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 48th 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, 1st March, Wednesday,
2nd March and Thursday, 3rd March 2016.
The activities will commence with the Convocation Lecture on Monday, 29th 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 3rd March 2016 during the last day
of the Convocation.
The Chancellor is expected to arrive the Campus on Monday, 29th 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
On the second day, we will have graduands from:

- Faculty of Social Sciences
- 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 7th 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 2nd at the Staff School Hall
- Convocation Play at 5.00pm on Thursday, March 3rd 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

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**Convocation Day I**
**Tuesday, March 1, 2016**

- 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

- Unilag Alumni Edutainment

**Time:** 4.30p.m

**Venue:** In-door Sports Hall, Sports Centre, University of Lagos

**Convocation Day II**
**Wednesday, March 2, 2016**

- 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

- 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-

(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:

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Sub Total = 5,472

For the School of Postgraduate Studies
PGD-------------------391
Masters------------4,973
Ph.D.------------------71
Total ----------------5,435

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