

FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Ila Orangun Kilometer 04, Ora Road, PMB 204, Ila Orangun, Osun State www.fuhsi.edu.ng

2022/2023 ACADEMIC SESSION – THE GAINS, THE WINS

APublication of the Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun, Information Unit

The Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun, began its inaugural academic year in March 2023. The University, with the vision to be the World's bastion of excellence in scholarship and research, is coordinated by seasoned administrators and principal officers ably led by Professor Akeem Olawale Lasisi, the Vice-Chancellor. Other members of the management team are Alhaji Kassim Kayode Babamale, the Registrar, Mr. Oyewale, Adelani Adedayo, the Bursar, and Mrs. Bukky Olufemi Asubuojo, the University Librarian. This team set the pace for the University to grow with a master plan covering 471.88 hectares of land.

The Vision of the University is "to be a world class University of Health, Nutrition, and Medical Sciences in building National preparedness and resilience in anticipation of future challenges in the health sector while also reducing medical tourism abroad. The journey to this laudable path was kickstarted with the job of planning and putting resources together. Therefore, the University launched and recorded success in the 2022/2023 Academic Session.

The maiden academic year commenced with the matriculation of 528 students distributed across nine (9) departments. These departments are Audiology, Human Nutrition and Dietetics, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Nursing Science, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS), Health Technology and Health Informatics, Medical Laboratory Sciences, and Pharmacology.

These departments took courses domiciled in the pioneering Faculty of Sciences and General Studies. Professor Muttalib Aderogba, the Dean of the Faculty of Sciences assiduously set the University on the path of merit. The students across the various departments healthily competed and made every, effort, step, lecture hour, and score



JAN. 2024

count while the session lasted.

The University embarked on the procurement of laboratory and digital equipment, office and laboratory furniture, and other essentials to ensure the smooth operation of the Institution. The equipment of the laboratories foregrounded the University's readiness to actualise its mission which is "to serve as an education laboratory that provides space for pedagogical experimentation to undertake impactful research works in all fields for the growth and development of the education industry". This is besides the completion of several projects on the University's permanent site.

The staff capacity of the University saw a significant improvement, boasting over two hundred (200) teaching and non-teaching staff members by the end of the 2022/2023 Academic session.

Building on the success of the first semester, the second semester commenced with a high level of confidence, after the management's perusal of the students' performance in the first semester examinations. However, the University organised remedial tutorials to support students whose performance was poor. The tutorial was conducted and coordinated by HODs of the various



departments, lecturers, and Corps Members. Testimonies from students and lecturers affirmed that the efforts yielded positive impacts on the students.

Other key events in the 2022/2023 Academic Session included visits from the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) Resource Persons, the National Universities Commission Resource Verification Team, Inspectors from the office of the Accountant General of the Federation to inspect the University's ongoing capital projects on the permanent site, and staff workshops, amongst others. The Vice-Chancellors' keen foresight for expansion led to the accreditation of four new programmes in the University. These programmes are Biotechnology and Molecular Biology, Physiotherapy, Environmental Health Sciences, and Prosthetics and Orthotics.

The session concluded with a Senate Luncheon where the Vice-Chancellor and other Principal Officers expressed gratitude to the management for the successful Inaugural year of the University. They commended the staff for the teamwork, commitment to service, and collective sacrifices despite minimal facilities and resources.

FUHSI COMMENCES BSC. PROSTHETICS AND ORTHOTICS, THREE OTHER PROGRAMMES



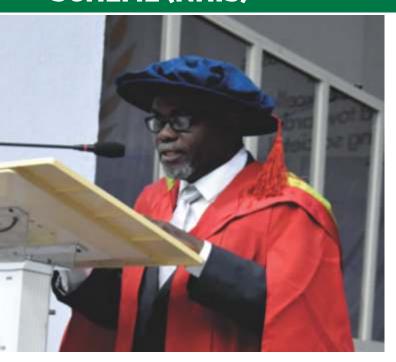
The Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila Orangun (FUHSI) has admitted freshmen into the four National Universities Commission (NUC) newly approved programmes in the 2023/2024 session.

