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A VISION WORTH CELEBRATING

Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State, Nigeria, was established by the Living Faith Church Commission Worldwide, under the virtuoso leadership of Bishop David Oyedepo. The University was commissioned on March 21, 2011 and commenced operations with a mandate to drive an agrarian revolution, via her programmes in the Colleges of Agricultural Sciences, Science and Engineering, and Business and Social Sciences.

Since inception, Landmark University has become a cynosure to dignitaries across the globe. Its unique agrarian vision attracted the former Nigerian President, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, who paid a two-day visit to the University where he was led on a facility tour by the Chancellor and Chairman, Board of Regents, Landmark University, Dr David Oyedepo. Excited by the enormity of investment involved in driving the vision, Chief Obasanjo expressed delight in the University's strategic efforts towards providing solutions to the challenges of food security and unemployment in Nigeria and the continent of Africa.

His remarks at the University's Commercial Farm validate the relevance of the agrarian vision of the University. "It is both pleasant and heartwarming to go round the University farms. I am most impressed

with the overall commitment of the proprietor to agribusiness and the enthusiasm of the Director and Staff, Landmark University Farms. In totality, it is worthy of emulation."

At the College of Science and Engineering, he commended the Engineering programmes of the University stating that, "The University has the basic requirements to turn out Engineers for Nigeria's future. I think our emphasis should be on Science, Technology, and Engineering but I will always add innovation because it is not every time we can invent. We can improve on what already exists and this is where innovation comes in. The University is really doing well."

The University currently runs twenty-three (23) programmes, which are: Agric Extension & Rural Dev., Agricultural Economics, Animal Science, Soil Science, Crop Science, Agric & Biosystems Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical and Information Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Computer Science, Industrial Chemistry, Mathematics & Statistics, Physics & Electronics, Accounting, Banking and Finance, Business Administration, Economics, International Relations, Political Science and Sociology. Although



THE UNIVERSITY SENATE BUILDING AT NIGHT

the University was established five years ago, all these programmes have been accredited by the National Universities Commission (NUC) and other relevant Professional bodies, which include: COREN, ICAN, CIBN, etc.

Also, in the July 2015 edition of University Web Ranking, Landmark University was ranked 1st among private universities in Nigeria. These foundational feats have placed her on a solid intellectual path.

The future of Landmark University graduates is fully secured as the proprietor base of the University has made accessible agric loans to the tune of 1 billion naira for graduates who have interest in agriculture as a business. The proprietor base, the Living Faith Commission Worldwide is known for excellence and the University is equally passionately driving on the wheels of excellence.

The products of the University will definitely break new grounds in all spheres of human endeavours considering the foundation of the vision of the University. The massive intake of students from across the length and breadth of the nation and beyond, aids the University in the pursuit of her mandate of training qualified graduates, through qualitative life-applicable

curriculum, founded on sound Biblical principles. Prospective parents and students have expressed confidence in the University's laudable track records, which are pointers for greater achievements.

The proprietor base of the University is committed to the development of our nation, and eradication of hunger from the continent of Africa through massive investments in agricultural enterprise. This is evident in the award of various categories of scholarships to our students in the College of Agricultural Sciences from the David Oyedepo Foundation (DOF). No wonder former Nigerian President, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo during his visit enthused that "Landmark University is really doing well..."

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Dr. David Oyedepo, Chancellor, Landmark University.

DR. DAVID OYEDEPO: THE LANDMARK VISIONARY

For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible ... Everything got started in Him and Finds its purpose in Him. - Colossians 1:16 (Msg)

Dale Carnegie once observed that a lot of people are too busy, or living life so fast, that they fail to “listen to the music of the meadow or the symphony that glorifies the forest...;” little wonder the dearth of visionaries who can make significant impacts on the teeming population of our society. History shows that the few individuals who had vision were at the vanguard of great changes – building a new dawn and working with imagination, insight, and boldness – and were able to communicate their vision to others who brought their vision into reality.

Without mincing words, Dr David Oyedepo is a great visionary of our time. Evidently, he has the divine mandate of liberation in all facets of human experience. The mention of his name fills one’s mind with a “buzz” of extraordinary feats. He is a world-acclaimed social reformist of lofty stature. He is not just an accomplished selfless servant of God, but also a personality committed to the service of community, country and humanity at large.

This commitment is anchored in the Scriptural admonition of social responsibility in Matthew 5: 13&14. He believes that the Nigerian economic climate, the deplorable state of her infrastructures, and the food security challenge among others have solutions right in Nigerians. To him, Africa has the potentialities to create the much anticipated environment for sustainable development. He said that Africa can feed itself and rise from the rubbles of economic misery.

He believes that problems are meant to be solved and there are no insurmountable mountains anywhere. His enthusiasm towards solving these myriads of continental problems led to the establishment of Landmark University as the pioneer private agriculture-based University in Nigeria. With a bi-focal mission of empowering students for national reconstruction and restoring the dignity of the black race by driving a change philosophy, Dr Oyedepo has invested largely in agricultural facilities and has engaged in a strategic student enrolment scheme to increase the interest of youths in agriculture. He has provided equal opportunities for all students in the agricultural fields most especially those who want to join in the war against food insecurity in Africa by making available 100 per cent scholarship based on merit.

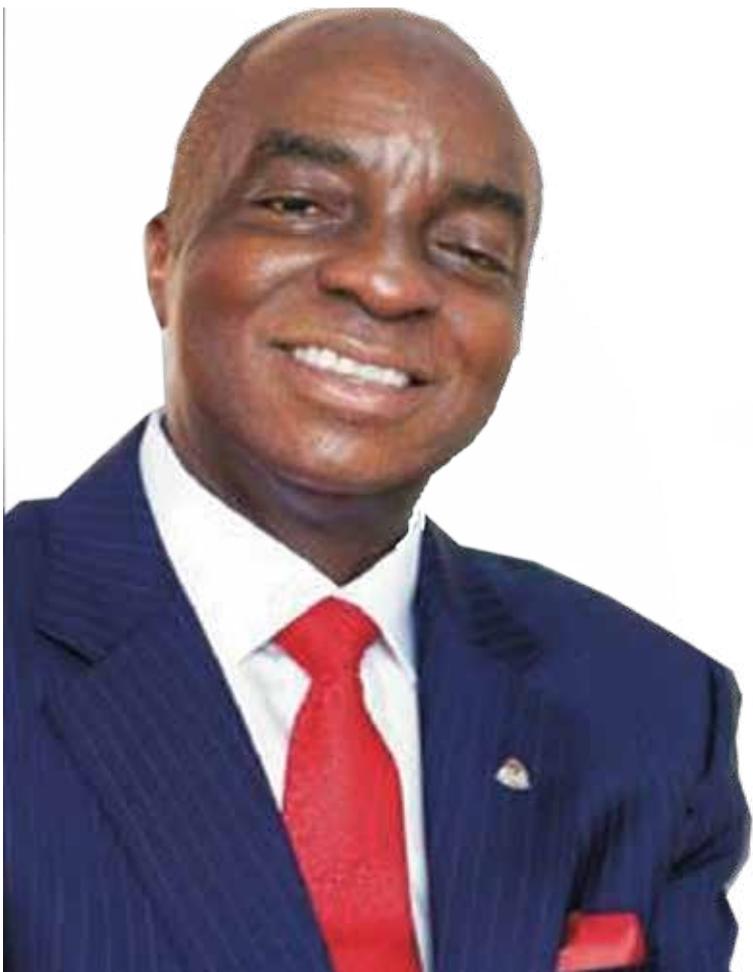
This visionary pathway undertaken by Dr Oyedepo has brought many people together around a shared sense of purpose under the World Mission Agency to provide quality education at all levels, thereby making significant contributions to the education system in Nigeria. It is crystal clear that Dr Oyedepo has the picture of the future, as well as a clear sense of direction as to how to get there.

This profundity typifies visionary leaders who, according to Corinne McLaughlin, “search for solutions that transcend the usual approaches and address the causal level of problems. They find a higher synthesis of the best of both sides of an issue and address the systemic root causes of problems to create real breakthroughs.” According to Steve McKee – the President of McKee Wallwork Cleveland Advertising Firm, “an institution whose leader clearly knows its specialty will prosper.” No wonder Landmark University has attained so much in its few years of existence, because of Dr Oyedepo’s clarity of the vision.

His Ministry, the Living Faith Church Worldwide, has established over 100 educational institutions based on Christian principles for primary, secondary and tertiary stages of formal education to empower the young generation. This is believed to be the most viable way to bring about the change envisioned.

The primary target has been towards the development of human capacity in terms of imparting of relevant knowledge and skills which will ultimately transform a man and make him lead a life of fulfilment, the result of which will be an ideal and fair society with minimum deviant or criminal behaviour. It is with this understanding that he is leading an educational revolution by designing the special education system that is revamping education structure in Nigeria. For many people, Dr Oyedepo has established enduring institutions in a nation where important institutions have decayed, and touched lives in a society, where the masses are in dire need of salvation from ills, succour from poverty and godly guidance from pervasive errors.

Dr David Oyedepo is an icon whose commitment, zeal, and determination to change society for good will indeed be in the annals of history of this great nation and the world at large.



The Chancellor's Reflections

THOUGHTS ON THE NECESSITY OF FOOD SECURITY IN NIGERIA

The Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo is a visionary leader whose passion for Africa's Renaissance knows no bound. His commitment to agricultural revolution is demonstrated in the establishment of Landmark University, envisioned to restore the dignity of the black race via exploration of the hidden treasures in the mother-earth at a time when the continent of Africa is in dire need of an antidote to the food insecurity. An icon of possibility mentality, Dr Oyedepo firmly believes that problems are meant to be solved and there are no insurmountable mountains anywhere. He posits that the hydra-headed problems in Nigeria have a solution in us Nigerians, both the government and the citizenry. In this special feature, Dr Oyedepo addresses the grim state of Agriculture in Nigeria and the need for all hands to be on deck to transform the sector and feed the nation.

HOW RELEVANT IS FOOD?

Will food ever become irrelevant? Then, if it must continue to be relevant, it is wisdom to deal with the food security issue. Food security is not an ideology it is a necessity. To view it otherwise can be an expression of insanity. Food now, food tomorrow, food forever! As man cannot survive

without oxygen, no mortal man can survive without food. It is time for us to think, rethink and put actions to our thoughts in dealing with this monster of food insecurity and the impending danger of hunger and starvation. All of the above is what prompted the establishment of Landmark University with a mandate to promote agro enterprise engagement for the upcoming generation.

As an optimist, I firmly believe that problems are meant to be solved and there are no insurmountable mountains anywhere. The Nigerian economic climate, her level of technology the regretful experience or approaches of the past notwithstanding, the food security problem has a solution in us Nigerians, both the government and the people of our great nation. As I once noted, there are no mountains anywhere, every man's ignorance is his mountain.

There is no time when food will not be relevant, there is nothing that challenges human dignity like food scarcity. How to make people believe that the problem has a solution, is the real issue here. We either solve the problem or we are turned into problems.

WHY AGRO-ENTERPRISE?

According to the Global Hunger Index report of 2014, Nigeria is among countries in the world faced with a high level of hunger threat despite its efforts at reducing hunger in the last 25 years. Nigeria is blessed with abundant natural resources that she has not been able to successfully harness to the benefit of its teeming population.

Poverty remains widespread and in recent years, it has even increased in some areas, with an estimated 70 per cent of the population, who are mostly rural area dwellers, living on less than \$1.25 a day! The level of unemployment in the country is also high, with about 50 million youths jobless, and avenue for job creation opportunities do not exist. Agriculture is the mainstay of Nigeria's economy, employing approximately two-thirds of the country's total labour force and contributing 40 per cent to GDP (IFAD 2012).

A publication titled "Economic Confidential"- November 23, 2014, cited Nigeria as the world's largest producer of cassava, yams, and cowpeas; but noted that Nigeria is a food-deficit nation that depends on imports of grains, livestock products, and fish. In addition, it was also stated, that with an estimated 71 million hectares of cultivable land, only half is currently used for farming, stating that a lack of infrastructure such as roads further exacerbates poverty in rural areas by isolating rural farmers from needed inputs and profitable markets.

Nigeria was ranked 40th out of 79 on the Global Hunger Index and 156 out of 187 on the UNDP 2011 Human Development Index. According to the data form the IFAD, 2012, poverty is widespread in the rural areas, where 80% of the population live below the poverty line. In the GHI survey released recently, it was reported that, the higher the index score, the higher the hunger level.

The Punch Newspaper of October 14, 2014, reported Nigeria's level as dire, while Ghana's is considered to be at a "moderate" hunger level. Consequences of this dire and alarming report can result in the following –

- Micronutrient deficiency (shortage in essential vitamins and minerals)
- Erosion of a person's well-being and development
- Reduced productivity (taking a toll on countries' economies.)
- Reduction in immunity levels and increase to a people being prone to sickness and disease.

This state of affairs is disturbing and presents a dilemma noting that Nigeria, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) 2011 statistics, has a total land area of 91,077,000 Hectares with an agricultural area of 76,200,000 Hectares.

In simple terms, about 83.7% of the land in Nigeria is arable, out of which less than half is currently under cultivation. This situation is in direct contrast to China with only 11% of the land is arable. In addition, China is a land dominated by monsoons compared with Nigeria with favourable weather for all year round crop cultivation.

Despite China's vulnerable climatic weather conditions, agriculture stands as a vital industry, employing over 300 million registered farmers. China ranks first in worldwide farm output, primarily producing rice, cereals, cotton just to mention a few crops farmed, producing 20% of food for the world's population. China has been described as a land of "permanent agriculture".

The nation of Israel has more than half its land as desert land with unsuitable climatic conditions for agriculture, but today is a world leader in agricultural technologies and a major exporter of fresh produce. Only 20% of Israeli land is arable yet it produces 95% of its nutritional requirements. (<http://www.el-rufai.org/hunger-in-the-midst-of-plenty/>)

AGRO-BUSINESS: WHAT MAKES IT WORK

In sub-Saharan Africa, agriculture directly contributes to 34% of gross domestic product (GDP) and 64% of employment. Growth in agriculture is at least two to four times more effective in reducing poverty than other sectors.

It has also been noted that growth in agriculture also stimulates productivity in other sectors such as food processing. Agricultural products also compose about 20% of Africa's exports. Given these figures, it is no surprise that agricultural research and extension services can yield a 35% rate of return, and irrigation projects a 15–20% return in sub-Saharan Africa.

Agriculture is extremely important for the sustenance and development of a nation, and it is potentially a huge employer of labour for a country like Nigeria. Agriculture can therefore boost Nigeria's GDP and export profile, as well as increase her foreign exchange reserves and increase employment levels. This sector of Nigeria's economy must by all means rank high in the propriety listings of the nation.



FADAMA RICE PLANTATION IN LANDMARK UNIVERSITY

Driving agro-enterprise is vital to igniting an entrepreneurial revolution as a people; we must become visionary and daring in this pursuit. It was George W. Bush, a one-time American President, speaking to the joint session of Congress, 20th September, 2009 after the September 9, 2011 incident who said, "I ask your continued participation and confidence in the American economy.

Terrorists attacked a symbol of American prosperity; they did not touch its source. America is successful because of the hard work and creativity and enterprise of our people. These were the true strengths of our economy before September 11, and they are our strengths today."

In a similar vein, we as a people must wake up to the reality of charting a pathway for strengthening the reins of our economy via productive and creative engagements in entrenching agro-enterprise. Agriculture is everyone's business. It is the sector with the greatest prospects for poverty and inequality reduction as it provides sources of productivity from which we can benefit with regard to security, well-being and independence.

WHAT CAN GOVERNMENT DO TO FACILITATE ENGAGEMENT IN AGRO BUSINESS?

Governments over the years had proffered policy solutions to agricultural development challenges and indeed

implemented a number of them; our dilemma is that the policies have not seemed to have addressed the food security challenge.

A number of the efforts of government or statutory responsibilities considered effective for attaining agricultural development have not really been effective. Such include: For example, the Nigeria Agriculture Development Bank is today moribund despite several years of operation and several billions of invested funds.

The CBN Agricultural Credit Scheme with such loft objective in which the nation had invested billions of her resources ended up as way of getting fund to agriculture projects without significant contribution to its development.

WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES FACED BY YOUNG AGRO-ENTREPRENEURS?

The inefficacy of government's policy support and involvement and the resolution of the issues listed above speak directly to the challenges of our young agripreneurs. If the above issues are addressed, young agro-entrepreneurs can look forward to sustaining their vision for globally competitive agro-enterprise with sustainable returns on investment. It is important to note the cases of China, India, and Malaysia which all recorded salutary economic transformation as a result of successful agricultural

revolution. They all first conquered hunger before they moved to high tech industrial revolution.

THE LANDMARK APPROACH: WELCOME TO AGRO WORLD - THE WORLD OF UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITIES!

Our quest as a University is to raise an army of agricultural entrepreneurs, and ensure sustainable commitment to agricultural endeavours by our graduates who will actualize the University’s motto of “Breaking New Grounds”. At no time in the history of Africa is the issue of the restoration of the dignity of the Africans more urgent than now, particularly as it relates to the restoration of Africa’s agricultural destiny. What better time can we be urgent on recovery except at a time when recovery seems irrecoverable?

As a private provision in higher education, Landmark University is poised to bring in new innovations to driving an agrarian revolution backed up by entrepreneurial savvy

and dexterous involvement of these graduates. A number of agri-businesses in Africa are forging ahead today, creating innovative business models to serve growing domestic and export markets. In the process, they are solving problems at all levels of the value chain (Juma, 2012).

We are determined to serve as a catalyst for driving revolutionary practices in agribusiness and entrepreneurship. Our aim therefore is to stir up interest in agribusiness and make Landmark University’s contribution to solving the nation’s food insecurity a reality.

This is where Landmark University comes in; the application of new findings from research by engaging communal efforts as well as nationally driven entrepreneurial initiatives that go beyond theorizing and lip-service strategies, to real and applicable mandates for instituting new paradigms in Agriculture and enterprise.



THE CHANCELLOR, DR. DAVID OYEDEPO DURING AN INSPECTION TO THE PIGGERY UNIT OF THE TEACHING & RESEARCH FARM OF LANDMARK UNIVERSITY

THE CHANCELLOR, LANDMARK UNIVERSITY, DR DAVID OYEDEPO CHARGES PARTICIPANTS ON RESOURCEFUL THINKING DURING THE 5TH FOUNDER'S DAY ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY

On Monday 21st March 2016, Landmark University celebrated the Fifth (5th) Anniversary of her Founder's Day with thanksgiving and praise to the Almighty God for His wonderful hand in the affairs of the University since inception. In his address, the Chancellor Landmark University, Dr. David Oyedepo, charged the University community to step up commitments towards restoring the dignity of the black race via spearheading an agricultural revolution and salvaging the continent of Africa from economic downturn. He asserted that there is no problem without a solution, which is resident in the wisdom of God. He called on everyone to reason and think out solutions, emphasizing that reasoning is the raw material for proffering solution.

He enjoined Africans to shun mediocrity and embrace hard work, which has a capacity to provide solutions, adding that race, colour or continent has nothing to do with one's intellectual capacity. He enthused that "Landmark University must continue to be seen as a solution centre, as the entire community is equipped to facilitate a better life for all men." Reading from the book of Proverbs 6:6-11 and Proverbs 24:30-34, the Servant of God stated that

Solomon's wisdom is the product of his reasoning, and he advised everyone to emulate him. He opined that dogged commitment to every task brings solution to every problem.

He reiterated that the black race is not in any way inferior to the white; therefore, all men regardless of race should contribute meaningfully to the society and prove to the world that they are solution providers and not liabilities. "Where we are today is not where we are supposed to be, individuals have a lot of parts to play in restoring the dignity of Africa. It is crucial for the leaders to be sensitive to the cry of the poor; government should create a right platform for investors to come in."

The Chancellor admonished African leaders to shun power tussle and concentrate more on formulating policies that will alleviate the sufferings of the masses by thinking and reasoning aright.

Speaking earlier, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan, called on the entire community to drive the agrarian revolution and become solution providers to their world.



CHANCELLOR, LANDMARK UNIVERSITY, DR. DAVID OYEDEPO

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A CROSS SECTION OF FACULTY AND STAFF AT THE CELEBRATION



A CROSS SECTION OF STUDENTS AT THE CELEBRATION

Celebrating God’s faithfulness on the operations of the Institution, she highlighted some of the major achievements of the University in the past five years. According to her, six (6) Faculty were listed among the Google research scholars and a few more represented the Institution in different parts of the world. Also she mentioned that the University has enjoyed a number of linkages and collaborations with reputable organizations across the world, hosted many national and international confer-

es, and high-profiled dignitaries. Counting the blessings of the University since inception, Professor Aize Obayan returned all Glory to God for giving the University community awesome accomplishments. She however hoped for greater achievements in the years to come, while wishing the entire Landmark community a happy Fifth (5th) Anniversary indeed.

THE CHANCELLOR COMMISSIONS DRIP IRRIGATION FARM LAND



THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN LEADING THE CHANCELLOR, DR. DAVID OYEDEPO TO THE DRIP IRRIGATION SITE

led members of the University Management to the site for a pre-commissioning on the 3rd of May, 2016. There, she emphasized the significance of the Surface Drip Irrigation Farmland to the actualization of the University’s agrarian mandate. While describing the feat as a major breakthrough and historic for the University’s agrarian mandate, the Vice-Chancellor stated that the commissioning of the Surface Drip Irrigation project came after the 35th Anniversary celebration of the Liberation Mandate of the University’s proprietor base.

She expressed further that irrigation is one of the bedrocks of agrarian revolution and should be viewed as the next level for Landmark University as a community. “Talking about the next level for us as a University, this project is not only about the skills our students would get or the farm produce, but the benefit it presents for other departments as well in terms of teaching and research engagement.” She however commended the perseverance of the Department for seeing the project to fruition, and appreciated God for the supply of resources and the multidimensional leadership of the Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo. “By the grace of God, there would be great yields here,” she concluded.



THE CHANCELLOR, DR. DAVID OYEDEPO COMMISSIONING THE DRIP IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Narrating how Israel as a country had benefited from the project, the Head, Department of Agricultural & Biosystems



DR. OKUNOLA EXPLAINING HOW THE DRIP IRRIGATION SYSTEM WORKS TO THE CHANCELLOR, DR. DAVID OYEDEPO

The efficacy of irrigation systems to foster all-year-round agricultural activities as it relates to crop production has been brought to bear on the University Farms through the commissioning of the Surface Drip Irrigation Farmland of the Department of Agricultural & Biosystems Engineering on 12th May, 2016 by the Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo. The Chancellor expressed delight over the project and charged the University to take advantage of the technology for optimum performance within the context of the University. Earlier on when the project was completed, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan, had

Engineering, Dr John Ojedian noted that the irrigation system would enable any nation to manage effectively and efficiently its water, which he described as the backbone of Agriculture. He further appreciated Management for their support during the project. The Senior Technologist in the Department, Mr Akande Elijah also highlighted how the irrigation systems of the farm would be optimally utilised.

“EVERYONE IS GIVEN POTENTIALS AND DIVERSE ABILITIES ”

- Pastor (Mrs.) Faith Oyedepo
(Vice-President, (Education) Living Faith Church Worldwide)



empty. Everyone is given potentials and diverse abilities to make it possible to contribute to the advancement of mankind. But these divine abilities will remain dormant in you, except you know what they are, know that they are there, and explore them.” God is using her to counsel, encourage and pray for young people to discover and explore these divine deposits.

She has been motivating young people to have a better understanding of this phase of their lives through the Word of God and other inspirational nuggets for adequate instructions, counselling, and guidance.

Landmark University has not been left out in availing itself of these spiritual endowments that have provided

the vitality in defining remarkable pathways for graduating students in particular during the custom-built programme of the University tagged “Towards Total Graduate”.

The Commission has fostered a forward-looking education system; one that generates practical, inquisitive and creative thinking. This will give our graduates an edge over others in the political, social and economic sphere, and provide a basis for the nation and Africa to thrive.

With her life as a practical example, Pastor Faith Oyedepo has been able to portray a model lifestyle for others to emulate. This and her other spiritual exploits have earned her endearments in Nigeria, and across the globe, especially for her endless work in strengthening the family unit, which is the cradle of the world at large.

By no means can one overemphasise the contributions of Pastor Faith Abiola Oyedepo to the advancement of Landmark University’s vision of becoming a leading world-class University. Pastor Faith Oyedepo is the Vice-President (Education), Living Faith Church Worldwide a.k.a. Winners’ Chapel, and Member of the Board of Regents of Landmark University.

She presides over the Education Commission that is responsible for the operational oversight of all the educational arms of the Church. Specifically, Education Commission coordinates all activities of the primary and secondary education arms. It also has visionary oversight on the tertiary institutions of the Commission, Landmark University being the second on the list.

To the Landmark University community, Pastor Faith Oyedepo is a mother, who is passionate about raising successful individuals. She believes “No one created by God is made

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MAN CAN SURVIVE
WITHOUT SO MANY
THINGS BUT NOT
FOOD.”

