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OPENING ADDRESS OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR RAHAMON A. BELLO, *FAEng* AT THE 3RD INAUGURAL LECTURE IN THE 2015/2016 ACADEMIC SESSION DELIVERED BY PROFESSOR AKINOLA LADIPO LADEINDE ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016

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Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,
Gentlemen of the Press.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the third Inaugural Lecture of the 2015/2016 Academic Session entitled: "*That our mouth may not kill us, the story of Oral Cancers.*" The lecture will be delivered by Professor Akinola Ladipo Ladeinde of the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, in our College of Medicine.

Born on the 11th day of March 1953 in Jebba, Kwara State, Professor Akinola Ladipo Ladeinde attended St. Peters School, Isoyin Grammar School, Baptist Academy and the Polytechnic Ibadan for his primary, secondary and post secondary education. Thereafter, he was admitted into the University of Lagos to study for a degree in Dental Surgery from 1975 to 1981.

Professor Ladeinde did his Housemanship at the 68 Armed Forces Hospital, Yaba (1981-1982) under the supervision of Late Brig. General J.O Oshuntola, who as a punishment for refusing to join the Armed Forces, insisted that he must enrol for

the Primary Fellowship Examination before being signed off for MDCN Registration. He was made to sign an undertaking that he would be locked up if he failed. He therefore sat and passed the Primary Fellowship Examination of the National Post graduate Medical College of Nigeria at the first attempt.

He did the mandatory National Youth Service Scheme at the old Bendel State, and had his primary posting at Bennoni Hospital, Benin in 1983.

He was employed into Lagos State Public Service as a Dental Officer grade II in 1983, and promoted to Dental Officer I in 1985. He served at the General Hospitals in Lagos Island and Ikeja.

He was granted study leave to pursue Postgraduate Residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, at the Lagos University Teaching Hospital which he concluded in a record time of 4 years.

He worked as a supernumerary Senior Registrar at the famous Maxillofacial Unit (Ward 4) of the Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital from 1989-1990.

He was reabsorbed into the Lagos State Hospitals Management Board, and deployed to the General Hospital Gbagada as Consultant Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon and charged with the responsibility to establish the Maxillofacial Clinic in the Hospital. A task he successfully carried out from 1992-1994.

Professor Ladeinde's career at the College of Medicine of University of Lagos began in 1994 as Lecturer Grade I. He was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer in 2003 and Associate Professor in 2007. In 2011, he was elevated to the post of a Professor in the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. Currently he is an External Examiner to the University of Benin and the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria. He was Coordinator Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, School of Dental Sciences, College of Medicine University of Lagos from 2001-2003; Acting Head Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, between 2003 and 2009 as well as being Professor & Head, Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Faculty of Dental Sciences, College of Medicine, and Lagos University Teaching Hospital from 2012-2015;

He was Acting Director, Medilag Consult from 2004 to 2005. He has served as Faculty Secretary, Faculty of Dental Surgery, National Postgraduate Medical College Nigeria from 2001 to 2007; Faculty Chairman, Faculty of Dental Surgery, National

Postgraduate Medical College Nigeria, from 2010 to 2013; Chairman, Board of Studies, School of Nursing, Lagos University Teaching Hospital; Chairman- CMUL Staff Welfare Committee; Member, Housing Committee, College of Medicine, University of Lagos from 2005 -2009; Member, Staff House Ownership Committee, College of Medicine, University of Lagos; he is currently Chairman, Tenders Evaluation Committee, College of Medicine, and President, Mortgage Cooperative Society, College of Medicine.

Professor Ladeinde is actively associated with many professional bodies and learned societies. He is a Member, Nigerian Society for the Study of Pain; Nigerian Medical Association; Nigeria Dental Association; Nigerian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons; Pan Association of Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate; International Association of Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate.

Professor Ladeinde has supervised twenty (20) dissertations and produced seventy-four (74) scholarly publications.

Professor Ladeinde is happily married and blessed with five (5) lovely children.

It is my pleasure to invite Professor Akinola Ladipo Ladehinde to present his inaugural lecture.

Professor Rahamon A. Bello, FAEng Vice-Chancellor, University of Lagos Wednesday, February 3, 2016.

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Professor Akinola Ladipo Ladeinde has just presented his inaugural lecture titled: *That our mouth may not kill us, the story of Oral Cancers*.

The lecture highlights the importance of paying attention to our mouths apart from the routine cleansing as he informed us that Oral cancers presents initially as a painless, hardening of otherwise succulent tissue and innocuous colour change.

Professor Ladeinde and his team investigated the appropriate dose and methods of injecting the medication to achieve better result. It was proven that reflux rather than loose dose was responsible for poor response. It was also demonstrated that radiotherapy and prednisolone have comparable efficacy in the management of Keloid.

They developed skills in reconstruction of tissue defects, from artificial material to autogenic bone and they have the only centre today for microvascular tissue transfer and training in the country.

From their research efforts on tumours of the orofacial region, it was observed that the tumours developing from tooth forming structures are predominant.

Also for tumours affecting the salivary glands, they observed that minor salivary glands are more affected by malignancy than major salivary glands.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, you all will agree with me that Professor Akinola Ladipo Ladeinde has fulfilled his toga as Professor of the University of Lagos by paying his academic debt. He 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 all for listening and hereby declare this inaugural lecture close.

Professor Rahamon A. Bello, *FAEng* Vice-Chancellor, University of Lagos, Wednesday, February 3, 2016.