



SUMAS DIGEST

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GOV. UGWUANYI UNVEILS STATE UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES (SUMAS), IGBO-ENO, ENUGU STATE.

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The establishment of the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences (SUMAS) is one of the greatest achievements of Gov. Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi's administration, aimed at increasing access to quality medical university education to the teeming youths, provision of accessible, quality and affordable healthcare service delivery to the people of Enugu State and beyond, rural development, creation of job opportunities and economic empowerment.

The unveiling of SUMAS was performed in the presence of the Speaker of the State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Edward Ubosi, the Chief Judge of Enugu State, Hon. Justice Afojulu Raymond Ozoemena, representative of Hon. Justice Chima Centus Nweze of the Supreme Court of Nigeria, Hon. Justice Kenneth Okpe, the PDP governorship candidate, Enugu State, Dr. Peter Ndubuisi Mba and his running mate, Barr. Ifeanyi Ossai, the Vice-Chancellor of SUMAS, Prof James Ogbonna, the Registrar, Mr Anselem Onah, the Librarian, Dr. Mrs Monica Eze, the school Bursar, Dr. Elvis Ozoadibe, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Nsukka, Most Rev. Prof. Godfrey Igwebuike Onah, ably represented by the Vicar General, Very Rev. Fr. Greg Amuluche Nnamani among other dignitaries that graced the occasion.

The Governor after the unveiling of the university, delivered the 5th Adada Lecture titled, "Leadership, Education and Inclusive Development", as organized by the Association of Nsukka Professors (ANP).

Governor Ugwuanyi hinted that, "the concept of inclusive development is about a development that does not discriminate, leaving any person, part or group out".

His Excellency highlighted his achievements on peace, security, education, agriculture, health, infrastructure, rural development, sports, and judiciary among others.

The Vice-Chancellor of SUMAS, Professor James Chukwuma Ogbonna, commended Governor Ugwuanyi for establishing SUMAS, stating that the governor had provided opportunities for the people of Enugu State to acquire education in the area where the state and indeed the whole world is in acute shortage of namely, medical and allied health sciences.

Speaking further, Prof. Ogbonna said that the facilities in the University include, six faculty buildings each with 12 classrooms and 36 offices, an ultra modern medical centre, teaching hospital, Mother and Child hospital, administrative block, ICT building, solar powered street light, solar powered industrial boreholes, helipad, two hostels each with 450 bed spaces among others.

Expressing his gratitude to Governor Ugwuanyi, he encouraged the audience to, "go round the campus and be convinced that this man (Governor Ugwuanyi) has done a lot for us".

He thanked Governor Ugwuanyi again for appointing him and his team to manage and establish a solid foundation for the university.

THE PIONEER VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES (SUMAS) IGBO-ENO, ENUGU STATE.



Prof. James Chukwuma Ogbonna
Vice-Chancellor SUMAS,

Governor Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi approved the appointment of Prof. Ogbonna as the Vice-Chancellor of State University of Medical and Applied Sciences Igbo-Eno, Enugu State, with effect from Friday September 02, 2022.

Prof. Ogbonna served as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic University of Nigeria from 2014 to 2019, from where merit and excellent record of service led to his appointment as the pioneer Vice-Chancellor of the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences Igbo-Eno by the University Visitor, His Excellency, Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi, the Governor of Enugu State.

His tertiary education journey started from the University of Jos Nigeria, where he obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree with First Class Honours in Botany (1982). His Masters Degree in Engineering (Fermentation Technology) in 1988 was from Yamanashi University, Japan and Doctor of Philosophy (Applied Biochemistry) in 1991 from University of Tsukuba, Japan.

Ogbonna has been a professor of Industrial Microbiology and Biotechnology since 2002 and has held various academic and administrative positions. His work experience includes Post-Doctoral Research, Institute of Bioprocess and Biochemical Engineering, Technical University Hanburg-Hurburg, Germany (1991-1992);

Research Associate (1992-1993), Assistant Professor (1993-1995) and

Associate Professor (1995-2002) all at the Institute of Applied Biochemistry, University of Tsukuba, Japan; Professor Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology, Ebonyi State University, Nigeria (2002-2006); Professor, Department of Microbiology University of Nigeria, Nsukka (2006- Date).