Bishop David Abioye

First Vice-President,

Living Faith Church Worldwide



Bishop David Abioye is the First Vice-President, Living Faith Church World Wide, and has been with the Presiding Bishop, Dr. David Oyedepo since the inception of the Ministry. He is also a member of Landmark University's Board of Regents. In this piece, he bears his mind on the role of the Ministry in the nation's educational system and how Landmark University is committed to transforming the face of Agriculture.

The participation of the Living Faith Church Worldwide in Nigeria's educational landscape is not an ambition. It is not an effort to fill a gap or vacuum but a divine order by God. It shows with the excellent touch and results that are undeniable in all facets and levels of our educational endeavours – the primary; secondary and the university education. Covenant University for example has become a reference point to several universities within and outside the country.

It is in recent time used as a yardstick for all prospective universities by the regulatory body charged with university administration in Nigeria. This demonstrates the finger of God, which has enabled us to become light to our world according to Matt. 5:13-14. In all these, we give



glory to God for the privilege He has shown to us. Talking about the uniqueness of Landmark University and the agrarian revolution platform upon which it was established, any nation that neglects farming will end in famine. If you check it very well even in the beginning of creation, the first duty that God gave to man was agriculture; that buttresses the importance that God placed on agriculture.

Man can survive without so many things but not without food, and God saw this obvious need hence the first duty He gave to man was how to take care of his feeding needs. So, we believe that tiling the land and dressing it is the bedrock of the survival of man and hence nations. When man is fed, he can think better, plan better and have energy to pursue his other social needs. With this mind set, we believe that the agrarian revolution programme of Landmark University is going to help our nation significantly.

As you are aware, our plan is not just to educate, enlighten people or bring a revival to agriculture, but also to participate and be a frontrunner producing food in all ramifications including processing and exporting of the produce. In the light of this, my advice to the Management of this institution is to maintain focus because it is focus that distinguishes people. That is, it is not just what we do that makes us but

focusing on what we do until it produces result. Focus will eventually translate into impact.

I believe by reason of clear vision that God gave concerning the establishment of Landmark University, and what we have seen Covenant University achieve, we can imagine what Landmark University will be in the next 10 years.

If you look at Covenant University, for instance, within 10 years so much had been achieved by the help of God. Covenant University is now being ranked among world-class universities; this is strange, it is record breaking and history making.

I believe that Landmark University, being a sister university born of the same parents, will produce better feats within the next 10 years more than we have seen Covenant University achieve. So, we look forward to the University not only having academic impact but also helping this nation to come out of her setbacks in the area of agriculture, feeding the citizenry, and having impact in neighbouring nations and beyond. We see Landmark University therefore becoming a household name locally and globally in food production and export.

THE EFFICIENT LANDMARK UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT

It is no longer in vogue to manage without leading. Management and leadership, though divergent, are inseparable and overlapping. Over the years, Management in Landmark University has been made up of astute scholars who know their onions. Going down memory lane, efficient Management teams have led Landmark University since inception and this has resulted in the advancement of the entire University community. The impact of this set of leaders who are committed to seeing a better Landmark University has been remarkable.

The dynamic style of leadership observable in the different sets of Management emphasizes the common trait of commitment and hard work towards advancing the University to scale from a low position on the Webometric Ranking to the Best Private University in Nigeria, in just a few years after its establishment. It is important to note that the Management teams have never rested on their laurels but have been projecting for the future and striving to break new grounds in the academic world.

The formula for the University's success is fairly simple. The conduct of the various Management teams has been exemplary to the University community and the general public. They have been pursuing the vision and mission of the University, upholding Faculty and Staff development and having a seamless relations with students. They have devoted themselves to the best tenets and world-class practices.

Henry Ford said, "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is a success." The Management teams of the University have been working together to reach farther, stretch higher and go further.

The present Management ably led by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan, (a well-decorated leader who has made her mark in previous engagements and continues to prove her ingenious capacity) has been very cohesive in outlook and blessed with goal-oriented members who understand the principle of execution of task that is, getting things done effectively and efficiently. The Management has been operating from a customer-centric perspective, leading to the improvement in the quality of research, teaching, and academic performance of students.

This administration has been able to put in place a well-structured system that encourages a high level of responsibility and accountability. In recent time, the Management brought on board an all-inclusive approach to driving the vision of the University via inauguration of several working committees to oversee the multifaceted affairs of the University. This process situated the right people to the right task at the right time thereby creating the right results for today's 'AMAZING' Landmark University, an additional qualification given to this great institution.

In many ways the Management's commitment to the agrarian vision is helping in meeting the needs of humanity. Landmark University's Farms and Development Ventures' products are now in high demand because of their commercial, nutritional, and utility value.

They are highly competitive in price and satisfy immediate household needs. The Management designed the most incredible approach to increase and improve the customer base of the University by introducing M-gelism which took

place in Ilorin and Omu-Aran with the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Obayan taking the lead. The incredible marks made within this short period are only possible through incredible leadership in the University, thereby corroborating Bill Gates' description of leaders: "In the 21st century, leaders will be those who empower others." positive energy to all leadership platforms within the University. These set of people have invested in the future and will always be honoured.

This set of Management is not only blessed with experienced managers but also great leaders with distinctive leadership

style from whom faculty, staff and students alike have cut their scholastic teeth. The Management has been able to design a great reward system for both outstanding students and staff within the University system.

This is evident in the ratification of the promotion of a number of faculty members to the highest academic cadre recently. This serves as a source of motivation to others and gives positive energy to all leadership platforms within the University. These set of people have invested in the future and will always be honoured.



Senate Building, Landmark University



ATTAINING NEW FRONTIERS IN **HIGHER EDUCATION**

The Vice-Chancellor
Professor Aize Obayan

The persistent geometric increase in enrolment to higher institutions is an undeniable proof that a lot of people have come to realize the universal impact of education on the educated individual and by extension the society. Although there are many Universities in Nigeria, majority of graduates from these Universities are unable to make the transition into professional self-employment as the volatile 21st century society demands. The starting point for the

grandiose idea of Landmark University came in a vision to the Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo to raise leaders relevant to the 21st century society. The University's stance in higher education is towards solving lingering social problems.

At the zenith of the Landmark University 'Hebron' is the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan, who brings to the fore the rubrics of the nascent University whose

emphasis of agrarian revolution might be local but the spectrum is global. The following excerpts open a window to the beginning, present, and the future of the University towards attaining greater frontiers in both educational and agricultural landscape of the continent of Africa.

“When we look at the challenge of access in the entire Nigerian higher education context, noting the number of persons that applied for the available spaces in Nigerian Universities today, you would find out that the Universities are just too inadequate to deal with and address the challenge of applicants. Putting that against the overall background, you find out that a second University coming out from the same proprietor base is actually a good step in the right direction to address the challenge of access.

“But from a visionary perspective, you find out that the vision of addressing food scarcity or food insecurity which culminates from a context of poverty is something that we cannot overemphasize. We see the number of children that die daily from malnutrition in Africa.

“The statistics are quite disturbing, and we want to be able to say that a University’s role is not just about giving certificates, taking students through a degree of four-five years programme, postgraduate or diploma in terms of certification. It is beyond that.

“The vision of Landmark University is driving to become a world-class University – a leading one at that; driving an agrarian revolution to address food scarcity and food insecurity by digging up Mother Earth, and also the restoration of the dignity of the black man. This defines why Landmark University is on board.

“All of these, put together in any context, are about improving the human condition in terms of the contri-

bution the University can make – appreciable contribution to man in nation building.”

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The Vice-Chancellor was not contemplative about the place of the University’s vision in national development. Often times, history does not only document events but also possesses the undercurrent influence for reflection.

“During pre and early post-independence, we saw that agriculture was the mainstay in terms of that which gave a lot of boost to the GDP. All of a sudden, oil was discovered and the black gold became a black threat, and it became our undoing. Oil came and we neglected agriculture.

“We can never do without food! A hungry man has always been described as an angry man. Even when we put that against man’s hierarchy of needs, the basic needs are what we select first. For you to talk about a world-class university, the food question, the food security must be assured, and we find out that in a country like Nigeria with the large arable land space that God has blessed us with, you just find that you drive kilometre after kilometre and a large portion of the land is not farmed. So, right before us are treasures that we can begin to uncover.

“Can you imagine it that if in driving the vision of Landmark University, every family takes to farm practice and becomes farming practitioner as the Chancellor of the University Dr David Oyedepo has charged us to change our mind set and disposition towards farm practice, with every one having a piece of farmland at the back of their homes, the prices of food stuff will crash and there will be so much food all over the nation.



THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN AT THE FARM

“There is no reason why anyone should ever go hungry. The Landmark University example in terms of vision, first of all, to drive an agrarian revolution and then raise graduates who would go out and become farming practitioners has really been one that we should see that we export to other universities and several other contexts.

“So the reason for Landmark University coming on board is to address that specifically. Landmark University is poised to breaking new grounds and agriculture is not only about programme in agricultural sciences, it is about the entire food chain, the entire value chain.

“This is not just a vision, we have to prove that we are solution providers; we are out to see that we are food sufficient and show to the world that we have all it takes.

“How can persons beyond feeding themselves be able to turn farm produce into farm products? Can you imagine that if we are eating healthy by just been able to take away preservatives from our tables, it can actually lead to longevity? Beyond that also, we are saying agriculture can become real business. It has been described as the new gold mine, and it is possible to begin to look at 21st century farming and not the way our forefathers farmed.

“Landmark University has therefore been able to situate agriculture in our vision emphasis. This is driving the pathway of innovation. If we have to become global leaders indeed; we have to understand the principles and process of making one. It comes with a lot of responsibilities, and commitment and team work to institute best practices in driving historical plans.”

With an unwavering commitment to her agrarian vision, the University advances the frontiers of her agrarian revolution drive with resonating vigour. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan recounts notable achievements of the University since inception. For the Vice-Chancellor, it was a defining moment to look back in gratitude for the faithfulness of God. She also eulogizes the undaunted underpinning forte of the visionary, Dr David Oyedepo.



THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN

“We want to thank God for what He has been doing in Landmark University right from inception. We are celebrating the faithfulness of God, His grace upon Landmark University, and we thank God for five years of exploit, five years of the visionary base being entrenched, five years that we are able to look into the future with a lot of hope. We are looking at the visionary pathway. How did we begin?”

“Where are we right now? And, what does the future hold? The visionary path of this year, ‘Attaining new frontiers in driving the agrarian revolution’, is about breakthrough in all operational contexts.

“It is important to put on record in terms of the very vital dimension of agricultural emphasis that the commercial farm that kicked off in 2010 now has its products all over and by the grace of God, on the 17th of December, 2015; Landmark University brown rice was launched. I am glad to say that Landmark University brown rice has been well

received in the external context and very shortly, many persons are trying to get this rice for export. We have had 'road shows' to as far as Ilorin.

"The University that was licenced on the 7th of March, 2011, by the NUC and opened on the 21st March, 2011 to commence academic activities now has three sets of graduates: the Light Set Class of 2014, the Dynamic Set Class of 2015 and the Marvel Set Class of 2016.

"At the close of the 2015/2016 Academic year, some of the remarkable accomplishments are worth mentioning: Awards and recognitions from National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Center, USA and Australia Biotechnologies Laboratory, Australia with specific reference to the University's representations at the two centres by Dr B.O. Adebisin of Physical Sciences Department and Dr J. A. Shoyombo of Animal Science Department respectively.

"Also, the University hosted the International Conference of Children-in-Science and Technology and the Association of Deans of Agriculture in Nigerian Universities' (ADAN) Workshop; commissioned the Drip Irrigation Field Scheme of the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering; held First Inaugural Lecture; launched Mentoring Chat Series and Watch Think and Innovate; held First Student Council election; hosted COREN accreditation team for the accreditation of the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering; promoted 4 faculty members to the rank of Professor and 1 to Associate Professor; led the national NASA Space App Competition to represent Nigeria at the global competition; won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd positions at the North Central Zonal CODET competition, among others. We promote a facilitating environment. The environment is everything that makes up our surroundings and affects our ability to live a meaningful life.

"Thus, learning occurs and interest is inspired in an environment that values and plans appropriate opportunities for the students. We deeply acknowledge and appreciate the visionary, strategic and transformational leadership of

the Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo, whose passion, drive and inspiration have continued to awaken our mentalities for greater levels of performance, and contagious zeal from his own example, to actualize the Vision of Landmark University, with tangible proofs and products to show.

It has become a maxim in the institution that the reward for hard work is more work; the University is not resting on its laurels as the Vice-Chancellor is forward-looking to doing more landmark exploits as she projects ahead.

"The best way to predict the future is to create it. ... We cannot talk about the future of the University without first of all connecting with the vision base, the philosophy, the mission statement of Landmark University and that which the visioner has been communicating. This is about dreaming the dream of Landmark University; dreaming the future of the University and we are out with a blueprint that will project the future along the lines of key operatives, looking at teaching, research, agro-revolution/enterprise, community development, physical development, ICT, quality of students, environment, safety and our contributions to specific projects and national issues.

"We must know what we are required of in terms of skill development, training and doing the right thing, and keeping our eyes on the global heights because we can be the number one, our location notwithstanding.

"As we look forward with expectations to further actualize our visionary quest, we must engage passionate and revolutionary strides for inspiring new direction for the University. Whatever we see here today is an effort of years ago, so we must see with the eyes of the future, plan ahead, and think wide and wild.

"I do believe we have experts from the entire University context to make things work because we must begin to think of home-grown solutions to challenges around us. We look forward to greater levels of accomplishments in the actualization of our vision as we record more attainments in academic, research and entrepreneurial endeavours in Jesus Name."

THE UNIQUENESS OF OUR CONTEXT



THE REGISTRAR, DR. DANIEL ROTIMI

OUR IDENTITY

Landmark University has a unique educational system which focuses on the triune personality of our students, that is, spirit, soul and body packaged in the Total Man Concept (TMC). The University puts Spirituality first among its core values as the bedrock of its operations. This has gone a long way to help the University prepare students to become global scholars, citizens and leaders.

Our proprietor, the Living Faith Church Worldwide caught a vision that is directed towards the need for FOOD security in

Nigeria and indeed Africa. This vision is not only in line with the Millennium and Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations but also a part of God's leading for the 21st Century church. The establishment of Landmark University is a commitment to God's leading to raising leaders who shall be equipped with skills and impacted with character to lead the world in meeting the needs of humanity.

This is to assist the nation and indeed the continent of Africa in self-discovery so that she may recover her leading position in education and in civilization as it was in the 20th century. The goal is to set the pace in making the Nigerian nation fully, competitively and profitably utilize her comparative advantage in human and agricultural resource potentials and development.

Our MOTTO, "Breaking New Grounds", is an emblem of our brand. All hands are on deck to bring forth ground breaking discoveries and to model our community for dignified agricultural businesses.

Our CORE VALUES; Spirituality, Possibility Mentality, Capacity Building, Integrity, Responsibility, Diligence and Sacrifice are tested and proved daily as we introduce these concepts to the students and Staff at all given opportunities.

Focus is significantly important. Whilst we may be humanly incapable of solving all the problems in our nation, we would rather hit the nail where it matters. Understanding the African culture and the role that food plays in liberating the masses and improving productivity, it is not out of place to

say that where hunger thrives, there is little work that can be done. This is why our administrative efforts have been channelled towards activities that stimulate our intellectual involvement in the nation's agricultural sector through massive investments in numerous agricultural programmes. As a result, the University has earned a number of commendations on this noble visionary path, with proven track records.

Our students are indeed enjoying the opportunities of an exciting adventure in the University towards giving expression to their potentials as they go through the unique academic, spiritual and Total Man development experience. In furtherance of the University's realization of its goal, the management has put in place a strategic mode of payment of school fees by instalment in order to help our parents meet their financial obligations and prevent the occurrence of interruption of students' academic activities.

We are poised to alleviate the worries of our students. The location of the University in the countryside which is devoid of any form of pollution is deliberate and has been of great advantage to facilitate quality teaching, learning and research in line with the University's vision.

The climatic condition encourages all-year-round agricultural activities. Also, our laboratories are well equipped to give the best result. Our Centre for Learning Resources is world class, stocked with relevant, current and innovative learning facilities.

ADMINISTRATIVE GOALS

Decision-making is all-inclusive as the goal and objectives of the University have been consistently disseminated to staff and students alike. The capacity of the University to measure up to the set target hinges largely on its effective administrative strength. Our administrative team is on the job all-year round, making the vision come true one step at a time.

With respect to national and international recognition, our vision has been well received in the global education arena, and we have spread our tentacles beyond the shores of Af-

rica. The University is in collaboration with other Universities such as the Nottingham University and Boras University, as well as some institutions around the world that have the same vision of agrarian revolution.

In our University, agricultural innovations have not been limited to students but a structurally inclusive programme ensures that both staff and students are involved. There is no better way to prove our commitment than to motivate by example. The culture of our institution facilitates a platform to bring all stakeholders to a level field for a unity of purpose and direction.

The operational departments of Landmark University Farms include the Teaching and Research Farm; the University Commercial Farm; and the Landmark University Orchard. A well-defined operational structure keeps our focus intact whilst we systematically expand the reach of our organization.

Our projects so far commissioned have been a rallying point for mobilization as all staff members are involved in the birth and development of each. Most recent of all is the Surface Drip Irrigation Farmland initiated by the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering through which the significance of our unique context to the actualization of the University's agrarian mandate was brought to the fore.

As a university, we are committed to promoting the well being of staff by ensuring the continuous supply of water and electricity. Also we have continued to strengthen support for our faculty so that we can retain the very best by paying a competitive wage in order to realize the vision and mission of the University.

The list is endless. There is, however, one assurance; an experience with our amazing context – Landmark University – will give these words credence.

“Our Colleges work in Synergy”

Deputy Vice-Chancellor
Professor Enoch Oyawoye

D*riven by the same vision, it is expedient that togetherness holds sway among the existing three Colleges of the University to form a formidable tripartite academic industry that produces pathfinders, landmarkers, trailblazers, giants of industries, solution providers, and visionaries for this generation and ones to come.*

Our media team met the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Enoch Oyawoye to talk on the reality of the synergy that has been responsible for the five years landmark success.

Q.1 WHAT ARE THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND DEVELOPMENTS RECORDED WITHIN THE FIVE YEARS OF LANDMARK UNIVERSITY'S EXISTENCE?

We thank God for sparing our lives up till this time. When we look back, we have many reasons to thank God. Landmark University started about five years ago, and I remember that where we have the teaching and research farm now, used to be a virgin forest, but If you go there now, you will be surprised at the level of development especially the physical structures. This is a pointer to the fact that when there is a will there is always a way.

Our Chancellor decided that it is time for Nigeria to return to the land, and that was the basis for the establishment of this institution. Although we are young, our achievements have made us to be rated as the best private University in Nigeria in the July 2015 edition of Webometric ranking. This is the hand of God working in Landmark University.

We have committed Faculty, Staff and a Proprietor Base that has decided to make a difference in the Nigerian education sector. This is why we give thanks to God for our achievement so far.

Q.2 SIR, AS A PROFESSOR OF ANIMAL AND POULTRY NUTRITION SCIENCE, CAN YOU SAY THE VISION OF THE AGRARIAN REVOLUTION IN LMU IS BEEN ACHIEVED?

Yes, I can say it has been achieved. Our Chancellor had a vision about agrarian revolution in the African continent and that formed the basis for the establishment of Landmark University. If you look at the Nigerian situation today, where we have dwindling revenue from oil, we see that we have to go back to land and Landmark University is championing this drive by appealing to youths in the country to consider agriculture as a business and as a means to create job for the





teeming youths. In Nigeria, farmers are aging and we need youths to replace them. Why are we focusing on youths in LMU? You may ask. This is because youths are very energetic, innovative, liberal and ready to make a difference. In addition to that, they are also educated. Information on development in agriculture is available on the internet and is only the educated that can assess it.

Going back to agriculture will strengthen the Nigeria economy, help us in achieving food security, increase the income of rural farmers and create wealth for all. We have no choice but to go back to till the land. The government should by all means motivate the youths to go into agribusiness.

Q.3 WHAT MAKES LANDMARK UNIVERSITY’S AGRARIAN REVOLUTION DIFFERENT FROM OTHER UNIVERSITIES OF AGRICULTURE?

Landmark University is a unique institution because right from the beginning we have started focusing on the youths. Here, it is not only our students in the Department of Agriculture Sciences that participate in farm practice, but every student, no matter their department.

You will be surprised that the Landmark Farms had started here even before the establishment of the University. It was a proof of our profession, and we have to practise it being

the first and foremost profession ordained by God Himself in the Garden of Eden. Landmark University is unique because the colleges work in synergy to promote agriculture.

The College of Agricultural Sciences does the actual production while the College of Science and Engineering fabricates simple tools to reduce labour involved in agriculture, and the College of Business and Social Sciences helps to promote and sell the products. That is a unique arrangement you cannot see in other universities and that is what makes Landmark University unique.

Q.4 WHAT ROLES DO YOU THINK LMU WOULD BE PLAYING IN RESTORING THE DIGNITY OF THE BLACK RACE?

Our proprietor base is very serious in promoting agriculture in Africa. Right now, Landmark University is collaborating with outside agencies especially in South Africa. As I am talking to you, plans are ongoing to get the Kalahari red goat from South Africa. These goats will be used to upgrade our own breed in Nigeria.

Not only that, series of academic associations are coming to Landmark for conferences. These conferences are targeting to make students and Youths in general develop interest in agriculture. So Landmark University is committed to produce a new set of youths that will form the basis of the future farmers of Nigeria who will regard agriculture as a business and eventually become agropreneurs.

This is the future of Nigeria at large and Landmark University in particular. We hope that in the next five years, God will enable us to achieve these.

“ LANDMARK UNIVERSITY HAS A MAJOR ROLE IN THE RESTORATION OF DIGNITY OF THE BLACK RACE ”

Going by the words of the Chancellor, Landmark University, Dr David Oyedepo that the indigenous challenge of Africa, although a global concern, needs indigenous solutions, the Landmark University’s Director of Farms, Dr John Izebere, provides a window to view the circumference of the University’s vision @ 5 in solving Africa’s food security challenge.

Q1. WHAT ARE THE MAJOR ACTIVITIES OF LANDMARK FARMS?

Landmark University Farms is multi-lateral, comprising the teaching and re- search and the commercial farms.

As you know, Landmark University is leading an agrarian revolution, and because it’s a university, the teaching and research arm of the farms forms the practical aspect which is not just for our agricultural students alone but for all students that pass through the University. The commercial arm is for large-scale production and sales. We have the Campus farm, the Eleyin farm, and the Agbonda farm as the subsets of our commercial farm.

The Campus farm as we see today has close to three hundred and two hectares of land. Outside the University premises, Eleyin has three hundred and fifty-five hectares of farmland while Agbonda has three hundred and eighty hectares of farmland. How-

ever, our major emphasis is on the Campus farm in this first phase of our operations. The Campus farm as it is today is an integrated farm for both crops and animals, and basically our animals are poultry (layers and broilers), fish, and some snails which is produced exclusively for Landmark Community.

As this session unfolds, we have already built a goat ranch for us to have some goats. We are picking eighty-four Kalahari red goats from South Africa to add to the animals this session.

On the other hand, the crop aspect of the commercial farm is essentially on maize, soy beans and few vegetables like cucumber, water melon, amaranthus and some other crops that can be used within the Landmark University community. Currently, we are cultivating just about sixty-two to sixty-five per cent of the Campus farmland, and for our 2016 projection, we want to increase these to about eighty per cent

because of our expertise in poultry production.

Q2. HOW HAS THE COMMERCIALIZATION OF THE FARMS INCREASED THE IGR OF THE INSTITUTION?

The Landmark University Farms is so named because it is within the Landmark University campus, and it is attached to the campus because we want it to. The farms began before the University kicked off. Landmark University Farms began in February 2010 while the Landmark University itself began on March 21, 2011.

It is actually to help the communities around the campus and also make the University a self-sufficient community with the ability to sustain itself and support whatever vision God has given to us. Landmark University is an agrarian University and so the agriculture we preach should be practised by us.



DR JOHN IZEBERE DURING THE INTERVIEW SESSION WITH OUR CORRESPONDENT



DR JOHN IZEBERE, DIRECTOR, LMU FARMS, DR BRYLYNE CHITSUNGE, CEO ELPASSO FARMS, SOUTH AFRICA, DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR ENOCH OYAWOYE AND DR. O. ALABI OF SOIL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT IN A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH AT ELPASSO FARMS, PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA.

Ever since I came on board to the farms on the 11th of February 2014 as the Director of farms, we have been able to conveniently pay a percentage of the salary of our workers to the glory of God. We are able to also do some level of expansion from the profit we make, without going to our proprietor base, on fish and poultry. Initially, we started with three thousand, five hundred broiler birds but as at today we have moved to about ten thousand, five hundred broiler birds and that is from the internally generated revenue and profit made.

