



**2014/2015 PRE-CONVOCATION NEWS CONFERENCE ADDRESS BY  
THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR RAHAMON A. BELLO, *FAEng*  
ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016.**

**The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics 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, *FNIM*  
The Bursar, Dr. Lateef Odekunle, *FCA*  
The University Librarian, Dr. (Mrs.) Olukemi A. Fadehan, *CLN*  
The Provost, College of Medicine, Professor Folasade T. Ogunsola,  
Deans of Faculty,  
Members of Senate,  
The Chairman, Convocation Ceremonies Committee,  
Members of the Committee,  
Heads of Department and Unit,  
Directors,  
Deputy Registrars,  
Members of the University Community,  
Students Leaders,  
Gentlemen of the Print and Electronic Media,  
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to this year's pre-convocation news conference for the 2014/2015 Convocation Ceremonies, which is the 48<sup>th</sup> convocation in the series.

This conference has been designed to kick-start a series of activities.

**CONVOCATION EVENTS**

Gentlemen of the press, I am happy to announce that the 2014/2015 convocation ceremonies will take place in the Multipurpose Hall Complex, Main Campus of the University of Lagos on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March and Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016.

The activities will commence with the Convocation Lecture on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2016. The Lecture Titled: "Positioning Nigeria as the Technology Hub of Africa" will be delivered by the Honourable Minister of Science and Technology, Dr. Ogbonnaya Onu, a great alumnus of our Department of Chemical Engineering, at 3.00pm in the Main Auditorium of the University.

The Chairman of the Convocation Lecture is the former President, Nigerian Academy of Engineering and former Director General of Nigeria Television Authority (NTA), Engr. Vincent I. Maduka, *OFR*.

As you are probably aware, His Royal Eminence, Alhaji (Dr.) Abubakar Ibn Umar Garbai El-Kanemi CFR, LLD, M.Sc, M.A., *Shehu of Borno*, has been appointed the 7th Chancellor of this great University of First Choice and Nation's Pride. The Chancellor will be installed on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 during the last day of the Convocation.

The Chancellor is expected to arrive the Campus on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> February and a reception in his honour is slated for 6.00pm on that day.

The first day of the Convocation will feature graduands from the:

- Faculty of Arts
- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Environmental Sciences
- Faculty of Science and

- Faculty of Social Sciences

On the second day, we will have graduands from the :

- Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences
- Faculty of Dental Sciences
- Faculty of Clinical Sciences all in the College of Medicine
- Faculty of Business Administration
- Faculty of Engineering
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Pharmacy and the Distance Learning Institute.

Finally, on the third and last day, the day will start with the Installation of the 7<sup>th</sup> Chancellor, His Eminence, the Shehu of Borno, followed by the graduation of Convocants from the School of Postgraduate Studies.

The following events will also take place as part of the Convocation Ceremonies:

- The Unilag Edutainment at 4.30pm on Tuesday, March 1 at the Indoor Sports Hall of the University.
- Alumni Reception at 6.00pm on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Staff School Hall
- Convocation Play at 5.00pm on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Main Auditorium.

Meanwhile, there will be Exhibition of Works across the University from 10.00 am to 5.00pm from Monday, February 29 to Thursday, March 3 at the Main Auditorium Foyer and the J. P. Clark Centre.

### **THE PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

Monday, Feb. 29, 2016

Convocation Lecture

Guest Lecturer:

Dr. Ogbonnaya Onu

Honourable Minister of Science & Technology

Topic:

“Positioning Nigeria as the Technology Hub of Africa”.

Time:

3.00p.m

Venue:

Main Auditorium

Chairman:

Engr. Vincent I. Maduka, OFR

Monday, Feb. 29, 2016

Arrival of the Chancellor on Campus & Reception in his honour

Time:

6.00p.m

Venue:

Chancellor's Lodge

#### **Convocation Day I**

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

(a) Congregation for award of First Degree, Diplomas, Certificates and the announcement of prize winners for graduating students of Faculties of: Arts, Education, Environmental Sciences, Science, and Social Sciences.