The university regulatory body, during its Resource Verification visit in October 2023, approved the new courses after rigorous examination and satisfaction with the facilities and equipment showcased by the University. A source who craved anonymity told the University Bulletin that the approval followed the NUC Resource Verification exercise carried out by the verification team during their visit to the University on the 3rd of October, 2023. "The team expressed satisfaction with the University's laboratories, clinic, departmental offices, lecture halls, and the University Library. They commended the University for its preparedness and foresight while encouraging the management to be proactive in implementing the newly approved courses", the source added.

The approved courses include Biotechnology and Molecular Biology, Physiotherapy, Environmental Health Sciences, and Prosthetics and Orthotics.

"As a result of this approval, we can boldly inform the public that admission is open to intending students who want to study Biotechnology and Molecular Biology, Physiotherapy, Environmental Health Sciences, and Prosthetics and Orthotics" the University stated.

VICE-CHANCELLOR ADVOCATES INCLUSION OF HEARING AIDS IN NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME (NHIS)



UHSI Bullet

FUHSI Vice-Chancellor, Prof Akeem Olawale Lasisi presenting the 538th Inaugural Lecture at the University of Ibadan.

The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun, Prof. Akeem Olawale Lasisi, has urged the Federal Government of Nigeria to incorporate hearing aids into the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) to curb the rise of hearing loss among the citizens during the 538th Inaugural Lecture at the Premier University, in his Lecture titled "Genes, Jinns, Jinx, and Peter's Trial - Untangling the Deafness Knots".

Prof. Lasisi, a Professor of Medicine in the Department of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology at the University of Ibadan, emphasised the imperative of screening all newborns and underscored the urgent need to include hearing aid in NHIS to address hearing loss as, according to him, essential facilities for hearing loss diagnosis and "most gene sequencing methods are currently externally sourced."

The Inaugural Lecturer further advocated that the Federal Government, through the Ministry of Health, should seriously consider strengthening the National Hearing Policy. This policy should "aim to identify infants and young children with hearing loss early for effective rehabilitation. He proposed a comprehensive identification programme before and during pregnancy to identify potential high-risk dangers and embark on registering the women that are susceptible to genetic factors leading to hearing loss in children. These policies and laws, according to Prof. Lasisi, would provide protective safeguards, define timeframes, specify consequences for non-compliance, allow room for litigation, establish accountability procedures, and secure financial backing.

Lastly, the Inaugural Lecturer suggested that the Federal Government established and fortified the National Committee on Ear and Hearing to formulate the Nigerian National Hearing Policy. This move, according to Prof. Lasisi, would foster the need to consider the needs of deaf individuals in policy formulation. He emphasised the importance of collaboration with the Nigerian National Association for the Deaf and the Nigerian Advisory Council for Deaf to significantly impact services for the deaf.

The Inaugural Lecture, hosted by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ibadan, Prof. Kayode Oyebode Adebowale, was attended by various dignitaries, scholars, professors, professionals, and family members from different institutions, including the University College Hospital (UCH) and the Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun.



The Inaugural Lecturer, Prof Akeem O. Lasisi (middle), FUHSI's Bursar, Mr. Oyewale A. Adedayo (left) and FUHSI's Librarian, Mrs. Bukky Olufemi Asubiojo (right) after the scintillating and thought-provoking Inaugural Lecture at the Trenchard Hall, University of Ibadan

CHANCELLOR PLEDGES PHYSICAL, INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT TO FUHSI



FUHSI Bullet

L-R The Registrar, Mr. Kassim Kayode Babamale, the Chancellor, His Royal Highness, Alh. Ibrahim Ibn Umar Ibrahim El-Kanemi, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Akeem Olawale Lasisi and the Bursar, Mr. Oyewale, Adelani Adedayo at the Chancellor's residence in Maiduguri

The Chancellor, His Royal Highness, Alh. Ibrahim Ibn Umar Ibrahim El-Kanemi, CON, the Shehu of Dikwa, has affirmed his commitment to using his networks to attract notable physical and infrastructural development to the Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun. L-R The Registrar, Mr. Kassim Kayode Babamale, the Chancellor, His Royal Highness, Alh. Ibrahim Ibn Umar Ibrahim El-Kanemi, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Akeem Olawale Lasisi and the Bursar, Mr. Oyewale, Adelani Adedayo at the Chancellor's residence in Maiduguri His Royal Highness stated this during a familiarisation visit by the University Management team led by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Akeem Olawale Lasisi on Tuesday 28th of November, 2023.