Also from the internally generated revenue, we have been able to buy other machines like the feed processing machine for the fish and dryer for our maize. These are some of the things our internally generated revenue has done for us. This has reduced our dependence on the proprietor base.

Q3. WHAT ARE THE PRODUCTS OF THE FARM, AND IS THERE ANY PLAN FOR EXPANSION?

The finished products from the farm are mainly frozen chicken which is produced in a large number. Every week, we crop close to three-five tonnes of chicken for sale to our teeming population. We produce eggs, and we have vegetables though on a low scale that only services the University community. Right now as we speak, we are going into gari processing.

The Eleyin farm, which we call the plantation farm, was established in August 2014 for planting jatropha but seeing that the jatropha was not turning out as expected, we have moved into cassava farming. Very soon, we shall start harvesting cassava from this farm for the production of gari and fufu. The machine is ready; it is just the house we are putting finishing touches to. Our products currently service Landmark University, Covenant University, Omu-Aran, Ilorin, Ado Ekiti, major markets in Ibadan and Akure. Also, we have a client from Markurdi who comes around every week for eggs.

Q4. WHERE DO YOU SEE LANDMARK UNIVERSITY FARMS IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS?

By the Grace of God, I came in October 2014, by December I drew a five-year plan for the farms that would lapse in 2019. Right now for 2016, we have started with an expansion of our poultry houses to have a capacity of forty-two thousand, five hundred layers. Cages are coming in to accommodate thirty thousand layers in addition to the existing twelve thousand five hundred. Also on our fish farming, we have been able to move from nine fish ponds to thirteen in year 2016.

For broilers, we have ten thousand five hundred as at December, we want to improve further close to making fourteen thousand. By the month of June, we want to expand our market base especially now that we have a base in Ilorin. May I also inform you that we have been allocated a retail outlet to sell our products at the Ilorin International Airport.

So as we are opening up our market, we also make sure that our outlets are opening up. In 2016, because of our gari production, we will increase the cassava plantation from forty-five hectares of land to seventy hectares on the campus and at Eleyin in order to be able to meet up with the production capacity and not to make the machine redundant.

These are our projections. Also, for the later part of this year, we are also going into hatchery for our fish. We want to have a hatchery for our fishes to be able to start producing fingerlings. By July, we would be a supplier of fingerlings to other fish farmers. This is where we are going to this year. By 2018, my intention is to also have a hatchery for our layers and DOC birds.

Q5. WOULD YOU SAY LANDMARK UNIVERSITY HAS A MAJOR ROLE TO PLAY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS COUNTRY?

God, the Bible says, is the God of all

flesh. Landmark University was built on godly principles and vision from heaven. God saw where Nigeria was going to before He gave the vision of Landmark University to our Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo. Landmark University has a major role to play in restoring the dignity of the black race, beginning from our home base, Nigeria. What do I mean? The reason people major in oil is because they want to get money and in the real sense of it, nobody eats money.

You rather use the money to buy what is needful and healthy for consumption, and what makes a healthy man is his eating habit. Now when you are able to produce what you need, it gives you an ambiance to know that you are already making an edge. The money may not be in your pocket but food will be there.

Now, Landmark University is bringing back the dignity that once you are wealthy with what you can eat then your concerns are less. What we are doing currently by the grace of God is to make sure that every household in Nigeria has staple food on their table so that our dignity is not eroded as a race. Secondly, to make sure that we go back to the land God has given unto us.

The land is very productive and the Bible says the profit of the earth is for all even the king is served by it, (Ecc.5:9). This means the Land is still profitable for us, let's get back to it.

Unfortunately what is making people run away from farming is the primitive method of cultivation, but we in Landmark University and others who join us are using the mechanized farming method where most of farming activities are carried out mechanically and this helps us to be able to increase our production and revenue.

All you need is the money whether it comes from oil or from the farm, and I know the black race will get there soon.

“OUR SERVICES HERE ARE WORLD STANDARD ...
WE ARE GOING HUNDRED PERCENT AUTOMATED”



**THE DIRECTOR, CENTRE FOR LEARNING RESOURCES,
 MRS. FELICIA YUSUF**

The uniqueness of the library all over the world is beyond the edifice it occupies, it is centred on the amount of learning resources available in it. The Director, Centre for Learning Resources, Mrs. Felicia Yusuf in this interview bares her mind on the huge investment of the proprietor in making current and relevant materials available for teaching and learning, as well as the future of the Centre.

Q.1 WHY IS THE CENTRE FOR LEARNING RESOURCES DIFFERENT FROM THE NORMAL LIBRARY?

If you trace the history of the library, the word ‘liber’ stands for ‘book’ which means in those days, a library was limited to books, but ICT has improved everything we are doing now. There are also some resources very important to knowledge creations that are not in book format. So while we were looking for a nomenclature that is all encompassing, we arrived at the ‘Centre for Learning Resources’.

This is also a centre that challenges learning. It is not just a book centre, it provokes learning in the University community. A library cannot capture all that because it is meant to just provide books.

Learning today has gone beyond that. In this dispensation, we should be able to meet your learning and teaching needs. We identify knowledge gaps in

the University. For instance, when we held a training on Power Point, we discovered that some members of Faculty were not proficient in the use of Power Point for academic purposes. Quite a number of trainings will also be coming up from the Centre so that it becomes a frequent and an encompassing thing. We are in the University; we are challenging people to learn new skills and have more knowledge.

Q.2 WHAT ARE THE SUBUNITS UNDER CENTRE FOR LEARNING RESOURCES AND THEIR FUNCTIONS?

We have three major subunits in the Centre. They include the Technical Services, the Reader Services, and the Collection Development Unit. The Technical Services basically processes books. It takes care of all books acquired in the University i.e. how they are received and stamped. Staff in this section put day due slips and spine label the tips and many more. Maybe we take it from the third unit which is fast taking over the Technical Services.

Initially, Collection Development Unit was under the technical unit but now it is on its own. Everything starts with staff in that section.

They relate with vendors, get the required resources after recommendations have been made by the departments and process the requests to ensure the prices the vendors are quoting are consistent with the publishers’ prices on the web- site.

After this, contracts are awarded for vendors to supply the books. As soon as the books are brought, they are received by the Collection Development Librarian and the auditors crosscheck to ensure that what was requested for was actually delivered.

Then the technical unit will process the books and hand over to the Reader Services. The books are then moved to the shelves and arranged properly in use. Of course, the Technical Services must have classified the books into the vari-

ous knowledge areas so that they will be visible and accessible on the OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue). So, all the behind-the-scene activities are done by the Technical Services.

Also, we have the Serial Section under the Readers Services. Staff in this section are the ones who publish online news to Staff and Faculty mails. They also make a collection of journal titles which will be forwarded to the Collection Development Librarian. They ensure we have daily newspapers; they go online to source for information on agriculture to drive our vision.

For instance, there was a time we sent out agric-based information to the University community, i.e. quotes on agriculture. There is also a reference unit where we have a Reference Librarian who attends to people's information need. We are thinking of developing an online chat forum, where you can have answers to your requests. For instance, if you are requesting for a material, we quickly let you know on the spot if it is available or not and many more.

Q.3 GENERALLY, WOULD YOU SAY ICT IS TAKING OVER THE READING CULTURE OF THE STUDENTS?

Well, before the advent of ICT, there has been this tag on blacks that they don't read. If you need to hide anything from a black man, put it in a book and he will never find it. No doubt, ICT is very good. It could, however, constitute a distraction for those who are not focused, because a number of youths in Nigeria spend their productive time on the social media.

They don't want to know if any book exists anywhere. The culture of reading is fast fading out even though it has not really been there before the emergence of ICT, which worsened the situation. It is because of misplaced priority, even though I don't usually want to generalize especially when something has not been scientifically proven, that

quite a number of youths particularly in Nigeria can be hardly seen reading books. They are usually on social media. Advertently, we are coming up

with 'TECHNOCHURITY' because some adults, too, are caught in the act particularly during working hours. So, ICT to some extent has affected the reading culture, I won't say hundred per cent negatively because there are those who make very good use of ICT.

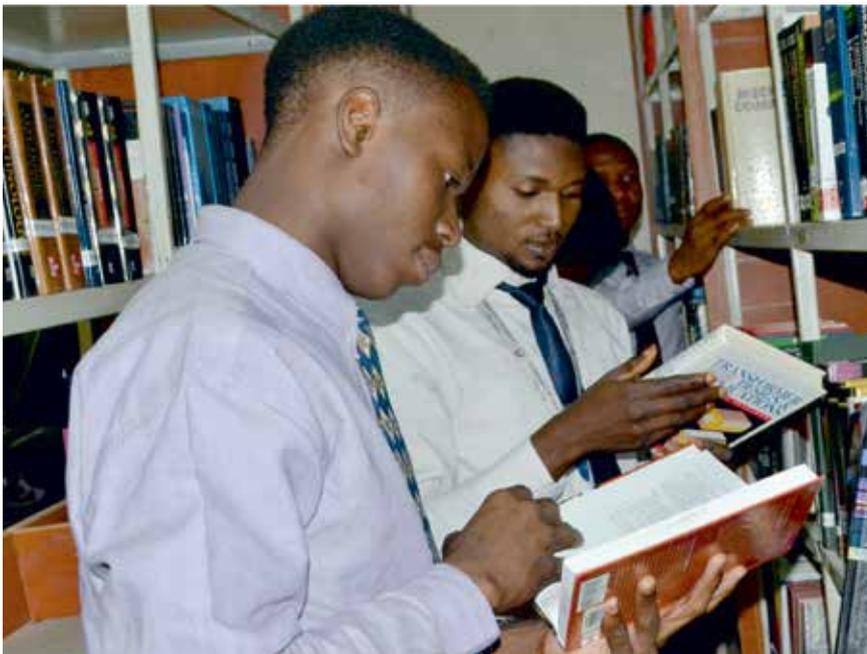
This percentage searches for information and reads books in E-format. You don't have to hold a book physically before reading it. Some don't even come physically to the library but they are in touch reading through the online platform. Even in this library, we have an E-book platform that has over seven hundred E-books. So you don't have to be physically present in the library to access them. Once you have internet connectivity you would be able to read as many books as possible. So, it depends on the use you put ICT to.

Q.4 HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE ATTITUDE OF THE STUDENTS OF LANDMARK UNIVERSITY TO READING?

Well, we have different categories of students in Landmark University. There are those who are focused, who read very well. We know them, we see them regularly. I remember that during the maiden convocation, there was an award one of the library vendors wanted to endow one of the library best users. Do you know that one of the first two names that came to my mind won the prize?

That was the one that graduated with a CGPA which correlated with his reading. Generally, you hardly see students coming to read until when they have assignments or during their examination period.

Quite a number of persons do not go to the library unless they are prompted by any of these, but we have been urging lecturers to give students assignment that will make them consult the library for materials. So, generally now they are improving but they can do better.



“ The CLR in the next five years projects to be hosting trainings that will attract people all over the world. ”

Q5. WHAT ROLES HAS CLR PLAYED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INSTITUTION AND WHERE DO YOU SEE LANDMARK CLR IN THE FUTURE?

We want to appreciate God for the little effort He has enabled us to put together to ensure that learning goes on in the University. I am sure you know the CLR is very central to academic activities, and it is the hub around which all academic activities revolves.

If you go to most institutions, especially private institution where the library is not well funded, no matter the research exercise going on there, you will discover that the level of academic activities there may not be accepted or recognized, and you know what that means.

The library has really helped to regulate the financial stress students go through with regards to the purchase of books. So, in the next five years, I see a bigger building than this that will accommodate more students because we pray for God to increase our student population.

Also, in the near future, we are looking forward to the time when some users will walk into the library unassisted, to just pick books and access them. This is called ‘self-service’, that on your own, without talking to anyone, you would loan and return a book.

So we are going ‘E’ where everything we will be doing will be hundred per cent automated. The CLR in the next five years projects to be hosting trainings that will attract people from

all over the world. Though we started something close to that last semester when we hosted the ITOCA training which was a national programme, we are now looking at going international. Now to match with all other world-class libraries on the globe, we have been visiting quite a number of libraries online to see what they have been doing and how we can surpass whatever they are doing.

We are also looking at having an instructional technology centre where people will come in on their own to record their lectures, tutorials, etc. and we archive these as a library where in the future you can come back to have access to them. We are on the mission to make our services world class and of international standard.



CENTRE FOR LEARNING RESOURCES, LANDMARK UNIVERSITY

“ LMU STRUCTURES ARE WORLD CLASS ”



THE DIRECTOR, PHYSICAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT,
ARC. OPEYEMI SINA-OLULANA

Q.1 HOW CAN YOU RATE THE STANDARD OF STRUCTURES IN LANDMARK UNIVERSITY?

I will start from the vision of Landmark University which is to be a leading world-class university through spearheading an agrarian revolution. In a world-class university, the available facilities must meet the purpose for which they have been provided. We talk about economics, aesthetics and functionality in design, and if you look at most facilities we have on this campus now, they are unique. So far, we have no challenge with space and we don't have shortage in provision of facilities. So by and large, we can say LMU is a good place, working towards the ideal.

Q.2 HOW HAS YOUR DIRECTORATE BEEN ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE ALLURING AMBIENCE OF THE INSTITUTION?

I give credit to the proprietor of Landmark University, the Living Faith Church Worldwide led by our Visionary Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo because

she is consistently committed to the maintenance of facilities. Yearly, we discover a lot is devoted as maintenance vote. In the Physical Planning & Development (PPD) Directorate alone, we have several units like electrical, civil, hostel and estate management units which are saddled with the responsibilities of ensuring that these facilities are kept if not in the state they were when they were delivered, it should be close to the state they were at the point of delivery. So that's why regularly you see us on the field.

You see the campus keepers doing the trimming and cleaning the gardens and the likes, and this has become a template for our operations. So across all our facilities and units, we are well represented to ensure the facilities are kept in good shape.

Q.3 IS THE STRUCTURAL DESIGN OF LANDMARK UNIVERSITY PROJECTING ANY MESSAGE?

We want people to come in to the campus and see a self-sufficient University

environment that has design synergy, an environment with a culture and at the end of the day to be able to arrive at a brand for the University. We want a situation where the external publics will know a facility belongs to Landmark University even when the name is not on it. They should be able to recognize our building even on the picture. If you look round the campus the colour of our roof is green. Every environment has an identity. One of the hallmarks of a citadel of learning is trying to drive a culture and brand from the staff to the University base.

We want to drive a culture where people will be able to identify the University. We want to project the idea that we are structurally stable, appealing and ever clean. We are emphasizing on the cleanliness of the University environment and the colour code.

Q.4 CAN YOU SAY THE STRUCTURES HAVE INFLUENCED THE ENROLMENT OF STUDENTS INTO LMU?

Facilities are provided for people to use and every facility provided is based on projection. There is no design embarked on without a brief. The brief will show the kind of use you are putting the University, and the users you have in mind. Right now, Landmark University has a hostel capacity of close to four thousand five hundred students, and as we are talking, we have extra bed spaces. We have more than enough facilities for the projection that we are working with. If these facilities will be due for expansion, they will also be based on certain projection. So I can say to a large extent that the facilities have supported the enrolment of students into the Landmark University.

Q.5 IS THERE ANY PLAN FOR EXPANSION OF FACILITIES IN THE FUTURE?

The Department of Physical Planning works under the University Management as inspired by the leadership of the proprietor base, our Chancellor.

We have the University master plan that details at least all the facilities we have in plan to the year 2020-2025. This is part of the academic brief of the University. In that brief, you will find the courses the University is running for now and the ones intended for the future; the ones that have already been approved and the ones that would be submitted for approval of the NUC.

Also, we have facilities that have been projected to support those expectations, and then we work on both projections and realities. For example, if I have projected the number of students we would have in the next five years and in the next five years we have more enrolments, we may be requiring more than what we have in mind. So design is not static, it is not cast on stone.

The University Management from time to time reviews where we are, where we are going to, and even the previ-

ous provision to arrive at a provision that will suite the current reality. So in the next five years, we are going to be talking about several other buildings. Before Landmark University took NUC licence in 2011, we had over forty buildings and every year we have constructions going on. Presently, we have places where constructions are going on. We have what we are projecting in the next one to two years, facilities that are going to be in place.

So, like I said, we will have a university that is self-sufficient. It is not just the building; we have to talk on the services like water, light and ICT facilities. In the next five years, I trust God that each of the colleges based on our projection will be well situated in their facilities. However, for now we are doing very well and we see a bright future because the Bible says, "The path of the Righteous is like a shining light that shineth more and more unto a perfect day."



“ MAINTAINING A GOOD FINANCIAL DISCIPLINE IS OUR WATCHWORD ”

The Director, Financial Services, **Pastor Fredrick Aghahuwa**



The role of finance in the development of an organization cannot be overlooked. An organization with an outstanding vision like Landmark University would always have experiences that culminate into their success story. The Director, Financial Services, Pastor Fredrick Aghahuwa tells some of the stories of Landmark University at 5.

Q.1 WHAT IMPACT CAN YOU SAY LMU HAS ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF OMU-ARAN AS A COMMUNITY?

The impact cannot be overemphasized; looking at the population of people working in the University's Department of Physical Planning and Development that is well over four hundred. These people before now were unemployed, but today we have them working here and are able to empower them to fend for their families. Also in terms of visibility, the Omu-Aran community is further visible because of the presence of Landmark University. The economic impact of the University is visible, the social impact and development are also there, so the community has benefited immensely from the establishment of Landmark University.

Q.2 HOW HAS THE FINANCIAL BASE OF THE UNIVERSITY BEEN MANAGED IN A STANDARD BEFITTING A WORLD CLASS?

If we look at it in a greater context, financial discipline constitutes a challenge for many financial institutions. That is, engaging in practical, clear, integrity, accountability and openness disposition in all your financial dealings. This is because you must build an

internal structure to be able to go to an external structure. You ensure openness in all your financial dealings with the government, contractors and suppliers. One must ensure transparency, remove ambiguity, and enthrone equal opportunity without favouritism. These are some of our values which have kept us going in Landmark University.

Q.3 SIR, IN TERMS OF IGR HOW HAS THE UNIVERSITY FARED?

I can say though we are not there yet, because we are still young, but with what we have been able to put on ground, looking at our Commercial Farms and the Landmark Development Ventures, putting all these together, the IGR is doing great as at today and we are exploring other avenues to get IGR to sustain our drive. Majority of our projects are still being funded by our proprietor base but we are now looking within to ensure that everything we are engaging in is profit driven in order to keep the system running effectively.

Q.4 CAN YOU COMMENT ON THE INPUT OF THE PROPRIETORS (LIVING FAITH CHURCH WORLDWIDE) IN TERMS OF FUNDING OF UNIVERSITY PROJECTS?

You know Landmark University was born out of a vision, so the place of the proprietor base in achieving the vision which God has set for this University cannot be down played. The impact is so great, looking at the structure we have on ground and where we are today, at least anybody visiting Landmark University would attest to that. We have lots of infrastructure; new building springing up, the water factory under construction, the Landmark Farms are all huge projects funded chiefly by the proprietor base. There is also an avenue for feedback; a platform for us to know how we can improve on some of our products for the consumers. Also we have the entrepreneurial developments (EDS) training for the students for product development and work is

ongoing to get NAFDAC approval to boost a more expanded market.

Q.5 CAN YOU SAY LANDMARK PRODUCTS ARE UP TO STANDARD TO DRIVE A VISIBLE IGR?

As at today, building your internal structure is very important, but firstly, we have to satisfy our immediate community which is the Landmark community. This is to ensure our products are of good quality. For example, our bread is being sold in Ilorin and neighbouring States. The same thing is applicable to our other products. We were at Ilorin the Kwara State capital to showcase what we have. There is also an avenue for feedback; a platform for us to know how we can improve on some of our products for the consumers. Also we have the Entrepreneurial Developments Studies (EDS) for the students for product development and work is ongoing to get NAFDAC approval to boost a more expanded market.

Q.6 WHAT DIRECTION WOULD YOUR DIRECTORATE FOLLOW IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS?

Yes, our plan mainly is to collaborate with the Management of Landmark University to build a world-class university. So the Directorate of Financial Services has a major role to play to ensure efficient service delivery, and how to assist the University in generating IGR. This could be achieved by looking at every avenue to collaborate with internal and external contexts to generate more funds apart from the students subscription and to also ensure that our financial dealings in all aspects are open for everyone to see and criticize.

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Notable Visits to Landmark University

FORMER PRESIDENT OF NIGERIA OLUSEGUN OBASANJO VISITS LANDMARK UNIVERSITY



THE FORMER PRESIDENT OLUSEGUN OBASANJO ARRIVING THE SENATE BUILDING, AS HE IS WELCOMED BY THE CHANCELLOR, DR. DAVID OYEDEPO.

The Management, Staff and students with expressed delight beaming from all sundries warmly received former President of Nigeria, Olusegun Obasanjo (GCFR) to Landmark University on a special visit. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan, counted it a great privilege to host the former President and echoed the importance of the visit which was towards sharing best practices in actualizing the agrarian mandate of the University. She further stated that the contributions of the former President to Agriculture were landmarks and legacy that Nigeria will never forget.

Making reference to Obasanjo Farms in Ota, Ogun State, she noted that General Obasanjo has been driving food security with deep passion, not just in Nigeria but the entire continent of Africa. She enjoined him to enjoy his stay, as the serene environment of the University provides an escape from the hustle and bustle of the city.

The Chancellor, in his remarks thanked the former President for the visit. While highlighting the qualities, which endeared him to General Obasanjo for many years, he stated that he is someone who is always ready to help and make people feel human. He appreciated the Vice-Chancellor for facilitating a smooth hospitable reception of the former President. While giving his impression on the farm, he noted also that “It is both pleasant and heart-warming to go round the University farms. I am most impressed with the overall commitment of the proprietor to agribusiness and the enthusiasm of the Farms Director and staff. In totality, it is exemplary and worthy of emulation.”



THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN, REGISTRAR, DR. DANIEL ROTIMI AND HEAD, CORPORATE AFFAIRS, MRS. NGOZI OSUEKE PRESENTING SOME FARM PRODUCTS OF THE UNIVERSITY TO FORMER PRESIDENT OLUSEGUN OBASANJO BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FROM LANDMARK UNIVERSITY.



THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF NIGERIA, OLUSEGUN OBASANJO GETS A WORLD-CLASS TREATMENT ON HIS TEETH AT THE UNIVERSITY'S MEDICAL CENTER.



THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF NIGERIA, OLUSEGUN OBASANJO AT THE LAYERS PEN IN THE UNIVERSITY'S COMMERCIAL FARM WHERE HE WAS LED ROUND STRATEGIC LOCATIONS AT THE FARM BY THE DIRECTOR, DR. JOHN IZEBERE.

FORMER MINISTER OF POWER PROFESSOR CHINEDU NEBO VISITS **LANDMARK UNIVERSITY**



THE FORMER NIGERIAN MINISTER OF POWER, **PROFESSOR CHINEDU NEBO** AND HIS WIFE **MRS. IFEYINWA NEBO** IN A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH WITH MEMBERS OF UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT

Landmark University, Omu-Aran played host to the former Nigerian Minister of Power and a two-time Vice-Chancellor of two Federal Universities, Professor Chinedu Ositadinmma Nebo and his wife Mrs. IfeyinwaNebo on Sunday 11th October 2015.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan, welcomed the visitor whom she described as a quintessential academia. She recounted the exploits he did as Vice-Chancellor in both the University of Nigeria Nsukka, Enugu State and Federal University, Oye Ekiti, Ekiti State.

Stating that at his emergence as the Vice-Chancellor of University of Nigeria Nsukka, all the long abandoned projects within the campus, were completed, giving credence to his name "Ositadinmma" which means hence forth all will be well. While accentuating his exemplary leadership, the Vice-Chancellor commended the replication of such virtues that

resulted in his building a permanent campus for the Federal University, Oye within six (6) months as the pioneer Vice-Chancellor, a feat which she attributed to the God in him. This is why the people of Ikole-Ekiti has deemed it fit to recognize his astute leadership in their community.

Professor Nebo, in his response, expressed delight in the warm reception accorded them by the University Management, stating that it was unprecedented. He appreciated the Vice-Chancellor, whom he described as a true leader worthy of emulation.

He recalled her achievements as the Vice-Chancellor of Covenant University, which has distinguished the University and her products across the globe. He further stated that he was curious to see Landmark University to ascertain if it has the



THE FORMER NIGERIAN MINISTER OF POWER, PROFESSOR CHINEDU OSITADIMMA COMMENTING ON THE AMAZEMENT OF LANDMARK UNIVERSITY AS THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN & REGISTRAR, DR. DANIEL ROTIMI LOOK ON IN EXCITEMENT.



THE FORMER NIGERIAN MINISTER OF POWER, PROFESSOR CHINEDU NEBO AND HIS WIFE JOINED THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN TO PICK EGGS AT THE AUTOMATED LAYERS'S PEN IN THE COMMERCIAL FARM.