He was a visiting professor, Graduate School of Life and Environmental Sciences, University of Tsukuba, Japan (Sabbatical leave) from 2012-2013, Dean Faculty of Applied and Natural Sciences, Ebonyi State University Abakaliki (2003-2005), Director, Biotechnology Research and Development Center, Ebonyi State University Abakaliki (2005-2006), Head of Department of Microbiology, University of Nigeria, Nsukka (2008-2010), Coordinator, University of Nigeria- Japan Academic Linkage and Collaborations (2007-Date) and Director National Biotechnology Development Agency, South East zonal Biotechnology centre, University of Nigeria, Nsukka (2014-2019).

In recognition of his hard work, he has won many honours which include Jack Tilly Gyado's prize for the student with the best academic records in the Department of Botany, University of Jos, Nigeria (1980-1981), Nigeria Academic Merit Award for outstanding student in Nigeria Universities (1981- 1982), University of Jos prize for the best graduating student in the Faculty of Natural Sciences (1982), Kwara State's NYSC Commendation Award for the outstanding and diligent youth service members (1983), Japanese Government (Monbusho) Scholarship (1985-1991), Research Award from Showa Shell Sekiyu Foundation (Japan) for promotion of Environmental Research (1999), Ebonyi State University Senate Commendation for fighting against examination malpractice (2004).

He has served as an external examiner to 15 Universities and as external assessor for promotion to professorial cadre to 14 Universities;

He was the National President, Biotechnology Society of Nigeria (2010-2014) and the current president, Foundation for African Development through International Biotechnology.

Prof. Ogbonna has immensely contributed to the global body of knowledge via his numerous articles in journals and papers presented at national and international conferences. His current research interests include photo- bioreactor design and optimization, development of microbial cell culture systems and applications and bio-energy production.

He has published 3 books, co-edited 3 books, 18 book chapters, 132 peer-reviewed journal articles, nine conference proceedings and over 120 paper presentations in national and international conferences in over 10 countries. His current H-index is 37 with over 5,132 citations in Google scholar.

Prof. Ogbonna is a Fellow of the Biotechnology Society of Nigeria, Fellow, Foundation for African Development through International Biotechnology and Fellow, Institute of Corporative Administration and Fellow, Nigerian Academy of Sciences.

Prof. Ogbonna is a combination of intelligence, faithfulness and unalloyed commitment to responsibilities and duties with excellence and precision as his goal.

He is dedicated, resourceful, accommodating, versatile, goal-driven and an enthusiastic educator.

This great leader is a teacher and an administrator par excellence.

MAIDEN MATRICULATION CEREMONY OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES IGBO-ENO, ENUGU STATE.

On Saturday, 22nd April 2023, all roads led to the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences Igbo-Eno, Enugu State for the maiden matriculation ceremony of the institution.

The programme started about 10:20am with a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. James C. Ogonna by the pioneer Visitor to SUMAS, Governor Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi. Accompanying the Governor were Dr. Peter Ndubuisi Mbah ably represented by the former Secretary to the State Government, Dr. Dan Shere, the Chairman, Project Implementation Committee, SUMAS, Prof. Val. O Ekechukwu; Deputy Chief of Staff, Government House, Enugu, Prof. Malachy Okwueze; Vice Chancellor of ESUT, Prof. Aloysius Okolie and his other colleagues, the principal officers of SUMAS, members of the State Executive Council (EXCO), and the Chaplain, SUMAS, Rev. Fr. Jude Ugwueke

He equally expressed his heart-felt gratitude to the Governor, for his vision and passion for human resource development that led to the establishment of the university.

The Vice-Chancellor stated that SUMAS is the most enduring human development legacy of Governor Ugwuanyi which has marked him out as a great leader

Speaking further, Prof. Ogonna stated that a total of seven hundred and eighty-nine (789) students had already been admitted into the twenty-three (23) programmes approved by the National Universities Commission (NUC).