The team, which comprised the Registrar, Mr. Kassim Kayode Babamale and the Bursar, Mr. Oyewale, Adelani Adedayo arrived at the Maiduguri residence of the Chancellor at about 1:20 pm and were warmly received by the Chancellor and Council of Chiefs of the Dikwa Emirate Council. The Chancellor expressed his delight at his appointment and assured the Management of his commitment to the growth and development of the University.

He sought the cooperation of the Management team towards achieving the set objectives of the University as he promised to use his networks to attract notable physical and infrastructural development to the University. Prof Akeem Olawale Lasisi presenting a plaque of appreciation to the Chancellor, His Royal Highness, Alh. Ibrahim Ibn Umar Ibrahim El-Kanemi. The University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Akeem Olawale Lasisi in his address, congratulated the Shehu of Dikwa on his appointment as the Chancellor of the Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun. He



Prof Akeem Olawale Lasisi presenting a plaque of appreciation to the Chancellor, His Royal Highness, Alh. Ibrahim Ibn Umar Ibrahim El-Kanemi.

briefed the Chancellor on the activities of the University since its take-off and wished him an impactful and remarkable tenure as Chancellor.

He, however, tendered the apology of the University Librarian who had to return midway into the trip to attend to some emergencies.

"WE MUST NOT WASTE PEOPLE'S TIME UNDER THE PRETENSE OF TRAINING", FUHSI'S VICE-CHANCELLOR CHARGES TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS

FUHSI Bulletin

Prof. Akeem Olawale Lasisi has admonished members of the academics in Nigerian universities to shun the acts of squandering students' time with training that does not help their growth in the future.

The Vice-Chancellor gave this advice during the Curriculum Committee Meeting on November 13, 2023, in the University's Board Room.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Akeem Olawale Lasisi addressing the Curriculum Planning Committee in the University's Board Room.

engaging in superficial exercises, the Vice-Chancellor stressed the importance of efficient education centered on practical skills and relevant knowledge.

He highlighted that "the time invested in authentic training can equip students with the necessary tools for real-world challenges, steering clear of activities that do not meaningfully contribute to their development".

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Akeem Olawale Lasisi addressing the Curriculum Planning Committee in the University's Board Room.

He charged the teaching staff to key into FUHSI's vision of excellence and production of globally relevant students. Professor Lasisi, therefore, recommended the provision of comprehensive practical training throughout students' academic sessions to align with the Institution's commitment to being a World Centre of Excellence.

While expressing the belief that FUHSI would focus on genuine training rather than

In line with FUHSI's vision, which encompasses the promotion of health through innovative medical education, research, and innovation, Prof. Lasisi underscored the necessity of pragmatic knowledge in various fields.

The Vice-Chancellor argued that "to ensure the fulfillment of this vision, the 30% CCMAS allocation by the National Universities Commission must incorporate onsite practical contents in the curricula for the respective fields".



ALL HAIL BABA BISI AKANDE @85



Chief Abdulkareem Bisi Bamidele AKANDE is no dark figure in the Nigerian political landscape. His involvement in politics can be traced to the Second Republic when he was a member of the Unity Party of Nigeria (UPN). He is an Awoist, a staunch follower and believer in the political principles of Chief Obafemi Awolowo, a venerated sage in the South West region of Nigeria. Bisi Akande, the Asiwaju of Ila-Orangun had served in various capacities as a statesman and he had paid the price for being a stalwart of democracy in Nigerian politics.