THE FORMER NIGERIAN MINISTER OF POWER, PROFESSOR CHINEDU NEBO IS BEING RECEIVED BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN & REGISTRAR, DR. DANIEL ROTIMI.

same signature of the Chancellor. On arrival, at the campus, he could only marvel at what he saw and began to wonder why the Federal government or State government cannot replicate such scenery. He commended the Spirituality arrow head of the University's core value, stating that most of the world best Universities started as Seminaries. He identified stressed the place of Spirituality as the bedrock of every good success.

He quoted the founder of Princeton University stating "cursed be all that learning that is contrary to the cross of Christ; cursed be all that learning that is not coincident with

the cross of Christ; cursed be all that learning that is not subservient to the cross of Christ." The former minister for power also expressed his unalloyed support to the agrarian vision of the University saying that the Chancellor of the University Dr. David Oyedepo is not paying lip service to agriculture but driving it with all it takes for optimal result.

His last words about Landmark University were "Great visionary work. Deeply impressed. This University is indeed world class".

Dr Brylyne Chitsunge, Distinguished Guest Lecturer, 3rd Convocation Ceremony



Chitsunge is an internationally acclaimed expert in agricultural science, and facilitator of the Nigeria-South Africa Group on Agriculture. She has been a tireless advocate for farmers in Southern Africa for many years, travelling the world to lecture on issues such as sustainable agriculture, climate change, and supporting women farmers. In 2011, she addressed the Global Science Conference on Climate-Smart Agriculture about the role of the farmer in addressing climate change. A dynamic and inspiring agricultural activist, Dr. Chitsunge is among the 70 per cent of farmers who are women in South Africa.

Despite the challenges facing women farmers in her country, she was able to buy her own land and works as a farmer and breeder of Kalahari Red goats, Nguni cattle, free range poultry, indigenous pigs and most recently Tilapia fish. She is also a Board Director of the George

Arthur Forrest Foundation (based in Wavre, Belgium). The Foundation promotes transparency, the honest management of natural resources, and ethical business management on the African continent. Dr. Chitsunge feels strongly that agriculture can serve as an economic engine to combat poverty in developing nations.

However, farmers like her need the support structures, learning tools and networks to do it. As Dr Chitsunge puts it: "My entry in this business was driven primarily by anger at the inability of many of my contemporaries to see the value in agriculture as a business and a critical part of nation building."

Commenting on her appointment to the Advisory Network, Concentric Alliance Executive Director, Brian Currin said: "Brylyne is utterly passionate on her subject, and combines academic credibility with a truly magnetic personality."

Professor Placid Njoku, Keynote Speaker, 3rd Convocation Ceremony

Professor Placid Njoku, a renowned educationist, obtained his MS, PhD, in Agriculture, Animal and Poultry Science between 1976 and 1980 from University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

As a great educational revivalist, Professor Njoku was the Director of Quality Assurance for the National Universities Commission (NUC) From November 2000 – February 2007 (6 years 4 months).

During this period, he was responsible for the development of minimum standards for all academic programmes in all Nigerian Universities and also for the accreditation of all such programmes as well as for closing

down of all degree mills in the country. As founding Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Agriculture, now Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Abia State between May 1993 and December 1999 (6 years 8 months), he was responsible for the foundational, physical and academic developments of the institution and gladly in 1999, within 7 years of his tenure, the University was ranked second in academic quality index by the National Universities Commission of Nigeria among 36 existing universities at the time.

Professor Njoku, presently the President, Institute of Animal Science, has been at the vanguard of salvaging agricultural practice in the nation by stress-



ing an aggressive approach to agricultural development for the attainment of food security for the nation.

PROFESSOR DANIEL OKUNBOR OF FAYETTEVILLE UNIVERSITY USA ON A COLLABORATION VISIT TO LANDMARK UNIVERSITY

On the 12th September 2015, the University community hosted Professor Daniel Okunbor, a Fulbright Scholar and Professor of Computer Science from Fayetteville University, United States. In his welcome remarks, the Registrar, Dr. Daniel Rotimi stated the vision of Landmark University and stressed the Management commitment to driving an agrarian revolution that is geared towards restoring the dignity of the black race.

He noted further that “the mainstay of the economy of the black man is Agriculture which has been bastardized, apart from leading a world class University, we also stand for Agriculture and I warmly welcome you to Landmark University where we are breaking new grounds.”

The Head, Department of Computer Science, Professor A. E. Okeyinka introduced Professor Daniel Okunbor to some members of management present. He applauded his great accomplishments abroad and his passion for the development of his dear country, Nigeria.

In his response, Professor Okunbor appreciated the warm reception accorded him by the University Management and eulogized specially the leadership virtues of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan.

He remarked, “everywhere Professor Obayan goes, there is always energy, I am thrilled by your accomplishments and I am happy to be associated



PROFESSOR DANIEL OKUNBOR (EXTREME RIGHT) MAKING HIS PROPOSITIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT

with you.” He further recalled the tremendous achievements attained while working closely with Professor Aize Obayan when she was the Vice-Chancellor at Covenant University, adding that her leadership style made a lot of collaborative decisions and policies worked out well. “I am pleased to be here, this is the beginning of new things to come and I want to thank you for making me to be part of this mission.”

Welcoming Professor Okunbor on behalf of the Chancellor, Management, Staff and Students of the University, Professor Aize Obayan gave a brief account of the laudable relationship Professor Okunbor had with the Covenant University which resulted in the series of collaborative opportunities.

In the light of this, his visit was described as timely, when the University is being repositioned to attain new frontiers via driving agrarian revolution for the continent of Africa. This requires functional collaboration with the reputable scholars and organiza-

tions that can align with the unique pursuit of the Landmark University.

The Vice-Chancellor expressed the earnest desire of the University towards building a high profile of international support for her agrarian drive in terms of collaborative research, staff and student exchange programmes and research grants. She therefore called on Professor Okunbor to partner with the University in this pursuit.

In his closing remarks, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Enoch Oyawoye, on behalf of the Management of Landmark University expressed appreciation to Professor Okunbor for visiting the University despite his tight schedule and implored him to be a great partner of the University in revolutionizing Agriculture for the continent of Africa.

After a warm welcome at the office of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Okunbor also held a meeting with Senior Faculty in the College of Science and Engineering where notable areas of collabora-

R-L: HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE, PROFESSOR E. A. OKEYINKA, DEAN, COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING, PROFESSOR CLEMENT ADEGOKE, VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN, PROFESSOR DANIEL OKUNBOR AND REGISTRAR, DR. DANIEL ROTIMI IN A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH AFTER THE MEETING



tion between Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Nigeria and Fayetteville University, United State of America, were identified.

Present at the gathering were the Dean, College of Science and Engineering, Professor Clement Adegoke; Head, Department of Computer Science, Professor E. A. Okeyinka; Head, Physical Sciences, Dr. Olufemi Adebessin; Director, Academic Planning,

Dr. (Mrs.) Racheal Adebayo and the College Officer, Mr. Ayodele Abolarin.

Discussions were focused on the following areas of collaboration:

- . Fellowship: post doctorate and staff exchange programmes,
- . Joint training and supervision of doctorate students,
- . Staff capacity development programmes,
- . Organization of conferences, seminars, workshops, symposia etc.,
- . Organization of summer school for junior academics,
- . Links in activities that can drive the Agrarian Revolution of Landmark University.

After an elaborate discussion on the possible collaborations, Professor Okunbor also made a visit to the University Commercial Farm, where he was received by the Director, Landmark University Farms, Dr. John Izebere. He became so excited at the facilities and operations that he remarked, "Wow! You really have a lot going on here, I am thrilled and impressed."

From the Farm, he stopped over at the Executive arm of the University Cafeteria, where he took a sumptuous meal.



Professor Daniel Okunbor being received by the Farm Manager Elder Abimbola



Professor Daniel Okunbor driving the Tractor at the Commercial Farm

LANDMARK UNIVERSITY HOSTS DR. OLAYINKA LAOSEBIKAN



DR. OLAYINKA LAOSEBIKAN IN A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH WITH MEMBERS OF MANAGEMENT



DR. OLAYINKA LAOSEBIKAN IS WISHED 'FARE WELL' BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBYAN AND PRESENTED WITH UNIVERSITY SOUVENIR BY HEAD, CORPORATE AFFAIRS, MRS. NGOZI OSUEKE

As part of her commitment to breaking new grounds, Landmark University is set to forge a collaboration with the Brylyne Chitsunge Farms on the rearing of Kalahari red goat.

The idea came when Dr. Olayinka Laosebikan, who doubles as a medical doctor and a mechanized farmer based in South Africa, paid the Management of Landmark University a visit as a part of his strategies geared towards making agriculture attractive to the youths and stress-free to everyone.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan while receiving him, disclosed that the institution will soon embark on laudable projects such as ruminant production, construction of standard abattoirs and a meat processing plant. She enthused that once these new projects kick off, the institution would also serve as an agricultural research cen-

tre especially in the area of modern commercial agriculture which would be first of its kind in the country.

She revealed that Landmark University Management would partner with Brylyne Chitsunge Farms in South Africa on student exchange program for them to have added knowledge on food production, animal science, irrigation, agro-phobic farming, and also encourage them to develop interest in mechanized farming.

Responding, Dr. Olayinka Laosebikan emphasized the need to have a paradigm shift in Nigeria's economy to attain food security for the nation and continent of Africa, noting that Landmark University's frantic efforts in making agriculture a priority is a step in the right direction. He said, "We are trying to look at the microeconomics in Landmark University and how it could impact the world positively. We have

to mechanize farming in all the levels." Speaking on Brylyne Chitsunge's proposed visit to Landmark University, Dr. Laosebikan said Brylyne is a farmer per excellence whose presence would inspire young men and women in practising modern and mechanized, as well as specialized farming.

The Registrar, Dr Daniel Rotimi expressed the readiness of the school to utilize the opportunity of improving the face of farming in Landmark University to the world standard. He affirmed the University's consistent and practical steps towards becoming a hub of food production in West Africa.

He was optimistic that the University will soon become a major food supplier of great repute worthy of emulation in Africa.

Landmark University receives Association of Deans of Agriculture in Nigeria (ADAN)



THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN RECEIVING PROFESSOR SUNDAY FASHINA AND OTHER MEMBERS OF ADAN EXECUTIVE

On Friday 12 of February 2016, Management of Landmark University led by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan, received the Executives of the Association of Deans of Agriculture in Nigeria (ADAN).

In her remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, stressed the significance of the collaboration between the Landmark University and ADAN, noting the contributions of the both parties towards the development of Africa in terms of food security and agribusiness.

Professor Obayan said that Africa is urgently in need of agricultural practitioners whose commitment to farming and attendant accomplishments would attract the younger generation to modern agricultural practices and agribusiness, which Landmark University is

vigorously driving. She called for an immediate involvement of government, private individuals and institutions in tackling some of the major challenges facing the Black race such as food insecurity, malnutrition and impoverishment.

In his response, the ADAN spokesperson, Professor Sunday Fashina described Landmark University as an institution established to proffer solution to major agricultural challenges facing Nigeria and Africa. He said that the vision of the University attracted ADAN to the institution for a collaborative engagement towards repackaging agriculture to attract the younger ones.

Professor Fashina also commended the institution for considering hosting the ADAN Annual Conference coming up later in the year. According to him, the

aim of the conference is to equip the trainers in the agricultural sector with the adequate skills for driving youth engagement in agriculture, adding that the conference will afford the association the opportunity to partner with Landmark University and other relevant platforms committed to driving agrarian revolution in Nigeria.

Corroborating the need for urgency in making agriculture attractive to the youths, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Enoch Oyawoye, the pioneer Dean of College of Agriculture in the University, said that engaging youths in agriculture to replace the old peasant farmers could be difficult but achievable if the concerned authorities can devise workable means to convince and attract them.



MEMBERS OF ADAN EXECUTIVE IN A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH WITH MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT



NEW OMU-ARAN POLICE AREA COMMANDER PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO LANDMARK UNIVERSITY

As a renowned institution of higher learning through its corporate social responsibility platform, Landmark University officially received the Omu-Aran Police Area Commander, Assistant Commissioner of Police (ASP), Ogundele Ayodeji Joshua to the community on the 4th November 2015.

Welcoming the Area Commander and his team, the Registrar, Dr. Daniel Roti-

mi described the meeting as a medium to further cement the relationship that long existed between the Nigerian Police Force and the University community. He said that the vision, mission and core-values of the University would not find expression if there is no safe ambience within the community.

He pointed out that the University as a community has never experienced any unrest from any quarters since incep-

tion, this he attributed to the grace of God culminating in the serenity within the campus. The Chairman, University Security Committee, Mr. Dickson Egbune who introduced the Police team said that the purpose of the visit is to officially welcome the new Area Commander to the University community.

The Area Commander, in his remarks noted that he was briefed on

the strong relationship that existed between the Command and the University. He subscribed to proactive policing and partnership with the community, adding that it is in so doing that any meaningful result can be achieved. He made a call for intelligence gathering through reliable and adequate information for effective policing of the Omu-Aran community.

Members of Management offered advice on how the security challenges facing the Omu-Aran community could be addressed. As stakeholders in the community, this was taken with every sense of seriousness it deserves, noting that failure to take security seriously would hinder growth of the community.

In her remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan welcomed the Area Commander and his team on behalf of the Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo. She further encouraged the Area

Commander and his team to be part of the socio-economic development of the University in terms of patronizing its farm produce, enrolling for short developmental programmes within the Department of Sociology and attending life impacting services and programmes of the Living Faith Church Commission.

She thereafter presented a special gift to the Area Command on behalf of the University. In his closing remarks, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Profes-

sor Enoch Oyawoye who on behalf of the University community appreciated the Area Commander and his team for the visit noted that the cooperation between the University and the Police would move Omu-Aran as a community forward in all ramifications.

While acknowledging the importance of the police to securing lives and property, he encouraged everyone to give police maximum cooperation needed to operate successfully and ensure that there is no security breach around.

He therefore prayed for the tenure of the new Area Commander to be a reflection of the change the community requires at this moment.



The University has earned a number of commendations in driving this noble vision. Landmark University will certainly be a great platform for research and a context where Agricultural Entrepreneurship concepts foster.



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LANDMARK UNIVERSITY:

My Love- OKE FUNMILAYO ADEBUKOLA
CROP SCIENCE, 500 LEVEL

If a child was born five years ago, by now that child (all other environmental and mutagenic conditions remaining constant) would have grown in size, wisdom, and vigor. That child must have been exposed to a lot of things, must be able to accomplish a few things, and also may be able to do certain things most adults can handle.

Nevertheless, he/she is still being called a child. Landmark University my own school, though given birth to on the 21st of March 2011, was already at the point of her birth an adult and could beat certain standards of other universities in the country.

When she became one, certain universities of agriculture could not be compared with her; she turned two, and she began attaining great feats. When she became three, she was already enviable to her world. At four, she was the Webometric Best Ranked Private University, and at five, she is already attaining new frontiers in agricultural revolution, the purpose for which she was born. Is she not beautiful?

Landmark University in five years has become a place people of great minds want to associate with: the beauty she radiates, the standard she sets, the order she portrays, the serenity she depicts, the conducive environment she provides, the efficient and resourceful members of staff with which she operates, the crop of dedicated Faculty of reputable pedigree that are replete within her walls, and the great destinies she is birthing.

In five years, she has already graduated three sets of giants, dynamic pathfinders who are to take over the world's economy and revamp our wastelands. Is she not beautiful?

I am in love. I am in love with the one who changed my life for good. I am in love

with the one who made me who I am. I am in love with Landmark University, and I know she loves me, too. If she had not loved me, I would have known, because true love gives. She gave me seven precious stones to live with. She gave them to me to have for life.

They have become the most beautiful things that have ever happened to me. They are so vital that none of them is indispensable in bringing the best out of me. In order to hone my spiritual stamina and mental acuity to impact my world, I have therefore kept these treasures inside of me. Their radiance illuminates my path to destiny.

The most of them is SPIRITUALITY which I manifest at all times. She has made me to understand that without GOD I am nothing because He is her bedrock. The POSSIBILITY MENTALITY has been the beacon of hope and faith that helps me to see the positive side of all things. I believe that there is absolutely nothing impossible. As long as I can visualize it, I can achieve it. My career horizon has been amplified by the CAPACITY BUILDING pearl. I have achieved all these with DILIGENCE and SACRIFICE but not at the detriment of my neighbours.

Now I am taking RESPONSIBILITY for my effectiveness and efficiency because I have my INTEGRITY to protect. LANDMARKUNIVERSITY, I love you so much and I am going to miss you real good but do not worry your precious stones are emblems that will always remind me of you every day and night. Listen Love, the next time



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you see me, you may not recognize me (smile) because your precious gifts to me would have transformed me into a world champion/colossal crusader, and when the world ask me, where is my alma mater, I will gladly engrave your name in their hearts.

As for you, I look forward to when I will see you again. You would have become the largest producer of agro products not just in Africa but in the world at large; you would have realized your agro revolution dream. I see the College of Science and Engineering fabricating new machines that have not

been seen in the world that will aid the speedy production of agricultural products. I see the College of Agricultural Sciences developing new biotechnological animals and crops that are by far better in size and quality than those in anywhere in the world. I see the College of Business and Social Sciences maximizing profit, with product utility and customer satisfaction.

I know you will look more beautiful with grace saturated ambience and with garlands of accolades attracting nations unto you. You remain my school, my home, my love!

THE MIND:

A Tool for Change

GABRIEL NDEM

Sociology, 400 Level

The mind is a tool that allows you to see, think, imagine, feel, laugh, interact and ponder on the mysteries of life. Steren Pinker in his book, *How the Mind Works*, said, "The mind is a system of organs of computation that allows man to understand and outsmart objects, animals, plants and each other."

The world today has loads of dysfunctional problems that have destroyed the hope of man's existence but the escape route to a life of peace and abundance is the tool called "the mind." Dr. David Oyedepo said, "Our most valuable resource is underneath our skull," which is the mind. Therefore, let us see the mind as 'Moving in a New Direction'. That means your mind thinks in a new direction to bring about drastic

change(s). I see our minds as the world because a lot of activities happen in there that can transform or deform the world. According to a research, the human brain is said to have about 100 billion cells and each brain cell can connect to tens of thousands of other brain cells.

As at March 2016, it was estimated that the world population is 7.4 billion. If our minds are the world, it means there are 7.4 billion people in every brain and if we allow our minds to work, imagine the kinds of innovative and ground breaking solutions that will emerge.

It is high time we realized that the solutions to the mind boggling problems around us are underneath our skull. I believe

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5 Years of Attaining New Frontiers in Driving Agrarian Revolution for Africa

there are no dull minds but minds that need to be sharpened in order to produce a landmark order of change. E.W. Kenyon in his book, Signpost on the Road to Success, said, "Make your brain work.

It will sweat; but make it work. It will improve. It will develop until you become a wonder to those around you ... think through on every problem, conquer your difficulties as part of the day's job."

This therefore means that for our minds to be more effective, we must sharpen it (make it sweat) to produce mind-blowing innovations and solutions. If a legend like Dr. David Oyedepo did not make his mind sweat, Landmark University

will not be in existence today and because of the release of the resources underneath his skull which is his mind, we are celebrating a world-class institution at five.

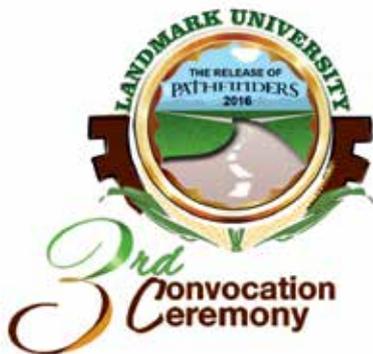
It is high time we challenged our minds to release the resources underneath our skull because billions of people around the world await our input for change.

God bless you!!!

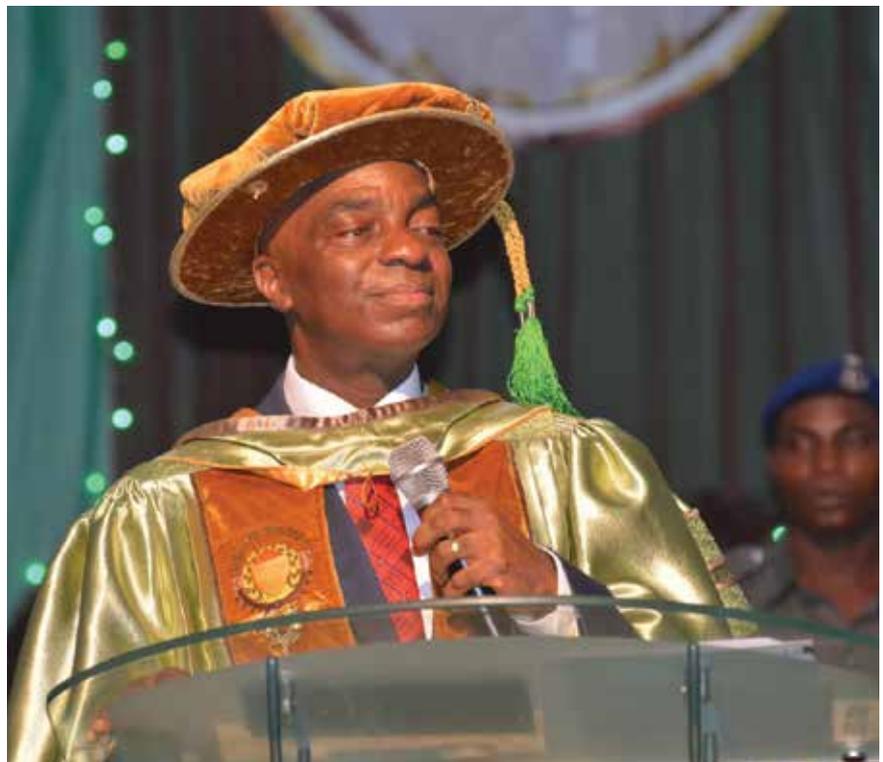
God bless you Landmark University!!!

God bless the Kings and Queens of Landmark University!!!

3rd
**CONVOCAATION
CEREMONY OF
LANDMARK UNIVERSITY:
THE MARVELOUS RELEASE OF
PATHFINDERS CLASS OF 2016**



The 3rd Convocation ceremony of Landmark University, Friday 15th July, 2016, received an unprecedented crowd of notable dignitaries, the crème of the Nigerian society from all works of life, and parents of the graduands from far and near, who joined the Chancellor and Chair, Board of Regents, Landmark University, Dr David Oyedepo, other



THE CHANCELLOR, LMU, DR DAVID OYEDEPO GIVING HIS ADDRESS AT THE 3RD CONVOCAATION CEREMONY TAGGED "THE RELEASE OF PATHFINDERS – THE MARVEL SET OF 2016"



DEAN, SCHOOL OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES, COVENANT UNIVERSITY, OTA PROFESSOR SHALOM CHINEDU GIVING HIS GOODWILL MESSAGE AT THE CHANCELLOR'S LUNCHEON



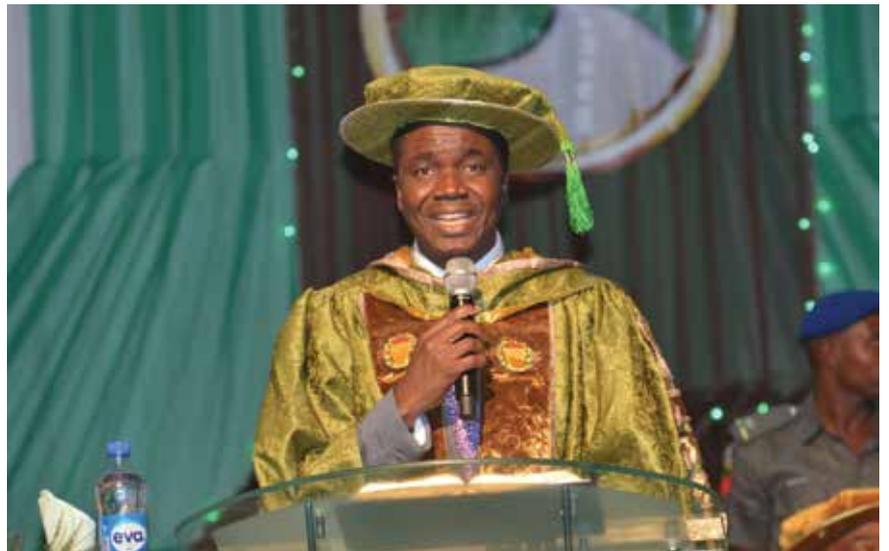
DIRECTOR, NIGERIAN STORED PRODUCTS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, PROF. O. PETERS, GIVING HIS GOODWILL MESSAGE AT THE 3RD CONVOCATION CEREMONY



DR. ABIODUN SALIU, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION (NUC), PROFESSOR JULIUS OKOJIE, GIVING HIS GOODWILL MESSAGE AT THE 3RD CONVOCATION CEREMONY



ENGR. PROFESSOR TAIWO KEHINDE OF THE OBAFEMI AWOLowo UNIVERSITY AND SPEAKER AT THE HOODING CEREMONY OF COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING, LANDMARK UNIVERSITY, GIVING HER GOODWILL MESSAGE AT THE CHANCELLOR'S LUNCHEON



THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT, LIVING FAITH COMMISSION WORLDWIDE AND MEMBER OF THE LANDMARK UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS, BISHOP DAVID ABIOYE, READING A BIBLE PASSAGE DURING THE 3RD CONVOCATION CEREMONY.