- B.Eng. Chemical Engineering
- B.Eng. Mechanical Engineering
- B.Eng. Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- B.Eng. Computer Engineering
- B.Eng. Civil Engineering
- B.Sc. Architecture
- B.Sc. Quantity Surveying

Faculty of Natural and Applied Sciences

- B.Sc. Genetics and Biotechnology
- B.Sc. Biochemistry
- B.Sc. Microbiology and Brewing
- B.Sc. Pure and Industrial Chemistry
- B.Sc. Computer Science
- B.Sc. Information and Communication Technology



From the courtesy call, the Visitor and his entourage led by the Vice-Chancellor and other principal officers of the university proceeded to the pavilion where the statue of Governor Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi was unveiled as the founder of the university.

The venue for the maiden matriculation, was filled to capacity by the matriculants, university community, family members, friends and well-wishers.

Speaking at the event, the Vice-Chancellor of SUMAS, Prof. J.C. Ogonna welcomed everyone to the maiden matriculation ceremony of the university.

Stating that 'this matriculation ceremony marked the start of full academic activities, and the first academic visit to the university by Governor Ugwuanyi in his capacity as the visitor.

The faculties include:

Faculty of Clinical Medicine and Dentistry:

- MBBS. Medicine and Surgery

Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences

- B.Sc. Human Anatomy
- B.Sc. Human Physiology

Faculty of Allied Health Sciences

- B.NSC Nursing Science
- B.Sc. Nutrition and Dietetics
- BMLS. Medical Laboratory Science
- B.Sc. Radiography/Medical Physics
- DPth Physiotherapy and Occupational Health

Faculty of Pharmacy

- Pharm. D Pharmacy

Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment

- B.Eng. Biomedical Engineering

He reminded them that whatever they wanted to do, they should consider the implications and consequences of such acts before indulging.

He thanked parents and guardians for their great sacrifices in making sure that their wards get the good and needed education, and promised them that SUMAS will definitely surpass their expectations, and assured them of the readiness of SUMAS to provide both a conducive learning environment and excellent and globally competitive instruction.

The parents were made to know that the hostels have dedicated solar powered boreholes and solar powered light to ensure steady supply of water and light, provision of broad band high speed internet in each of the two hostels, and work has started already to lay over 7km of high-quality optical fibre backbone from the MTN station at ObolloAfor.

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This will enable the students to have access to our electronic library and other educational materials from the comfort of their rooms. The classrooms are cabled for internet access and equipped with electronic interactive boards for quality lecture delivery and assurance. The medical centre has started providing medical services to all and sundry.

In addition, the Vice- Chancellor urged parents to monitor the progress of their children/wards to make sure that they do not misuse their new-found freedom promising them, that the institution will provide IT gadgets that will help them monitor their children's activities and get the necessary information on their performance.

The Registrar Mr. A.U. Onah presented the matriculating students of SUMAS to the Vice- Chancellor for formal admission to SUMAS.

In his vote of thanks, the Vice-chancellor, Prof. Ogonna appreciated the guests especially the Governor and his entourage for gracing the occasion.

He equally thanked the Host Community for their great support so far and prayed God to bless everyone.



SUMAS Medical Center is located in Igbo-Eno, a serene environment adjoining Orba, Imilike, Iheaka and Ovoko villages in Enugu North senatorial district of Enugu State, also referred to as Nsukka cultural zone.

SUMAS Medical Center was established by the Enugu State government under the dispensation of Gov. Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi with the aim of providing health care services to staff, students and general public and to train personnel in the field of medical sciences.

SUMAS medical center with 120 bed spaces, originally designed as a specialist hospital provides tertiary health services, pending the completion of the SUMAS teaching hospital project. Consultants from ESUT Teaching Hospital, Parklane Enugu and University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital Enugu (UNTH), are currently consulting and providing medical services in the hospital.

There are provision of 24/7 excellent medical services with the doctors and qualified staff who give out quality services to their patients. They have consultants in Internal Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology and offers medical services as follows:

- Ambulance services
- Laboratory services
- Pharmaceutical services

The clinic is open to all and sundry from Sunday to Saturday and operates on 24 hours basis.

This medical center is as old as the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences Igbo-Eno, the Medical Director Dr Mrs. Uche Eze confirmed the first minor surgical service which was carried out on the 14th of April, 2023 and to the Glory of God it was successful.