Baba Bisi Akande served as the Secretary to the State Government during the Second Republic when Chief Bola Ige was the first elected Governor of Oyo State. He later became Ige's Deputy Governor when Chief Sunday Afolabi resigned in 1982. As the country was ushered into a n o th e r d e m o c r a t i c dispensation, on 31 May 1999, Bisi Akande was elected and s u c c e e d e d Th e o p h i l u s B a m g b o y e (a m i l i t a r y administrator) as the Executive Governor of Osun State.

Before his election into the highest seat of power in Osun state, Bisi was sentenced to 42 years imprisonment. And in what seemed like a public apology, the man who 'jailed' Bisi Akande in 1984 said in 2021 that Bisi was a "perfect public servant with whom he could go into the jungle".

His courage and belief in democracy have earned him

praises as a statesman in the Southwest and Nigeria at large while his consistency in upholding justice spurred the immediate former President of Nigeria, General Muhammadu Buhari to describe Bisi Akande as a man with 'inflexible integrity'. His administration as the Governor of Osun became a template upon which his successors anchored their administrative ingenuity. Bisi's political journey is a metaphor that needs a discerning mind to unravel. His Participation in public service is extraordinary and exemplary that Governor Babajide Sanwolu minced no words in saying that Baba Bisi Akande is "an extraordinary public servant and administrator whose commitment to selfless public service remains a lesson for those who aspire to public service".



L-R: The birthday boy, Baba Bisi Akande (middle), the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Akeem Lasisi (2nd right), the Registrar, Alhaji Kassim Kayode Babamale (2nd left), the Bursar, Mr. Oyewale Adelani (1st left) and the University Librarian, Mrs. Bukky Asubiojo (1st right) at the International Conference Centre, University of Ibadan



In his 85th chapter of the book of Life, the public and private pedigrees of a male child who was born in 1939 in Ila-Orangun dotted the map of the most populous black nation of the world. Bisi Akande is an ICON; a patriotic Nigerian and grassroots politician with a keen interest in human capital development. For Bisi, having a pedigree should involve equipping people with "skills, knowledge, abilities and overall potentials" to move and improve the society. However, having pedigrees is one thing. The principles guiding one's

daily dealings are another. Gracia Matore would argue that "it doesn't matter what your pedigree is, who your family is, or what degrees you have. What really matters is how you perform your job and how you produce results. Whoever could do the best job, that's who the focus is on". The lights shone the brightest on Bisi on his 85th birthday because he selflessly did the best jobs for humanities.

His Participation in course-plotting the nation into a new political dispensation brought Muahmmadu Buhari to power in 2015 and Bola Ahmed Tinubu in 2023. This has a stupendous implication for charting a new course for Nigeria in all ramifications and his hometown in many dimensions. Osun state, the entire South-West, and Ila-Orangun will forever be grateful to Baba Bisi, if not for anything, but for facilitating the siting of the prestigious Federal University of Health Sciences (FUHSI) in Ila-Orangun. The University is historical among the species of humanitarian services of Bisi that no typhoon can destroy.

LIBRARY FOOTBALL TEAM WHIPS ADMIN TEAM



L-R: Mr. Akeem Balogun, the Bursar, Mr. Oyewale, Adelani Adedayo and the Library Football Team.

The College Campus football field buzzed with anticipation on Wednesday, January 17 2024 as the Library football team and their Admin. counterpart clashed in a thrilling friendly match. The spectators witnessed a captivating display of skills and talents as both teams vied for dominance on the pitch. L-R: Mr. Akeem Balogun, the Bursar, Mr. Oyewale, Adelani Adedayo and the Library Football Team. The breakthrough moment arrived when the Library team striker, Focus, showcasing a remarkable precision and agility, found the back of the net, giving the Library team an early lead. The crowd erupted in cheers, setting the stage for an intense battle.

The Admin. Team, determined to turn the tide, mounted several counterattacks, but the solid defense of the Library team proved resilient.

As the match progressed, Iyanuoluwa Oyeranmi, heightened the excitement by adding a second goal to the Library's tally. Oyeranmi's goal demonstrated not only individual brilliance but also effective teamwork.

