

**CLOSING ADDRESS OF THE  
VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR RAHAMON A. BELLO *FAEng*  
AT THE 8<sup>th</sup> INAUGURAL LECTURE IN THE 2013/2014 ACADEMIC SESSION  
DELIVERED BY PROFESSOR OLUSIMBO OLUGBO ABOABA ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST  
20, 2014**

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and Research), **Professor Babajide Alo, *FAS***

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), **Professor Duro Oni,**

The Registrar and Secretary to Council, **Dr. (Mrs.) Taiwo F. Ipaye, *MNIM***

The Bursar, **Mr. Lateef Odekunle,**

The University Librarian, **Dr. (Mrs.) Olukemi A. Fadehan,**

The Provost, College of Medicine, **Professor Folasade T. Ogunsola,**

The Dean, Faculty of Sciences, **Professor Mathew O. Ilori**

Deans of Faculties here present,

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

Gentlemen of the Press,

We have just listened to a magnificent piece of work, which was also well delivered by today's inaugural lecturer, Professor Olusimbo Olugbo Aboaba.

The lecturer took us down memory lane from the inception of her studies of fermented foods to the final destination of becoming a Food Microbiologist in the last three decades. Her succinct and expository lecture explained the nature of microorganisms, their sources in foods as well as techniques on how the unseen can be seen through extant detection and enumeration of microbes in foods.

Professor Aboaba then led us to her contributions in research in all the core areas of the field of microbiology were highlighted. Special attention was given to the bad, the good and the ugly with respect to activities of microorganisms. Including contributions on microbes as spoilage agents; microbes as producers of toxins in foods; use of biosurfactants as anti-microbial agents and the health promoting effects of microorganisms.

She was able to convince us that even the bad can be made good to the benefit of mankind by being mindful of when to invite them into our activities including food security and when to do otherwise i.e. to drive them far away from us and to avoid their "venom".

According to Professor Aboaba, the friendly microbes remain our allies and the good from them can be maximized. Microbes can indeed rule the world and thus must be celebrated in our environment.

She recommended that good hygienic practices and strict adherence to safety measures can keep away the undesirable ones, thus ensuring safe and wholesome foods.

Based on the foregoing, you all will agree with me that Professor Aboaba has treated us to a most instructive and thought provoking discourse, further proof of the intellectual capability of academics of our University and fulfillment of her toga as Professor. Professor Olusimbo Olugbo Aboaba is hereby discharged and acquitted.

I thank you for listening and hereby declare this ceremony closed.

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**Vice-Chancellor,**  
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