In no distant time the facility will join National Health Insurance Scheme as we await the completion of SUMAS Teaching Hospital.

Come to SUMAS Medical Centre and get a unique medical service.



GOV. UGWUANYI APPOINTS OBA FRANCIS OLUSOLA ALAO AS CHANCELLOR AND MSGR. PROF OBIORA IKE AS PRO-CHANCELLOR & CHAIRMAN, GOVERNING COUNCIL



OBA FRANCIS OLUSOLA ALAO
CHANCELLOR

Governor Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi of Enugu State, on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 approved the appointment of Oba Francis Olushola Alao as Chancellor and Msgr. Prof. Obiora Ike as Pro-Chancellor and Chairman Governing Council of the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences (SUMAS).

According to the Secretary to the State Government (SSG), Prof. Simon Ortuanya, their appointment which took effect from Monday, May 22, 2023 were hinged on sections 1 and 2 of the First Schedule to the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences (SUMAS), Igbo-Eno Law, Laws of Enugu State No. 1, 2022 .

The Chancellor, is the Olugban of Orile-Igbon in Oyo State and a first-class king of the Yoruba race. Oba Francis Olushola Alao was born in Ibadan and was taken to the Northern part of the country by his parents where he had his primary and secondary school education, then proceeded to the University of Liberia where he earned B.Sc in Accounting.

He worked with an Accounting firm for two years in Liberia before going into his own private business. Oba Alao is a successful business man, a contractor and has also been a sub-contractor to ECOMOG on importation of food stuff, for ECOMOG forces in Liberia.

Since coming back to Nigeria, he has been a contractor to major military formations in Nigeria as well as construction of Telecoms infrastructure.

Msgr. Obiora Ike is a Professor of Ethics and Intercultural Studies at the Godfrey Okoye University, Enugu State, Nigeria.

He is the founding Director of the Catholic Institute of Development, Justice, Peace and Caritas (CIDJAP); Chairman of Umuchinemere, Pro-credit Microfinance Bank Limited; Chairman of Enugu State Economic Advisory Committee.



MSGR. PROF. OBIORA IKE
PRO-CHANCELLOR & CHAIRMAN

He is the immediate past Executive Director of the Geneva-based GlobEthics net.

He is an accomplished writer, scholar, teacher and professor with several years of experience and demonstrated history of working in civil society organizations, non-profit and religious institutions.

He has strong professional skills in non-profit organizations, human management, networking, religious thought leadership, public speaking, strategic planning and research.

ANGLICAN BISHOP OF NSUKKA DIOCESES PAYS A COURTESY VISIT TO SUMAS VICE- CHANCELLOR



The Vice-chancellor Prof. Ogonna (center) and other principal officers with Bishop Agbo and his entourage during the courtesy visit.

The Bishop of Nsukka Anglican diocese and his entourage, on 24th May, 2023 paid a courtesy visit to the SUMAS Vice-Chancellor. The purpose of the visit was to thank God for the vision of establishing the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences, Igbo-Eno Enugu State.

And also congratulate the Vice-Chancellor Prof. James Chukwuma Ogonna for a position well deserved.

Speaking during the visit, the Bishop assured the Vice-Chancellor of their prayers and support. He further wished him success, expressing the hope that God who brought him this far will always lead him through.

He also promised the Vice-Chancellor of sending an Anglican Priest who will help nurture the chapel and also build the spiritual life of the students and those within the SUMAS community.

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The Bishop gave the Vice-Chancellor a gift of Bible, in his words “last time I was listening to the inauguration of the king of England, I found out that the constitution of England is the Bible and if England will regard the Bible as its constitution I believe that whatever the Vice-Chancellor needs to guide SUMAS is here (the Bible).”

He told the Vice-Chancellor to always read and meditate on the Bible that he will not stumble, for one with God is majority.

The Vice-Chancellor thanked the Bishop and his entourage for the visit, telling them that, they were given a clean slate to write on, and therefore, they will not disappoint the people looking up to them.

He told them that he considers the establishment of SUMAS as the greatest achievement of His Excellency Gov. Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi and also thanked God for that. He solicited the Bishop’s prayers.

Finally, the Bishop prayed for the Vice-Chancellor, management, staff, students and SUMAS community as a whole.