Despite the Admin team's spirited efforts, the Library team squashed their hope by maintaining their lead, clinching a well-deserved 2-0 victory.

The friendly encounter showcased the passion and talent within the Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun's community. It was a memorable day for the Library football team who celebrating their triumph in a hard-fought and entertaining football match.

FUHSI Bulleti

MEDEL GmbH, HEARING HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE PARTNER FUHSI.



The Vice-Chancellor of FUHSI, Prof. Akeem Olawale Lasisi (Right) and members of the Medel GmbH and Hearing Healthcare Alliance (HHA) holding a meeting at Ibis Styles Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya

Medel GmbH and Hearing Healthcare Alliance (HHA) have met with the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Akeem Lasisi, for a partnership to enhance the training of students of Audiology at the Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun FUHSI).

The Vice-Chancellor of FUHSI, Prof. Akeem Olawale Lasisi (Right) and members of the Medel GmbH and Hearing Healthcare Alliance (HHA) holding a meeting at Ibis Styles Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya

The meeting which took place at the Ibis Styles Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya, underscored Professor Lasisi's determination to equip students of the University with needed skills and exposure to international best practices in their various disciplines and to promote excellence in healthcare education, research, and services.

With the Vice-Chancellor at the meeting was the Coordinator of the Department of Audiology, Dr Barnabas Vangerwua

MEDEL GmbH is a foremost leading hearing solutions manufacturer in Austria while Hearing Healthcare Alliance (HHA) has its headquarters in the United States.

Addressing the representatives of the two organizations jointly, Professor Lasisi highlighted the need for close collaboration between Medel GmbH and HHA. Dr Barnabas Vangerwua (6th from left) with other members of the Audiology Department of MEDEL GmbH and Hearing Healthcare Alliance (HHA)Prof. Lasisi reiterated that this collaboration would develop the budding Department and foster capacity building for the nation in tandem with the mission of the World



Health Organisation (WHO), especially in low-income countries.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, "the University stands to benefit immensely from this partnership. It needs equipment to train students as well as Faculty positions for their lecturers".

While sharing his experience and passion as an Otologist, he explained the difficulties he had personally encountered in the course of his work. He attributed the difficulties to the paucity of qualified and trained manpower in Nigeria – a country with a teeming population of over 200 million people.

Prof. Lasisi, therefore, stated his resolution that, on his assumption of duty as the Vice-Chancellor, he immediately started the Department of Audiology in the new University disregarding the odds.

In her response, Ms. Stephanie Unterrieder, the Regional Project Manager and Business Development Africa for Medel GmbH, commended the efforts of the Vice-Chancellor.

She also appreciated his foresight in initiating the programme to train audiologists who are critical stakeholders in the implementation of an effective Hearing Healthcare policy as enunciated in the World Health Organisation's (WHO) mission statement.

Ms. Unterrieder indicated the readiness of her organisation to collaborate with the University and offered to support FUHSI in achieving the planned goals of making ear and hearing healthcare accessible to all, especially as it involves Low and Medium Income Countries (LMIC).

She, therefore, requested to be availed of the University's curriculum for Audiology while promising that Medel GmbH would visit the Institution soon to see how much of the Organisation's support and assistance is required.



Dr Barnabas Vangerwua (6th from left) with other members of the Audiology Department of MEDEL GmbH and Hearing Healthcare Alliance (HHA)



THE UNIVERSITY HEALTH CENTRE



The front view of the University Health Centre



The side view of the University Health Centre



Inside view of the University Health Centre.



The side view of the University Health Centre



THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY



The front view of the University Library



The side view of the University Library



The 3D print plan of the University Library



The back view of the University Library





We are pleased to announce the establishment of a Counseling Unit, Student Affairs Division, Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila Orangun, Osun State. This dedicated resource is designed to support students' and staff's mental health and well-being



Feel free to reach out for help: @Dr. Olayemi Z. Oduola 08062143029. Your confidentiality is assured.