Members of the Board of Regents, Management, Faculty, Staff and Students at the University Multipurpose Hall, for the Release of 2016 Pathfinders – The Marvel Set.

The academic journey of these students through the hallowed walls of the University for their professional and personal growth which started 4-5 years ago ended as the grand total of 532 graduating students were launched into the world of work.

The Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo in his remarks did not only recapitulate the University's mission of raising a generation of great thinkers, solution providers, adept reformers and exemplary leaders in various fields of human endeavours, he also reinforced the graduands, with his ideological charge, into the world of unlimited possibilities and opportunities of breaking new grounds.



PROFESSOR OBIAZI OF AMBROSE ALLI UNIVERSITY, EKPOMA GIVING HIS GOODWILL MESSAGE AT THE CHANCELLOR'S LUNCHEON



THE ACTING VICE-CHANCELLOR, ONDO STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, PROFESSOR E. ADEGOKE ADEGBITE GIVING HIS GOODWILL MESSAGE AT THE CHANCELLOR'S LUNCHEON.

"We are backwards not because we are black. We are backwards because we are blind. We need to recover our intellectual bravery and generate indigenous solutions to our challenges... Though skin colour may be different, it doesn't have to be white to be right. We should not allow Race

to intimidate us. Therefore, think possibility; think impact; think footprint on the sand of time; think future; think giving to others; think generations yet unborn; think of making a mark in our individual endeavours and think of using indigenous knowledge to solve our various problems."



A CROSS SECTION OF GRADUANDS AT THE 3RD CONVOCATION ASSEMBLY

He explained the universality of humanity based on Biblical and scientific proofs, emphasising that all human beings have the same biological compositions regardless of skin colour. Dr Oyedepo, therefore, urged the graduands and the congregation to connect to the Source of their lives to actualise their purpose for living, saying, ***“the true work of any product can truly be known through its maker. No one knows the worth of a machine like its manufacturer. No one knows the worth of a man like his maker.”***

Describing the event, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan, said that it was ***“a rite of passage***

connecting the graduands to manifestation realms of possibilities and advancements,” while stating that the 532 graduates had been ***“evidently well groomed and found worthy in learning and character to manifest as the Pathfinders the world is waiting for.”*** The event provided a verita-

ble platform for the Vice-Chancellor to restate unequivocally the University’s commitment to its vision of creating visible footprints in agriculture through educational means for national transformation and rejuvenation.

She remarked that the proprietor base, Living Faith Church Worldwide, has been reinforcing the vision, and this has been responsible for the remarkable achievements of the University. She, therefore, on behalf of the University Management appreciated the huge and continuous provisions and investments from the Proprietor base.

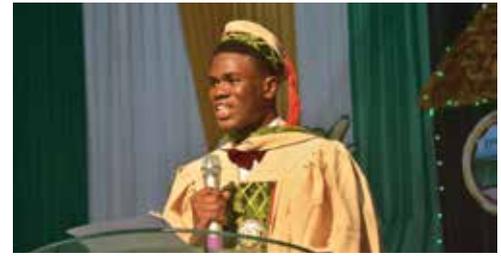
She also enjoyed the



THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, LMU, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN GIVING HER SPEECH AT THE 3RD CONVOCATION CEREMONY



THE VICE-PRESIDENT (EDUCATION), LIVING FAITH COMMISSION WORLDWIDE, PASTOR (MRS) FAITH OYEDEPO AT THE 3RD CONVOCATION CEREMONY



THE OVERALL BEST GRADUATING STUDENT, OYELEKE OYETUNJI OLUMUYIWA OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING SHARING HIS LANDMARK EXPERIENCE AT THE 3RD CONVOCATION CEREMONY



THE OVERALL BEST GRADUATING STUDENT (FEMALE), NWACHUKWU SYLVIA, DELIVERING HER SPEECH AT THE 3RD CONVOCATION CEREMONY

graduating students to endeavour to live a life demonstrative of the University's core values whose arrowhead is Spirituality and put to practice what they have benefited from the balanced education system of the University which will help them to distinguish themselves in their mission to build the old waste, repair the wasted cities, raise the desolation of many generations, and spearhead the complete redemption of the image of Nigeria and Africa.

While delivering the keynote address on ***"Mainstreaming Agripreneurship and Food Security: New Frontiers for Africa's Development Agenda"*** which he described as an emergent topic for global concern, Professor Placid Njoku, the founding Vice-Chancellor of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, emphasised the need to accelerate and expand the agrarian revolution pursuit of the University with every sense of responsibility and urgency of purpose.

He said that agriculture is the sure bet foundational driver for Africa's development, and it has recommended itself for full exploration and exploitation



HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE OLOMU OF OMU-ARAN, OBA CHARLES IBITOYE GIVING HIS GOODWILL MESSAGE AND EULOGISING THEIR ILLUSTRIOUS SON, THE CHANCELLOR, DR DAVID OYEDEPO



LMU ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVES AT THE 3RD CONVOCATION LECTURE LED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BODY, PATHFINDER OWOLABI AKINYOMADE (1ST LEFT).

to drive Africa’s development agenda. He, therefore, opined that having recognised the myriads of opportunities in agriculture, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals of 2015-2030, it is expedient to transform the traditional agriculture burdened with drudgery agribusiness with the integration of modern technology in order to make it attractive to the huge unemployed young population.

He, therefore, recaptured the event as the release of agripreneurs and challenged the graduands, whom he believed would lead the agrarian revolution in the societal context, to explore the many opportunities the University has opened for them, taking a cue from Benneth Nwosu Chukwuma, one of the graduands from Agricultural and Bio-systems Engineering Department who as a student in the University founded Benny Fish Farm.

The congregation was agog over the presentation of the best graduating student of the Class of 2016, Oyeleke Oyetunji Olumuyiwa of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, College of Science and Engineering having 4.90 Cumulative Grade Point Average and the other 50 graduates in the First-Class Division.

These 51 exceptional graduates filed out with gusto to receive the heartfelt congratulatory handshakes from the Chancellor. In addition, 233 made Second-Class Upper Division, 229 made Second-Class Lower Division, and 19 were in the Third-Class Division.

Notable personalities in attendance were the Honourable High Commissioner of the Republic of South Africa to Nigeria, Ambassador Lulu Louis Mnguni; the Distinguished Guest Lecturer of the 3rd Convocation, Dr Brylyne Chitsunge – CEO, Elpasso Farms, South Africa; representative of the National Secretary, NUC, Dr Abiodun Saliu;



THE CHAPLAIN, LMU, PASTOR AYOTUNDE ADEKOYA LEADING THE OPENING PRAYER AT THE 3RD CONVOCATION CEREMONY



THE CHANCELLOR, DR DAVID OYEDEPO MAKING REMARKS AT THE CHANCELLOR'S LUNCHEON



PROFESSOR PLACID NJOKU DELIVERING THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS TITLED; “MAINSTREAMING AGRIPRENEURSHIP AND FOOD SECURITY: NEW FRONTIERS FOR AFRICA’S DEVELOPMENT AGENDA” AT THE 3RD CONVOCATION CEREMONY

Members of the Board of Regents; Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities; Deputy Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities; Directors of Government and Private Institutes; Traditional Rulers led by the host Royal Highness, Olomu of Omu-Aran, Oba Charles Ibitoye; and gentlemen of the press. Immediately after the Convocation procession in reverse order, led by the Chancellor, the guests converged on the Hall

3 of the University Cafeteria for a sumptuous treat. Many guests, while rendering their congratulatory and goodwill messages, lavished encomium on the University's milestone achievements. The prayer on the lips of all and sundry was that the Pathfinders Class of 2016 would go out indeed as marvels to their world in Jesus' mighty Name.



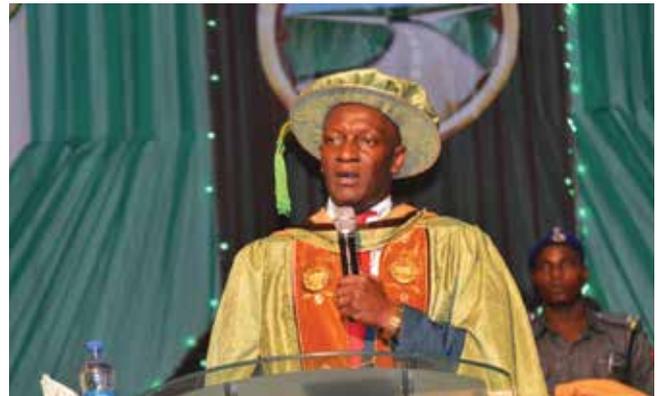
THE SOUTH AFRICA HIGH COMMISSIONER TO NIGERIA, AMBASSADOR LULU LOIUS MNGUNI GIVING HIS GOODWILL MESSAGE AT THE 3RD CONVOCATION CEREMONY



THE DEAN, STUDENT AFFAIRS, LMU, DR A. R. ANIMASAUN ANNOUNCING THE AWARDEES AND PRIZE WINNERS AT THE 3RD CONVOCATION CEREMONY



THE DIRECTOR, CENTRE FOR LEARNING RESOURCES, LMU, MRS FELICIA YUSUF, INTRODUCING GUESTS AT THE 3RD CONVOCATION CEREMONY



THE REGISTRAR, LMU, PASTOR DANIEL ROTIMI WELCOMING GUESTS TO THE 3RD CONVOCATION CEREMONY



SOME OF THE FIRST-CLASS STUDENTS RECEIVING CONGRATULATORY HANDSHAKES FROM THE CHANCELLOR, DR DAVID OYEDEPO



THE 3RD CONVOCATION GUEST LECTURER, DR BRYLYNE CHITSUNGE (CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ELPASSO FARM, PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA) GIVING HER GOODWILL MESSAGE AT THE 3RD CONVOCATION CEREMONY



LANDMARK UNIVERSITY'S GIFT TO THE CHANCELLOR, DR DAVID OYEDEPO AT THE 3RD CONVOCATION CEREMONY



PROFESSOR IFEANYI OYEONORU OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, LMU, LEADING A SEGMENT OF THE PROCESSION AT THE 3RD CONVOCATION CEREMONY



THE NIGERIAN POLICE BAND IN ACTION AT THE 3RD CONVOCATION CEREMONY



A CROSS SECTION OF FACULTY AND GUESTS OF THE UNIVERSITY AT THE 3RD CONVOCATION LUNCHEON



THE CHANCELLOR, DR. DAVID OYEDEPO RELEASING THE BALLOONS AT THE 3RD CONVOCATION CEREMONY



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THE UNIVERSITY MAIN GATE IN 2012

THE UNIVERSITY MAIN GATE IN 2015



LANDMARK UNIVERSITY CLEARS PRIZES AT CODET COMPETITION



THE PRIZE WINNERS IN A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH WITH MEMBERS OF MANAGEMENT

Landmark University students emerged First, Second and Third positions at the 1st Zonal Engineering Students' Competition organized by the Committee of Deans of Engineering and Technology of Nigerian Universities (CODET). The competition which was hosted by the Faculty of Engineering, University of Abuja on the 2nd of June, 2016, featured four Universities – University of Ilorin, Federal University of Technology, Minna, University of Abuja and Landmark University, Omu-Aran – for the North Central Zone category.

The motive of CODET competition is to showcase and reward outstanding projects embarked upon by final year students of engineering and technology in Nigerian Universities and to further encourage best practices in the field towards national development. Dr Abiodun A. Okunola of the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Department, who led the students to the venue of the competition in Abuja, said the contest which produced the seven students that represented the University at the competition started at the University level where the Dean of College of Science and Engineering, Professor Clement Adegoke supervised the projects. "We will be going for the national competition towards the

end of this month where the six geo-political zones will be represented. We believe God that has helped us in the first and second phases will help us at the final stage to cart away, minimum, the first two positions," Dr Okunola added.

Also commenting on the landmark achievement, Dr Okunola said that the leap came as result of the enabling environment that the University provides. "Our laboratories have encouraged the students to embark on world-class projects. We have competent students who have the requisite knowledge because they have access to the state-of-the-art facilities. Presently, we are opened to intercontinental and international competitions to showcase our abilities, innovations and achievements," Dr Okunola noted.

The students, in jubilation of their victory at the zonal competition, praised the University for the enabling environment to discover, hone and exhibit their various skills. They also commended the commitment of their supervisors to the overall success from the beginning. The First Prize went to Okonkwo Clinton and Olumhense Gift of Agricultural & Biosystems Engineering Department for the production and testing of a Multi Crop Grain Cleaner, supervised by Dr

Abiodun Okunola. The Second Prize went to Chukwudebelu O. Lydia, Ezihe Ugonna H. and Olabode Ajibola of Civil Engineering Department for the development of a Light-weight Improved Double Roman Alternative Roofing Tiles (IDRT) using waste raw materials (paper) as additive, supervised by Professor C. Adegoke and Engr A.E. Modupe. The Third Prize went to Bajulaye Victor and Paul Joan of Electrical & Infor-

mation Engineering Department for the production and testing of a Fueleless Generator, supervised by Professor A.M.O. Obiazi. This is no doubt giving credence to the University's emergence as not only an ivory tower but also a centre for innovative academic engagements achieved through qualitative teaching and research for the development of both students and faculty.



THE THIRD PRIZE – A FUELESS GENERATOR BY BAJULAYE VICTOR AND PAUL JOAN OF ELECTRICAL & INFORMATION ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, SUPERVISED BY PROFESSOR A.M.O. OBIAZI.



THE SECOND PRIZE – LIGHT-WEIGHT IMPROVED DOUBLE ROMAN ALTERNATIVE ROOFING TILES (IDRT) USING WASTE RAW MATERIALS (PAPER) AS ADDITIVE BY CHUKWUDEBELU O. LYDIA, EZIHE UGONNA H. AND OLABODE AJIBOLA OF CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, SUPERVISED BY PROFESSOR C. ADEGOKE AND ENGR A.E. MODUPE.



THE FIRST PRIZE – MULTI CROP GRAIN CLEANER BY OKONKWO CLINTON AND OLUMHENSE GIFT OF AGRICULTURAL & BIOSYSTEMS ENGINEERING DEPT., SUPERVISED BY DR ABIODUN OKUNLOLA.



KING TOBI OLADIRAN

ON THE CAREER RUNG: LANDMARK UNIVERSITY ACCOUNTING STUDENT NOW CHARTERED

In many ways have the 21st century universities positively impacted their students. One of them is the effort to facilitate an all-round education built on students' capacity development towards the realization of their career prospects.

At Landmark University, opportunities abound for career attainment for the students. The University has prioritized collaborations with professional bodies of both national and international repute instituted to ascertain best practices in the various fields of academic endeavour such as the Institute of Chartered Accountant of Nigeria (ICAN), Association of Certified Chartered Accountants (ACCA), Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), etc.

Attaining full engraftment, the University has deemed it fit to uphold

the tenets of these bodies by making adequate provisions not only to meet but to also surpass the benchmarks. The experience is however not far-fetched as King Oladiran Tobi Ezekiel, a 300 level Accounting Student of the University availed himself of this opportunity to emerge the first Chartered Accountant in the history of the University. Meet King Tobi Oladiran as he made known his driving force, aspirations and challenges in an exclusive interview with the University's media personnel.

CAN WE MEET YOU?

My name is Oladiran Tobi Ezekiel, a 300-level Accounting student of Landmark University. I came from a family of four, and I am privileged to be the first born. I am twenty years old, born on October 3, 1995. I had my primary education in Our Lady Nursery and Primary School while I went to Cherubim

and Seraphim College for my secondary education, after which I gained admission into Landmark University.

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO CHOOSE YOUR COURSE OF STUDY?

It is my dream to study Accounting. Moreover, I was inspired by my father who is also a Chartered Accountant. Therefore, looking at the area in which my interest lies; as a business analyst and expert, I am inspired to get to the zenith in my field. Then the question came that what are the things I need to acquire to achieve this goal, I realized I will need accounting majorly to become a business expert, so that led me to study accounting now.

AS AN UNDERGRADUATE IN LANDMARK UNIVERSITY, HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO COMBINE SCHOOL WORKS WITH ICAN?

When I came to Landmark University

as a student, I was privileged to be elected as one of the student council members while I was doing Accounting Technicians' Scheme (ATS) that is like the first phase of ICAN. I was given the Hall Representative which I had to combine with my academics in the school. Hall Representative is a leadership position which I could not reject. I had to face the challenges of merging them altogether, but one thing I was able to do then was to set my priorities right.

I also learnt to manage my time effectively by engaging in more productive things. At a particular point, I was transferred from Hall Representative to the post of Assistant General Secretary (AGS) which increased my responsibilities, but I bless God, I was focused and consistent. I was also assisted by the then General Secretary whom I reported to. She advised me and also gave me time to study.

HOW HAS LANDMARK UNIVERSITY ASSISTED YOU IN ACHIEVING THIS?

First, the school environment is conducive for reading. Second, we have a well-equipped library here that can really help in whatsoever that one wants to learn. Also, there is E-Library which is useful in learning and research. In my field, there are current books that you can consult. In addition, we have committed and good lecturers we approach when we have questions in our fields.

So, I have been able to utilize all these for my good. Moreover, the school en-

courages good academic activities, for example, there was a time my exam was extended by one month, and the Registrar had to call me while I was at home to come for my registration and also advised me on my academics.

WHAT ARE THE MAJOR CHALLENGES YOU ENCOUNTERED IN ACHIEVING THIS GOAL?

Firstly, with the nature of this institution, we are not allowed to go out without permission; so, to get a good lecture centre for ICAN was very difficult for me and I didn't have friends I could consult for the level of paper I wanted to write. Also, the school calendar most of the time clashed with the ICAN timetable.

Another challenge is my level in school. The courses I am doing in school are different from the ones in ICAN. While one is academic, the other one is purely professional. So, I have to combine both. I remember sometimes last year, I had to travel to Lagos State where I was fortunate to get a good centre for lectures.

I slept in the class for three months and I received lectures Monday to Sunday, from morning till night. This became important because there were some basic things I needed to learn which could not be achieved with my private studies.

DO YOU STILL HAVE GOALS YOU ARE SETTING NOW ASIDE ICAN?

To me, I see ICAN as my first step to open other professional doors. It is just

a key to get to my professional field. The way people are looking at ICAN is not the way I look at it. Personally, I see it as a step; that is all. As a business analyst and expert, you need to know a lot of things not just accounting alone, so getting ICAN will only help enlarge my scope. I will be going for some other professional courses, too. So I am just starting.

AS A STUDENT, WHAT WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT DO YOU HAVE FOR YOUR MATES AND UPCOMING ONES?

They should know their purpose, know where they are going and be focused. Also, hard work, commitment, and consistency are good things you should make your watchword daily. Unfortunately, most of us know the right things but we do not do them. The Chancellor, Landmark University, Dr David Oyedepo does say he works according to his vision. So, a man without vision will be clueless. Know where you are going, work towards it, and with God, you will achieve your goals. No matter the challenge and setback, just know what you are doing.

For many, being ICAN certified is enough but for King Tobi Oladiran, it is a starting point to his career as he is currently undertaking professional courses of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

Leading The Agrarian Revolution: A Student's Testimony

"A revolution without a proof along the line is like a house without a roof. As the pioneer private agriculture-based University leading a revolution across the agrarian landscape, Landmark University is envisioned to end hunger and totally restore the dignity of the black man. Our graduates, christened 'Pathfinders' are groomed to make food available wherever they live in the world. The story of Lydia Mang, a First-Class Graduate of Agriculture and Nwosu Beneth Chukwuma, a 500 level student in the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering is a proof of the vision that birthed the University. The assertion of Stephanie Van Hook (2012), reechoes our commitment in every way, "Starting a revolution is like lighting a match; it risks becoming extinguished as quickly as it was lit. Sustaining a revolution, however, is like starting a fire, and ensuring that it has the fuel to burn as long as necessary. As an agent of change, I need that fire for as long as it takes for results to emerge, otherwise, I risk burn-out. How can we tell if our flame will prevail? We can know by checking our hearts: either we are burning with hatred and blame or with compassion and love."

The excerpt below would awake your horizon in every way:

A 500 LEVEL STUDENT OF AGRICULTURAL AND BIOSYSTEMS ENGINEERING COMMENCES HUGE FISH FARM

CAN YOU TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF ?

My name is Nwosu Beneth Chukwuma. I am a 500 Level student in the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering. I was born on the 2nd December 1993. I am from a family of four, the first child and the first son of my family. We are 2 boys & 2 girls in my family.

WHAT MOTIVATED YOU INTO FARMING?

First of all, I would like to thank the almighty God for His grace and His infinite mercy upon my life. It all started during the period I was suspended for one academic session. Rather than giving up, I decided to maximize my time. I was being led by the Holy Spirit after a three-day praying and fasting to read the book, "Maximising Destiny" by the Presiding Bishop of Living Faith Church Worldwide, Dr. David O. Oyedepo. After the successful completion of that book, my mentality changed; behold, the vision of Agricultural Revolution in this nation was revealed to me which is in line with the vision and



NWOSU BENETH CHUKWUMA

mission of Landmark University. Along the line, I keyed into the vision by engaging in fish farming irrespective of the fact that I encountered several challenges.

They, however, made me stronger as I overcame them by the special grace of God. I have gained a great deal of experience in fish farming because of my interaction with farmers who have 10-15 years of experience in the business. God blessed me with 8 earthen ponds in two and half plots of land in Ogun State and 8 wooden troughs in my house majorly for fish production (Breeding). These were initially managed by me alone before I decided to employ 5 workers as I was set to resume school. I supply fishes to Lagos and Ogun States as well as Benin Republic. I was able to pay 70% of my school fees from fish farming.

HAS THE VISION OF THE UNIVERSITY IMPACTED YOU IN ANY WAY?

Yes, it has impacted me deeply. The vision and mission of Landmark University have made me have a positive mindset as a youth towards farming. This has given me a platform to excel, promote self-reliance and drive agrarian revolution.

WHAT IS YOUR ADVICE FOR STUDENTS WHO WANT TO VENTURE IN AGRIBUSINESS?

I will give them full encouragement and support. In fact, one of the major problems we are facing in this nation is the lack of interest of the youths in agriculture. I discovered that majority of farmers are the retired officers joining the stark illiterate in the business of farming; hence the youths see farm-

ing as a “poor man business”. This is a wrong perspective and the negative mindset of our youths towards agriculture must be changed. I advise them to make the best out of their time by engaging in productive thinking.

Food crisis is a global concern due to the wrong mindset of Nigerians. Let us not just relax and expect a change but let us make that change happen. The road to success comes through hard work, determination and sacrifice. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, Deut.1vs28; Matt 6vs33 propelled me into supernatural insights, creative ideas and success. I hope to see all my fellow students at the top as solution providers.

HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO FUND IT?

After I caught the vision, I informed my mum about it. She never believed initially that I could suggest such a thing irrespective of the fact that she has not recovered from the shock and disappointment of my suspension from school in my final year. All along, she stood by me. Being a farmer (poultry farmer) who has been in the profession ever since I was born and also a distributor of feed mills, she therefore linked me up to the branch office of an Israeli company that deals majorly in the supply of fish feed. I had some money in my fixed deposit account which I had to collect in order to pursue my academic dreams.



BENNETH CHUKWUMA ON THE FARM WITH HIS WORKERS



THE FISHES IN THE EARTHEN PONDS OF BENNETH'S FARM



BENNETH CHUKWUMA FEEDING THE FISHES



FIRST-CLASS AGRICULTURAL PATHFINDER SET TO ESTABLISH FARM

Lydia Mang

A First Class Graduate of Agriculture

My name is Lydia Mang, from Mangu L.G.A., Plateau State. I am the last born of six children of my family, and I have always dreamed of being great and doing great things. I do have specific goals and plans that would help me achieve my dream. I know that everything I plan and hope to achieve can only be achieved with God leading me, and that is my whole foundation.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE LANDMARK UNIVERSITY?

I would say that I did not choose Landmark but Landmark University chose me because a lot of odds were against me coming here; but somehow, I overcame them. Before I came to Landmark University, all I had were ideas and thoughts (great ones, to be sure), but I was not motivated to do anything about them. As soon as I gained admission into the Landmark University, I

began to get a lot of motivation and I began to find direction.

WHY AGRICULTURE AND NOT MEDICINE?

To be honest, I did not really have a specific career plan before I gained admission into Landmark University. So, when my Pastor advised me to come to Landmark University to study Agriculture specifically, I did not have any problem with his suggestion.