The Bishop was accompanied by his wife Mrs. Ifeoma Agbo, Barr. O.E Ugwulor, Barr. Johnson Onah (JP), Rev. Canon Oliver Onyeke (JP), Ven. Dr Joseph N. Chukwuma (JP), Synod Secretary, Ven. Chinedu Onah, Ven. Prof. Ikem Chris Okoye – Chaplain Anglican students, Ven. Kingsley S.E Obeta, Ven. Dr Goddy Emeka Eze, Prof. C.U Nwoji, Sir Robert U. Agbo, Lady Maryrose Ngwu, Dr. Ijeoma D. Ajaero and Ven. Prof. B. C. Diara.

COURTESY CALL TO STATE UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL AND APPLIED SCIENCE, IGBO-ENO ENUGU STATE BY THE OFFICERS OF FEDERAL FIRE SERVICE



FFS team with the VC, Prof. James Ogbonna (5th from left) The Registrar, Mr. Anselem Onah (3rd Left), The Librarian, Dr. Mrs. Monica Eze (2nd right), Chairman, Committee on Environment Dr. E.C Ukaegbu(1st right) and SUMAS PRO Mrs. Asogwa Oluchi (1st Left)

The officers of the Federal Fire Service (FFS) on the 25th of April, 2023, paid a courtesy visit to the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences (SUMAS) Igbo-Eno Enugu State, with regards to fire prevention, extinguishment and risk assessment/improvement of general safety management and control of fire outbreak.

The team was led by the DSF Paul Chijioke the CSO of the Command and in attendance were ASF I Orakwe Frankline Abugu, the PA zonal co-ordinator and ASF I Edet Ekaette Edem II E.

They were received by the principal officers of the university, including the Vice Chancellor Prof. James C. Ogbonna, the Registrar of the institution Mr. Anselem Onah, the university Librarian, Dr. Mrs. Monica Eze, the school PRO, Mrs. Asogwa Oluchi and the Chairman of Committee on Environment Dr E.C Ukaegbu.

Speaking during the visit, DSP Paul Chijioke informed the management of the institution that they had been mandated to carry out comprehensive risk assessment of the premises

with respect to the:

- Provision of fire fighting equipment;
- Suitability/effectiveness of the equipment provided;
- Identification of hazards within the premises;
- Minimization of risks to lives and property within the premises and
- Adequacy of means of escape

The Vice Chancellor Prof. James Ogbonna gave his permission for the officers to tour the university.

They visited the medical center, the six faculties of the university, and the hostels with a view to evaluating the fire safety measures in the institution.

At the end of the tour, the Fire Service crew praised the architectural plan of the university and some of the fire safety measures in place in the institution and promised to compile their comprehensive report within two weeks, where some recommendations will be made to ensure the safety of the institution.

Meet the Principal Officers of SUMAS



Prof. James C. Ogonna
Vice-Chancellor



Mr. Anselem U. Onah
Registrar



Dr. Mrs. Monica Eze
Librarian



Dr. Elvis Ozoadibe
Bursar

PICTURES FROM SUMAS MAIDEN MATRICULATION



Presentation of portrait to Rt. Hon.(Dr.) Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi at the Maiden Matriculation of SUMAS by the Principal officers (From Rt: The VC. Prof. Ogonna, Prof. (Mrs.) Ogonna, the VC's wife, Gov. Ugwuanyi, the Registrar, Mr. Anselem Onah, and the Librarian, Dr. Mrs. Monica Eze.



The Visitor to SUMAS (Gov. Ugwuanyi), his entourage, and the Principal officers of SUMAS during the Maiden Matriculation ceremony.



Cross section of SUMAS students taking the matriculation oath during their maiden matriculation.



Cross section of titled men and parents during SUMAS maiden matriculation.

PHOTO NEWS

Inauguration of SUMAS Branch of the State Neighbourhood watch



Presentation of certificate to SUMAS security unit by Enugu State neighbourhood watch



A cross section of SUMAS Principal officers and guests during the inauguration of SUMAS security into Enugu State Neighbourhood watch

SUMAS Second Senate Meeting



A cross section of SUMAS Principal officers and Deans of Faculties during the second senate meeting