AT THE 15TH INAUGURAL LECTURE IN THE 2014/2015 ACADEMIC SESSION DELIVERED BY PROFESSOR JOSEPH NNAMDI MOJEKWU ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and Research), **Professor Babajide Alo, FAS**,
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Dean, Faculty of Business Administration, **Professor R.K. Ojikutu**
Deans of other Faculties,
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,
Gentlemen of the Press.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the Fifteenth Inaugural Lecture of the 2014/2015 Academic Session. The lecture is titled: **Data Sufficiency: Solution to Complexity of Society** is to be delivered by Professor Joseph Nnamdi Mojekwu of the Department of Actuarial Science and Insurance, in our Faculty of Business Administration.

Professor Joseph Nnamdi Mojekwu, was born on June 23, 1960 in Oraifite, Ekwusigo Local Government Area, Anambra State. He attended St. Andrew's Primary School, formally Awor Community Primary School, Oraifite and Christ Church Primary School, Uwani, Enugu, Government Trade Centre, Enugu, where he obtained the City and Guilds (Intermediate) Certificate and the Federal Trade Test Grade II in 1974. He also attended Oraifite Secondary School, Anambra State, and obtained West Africa School Certificate (Grade I) in 1976.

His kitty of academic and professional qualifications include: B.Sc. (Statistics) University of Ife (1981); M.Sc. (Statistics) University of Lagos (1986); M.A. (Population Studies) University of Ghana, Legon, Accra (1988); M.B.A (Production Management) University of Lagos (1996); and Ph.D (Social Statistics) University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (2002).

After his national youth service in Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt, the renowned scholar secured employment in Anambra State School Management Board as an Education Officer VIII (1982-1983). From there, he moved to the Federal Office of Statistics, Lagos as Statistician I (1983-1990) and later gained employment at the Federal Polytechnic, Ilaro as Senior Lecturer (1990-1995). This versatile don joined the services of the University of Lagos as Lecturer II in 1995 and steadily rose through the ranks to Lecturer I in 1998, Senior Lecturer in 2005, Associate Professor in 2011 and Professor in 2012.

This thorough-bred academic Professor has served the University meritoriously in several administrative and academic capacities including, member of the University Senate (2004-2006); Acting Head, Department of Actuarial Science and Insurance (2006-2009); member, Board of School of Postgraduate Studies (2008-2009); Co-ordinator, Actuarial unit in the Department of Actuarial Science and Insurance (2010-2012); member, Faculty of Pharmacy Students/Academic Examination Misconduct Panel (2010-2012); Assistant Co-ordinator, MBA Programme (2009-2010); Examination Officer, Faculty of Business Administration (1998-2001) member, Scholarship, Loans and Bursary Committee and Faculty of Environmental Sciences Students Examination Misconduct panel (2014 to date).

Outside the University of Lagos, Professor Joseph Nnamdi Mojekwu has served as Research Executive on the panel established by the Federal Government of Nigeria on the restructuring of the Central Bank of Nigeria (Okigbo Panel), Consultant to the United Nation (2006) on the Survey conducted on Small Scale Industries at the Computer Village, Ikeja; Visiting Lecturer in the University for Development Studies, Tamale, Ghana, under the Association of African Universities Exchange Programme (2004--2009); External Examiner to Department of General Studies , Federal Polytechnic, Ilaro (2005-2006, 2007-2009); Department of Statistics, Yaba College of Technology, Yaba (2008-2010); Department of Insurance, Lagos State University, Ojo (2007-2009); Department of Actuarial Science and Demography at the University of Energy and Natural Resources, Ghana. This distinguished Professor designed the Synopsis for the establishment of the Department of Actuarial Science at the University for Development Studies, Tamale, Ghana. He has been an Examiner and Consultant to the Advertising Practitioners Council of Nigeria (APCON) (1994 to date); Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (1995); National Institute of Marketing of Nigeria (1996 to date); Chartered Institute of Personnel Management (2002) and Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (2013 to date); Financial Secretary and Auditor of the Lagos branch of the Oriaite improvement Union; Chairman, "Ifite-Must-Go-To-School Movement". In recognition of his contribution to his community, Professor Mojekwu was honoured by Awor Community and his age group in January, 2013 with the title of the "Ochendo of

Awor Progressive Union (APU)". He also initiated the "Awor Community Primary Schools Awards" known as the Professor J.N. Mojekwu Prize.

The astute intellectual is a member of several local and international professional organizations including Nigerian Statistical Association, Academy of Management of Nigeria; Fellow, Royal Statistical Society, United Kingdom; Chartered Statistician (CStat), United Kingdom and Senior Associate member, Risk Managers Association of Nigeria (RIMAN).

A recipient of several academic distinctions and awards including Anambra State Special Award for Science Students for B.Sc. programme, at University of Ife (1977-1981) and United Nations Development Programme Scholarship for Master of Arts in Demography at Regional Institute of Population Studies, University of Ghana (1986-1988).

With over 48 publications in both local and international reputable journals and chapters in books, the renowned scholar has chaired, participated and presented papers in numerous national and foreign conferences. He has also supervised many Postgraduate Fellowship Dissertations, as well as undergraduate projects and PhD theses in Social Statistics and related disciplines.

Professor Joseph Nnamdi Mojekwu is happily married and blessed with 3 children.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, it is my honour to invite Professor Joseph Nnamdi Mojekwu to present his inaugural lecture. I wish you all happy listening.

Professor Rahamon A. Bello, *FAEng*
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Wednesday, October 21, 2015.