WHAT ARE YOUR INTENTIONS NOW THAT YOU ARE A PATHFINDER?

My plan now is to start building my farm project. I had been farming even before I came to Landmark University. I have a new drive to expand and make a career out of it. I want to start with something that is relatively easy to manage before my NYSC and that would be fish farming. While I was in

Landmark University, I gathered a lot of information on many Agricultural enterprises. I have decided on specific crop products, mainly perennial fruit crops and those crops that tend to be seasonal; my plan is to help balance and regulate the prices of these crops throughout the year. I want to go into mixed farming because both animal and crop products are important and also it would reduce the cost of production in the long run.

The land to start is available right now, but I plan to expand; thanks to the loan the Chancellor has made available to Pathfinders. If I am able to access it, my plans for expansion would be possible even faster than expected. I want to have a hand in deciding what the economy of the country will look like.

WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO HAVE A FIRST CLASS IN AGRICULTURE?

First of all, my motivation was my fam-

ily; I just wanted to make them proud. Again, I love to be first class in everything I am doing; I always want to be a “wow” in my accomplishments.

This was my mindset in getting a First Class. In the end though, I know I did not do it on my own, it was God all through; though it was not easy.

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT?

My advice to the Federal government is that they should turn over the attention they are giving to the oil sector to the Agricultural sector. This is a song that has been sung to the point of being a cliché. But since every government agenda is to improve the econo-

my of the nation among other things, they must then see the wisdom in this.

They should form alliances with private universities and institutions that support Agriculture and promote such programmes. They should increase the amount of grants and loans for Agricultural enterprises; because surely, it does not take any special intelligence to see that Agriculture is one thing that can never fail, if you do it right.

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR THE YOUTH WHO DO NOT LIKE AGRICULTURE AT ALL?

Not many people appreciate the hard labour that is associated with farming, and this may be the reason for their lack of interest in the field; but Agricul-

ture is not all about hard labour. We are now in the era of mechanized farming, and if that is not visible, how about hiring labour (by so doing you have helped create employment).

There are many aspects of agriculture that are yet to be explored. If you have a positive mindset towards agriculture and believe that the survival of the nation depends on it, you will maximise the opportunities inherent in its value chain. However, if your concern is how to make money, it would interest you to know that your agricultural products would always be in demand and you would have money in return.

STUDENTS HOLD FIRST ELECTION IN LANDMARK UNIVERSITY

The process of constituting the 2016/2017 set of Landmark University Student Representative Council (LUSRC) was historic as it clearly demonstrated the whims of the University Management ably led by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan to foster a balanced academic community by organising the first democratic electioneering exercise for the student body between the 27th and 30th May, 2016.

For the University, it was an event to commemorate the 2016 Nigeria's De-

mocracy Day celebration. Fifty-eight (58) candidates who had undergone a thorough and transparent screening successfully were presented from the platforms of the Chaplaincy and Student Affairs to vie for the twenty-four (24) different offices in the election, except the student Chaplaincy, College and Hall Representatives that were selected.

Some of the criteria for nomination were candidate's academic strength, character, and mental and physical fitness, all of which were subjected to

the exclusive evaluation of the Registry, and the Directorates of Student Affairs and Health Services respectively.

As expected, their level of spirituality was deeply explored by the Chaplaincy as referenced in the book of 1Corinthians 3:14, “If any man's work abide which he hath built there upon, he shall receive a reward.”

At the campaign and manifestoes on the 27th May, 2016, the institution's commitment to the making of total men was exhibited as each aspirant



SOME OF THE CONTESTANTS DEBATING AT THE UNIVERSITY MULTIPURPOSE HALL

vibrantly wooed electorates with impressive profile showcasing their forte, skills, and advantages that await the student body if voted for.

On Sunday 29th of May 2016, the contestants debated on the role of agriculture in the on-going green revolution for sustainable national development as well as responding to questions bothering on students' welfare at the University Multipurpose Hall where students and some members of Management were present.

The debate was attended by the intending Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson (Male and Female), Executive Secretary, Financial Secretary and Public Relations Officer. Others were the Revolutionary Squad Commander, Welfare Secretary, Community Development

Secretary and Sport Coordinators.

The much anticipated day was the 30th May, 2016 when the students were caught up in the euphoria of choosing the candidates of their choice in the ten-hour E-voting exercise.

The electronic-voting system was carried out at the Computer Laboratories where voters cast their ballots electronically with their Matriculation numbers for their choice candidates. The teeming population of Students was not in any way a challenge as the process was peaceful, transparent, efficient and nonlaborious.

The election which was supervised by Management and Landmark University Student Leadership Electioneering Committee (LUSLEC) Chaired by the Director, University Wide Courses Pastor

James Ndako was highly commended and appreciated by the student body.

They believe the election was a step in the right direction as it would further bridge the gap between the University Management and the student body for an all-encompassing and robust academic experience. They expressed unreserved pride to be associated with the University for a successful high-tech Election being first of its kind in the history of the University.

They said the landmark achievement should serve as a model for other institutions in Nigeria and Africa at large. The election further confirmed the University's commitment to proffering solution to the challenge of organising free and fair election, as well as good leadership, in the Continent.

STUDENT AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE HOLDS ACADEMIC PARLEY



THE DEAN, STUDENT AFFAIRS, DR. RASAQ ANIMASHAHUN, WELCOMING STUDENTS TO THE PARLEY.



THE GUEST SPEAKER AT THE PARLEY, MR. JOEL ABOAH A FIRST-CLASS GRADUATE OF ACCOUNTING FROM COVENANT UNIVERSITY, OTA.

On 14th and 15th March, 2016, the Directorate of Student Affairs held a Parley to further strengthen the cordial relations that exists between the Directorate and the Students of the University. The parley also brought to bare practical examples that would have absolute effect on the academic performance of students. While intimating the students on the purpose of the parley, the Dean, Student Affairs, Dr. Rasaq Animashahun noted that the parley was to accord the Directorate explicit opportunity to make positive contributions to the academic lives of students.

He reiterated the Directorate's commitment towards fostering an effective relationship with the students. He assured the students that effective feedback mechanism has been put in place to ensure that the Management gets their response and heartbeat on issues from time-to-time. The Guest Speaker at the Parley, Mr. Joel Aboah, a First-Class Graduate of Accounting from Covenant University in 2014 spoke on "Making the Semester Count". He enunciated the need for students to have academic success during their stay in Landmark University. "A University is set up to offer education to students, and education is the bedrock of any society,

so if our society must develop, right education is a necessity. The challenges facing Nigeria as a nation are not new but you are the solution the world is waiting for," he remarked.

Mr. Aboah further stated that the principles of success are universal, though existing in different contexts. "Academics is not about graduating and getting a good job, it is about being a success as a person. Please, the first step to your success is believing that success is real." He added that the fundamental key to success in life is to recognise the place of God's grace, which he defined as divine ability and the need to have mentors that can motivate one to succeed.

Also speaking, the Director, Centre for Learning Resources, Mrs. Felicia Yusuf, reiterated the need for students to keep the standard they have imbibed through the University's core values. "Every student has high goal for life after school and the world out there is not what you think it is. Your stay at Landmark University is an investment into your future and the true test of the values you have imbibed would be validated when you leave the University because you are being packaged to be a total being."



THE STUDENT DRAMA GROUP IN A SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT THE PARLEY.

The Director University Wide Courses, Pastor James Ndako also charged the students on self-discipline and time consciousness in a topic captioned, "Paying Now to Play Later." Dwelling on time and the necessity for students to avoid laziness and procrastination, he practically enjoined students to be committed to utilizing their time judiciously, as the value they place on it would determine their outcome later in life. Other highlights of the Parley include a presentation by the Coordinator, International and Linkages Office, Dr. O. Dunsin on the summer programme scheduled for next vacation in

the UK. The Chairman, Student Agro-Revolution Committee, Mr. John Ofooluwa, a 500 level student of Mechanical Engineering also reiterated the need for the students to see themselves in the centre of Landmark University's vision.

"The benefit of the vision should be our focus because Landmark University's Vision is here to stay and we must all embrace it. If we are the best in Information Technology and not in Agriculture we have failed as a community."



A CROSS SECTION OF STUDENTS AT THE PARLEY.



PHOTO LIST

1. The Director, Centre for Learning Resources, Mrs. Felicia Yusuf making her presentation at the Parley
2. The Director, University Wide Courses, Pastor James Ndako charging the students on "Pay now and Play later", at the Parley
3. Dr. O. Dunsin of International Office and Linkages making presentation on the summer programme in the UK
4. Members of the Student Affairs Directorate, Student Representative Council and Guest Speaker at the Parley, Mr. Joel Aboah in a group photograph.
5. The Chairman, Student Agro-Revolution Committee, Mr. John Ofooluwa, a 500 level student of Mechanical Engineering charging students on the need for commitment to the University's vision.
6. The Sub-Dean, Student Affairs, Miss Fola Oyinloye giving the vote of thanks at the meeting

Students' Total Experiences in LANDMARK UNIVERSITY





Alumni's Testament



LMU DOORS ARE OPEN TO STUDENTS ACROSS DIVERSE SOCIAL STRATA

Being a pathfinder, for most of us is a challenge to manifest who we have been prophesied to be. It is quite easy to assume that most students of Landmark University are from affluent families but the reality is different. Despite being a world-class university, the doors have been opened to students across socioeconomic strata of the society. The Alumni base has not been any different and regardless of this diversity which also transcends borders, tribes and cultures, we have remained united in the vision of the University. Right from our days as undergraduates, there has been a daily reminder of the fact that we cannot afford to fail.

The future of Nigeria, Africa and the world as a whole depends on us. Despite the varying opinions of some of us at our undergraduate level about the intent of the system of

Landmark University, her core values have become the crust of who most Pathfinders have become today. The potent effect of the Landmark University system has resulted in great testimonies amongst Pathfinders even from our service year.

This result has been multifaceted for us as a body and even as individuals. We have Pathfinders sharing testimonies of award-winning impact during service year, career advancement, academic pursuit, entrepreneurial pursuit, agro-entrepreneur start-ups, vision pursuit home and abroad; all these and many more have been fuelled by the hunger to make a difference – to make impact, to make this world a better place. All these have been a pointer to one sure truth, Landmark University is not a man-initiated idea but a vision birthed by God.

The vision is so strong that it has made an indelible mark in the lives of all that have successfully gone through the mills at Landmark University. The Scripture says “We can do nothing against the truth but for the truth” (2Corinthians 13:8). The agricultural focus of the University is a strategic plan of

God to restore dignity to the black race and bring us to unquestionable relevance across the globe. But even beyond that, at the Alumni base, we are strongly focused on creating networks of change agents across the globe that would lead a revolution of change in all spheres of life.

HOW LANDMARK UNIVERSITY AFFECTED MY LIFE

– **Damilola Eluyela,**
Team Leader, Great Minds Foundation

Passing through Landmark University is an experience quite overwhelming. The University holds in its entirety a life-force agenda that has significantly affected not only those who had a first-hand encounter with her, but also the society at large. The University's seven core values entrenched in us are tools for socioeconomic re-engineering of our society. It all started on the 7th of October 2011 during a 3-Day Spiritual Week of Emphasis at Landmark University, Omu-Aran. At exactly 3:05pm, I saw where it was written concerning me, in the book of Isaiah 58:12, the mandate to serve humanity by transforming lives of the youths through the process of building up their mental faculty and raising future leaders. During the "Towards Total Graduate" (TTG) 2014, I was inspired by a word from the ministration of our Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo, who said, "When you live for yourself, you will end up a slave but when you live for others, you will end up a leader."

These encounters made my service year (NYSC) in Ogun State to remain a remarkable event in my life as the flagship project of the Great Minds Foundation tagged the "Secondary School Invasion" for SS1 students held on 8th May, 2015

at Commercial Grammar School, Ota. Great Minds Foundation held four (4) impactful outreaches, even in her maiden year.

We impacted 316 individuals through our outreaches and programmes in the year 2015 and this included visiting Ijamido Orphanage Home, Ota on 25th July 2015, delivering of school uniforms to the students of Nawar-u-deen Primary School, Iju-Ota on the 21st October, 2015 and reaching the mentally challenged children at Lady Atinuke Memorial Home, Badagary on 23rd December, 2015.



GREAT MINDS FOUNDATION TEAM DELIVERING SCHOOL UNIFORMS TO THE STUDENTS OF NAWAIR-U-DEEN PRIMARY SCHOOL, IJU-OTA ON 21 OCTOBER, 2015



GREAT MINDS FOUNDATION TEAM DONATING GIFTS TO IJAMIDO ORPHANAGE HOME, OTA ON 25 JULY 2015

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT in LANDMARK UNIVERSITY... Incredible Community Impact

Community Development activities started on the 3rd December, 2011 with the inauguration of the Liberation Army at the closing service of the 1st Kingdom Life Conference by the then University Chaplain, Pastor Victor Oluwadamilare on behalf of the Chancellor, Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Dr. David Oyedepo.

The Liberation Army has embarked on various community development outreaches which included visits to Orphanages, Aged and Disabled Homes, and Leprosarium where foodstuffs, clothing, toiletries and other essential items were donated both in Omu-Aran and other neighbouring communities in Kwara and Ekiti States.

Also, the Liberation Army has engaged in household chores, bathing the physically challenged, plating hairs for women and cutting the male hairs and environmental sanitation within and outside their houses.

Also touched by the predicaments of Oke Igbala Leprosarium, Liberation Army provided and commissioned a sustainable borehole with an overhead tank as well as three distribution taps in 2013. It has been organizing End-of-the-year Christmas party yearly for children in the University and Omu-Aran town since 2011, featuring varieties of entertaining programmes for the children with a lot of gifts from the Father Christmas.

Prison outreaches were also embarked on and the essential needs of the inmates were met with respect to donation of barbing and hair-dressing kits. Other notable developmental contributions were the provision of a traffic stand at the market roundabout in Omu-Aran.

In furtherance of LMU's community development the Landmark University Community Development Impact Initiatives Committee (LMUCDIIC) was inaugurated on 25th September, 2015 and the following activities have been carried out:

- Donation of foodstuffs and other essential household needs and medical services during outreaches to Hope Orphanage, Idofian on the 27th September, 2015;

Ini Oluwa Orphanage, Omu-Aran on the 28th September, 2015; Oke-Igbala Leprosarium on the 4th of October, 2015 with key members of University Management, Faculty, Staff and Students in attendance.

• Presentation of N72, 000.00 by Landmark University Alumni Association as scholarships for 6 students in Ini Oluwa Orphanage



MEMBERS OF LIBERATION ARMY IN FRONT OF THE STALLION HOLDING THE WATER TANKS AFTER THE COMMISSION OF OKE IGBALA BORE HOLE IN 2013



A CROSS SECTION OF CHILDREN HAVING FUN DURING THE 2015 CHRISTMAS GROTTO FOR CHILDREN WITHIN OMU-ARAN COMMUNITY



PRESENTATION OF CLOTHING MATERIALS TO HOPE ORPHANAGE BY THE MANAGEMENT LED BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN



SOME MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT DURING 2015 CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN WITHIN OMU-ARAN COMMUNITY



LMU-CDII CHAIRMAN, DR. ABIODUN OKUNOLA GIVING WELCOME REMARKS AT THE CAREER TALKS FOR ARTS & COMMERCIAL SECONDARY STUDENTS WITHIN OMU-ARAN AND ITS ENVIRONS



LOADING OF GIFT ITEMS FOR HOPE ORPHANAGE ILORIN ON CHANCELLOR'S 61ST BIRTHDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2015.



A CROSS SECTION OF LANDMARK UNIVERSITY SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AT CAREER COUNSELLING



THE VICE-CHANCELLOR PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN SHOWING LOVE TO THE CHILDREN AT INIOLUWA ORPHANAGE IN OMU-ARAN



THE REGISTRAR, DR DANIEL ROTIMI GIVING HIS REMARKS AT OKE-IGBALA LEPROSARIUM

- . Meeting with Omu-Aran Youth Forum in November, 2015 on areas of collaboration with respect to the establishment of Olomu Agricultural Farm, which is being processed.
- . Career Counselling Talks for SSS III Students on Science based courses on the 30th October, 2015, attracted over 200 students from 10 Secondary Schools in Omu-Aran. The career talks cut across Engineering, Medical sciences, Biological sciences, Physical sciences, and Agriculture sciences.
- . Career Counselling Talks for SSS III Students on Arts & Social Science courses on 27th November, 2015, attracted 81 students from four schools in Omu-Aran. Talks were given on choosing a career in Social Sciences, Administration, Education, Law, Language, and Communication Arts as well as Entrepreneurship.
- . Distribution of welfare materials was made to Ini Oluwa Orphanage and Oke Igbala Leprosarium on 31st January 2016 as a kind gesture demonstrated on the last day of annual Prayer & Fasting of the proprietor base (Living Faith Church Worldwide).
- . Free medical screening & counselling was conducted in driving operation 'Getting to Zero on HIV/ AIDS' at three selected locations in Omu Aran on the 10th September, 2015.
- . Counselling talks towards Valentine celebration for Secondary Schools in Omu-Aran attracted over 200 students from 6 Schools on 12th February, 2016. Seasoned health practitioner, Mrs. Felicia Bello, the Matron of the Landmark University Medical Centre as well as distinguished academic/youth counsellor, Dr. Mrs. Olubunmi Fadipe-Joseph were key speakers at the event.

The adolescent were enlightened on the myth, realities, and consequences confronting abuse of the celebration and were advised not to do what they like with their body being the temple of God but appreciate a sincere friend by sharing gifts, food and ideas as expression of love.



COUNSELING SECTION HANDLED BY DR JOSEPH OLISA & OTHER HEALTH PERSONNEL AT MOTOR CYCLE PARK IN OMU ARAN MARKET.



STUDENTS LISTENING WITH RAPT ATTENTION AT THE CAREER COUNSELLING HELD FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS IN OMU-ARAN AND ITS ENVIRONS.



PRESENTATION OF CLOTHING MATERIALS TO OKE-IGBALA LEPROSARIUM BY THE MANAGEMENT LED BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN

THE IMPACT OF OUR MEDICAL CENTRE IS SIMPLY AMAZING



Landmark University Medical Centre (LUMC) is designed to meet all health needs in the University and its neighbouring community. LUMC prides in giving satisfactory services to its clients. From the simple cases to the complex ones, without any doubt in our hearts, we can say that the impacts of the Centre in the first two years of its establishment have been huge.

We cannot but be in awe of the number of the people within the Landmark University community, and Omu-Aran (including Arandun, Rore, Ekan Meje, Ilofa, Egosi Ile, etc.) who have benefited from our services.

There was a case of a multiple pregnancies already condemned to a caesarian operation which was referred to our Centre in the company of a doctor from the referral hospital. It is amazing to say that this same patient gave birth to a set of twins unaided same day. Another case that readily comes to mind is that of a pre-term birth at 26weeks that was nursed at our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

The baby will soon celebrate her two year birthday anniversary to the glory of God. As a result of these achievements,

several other pre-term babies have been referred here from far and near and we have the same amazing outcomes. There was a particular case where the patient was brought in virtually dead with clear clinical signs, but today the boy lives on. Several surgical feats were recorded in terms of orthopaedic, vascular, plastic surgery etc. Worthy of note is the repair of a transected left forearm of an artisan at the elbow which was repaired with good functions in the limb. There are also several cases of cardiac arrest that our blue team has successfully resuscitated.

All the above cases can only suggest good medical success at Landmark University Medical Centre; a City that is set on a hill ... And the ground upon which this edifice is sited is a holy ground where "Gilead Balm" disgorges. In terms of impacts, LUMC has had clients from more than 15 States of the Federation with Abuja and has had several outreaches in Kwara State.

The Centre has nine areas of accreditation by NHIS. The Centre also has more than 15 royal highnesses as clients. Amongst others, the Centre is collaborating with several companies and NGOS on several projects.



MEDICAL LABORATORY PERSONNEL AT WORK



MEDICAL LABORATORY PERSONNEL AT WORK



A PATIENT UNDERGOING COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY (CT-SCAN)



MEDICAL EXPERTS CARRYING OUT CATARACT EXTRACTION



WORLD CLASS MEDICAL FACILITIES AT ONE OF THE THEATRES



THE CHANCELLOR, DR DAVID OYEDEPO IN THE COMPANY OF FORMER PRESIDENT OLUSEGUN OBASANJO ON A TOUR OF FACILITIES AT THE CENTRE



ULTRA-MODERN PATIENT WARD WITH BEST OF FACILITIES

LANDMARK UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT VENTURES

Landmark University Development Ventures (LMDV) also known as Directorate of Endowment and Resources Development Services was officially inaugurated in March 2011 by the Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo. It was established to oversee the business enterprises of the University community and drive the revolution of these enterprises through the forces of demand, supply, marketing, innovation and revenue generation. With the sole aim of creating global solutions through impactful services, LMDV provides innovative business ideas and services to the vision via value creation.

The business venture is working at a world-class pace to make the University a self-sufficient institution and this can be seen in our business strategies. Our possibility mentality approach to everyday issues of life has helped us to advance in the provisions of all necessary facilities needed by students and staff to enhance easy, safe, healthy and better living within the University community through our various enterprises.

LMU CAFETERIA

The cafeteria started with the provision of food, drinks and pastries but by the grace of God, we have introduced our own University products in varieties like Plantain chips, Landmark Milky biscuit and Munches Cube. The fast-growing University Cafeteria with expanding student population has been meeting the food/nutritional needs (continental and domestic dishes) of students, staff, visitors and the entire University community at large. With the state-of-the-art dining halls of 500 sitting capacity for everyone and 120 sitting capacity executive restaurant for the staff and University guest, the cafeteria has been a suitable venue for all occasions such as University buffet, dinner, cocktail, etc.

LMU BOOKSHOP/DOMINION BOOKSTORES

Various types of books ranging from academics, motivational, spiritual, to complimentary cards and all forms of stationery are stocked in the University Bookshop. It has been positioned to meet the learning, teaching and material needs of students and staff on campus.

LMU SHOPPING MALL

The Shopping Mall is a supermarket centrally located for

easy access by visitors, staff and students and it is stocked with a wide range of items including provisions, cosmetics, gift items, home and kitchen utensils at affordable prices.



LMU GUEST HOUSE

The University Guest House is an ultra-modern facility comparable to 3-star hotels. It is a home away from home. It has 50 standard rooms, 4 royal suites for lodgement at its full capacity, a standard restaurant and 250 sitting capacity conference hall. The Guest house also provides essential services for the convenience of our esteemed customers. Prioritizing customers' maximum satisfaction of the services, the facilities are managed by motivated and courteous staff, and it is affordable for all comers.

LMU BUSINESS CENTRE

The Business Centres are located in different parts of the University and are fully equipped with all kinds of machines such as photocopier, scanner, laminating machines, computer systems, etc. to service the University community.

LMU BUTTERIES

The Butteries are mini markets located at the male and female halls of residence to meet the immediate demands of the students in terms of provisions and toiletries.

LMU BAKERY

The University Bakery has been marked for its tasty pastries

and bread of different varieties: Delight loaf, Cocoa bread and wheat bread. This is strategically located to serve people of different age group, with delicious cakes among other confectioneries. It is fully equipped with 21st-century industrial machines that give room to lesser human contacts. Our ability to sustain quality and standard healthy production environment cannot be overemphasized.

LMU DEPOT

The soft drink depots stock supplies which include Coca-Cola, Pepsi and brands of refreshing drinks. The venture stands in as a major distributor of the products in the University community and also satisfies the interest of the school environs with varieties of drinks..

LMU BOUTIQUE

The University boutique stands among the best in terms of quality wears. It is located close to the shopping mall for easy access by commuters. Both corporate and casual wears including stockings, boxers/knickers/underpants, shirts, blouses, skirts, lady’s handbags, body accessories (wrist-watches, ties, bangles, earrings, beaded accessories, cufflinks, etc.) and shoes for both sexes are sold at low prices. We also have the extension of this unit at both halls of residence.

LMU TRANSPORT SERVICE

We render bus and cab shuttle services to make the movement of goods, staff, students and visitors easy and comfortable at a highly-discounted rate.

LMU ESSENTIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

We render essential services such as; hairdressing, barbing, tailoring and cobbling at halls of residence and strategic places on campus for easy access. Apart from the existing business arm, other arms have come up to satisfy the need of the University community like the Carwash with 24hrs services, Water factory under construction, the mill centre with dry food store. Above all, sourcing for materials at the cheapest price around for the comfort and convenience of the University community has been successfully driven.



THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN ON INSPECTION TO THE BOUTIQUE, AS THE MANAGER OF THE VENTURE, MR FEMI ADETIFA RESPONDS TO QUERIES FROM HER



THE EXQUISITE RESTAURANT AT THE GUEST HOUSE



WELL STOCKED SHOPPING MALL FOR DAILY NEEDS



THE ROYAL FACILITIES IN ONE OF THE ROOMS AT THE GUEST HOUSE



THE DOMINION BOOKSHOP WITH BOOKS FOR GREAT MINDS



Monumental

E V E N T S

THE VICE CHANCELLOR'S TAKE ON THE UNIVERSITY'S AGRIPRENEURSHIP

The 6th Matriculation Ceremony of the Landmark University could be described as another milestone in the annals of the University engagement. In an interview with the press men, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan, highlighted commitment of the University towards agribusiness and agripreneurship with a view to addressing economic challenges of the nation. She prides in the capacity of the University to take the lead in revamping the nation's economy via agriculture. Excerpts:

In your speech, you said that Landmark University can feed the nation, giving the capacity of the Brown Rice production in the University. We would like to know how feasible it is and moreover, do you think this nation can be self-sufficient in rice production such that rice importation will fizzle out?

We recognize that there has been a lot of hue and cry in the Press on how much Nigeria is spending on rice importation. A onetime Minister of Agriculture, Dr. Akinwumi Adesina attempted to stem the tide and recently the President of the nation, has begun the campaign.

We started out with a research effort in the FADAMA area of the Landmark University Research Farm with just one hectare and we actually cultivated the land and planted in September and by November we are already harvesting and most of us, from the harvest had our Christmas and New Year rice from the FADAMA rice plantation and it is the brown variant, it is very nutritious, not polished and it is in a natural form. What this has shown us is that it is pos-



THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN, DURING THE INTERVIEW SESSION WITH GENTLEMEN OF THE PRESS

sible for you to even feed Landmark University from this effort. There is the FADAMA land variant and right on this campus you can have both of them and you can even create an artificial FADAMA environment in terms of having the right platform to do that and we are taking this effort even beyond rice.

We are driving expansions. What this indicates is that if this can happen here we can begin to also identify farmers in Omu-Aran and its environs who will follow suit with a convincing result. Anybody would think that rice growing may not be a successful venture in this area, but you all can see it in the exhibition today and we can see how even individual homes are able to plant the right variant as you can even create your artificial FADAMA lands. On the 17th of December, 2015 we launched it and today it is on exhibition because we want to showcase this and see how many more persons can go into rice

production. I cannot imagine the number of millions of Naira Nigeria will be saving as we go in this direction. The land is fertile there is every scope for it and also a market, with this effort we can say Nigeria can grow her own rice.

What are those things that make your institution stand out as you matriculate the 6th set of students?

We have a compelling vision to drive an agrarian revolution. We are also stepping out to become a world class university which is not only just about running a regular University Calendar, but by raising global leaders that will go out and make a mark. When I was presenting my speech earlier on, I talked about the fact that the three pronged mission in this University emphasize value creation, adding value and inculcating this value in the life of the students to be sure that they are the example not just having a certificate but to have skills as well to show. Right now we are the

number one Private University on the Webometric Ranking platform (July 2015 Ed.) and you understand what this means in terms of research effort, visibility and academic exploits.

We are distinct in terms of cutting edge research activities with our state of the art laboratories which are very vital, if you are talking about mechanized industrial aspect of farming and agriculture. Ours is a departure from digging and tilling of land, we have moved from manual agricultural platforms to the mechanized based. We are also into agricultural development not just in planting but in agribusiness. Someone said not long ago that agribusiness is now the real gold, worth relying on than oil, especially now that naira is falling when placed side by side with dollar. We may not need to look in that

direction. Nigeria had groundnut pyramids before, also the rubber plantation and Nigerian Institute for Oil Palm Research (NIFOR) where Malaysia and Singapore took our seedlings to their country, produce and export the oil back to our country.

We are saying that this can be reversed. We can get back to seeing how even a graduate would be empowered and we have examples right here in our University where our students are making efforts in terms of fish farming. Some of them are paying seventy percent of their fees in terms of skills they are learning here. They do not just sit at home during holiday, but are practising what they have learnt and some of them have farm lands, orchards outside here so you can imagine what can happen if every family buys this idea.

We are now saying as a university we go into research on how we can get better seedlings, especially the genetically modified ones.

Also here in Landmark University, we are going into organic farming and there is a lot to learn from how it was done before. Our forefathers were successful farmers. There were things they did with preservation but now that we have a scientific base, we need to explore preservations to avoid wastage and put this into business. It will interest you that some of our students here are exporting agricultural products to neighbouring countries. And we are designing a new programme tagged 'Agripreneurship'. So with today's exhibition, you can see how we are going to practically put this to work.

LANDMARK UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES HER **FIFTH** FOUNDER'S DAY ANNIVERSARY AMIDST POMP AND PAGEANTRY



THE CHANCELLOR, DR. DAVID OYEDEPO LEADING MEMBERS OF UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT TO CUT THE FIFTH FOUNDER'S DAY ANNIVERSARY CAKE OF LANDMARK UNIVERSITY.

(INSET: ANNIVERSARY CAKE MADE WITH AGRARIAN FINESSE BY LMDV)

"5 years of Attaining New Frontiers in Driving an Agricultural Revolution for Africa"

Landmark University celebrates her Fifth Founder's Day Anniversary with pomp, pageantry and jubilations on 21st March 2016, when the University community expressed profound gratitude to God for His faithfulness and grace in the operations of the University till date. It was a colourful celebration at the cocktail party where the Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo admonished all the participants to avail themselves of the opportunity around them no matter the prevailing circumstances. He asserted that "the outcome of one's life is essentially a product of self commitment to one's

vision, so a giant is made out of his/her vision. The prevailing circumstances might want to overpower your vision; but if you want your vision to have capacity for expression, you must be totally committed to your vision.”

He reiterated the need to promptly respond to vision’s call as delay might endanger the vision in the long run, adding that one’s ideas might be bright and brilliant but it takes proper calculation to give them expression. He emphasized that “vision is a task, and every true visionary is on the task to make life

better, because visionaries are people of specifics. My life and your life is not depending on how right the people or the government, what matters is our contributions.”

He concluded his charge by calling on all and sundry to join the solution thinking army that makes contribution a lifestyle. Present at the cocktail party were members of the Chancellor’s entourage, Professor Shalom Chinedu and Professor Louise Egwari and members of LMU Management. Later in the evening, the University community

converged at the Multipurpose Hall for a thanksgiving service which featured a praise and worship session, short drama ministration, song ministration by the Tabernacle of Psalms and special presentation by the Word Casters. In his message, the Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo also charged the University community on having a heart of gratitude in recognition of God as the doer of the good things that have been happening in Landmark University. He encouraged everyone to embrace timely thanksgiving, which is the only expression of gratitude that counts.

LANDMARK UNIVERSITY HOSTS 2016 ADAN AGROPRENEURSHIP WORKSHOP

Doyens of Agricultural Sciences and Engineering across Nigerian Universities converged in Landmark University, Omu-Aran for the 2016 Association of Deans of Agriculture in Nigerian Universities (ADAN) Workshop Opening Ceremony on 10th May 2016. The four-day workshop tagged, “Agropreneurship: A Veritable Tool for Food Security and Economic Prosperity,” was aimed at establishing agricultural entrepreneurial studies in all Faculties of Agriculture in Nigeria. Also, it sought to develop curriculum for the training of potential agropreneurs on entrepreneurial skills, general management and accounting in agro projects in a bid to rescue the nation from the throes of food insecurity and unemployment.

While introducing the Association which has been in existence for 60years, the President, Professor F.

Morenike David-Abraham, said that it is expedient to organize the 2016 Workshop for the appraisal of existing agro-academic paradigms of various institutions in order to see how to factor in the immediate needs required for the nation to successfully surmount its food security challenge.

The workshop would, however, ensure the implementation of the new vision of agropreneurship that is considered critical for the advancement of Nigeria and enhance collaborations with relevant research institutes and bodies in the training of students of agriculture to be self-reliant. With the belief that



PARTICIPANTS AT 2016 ADAN AGROPRENEURSHIP WORKSHOP ON A TOUR TO THE SCREEN HOUSE AT THE TEACHING & RESEARCH FARM OF THE UNIVERSITY

“it takes a youth to convince a youth that agriculture is a business,” the Keynote Speaker, Mr. Innocent Ogirinye – Founder/National Coordinator of Youth Initiative for Sustainable Agriculture (YISA) Nigeria and Chief Executive Officer of Magpaty Farms – who is also a youth and farmer par excellence established in his keynote address that the youths are the future of agriculture.

It becomes advantageous that they are encouraged to have an apposite mindset towards agriculture by creating an

enabling environment and impacting the practical knowledge of agriculture on them. He added that more than any other sector of the economy, a sustainable growth in agriculture would yield a significant reduction in poverty.

He, therefore, warned that realizing food security and economic prosperity would be a mirage without requisite commitment and appreciable input to agriculture. He advised that there must be the political will to build a sustainable economy on agriculture against the

current hardship oil has put on the nation in recent time. Other highlighted areas for agro-economic change include educational curricula addition of on-farm practical to match classroom theoretical postulations; research on soil to verify research outcomes; access to market to reduce post-harvest losses; availability of farm technology; and access to credit facilities to encourage young farmers, and ensuring students’ researches focus on contemporary issues and implementing their recommendations.

LANDMARK UNIVERSITY HOSTS 2016 CHILDREN-IN-SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

An impressive population of 243 participants from 13 states of the Federation and science and technology students from 33 schools (Primary and Secondary) in Omu-Aran and environs converged in Landmark University for the 10th International Conference of Children in Science and Technology (CIST KWARA 2016) with the theme, “Exploring the Environment for Children in Science and Technology towards Sustainable Development”

between Tuesday, 24th and Thursday 26th May, 2016. The association which was inaugurated over two decades ago has been at the vanguard of catching “them” young for the popularisation of Science and Technology among children in Africa for self-reliance.

This year’s edition centred on the general wellbeing of children with a cursory look at the areas of Agriculture and food security, ICT for qualitative edu-

cation, gender and child rights issues, environmental and health-related matters, religion and culture, role of NGOs and CBOs among others, and scholarly papers were presented towards addressing persistent organic pollutants in the South-South Nigeria, internally displaced persons’ camps in the North-West Nigeria, continuous non-payment of salaries across the nation, and the Chibok girls release. However, the Keynote Address was delivered by the



Vice-Chancellor, Landmark University, Professor Aize Obayan and the Lead Paper on Food and Agriculture was presented by Professor Oluwafemi Victor Adeoluwa, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Development, Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti.

While delivering the Keynote address, the Vice-Chancellor brought to the fore the nexus between the goal of the association and the University’s vision. “The Association of Children-in-Science and Technology and Landmark University got connected to each other as they share in common the trait of total dedication to raising total graduates who are capable of impacting the world positively via technological innovations,” she said.

She also described the theme of the 10th International Conference as suitable at this time when “the environment is everything that makes up our surroundings and affects our ability to live a meaningful life ... Thus, learning occurs and interest is inspired in an environment that values and plans appropriate opportunities for children.”

The Vice-Chancellor, however, commended the role of the association in organizing and carrying out science education activities among children and youths to tackle unemployment, truancy, redundancy, and all other associated crimes and decadence prevailing in our society.



THE UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT, ABLY LED BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN, IN A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE CIST OFFICIALS AND THE STUDENTS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.



PROFESSOR O.V. ADEOLUWA, EKITI STATE UNIVERSITY DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR, DELIVERING THE LEAD PAPER AT 2016 CIST 10TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.



THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN IN A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH WITH MEMBERS OF MANAGEMENT, RECEIVING THE GIFT FROM THE OFFICIALS OF CHILDREN IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CIST).

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR RECEIVES 2016 CIST DIAMOND AWARD



THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN, BEING PRESENTED THE 2016 CIST DIAMOND AWARD FOR HER TOTAL SUPPORT TOWARDS THE POPULARISATION OF CHILDREN IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

On Thursday 26th May, 2016, the association of Children in Science and Technology (CIST) presented the Vice-Chancellor, Landmark University, Professor Aize Obayan a Diamond Award in recognition of her total support towards the popularization of Children-in-Science and Technology (CIST). The Award ceremony was done during the Association’s 10th International Conference (CIST KWARA 2016) held in the University. While making her remark on the Award, the Vice-Chancellor delightedly thanked the association and the children for the great honour. She said she received the award to the glory of God and on behalf of the entire Landmark University community, most especially the Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo.

According to the Director of CIST, Professor (Mrs) I. Ogunlade, the recipient, Professor Obayan has demonstrated rare commitment towards the success of the Conference by ensuring a landmark experience for all participants including the children. She, however, expressed appreciation on behalf of the association to the entire University community for being a major facilitator of the CIST KWARA 2016. Accompanying the Diamond Award were the Vice-Chancellor’s induction into the hall of Fellows of CIST and a presentation of gift from the children.

LANDMARK UNIVERSITY HOSTS 3RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE NIGERIA GEOPHYSICAL SOCIETY (NGS)

From Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 4th of February 2016, the Nigeria Geophysical Society (NGS) held her 3rd Annual International Conference at Landmark University with the theme, 'Space-Earth Environment for Sustainable Development'. Declaring the conference open, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Enoch Oyawoye, welcomed the participants from various Universities in Nigeria and abroad to the citadel of knowledge where spirituality goes hand in hand with academic excellence. Professor Obayan, who emphasized the importance of Geophysics and Space Management in this dispensation urged participants to deploy their knowledge towards making the nation and the entire world more comfortable to live in.

She said that the challenges of global warming and environmental degradation should challenge the geophysicists to brace up in their research efforts towards providing solutions and averting some of the natural disasters across the world. In his keynote address, Professor R.D. Olarinoye emphasized the importance of Geophysics to national and global development, stressing that "a geophysicist is broadminded to work in any sector; medicine, agriculture, environment, engineering to mention a few, so youths should be encouraged to study sciences". Professor Olarinoye informed the gathering that environmental education is important for national growth because it comprises health education and natural science which are key sectors needed for development.

He added that there should be awareness creation on sustainable environmental development through the use of natural resources. Professor Olarinoye made it known that

the department of Geophysics would be introduced in Landmark University to boost the agricultural value chain towards attaining new frontiers in driving her agrarian vision.

The President, Nigeria Geophysical Society, Dr. Elijah Falayi in his welcome speech, appreciated the Chancellor Dr. David Oyedepo, and the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan for the privilege given to the Society to hold her conference in Landmark University. He unfolded the scope of the conference which comprised Space Weather, Solar Physics, Communication, Magnetosphere/Troposphere, Meteorology, Remote Sensing, Geophysics, Geology, Geodesy and Surveying.

He said that the Nigeria Geophysical Society is an affiliate of the African Geophysical Society (AGS), which is a dynamic and inter-disciplinary international scientific association committed to the pursuit of understanding of earth and space for the benefit of mankind. He called on all participants to use the knowledge derivable from the conference for the development of our environment, schools and country as a whole.

Forty papers were presented at the conference with lead paper presentation done by some erudite scholars such as Professor Peter Olasehinde (UNILORIN), Professor J.O. Adeniyi and Professor R.D. Olarinoye (LMU), and other notable presenters. The conference was concluded on Thursday, 4th February, 2016, with a cocktail party where Management of Landmark University and some of the Executives of NGS and other participants at the conference interacted leading to outpour of goodwill messages, validating the state-of-the-art facilities available in Landmark University.



PARTICIPANTS IN A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH AT THE END OF THE NIGERIA GEOPHYSICAL SOCIETY (NGS) 3RD ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



A CROSS SECTION OF PARTICIPANTS AT THE NIGERIA GEOPHYSICAL SOCIETY (NGS) 3RD ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



PARTICIPANTS IN A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH WITH MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TRAINING

LANDMARK UNIVERSITY HOSTS 3RD ITOCA TRAIN- THE-TRAINERS WORKSHOP

Landmark University as a community experienced a delight in a gathering of intellectuals at the University Conference Hall, where the three-day ITOCA's Train-the-Trainers Workshop kicked off. ITOCA (Information Training and Outreach Centre for Africa) is a capacity building organisation aimed at enhancing information and communications technology (ICT) skills for African librarians, information specialists, scientists, researchers and students in Sub-Sahara Africa.

The Director, Centre for Learning Resources, Mrs. Felicia Yusuf, welcomed the participants, giving them a hint on the vision of the University and its collegiate system.

She said the College of Agricultural Sciences was the arrow head of all the Colleges while the Centre for Learning Resources was adjudged to be the hub around which all academic activities revolve. She lamented that the late realization and placement of information as a factor of production was a major gap nation of the world have been trying to bridge. Land, labour, capital and even

entrepreneurship cannot deliver optimally without adequate and relevant information. She, however, promised that the workshop was towards the emancipation of Africa from the shackles of ignominy.

This she described is in tandem with the vision of Landmark University which is to restore the dignity of the black race. The Country Representative ITOCA, Mrs Olayinka Fatokin in her remarks said ITOCA is an organization based in Centurion, South Africa and has been partnering with International Organizations such as UN, FAO, WHO, Cornell University, Rockefeller Foundation and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation over the past 16 years. She also added that ITOCA was a partner in The Essential Electronic Agricultural Library (TEEAL) project which started in 1999 and was founded by Cornell University.

She commended the University for being a selected leader in the TEEAL's project amongst other institutions in Nigeria. Highlighting the key aim of the training, she noted that the TEEAL training programme sought to increase the quality, effectiveness of research

in agricultural education and biological related sciences, which would contribute towards improving food security in the sub-Sahara Africa region. She appreciated the Management of the University whom she described as partners for qualitative academic research.



A CROSS SECTION OF PARTICIPANTS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY



PARTICIPANTS ON QUEUE FOR REGISTRATION BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE TRAINING

Amazing
Faculty
Recognition
Beyond Borders

LANDMARK UNIVERSITY WINS RESEARCH COLLABORATION WITH NASA SPACE CENTER USA



Likewise, on Saturday, 23rd April, 2016, Landmark University was represented by two (2) teams, namely: Landmark University Replug and Landmark University Genesys at the 2016 NASA Space App Challenge, Nigeria. The global competition which was hosted by the National Association of Computer Science Students, University of Ilorin Chapter, embraces collaborative problem solving with a goal of producing relevant open-source solutions to address global needs.

This is another giant stride in the ‘Breaking New ground’ drive of the University. To God alone be all the Glory.

The Management congratulated the University Community on the successful completion of Dr Adebessin’s (Department of Physical Sciences) Post-Doctoral Programme at NASA Base in the United States of America. His remarkable performance at the Base has opened up a platform for mutual relationship between NASA and Landmark University for collaboration in Research and Development. Also, he has been appointed as the Community Coordinated Modelling Centre (CCMC) Ambassador for West Africa.

Dr Adebessin, in an interview, described the NASA research engagements and the specifics of the collaboration

“Collaborative research is a scholarship engagement which allows University researchers, community members, and policy makers put knowledge together for better understanding of complex social challenges and designing and implementing research-based responses to those challenges.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is the agency of the United States Federal Government which is responsible for the civilian space programme as well as aeronautics and aerospace research. Our high priority is to foster and maintain a productive dialogue with all partners involved with universities in furthering their research and innovation activities. Universities are central to the research and innovation “ecosystem” and industry and business recognise the high value of this local proximity of expertise.

“Increasingly, too, the partner universities’ research networks with their international links are privileged pools for the ‘people-sourcing’ that industry and businesses consult on a local and global basis.”



THE HOD PHYSICAL SCIENCES DR. OLUFEMI ADEBESIN IN HIS OFFICE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE TO NASA



MEMBERS OF MANAGEMENT ARE PRAYING FOR DR. OLUFEMI ADEBESIN AT THE VICE-CHANCELLOR’S BOARD ROOM BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE TO NASA



DR. OLUFEMI ADEBESIN WALKING GALLANTLY OUT OF UNIVERSITY SENATE BUILDING AFTER HE WAS WISHED FARE WELL BY THE MANAGEMENT



ISOMETRIC VIEW OF THE FIRST COLLEGE BUILDING OF THE UNIVERSITY

LANDMARK UNIVERSITY FLAGS OFF “ZERO TOLERANCE FOR UNETHICAL PRACTICES IN EXAMINATIONS”



A CROSS SECTION OF STUDENTS APPENDING THEIR SIGNATURE TO THE PROJECT



THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN APPENDS HER SIGNATURE TO THE PROJECT

The Management of Landmark University led by Professor Aize Obayan launched a campaign tagged “Zero Tolerance for Unethical Practices in Examinations” as part of her frantic efforts towards maintaining excellence, integrity and spirituality that define the uniqueness of Landmark University. The event, which took place during the Tuesday and Thursday Chapel Services on 12th and 14th January respectively, witnessed a major presentation by the Chair, Examination Committee, Dr. M.O. Bamiro, who articulated the present and future implications of unethical practices in examinations on the University system, the nation and the world at large.

He asserted that Landmark University is a God-owned institution with a compelling mandate of doing only what will delight God, hence the adherence to departure philosophy of the University, and insistence on a zero tolerance for unethical practices in examinations. He added that Landmark University, an institution avowed to raise a new generation of leaders cannot afford to raise leaders that lack integrity. He concluded by citing from I Peter 2:9, “It is an abomination for a king to commit wickedness”. Therefore, Landmark University students, “Kings and Queens” as they are fondly called, were charged to see examination malpractice as an abomination before God which should be clearly avoided.

The Chair, Student Council Representative, Mr. Olaniyi Ademuyiwa described Landmark University as an institution founded on covenant principles which cannot afford to be associated with any form of examination malpractices. He, therefore, urged the student body to embrace the change, a new culture of alignment with ethical practices in examinations. Exposing further, the Registrar, Dr. Daniel Rotimi remarked that zero tolerance implies no tolerance at all and as a result, all students, Faculty and Staff were entering into a covenant to forestall unethical practices in examinations. In her remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan, said that the University was embarking on a fundamental



THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN ADDRESSING THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY DURING THE GATHERING

project which is in alignment with the Institution's Core Values. While thanking God for the success recorded in the previous examinations, she emphasized that "as a community, we are ready to drive zero tolerance for unethical practices in examinations". She also added that the launch of the project was a great way to approach the examination season, "knowing that we avoid anything that will compromise our future and the entire University".

She appreciated the Chair, Examination Committee, Dr. M.O. Bamiro, for his diligence in driving quality conduct of examinations in the University over the years. She concluded by quoting the immediate past President of South Africa, Thabo

Mbeki, "Africans will continue to be the subject of ignominy and contempt until such a time when they become demonstrable masters of their own destiny". The project of a clean white bill board, with the inscription "Zero Tolerance for Unethical Practices in Examinations," was unveiled by the University Management, led by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan.

The Vice-Chancellor took the lead in appending her signature on the board, signifying a formal and spiritual covenant to abide by the University's policy on Zero Tolerance for Unethical Practices in Examinations.



THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN LEADING MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT TO UNVEIL THE PROJECT



A CROSS SECTION OF STUDENTS AT THE GATHERING

LANDMARK UNIVERSITY HOLDS FIRST INAUGURAL LECTURE

On Thursday, 19th May 2016, Landmark University held her First Inaugural Lecture presented by the Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences, Professor Gideon Agbaje, titled "Agro-Innovation: Medicaments for Farmers' Predicaments and National Food Security."

In her welcome address, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan described the topic of the Inaugural Lecture as timely and in tandem with the vision of the University which forms the core of what the institution is driving as an entity. In her words, "An Inaugural Lecture is an extension

an atmosphere of enquiry, scholastic breakthroughs and the process of producing a crop of academic Professors whose works have continued to provide the platform for engaging the boundaries of knowledge which shows in the quality of the lecture being delivered.



THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN, GIVING HER REMARKS AT THE FIRST INAUGURAL LECTURE

of an old-age academic tradition that is celebrated among academics. Looking down history lane, Saint Thomas Aquinas gave his own Inaugural Lecture in 1256AD, and it has since been seen as a rite of passage by which an academic is inaugurated into the professorate. This entry is recognised among the rank of scholars by the presentation to the world of proven pedigree of scholarship and contributions; and in this process, he/she is being introduced to the general public spheres, to the deeper pathways of academic enquiry and the findings that his/her work represents. It is in keeping with the revered tradition that this Inaugural Lecture is being held today." She described the visionary, exemplary, transformational leadership of the Chancellor and the contributions of Faculty, Staff and Students as the medium which created

She described the Inaugural Lecturer as person who has distinguished himself through practical research in the field of Crop Science, and whose research publications have also earned him respect and recognition among his colleagues while noting that the lecture would be a journey of discovery and enlightenment as it brought to fore a road map for securing food and eradicating hunger.

In his lecture, Professor Gideon Agbaje stated that 'Predicaments' are the challenges farmers are facing today, while 'Medicaments' are the solutions he has proffered to end the predicaments. He, however, noted that the main farmers' predicament in Nigeria is poverty. "Poverty is rife in our society, seventy (70) percent of the people are poor, and the farmers' that produce ninety (90) percent of the food crops



THE INAUGURAL LECTURER, PROFESSOR GIDEON AGBAJE DELIVERING HIS LECTURE

in the country are worst hit. Ninety (90) percent of the rural dwellers engage in agriculture and the total rural population as at 2014, was estimated to be about ninety-five (95) million and this is fifty (50) percent of the total population in Nigeria.”