Time:

10.00a.m

Venue:

Multipurpose Hall, University of Lagos

(b) Unilag Alumni Edutainment

Time:

4.30p.m

Venue:

In-door Sports Hall, Sports Centre, University of Lagos

#### **Convocation Day II**

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

(a) Congregation for the award of First Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates and the announcement of prize winners of the College of Medicine, Faculties of: Basic Medical Sciences, Dental Sciences, Clinical Sciences, Business Administration, Engineering, Law, Pharmacy and DLI.

Time:

10.00a.m

Venue:

Multipurpose Hall, University of Lagos

(b) Alumni Reception

Time:

6.00p.m

Venue:

Staff School Hall, University of Lagos

### Convocation DAY III

Thursday, March 3, 2016

- (a) Installation of the Chancellor  
His Royal Eminence, Alhaji (Dr.) Abubakar Ibn Umar Garbai El-Kanemi, CFR, LLD, M.Sc., M.A., *Shehu of Borno*, Borno State.
- (b) Congregation for Conferment of Higher Degrees of the School of Postgraduate Studies, as well as Best Researcher Award

Time: 10.00a.m

Venue: Multipurpose Hall, University of Lagos

- (c) Convocation Play

Time: 5.00p.m.

Venue: Main Auditorium, University of Lagos.

Monday, Feb. 29 - Thurs. 3, March 2016

Exhibition of works across the University

Time: 10.00a.m – 5.00p.m

Venue: Main Auditorium Foyer & J.P. Clark Center

### STATISTICS OF GRADUATING STUDENTS

This year, a total of **10,907** graduating students will receive their degrees, diplomas and certificates during the convocation ceremonies.

Out of this number, **5,472** will receive first degrees while **5,435** will receive postgraduate degrees. Out of the first degree graduating students, a total of **178** passed in the first class division, while **1,617** passed in the second class Upper degree, **2,496** in second class lower degree, 884 in third class, **274** in unclassified degrees in Medical Sciences and Pharmacy and **50** had pass degree. Faculty of Engineering tops with the highest number of first class degrees having **41** first class graduating students.

Also the University will graduate a total of **71** students with the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees in various disciplines.

This year, a record has been set. A graduating student in the Department of Psychology, Faculty of Social Sciences, Mr. Ayodele Daniel Dada is graduating with a CGPA of **5.00**. A perfect score. This means he scored As in all courses he took in the program. I congratulate Mr. Dada and the staff of the Department of Psychology for this feat.

The graduation statistics is as follows:

Arts-----	393
Education -----	605
Environmental Sciences -----	201
Science-----	710
Social Sciences-----	676
College of Medicine -----	312
Business Administration-----	803
Engineering-----	366
Law-----	251
Pharmacy-----	92
Distance Learning Institute-----	1063
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>= 5,472</b>

For the School of Postgraduate Studies

PGD-----	391
Masters-----	4,973
Ph.D.-----	71
<b>Total -----</b>	<b>5,435</b>

Gentlemen of the press, I am delighted to inform you that we have recorded huge successes in our stride to uplift the standard of the University of Lagos. Today, our environment is one of the cleanest of all Institutions in Nigeria. We have commenced waste sorting and this is yielding fruits.

Also, all our classrooms and laboratories are now comparable with those anywhere in any first rated University worldwide. Research equipment and facilities are now being modernised and research activities are taking new dimensions.

Our internationalisation efforts are also yielding fruits. In spite of the social challenges in Nigeria, we are receiving increasing demand for students and staff exchange. We are currently playing host to 33 postgraduate students from various West African countries, under the ECOWAS Academic Mobility Scheme for their Masters and Ph.D. studies in various programmes. Students exchange with some Canadian and Chinese Universities are in the offing.

The horizon is very bright for University of Lagos.

### **CONCLUSION**

I want to express my deep appreciation for the support which our University has enjoyed from you in the area of reportage.

I also want to thank you, once again for being here today.

I thank you for your attention.

**Professor Rahamon A. Bello, *FAEng***  
**Vice-Chancellor, University of Lagos**  
**Wednesday, February 24, 2016**