Other farmers’ predicaments he mentioned were subsistence level of production management which could hardly handle agricultural risk factors, unproductive agricultural sector bedevilled with limited investment and poor infrastructures and facilities like road, health services, water supply, land degradation, equipment and tractors, etc. “These challenges have led to the flight of the young ones to urban areas for white collar jobs, abandoning agriculture totally.” He further noted that for the country to achieve national food security, the government has to make the agricultural sector a productive industry through the application of innovative research results and multi-disciplinary research approach to food issues. Also, there must be an introduction of multiple diseases and pests resistant lines from advanced laboratories, and the introduction of greenhouses for all year crop production under the drip irrigation system.



L-R: THE INAUGURAL LECTURER, PROFESSOR GIDEON AGBAJE, VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN, REGISTRAR, DR. DANIEL ROTIMI AND AG. DEAN, COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & SOCIAL SCIENCES, PROFESSOR IFEANYIN ONYEONORU SINGING THE LMU ANTHEM.



A CROSS SECTION OF DIGNITARIES, SPECIAL GUESTS, FACULTY AND STAFF AT THE LECTURE



THE WIFE OF THE INAUGURAL LECTURER, MRS. MARGARET AGBAJE, HIS DAUGHTERS, (BLESSED, GBEMI) AND SON (OLUWADARA) AGBAJE AT THE INAUGURAL LECTURE



MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE AT THE FIRST INAUGURAL LECTURE



MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE AND MANAGEMENT IN A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH AT THE END OF THE LECTURE

LANDMARK UNIVERSITY FLAGS OFF THE “NEW FACE OF FARM PRACTICE”



THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN UNVEILING THE ‘NEW FACE OF FARM PRACTICE’.

All Universities across the globe are known for their areas of emphasis. Landmark University is envisioned to be a leading world class university, by spearheading an agrarian revolution, which makes her distinct as the first private University of Agriculture in Nigeria. In furtherance to its commitment to the agricultural revolution, the University community on Saturday, 7th November, 2015 officially flagged off the ‘New Face of Farm Practice’ at the University Multipurpose Hall.

Apparently elated with the enthusiasm shown by Faculty,

Staff and students to usher in a repackaged farm practice in the new session, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan emphasized the indispensability of food to mankind which justifies the University’s quest for driving an agrarian revolution and the launching of the new face of farm practice with a declaration of a zero tolerance for hunger in the society. She remarked, “It would be a sin for a child in Omu-Aran or anyone in Kwara State to go to bed hungry, with this vision right in our hearts and hands. This new face of farm practice is all about insight and new dimension”.

She enjoined the students to look beyond the certificate they want to obtain from the University and crave for skills through farm practice, which would empower them in the world of work. “It is a new dawn for Landmark University’s agrarian revolution because very soon, United Nations and Agricultural Institutions would begin to demand for our farm produce. Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy 11:9, she officially flagged off and unveiled the ‘New Face of Farm Practice’. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan unveiling the ‘New Face of Farm Practice’.

Present at the programme was the General Manager, Kwara State Television, Alhaji Abdulfatah Adewale Adebowale, who also holds the title of ‘Member Order



A CROSS SECTION FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PRESS AT THE UNVEILING OF THE ‘NEW FACE OF FARM PRACTICE’.

of Landmark University Community' (MOLMUC), as conferred on him by the Management of the University on his first visit to the University. In his remarks, he expressed delight in the uniqueness of the University, saying "Landmark University is leading a revolution and it gives me immense honour being around the revolutionists that would restore the lost glory of the Black man." While extolling the commitment and investment of the Chancellor to the University, he stated that Dr. David Oyedepo is an individual who had beaten the government to it, in terms of his passion and drive for the cause of humanity. While encouraging the University not to relent despite challenges envisaged, he advised the students to allow the Landmark University to pass through then rather than their just passing through the University.

The Registrar, Dr. Daniel Rotimi who called for a renewal of commitment of all staff and students to the new face of farm practice, noted that practice is what validates any knowledge in a scheme. Reiterating the vision of Land

mark University, the Registrar said that "as a world class University, what makes us unique is the agrarian drive. Our Agriculture is not practiced in the office or the in the class room but on the farm, where nature resides. It is only our drive and commitments that can make it succeed." The Director, Landmark University Farms, Dr. John Izebere appreciated the Management and the University community for the success of the day. He implored everyone to employ the farm practice judiciously as there are divine incentives for those who commit themselves to engaging the earth meaningfully.

While unveiling the 'New Face of Farm Practice,' the Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences and Chairman, University Farm Board, Professor Gideon Agbaje noted that the new face is a frontier that would launch the University into regaining the Garden of Eden on Earth. "Eden is a land filled with milk and honey and this new face of farm practice has been packaged to train agricultural entrepreneurs. He further dedicated the new face to God and called for the support of all members of the community to work towards attaining the set objectives for the new face.

The immediate past Chairman Agrarian Revolution Committee, Dr. K. Adegbite highlighted the areas of specialization for the new face of farm practice, and announced that operations would be performed in modules and all members of the community, both staff and students have been grouped for effective participation.

He also introduced the members of the committee to the University for identification and follow-up. After the official flag off, the University community and the Kwara Television crew moved to various farm locations within the University to see what was on ground.



THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN, DRIVES THE TRACTOR FROM THE MULTIPURPOSE HALL TO THE TEACHING AND RESEARCH FARM. THE GM, KWARA TV, ADEWALE ADEBOWALE, AND OTHERS ARE EXCITED ON THE BOARD.



THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN, LEADS THE GM, KWARA TV, ADEWALE ADEBOWALE, WITH GENTLEMEN OF THE PRESS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF MANAGEMENT TO THE FADAMA RICE PLANTATION OF THE UNIVERSITY.

LANDMARK UNIVERSITY FARM PRODUCTS STORM ILORIN



L-R: THE REGISTRAR, DR DANIEL ROTIMI, THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN (CENTRE) AND THE DIRECTOR, CENTRE FOR LEARNING RESOURCES, MRS. FELICIA YUSUF (EXTREME RIGHT) DISPLAYING DRY FISH FOR SALE AT ILORIN

Landmark University launched her products awareness campaign in Ilorin, Kwara State, on Friday 26th February, 2016. Some of the products exhibited at the maiden marketing campaign included the FADAMA brown rice, grilled and frozen chicken, eggs, dry and fresh fish, processed snail, and bread. The Ilorin Outreach fondly tagged “M-gelism”, recorded a massive turn out of people and availed them the opportunity of interacting with the representatives of the University on the products and services available at the first private agriculture-based University located in Omu-Aran.

The sales team led by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan, arrived at the Landmark University sales outlet located at the former Midland building, along Emirs Road, Ilorin, at about 9:00am, where the awareness campaign on the University products took place. Expectedly, many residents participated in the fair, demonstrating eagerness to know more about the University and her products. Some of them who commented on the products said that they were looking forward to witnessing more of such marketing outreaches from Landmark University, describing the outing as a rare privilege given to the city dwellers to purchase fresh farm produce at affordable prices. Consequently, some traders in staple foods registered with the University as potential customers and distributors of her farm products.

Addressing the people, the Registrar, Landmark University, Dr. Daniel Rotimi gave an assurance that the sales team would be in Ilorin every fortnight, adding that the products would soon become household items, because the school is intensifying efforts at making them available in large quantities and at affordable prices to all and sundry. The team later proceeded to Offa Garage area to sell the products before returning to Omu-Aran. It was a well-thought-out sale driven campaign with a trail of expressions of impressive support for the University’s marketing strategies and acceptance of her products from the external context.



L-R: THE CUSTOMERS ARE QUEUING TO BUY LANDMARK UNIVERSITY DELIGHT BREAD AT ILORIN

Landmark University meets **NAFDAC** towards **Market Authorisation**

The Management of the University ably led by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan, met the regulatory officers of the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), Ilorin Office on Tuesday 19th April, 2016. The Vice-Chancellor, who expressed her pleasure receiving the team on behalf of the Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo, commended the agency for their quick response to University's call in such a time as that when the University was ready to spread her entrepreneurial tentacles to the whole world in line with her vision.

"Our commitment to the agrarian revolution is properly articulated in our vision and evident in what you are seeing on campus... I see that which you are also driving is very much part of our vision in terms of the regulatory practices, quality control and assurance as far as best practices with respect to production, health and hygiene are concerned," she noted.

Professor Obayan assured them that Landmark University will not be associated with negative practices by way of circumventing or sabotaging the mis-

sion of the agency, emphasizing that, "in alignment with our vision and core values, being right on track in terms of regulatory practices is very important. We wouldn't want our products to be out there without being approved. This is why we have gone this length to secure the approval of your agency because we are ready to launch them out.

We have tested them as you would expect us to have done and there is quite a lot of acceptance." She disclosed that the University is unrelenting in terms of what it stands for as it will ensure that graduation from the University will not only be about certificates but also adequate impartation of entrepreneurial skills which will be replicated by the graduates in relations to their being pathfinders, change agents, global leaders and entrepreneurs, adding that, "all in all, our drive and quest is to see how we make viable contributions to the food security gaps in Nigeria."

Particularly, she appreciated the effort of Dr Ademola Adebajo, Dr Charles Okoli and Mr Alejlowo who had been playing the internal regulatory role in the University to ensure that the enterprise drive was sustained.

As a result of this, Professor Obayan, in line with the next phase of project implementation especially the Centre for Entrepreneur Development Studies in the University and the recommendation of the internal and external product regulatory teams, promised that by the next call on the NAFDAC team, the University would have been ready for full authorisation.

While introducing the members of the team to the Management, the leader, Mr. Joseph Benjamin a Medical Laboratory Scientist, expressed how enthralled they felt about the warm reception of the Management team of the University. He explained that the organisation had the ultimate mandate of safeguarding the nation by checking illicit and counterfeit products in Nigeria. He emphasized the importance of NAFDAC authorisation to any product. Relaying the outcome of the evaluation carried out by the team on the University's production chain and facilities, Mr. Benjamin commended the efforts of the University at ensuring a sustainable development in the enterprise arm compared to what it used to be when he first visited two years ago.

He said the products which fall under food and cosmetics categories had been checked against the minimum requirements and just as they were, with few recommendations and suggestions, the University's products were good for authorisation. No doubt, this is another colossal stride towards attaining the world-class status by revolutionizing research and validating the intellectual dimensions of the University in its drive to solving the nation's myriad of problems.



MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT IN A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE NAFDAC OFFICIALS

LANDMARK UNIVERSITY ON A PARTNERSHIP PATH WITH SHARP MIDDLE EAST

As part of the efforts of the new Management led by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan to integrate Landmark University into the comity of World Class Universities, the University has taken a giant step towards achieving the lofty goal. On the 18th of September 2015, the University played host to Sales Executives of Sharp Corporation Middle East, at the office of the Vice-Chancellor.

The Sharp Corporation is a Japanese multinational corporation that designs and manufactures electronic products, with Headquarters in Abenoku, Osaka, Japan. The Sales Manager, Business Solutions Division of Sharp Middle East, Mr Sunny Bhaskar Bangera, stated that Sharp was introducing visual solutions to education across the globe to enhance learning among students of higher institutions. Mr Bhaskar said that the use of Electronic (SMART) Boards in the class rooms for teaching students is to make learning materials and environment more conducive for optimal performance. He further high-

lighted opportunities for partnership with the University. "Sharp Technology in Japan can collaborate with your University by training some students and faculty between 2-3 years; your University can get a lot from this." He added that Sharp would not just bring the Screen Board Technology in terms of Hardware and Software, but also provide technical support and training for technical staff who will operate them.

In her response, on behalf of the University, Professor Aize Obayan stated that Digital Touch Screens are very attractive to a campus like Landmark University. "We are running a world class University and we want our students, staff and faculty to be world class through cutting edge technology."

Highlighting the areas the University wanted collaboration, she said that the University's emphasis is on Agribusiness, Science and the construction of Agric Park in the nearest future. She enjoined the representatives of Sharp to bring on board Corporate Social Responsibilities the University could

benefit from, even as the University drives an agrarian mandate. Showing the University's commitment to partner in an endearing engagement she said "we believe, we can work together because we are glad to have you here at Landmark University." Fundamentally, an interactive whiteboard (Digital Screen) combines a dry erase whiteboard with an LCD projector and is usually mounted on a wall or floor stand. Powered by easy-to-use software, the white board becomes a computer screen viewable by an entire classroom.

The projector projects the content from a computer onto the surface of the board while the lecturer controls the content either with a pointer or a touch of the hand instead of a keyboard and mouse. The combination of software with the projector gives quality results. The interactive board turns a typical classroom into a fun-learning environment. It enriches classrooms in several ways by providing hands on collaboration and creating the perfect learning setting.



THE MEMBERS OF MANAGEMENT IN A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE TEAM FROM SHARP CORPORATION



THE MEMBERS OF MANAGEMENT IN A CRUCIAL MEETING WITH THE TEAM FROM SHARP CORPORATION

LANDMARK UNIVERSITY RECEIVES ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS (ACCA)

On Tuesday, 24th November 2015, the University Management led by Professor Aize Obayan received Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA). Founded in 1904, the ACCA has its headquarters in London with the principal administrative office in Glasgow. It is recognized by employers worldwide for its innovation and excellence towards enhancing the accounting profession globally. Towards marking ACCA's 10 years of existence in Nigeria, its representatives touched base with the Management of Landmark University for collaboration purposes.

In his welcome remarks, the Registrar, Dr. Daniel Rotimi intimated the representatives of the ACCA with the vision of the University, stressing its agrarian revolution mandate to banish hunger and restore the dignity of the black race. He said that "Landmark University is a land of unlimited possibilities because we are 'possibilitarians';" hence the University has released two sets of the 'Pathfinders' who are excelling in various human endeavours. The Dean, College of Business and Social Sciences, Dr. Tony Nwanji gave a brief account on how the ACCA could certify various programmes represented in the College.

As the largest Accounting Association in the world, the Dean expressed confidence in the ACCA's proposal to partner with the University which produced the graduate who is ranked 5th in performance at the ACCA June 2015 diet in Nigeria. He stated that Miss Roselyn Hermas-Efenudu graduated from the Department of Accounting and Finance and took successfully the ACCA June 2015 diet. On the basis of her performance at the diet, "Roselyn is currently ranked number 5 in Nigeria and 16 in the world," the Dean submitted.

Speaking passionately on his impression about the University, the ACCA's Education and Learning Manager for Nigeria, Mr. Victor Ayoola said, "I am overwhelmed to see what is on ground here and the interest of your students in ACCA is also encouraging." He further commended the University for exploring new frontiers of knowledge which is transmitted to students with commitment, adding that ACCA is poised to make each student suitably ready for the job market with requisite ethics and values. He highlighted the areas where the Association would like to partner with the University: open access to ACCA certification to anyone interested, ACCA Accreditation that would give graduates of the

University 7-9 exemptions, establishing an ACCA Centre at Landmark University, jointly organized training sessions and train-the-trainers' programmes. Also, speaking, the ACCA's Business Development Manager for Nigeria, Mr. Charles Awhewhejiri said "I have seen a private University that is the best. My main focus is what we can do in the interest of Landmark University and the Students." He gave assurance that Landmark University could become an accredited centre for ACCA in less than three (3) months because all the facilities needed were on ground.

While positioning the partnership within the context of the University's Core-Values, he noted that ACCA is known for openness, global mobility and sustainability, therefore the two institutions have things in common to aid and promote the University globally. In her remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan commended the team for their humbling comments about the University. She noted that, "Landmark University is set to take on board this challenge in terms of driving the next frontiers because our goal is to drive an agrarian revolution for Africa."

Appreciating the professional competence of ACCA, she noted that the knowledge and skills the Association promotes could make graduate of the University sought after individuals, as they were being raised to be global leaders through the Total Man Concept and Towards Total Graduate Programme of the University. "Globally the terrain is changing, we will need our graduates to be competent in terms of breaking new grounds wherever they are found. ACCA promotes eagerness to get students ready for the world of work and this is also what we strongly believe in, "the Vice-Chancellor emphasized.



THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN (CENTRE) LEADS OTHER MEMBERS OF MANAGEMENT TO DISPLAY THE ACCA SOUVENIR PRESENTED BY THE TEAM

MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE COUNCIL OF NIGERIA (MLSCN) VISITS LANDMARK UNIVERSITY

On Friday, 11th December 2015, the Management of Landmark University received the representatives of the Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria (MLSCN). The purpose of the visit was to carry out an assessment of the facilities in the Medical Laboratories of the University in preparation for the accreditation by the Council.

The Council is a Statutory Regulatory Agency for the practice of Medical Laboratory services in Nigeria, and it is committed to maintaining a culture of quality in providing Medical Laboratory services to the public. The Registrar, Dr. Daniel Rotimi welcomed members of the Council on behalf of Management and described Landmark University as a unique institution which is setting the standard for others to follow.

“Our students are called ‘Kings and Queens’ while our graduates are fondly referred to as Pathfinders and are trained to set standards wherever they

are.” The team leader of the Council, a Deputy Director, MLSCN, Elder Onyenucheya Mbuko congratulated the University for her achievements thus far.

He expressed delight in the quality of facilities available at the Medical Laboratories of the University. He appreciated the input of the Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo and the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan, towards promoting excellence as demonstrated in the vision and management of the University. He remarked, “We are impressed with the quality of staff and the functional equipments in the Laboratories; we know that the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor will stop at nothing to maintain excellence.”

He further made a presentation to members of Management, on the areas that needed to be improved on, in line with the global best practices. In her remarks, the Vice-Chancellor

appreciated the representatives of the Council and assured them of continuous improvement at all levels of the University’s operations. She commended the efforts of the Council for driving quality in the Medical Laboratory Sciences. She reiterated that the Proprietor base would stop at nothing to ensure that quality is continuously driven because we want to show our students how things are done, so that upon graduation, they would showcase excellence and exemplary leadership skills to the whole world.

She enjoined members of the Council to consider themselves as partners with the University, as their suggestions would always be welcomed. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Enoch Oyawoye gave the vote of thanks and wished the representatives of the Council a “glory to glory” experience for visiting the University in the season of Shiloh 2015.



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1. THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN PRESENTING UNIVERSITY SOUVENIR TO THE TEAM LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, A DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MLSCN, ELDER ONYENUCHEYA MBUKO
2. THE MANAGEMENT OF LANDMARK UNIVERSITY RECEIVING THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE COUNCIL OF NIGERIA (MLSCN)
3. THE MANAGEMENT OF LANDMARK UNIVERSITY IN A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE COUNCIL OF NIGERIA (MLSCN)

THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT AGENDA: LANDMARK UNIVERSITY'S FOCUS



AFRICAN GREEN REVOLUTION

Once upon a time, Wallace looked inwards for a way to help the Mexicans. He proposed to Raymond Fosdick, the President of the Rockefeller Foundation at the time to 'Increase the yield per acre of corn and beans in Mexico, and you would do more for the country and its people than by any other means' (The Rockefeller Foundation 2006: 2-4). Efforts in this direction are not uncommon in Nigeria, taking her as a microcosm of the African continent. Such were the earliest various agricultural intensification drives whose focus was on increasing productive capacity of export crops at the expense of staple crops which ultimately led to the nation's inability to feed itself and the dominant reliance on exportations. In the same vein, arguably though, the inimical effects of an economy largely dependent on crude oil are enough indices of the need for a paradigm change to dislodge the albatross.

At the vanguard of salvaging Nigeria and the Africa continent at large from economic quagmire is Landmark University – the private Christian university established in the early 2011 with a vision to “be a leading world-class university by spearheading an agrarian revolution on the African continent through the exploration of hidden

treasures in the Mother-Earth thereby restoring the dignity of the black race.” Recognizing the enormous potential inherent in Africa's lands and oceans, men and women alike, not only to feed itself and eradicate hunger and food insecurity, but also to be a major player in global food markets, the University has made agricultural practices central to its commitment towards African development with a long-term projection. The University entrenches its student population in the agriculture and empowers them with the agri-skills that will make them world leaders, job creators, solution providers, etc. It is believed that a culture imbued in the younger generation is better preserved for lengthy life-span.

Agriculture forms a significant portion of the economies of all African countries, contributing towards major continental priorities, such as eradicating poverty and hunger, boosting intra-Africa trade and investments, ensuring rapid industrialization and economic diversification. Other priorities in Africa include sustainable resource, environmental management, and creation of jobs, human security and shared prosperity. According to the World Bank (2010), for every one per cent growth in agriculture, poverty reduces by as

much as two per cent. At 5, Landmark University can boast of an appreciable percentage of brown rice, corn, gari, Fresh and processed chicken, eggs, snail, cattle, goat and tomatoes to combat the scourge of hunger in its immediate environment. These landmark efforts are major in making food available and accessible to the African population.

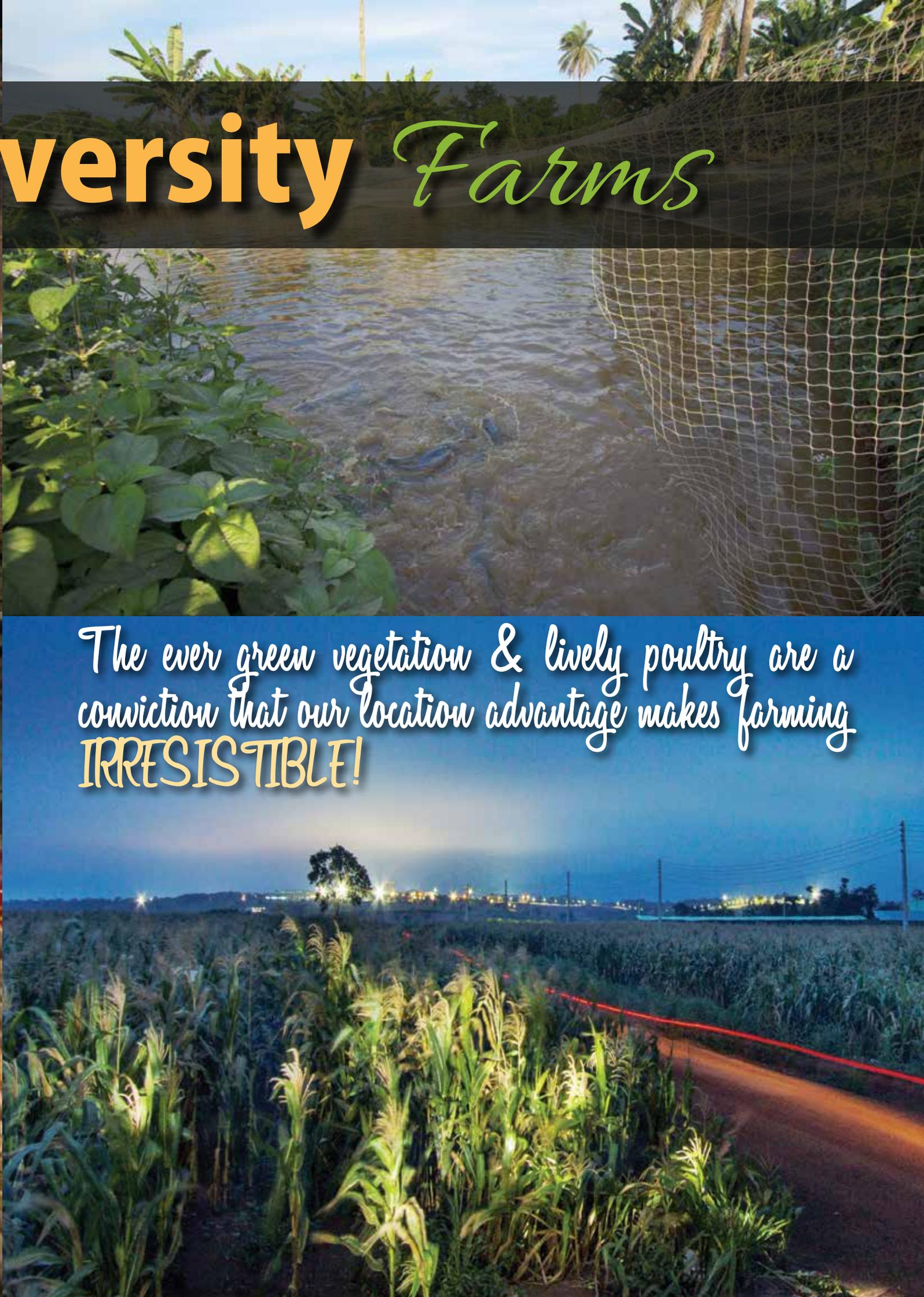
Year by year, the per-capita food production has continued to worsen in Africa due to poor infrastructure, lack of access to farming inputs, inefficient agricultural extension delivery system, fragmented land holding, droughts, etc. Landmark University has therefore explored innovative technology, and competent manpower in the agricultural industry to drive mechanized agricultural practices for high a turnover. It has created a large network of traders to distribute its products to the public.

Validating agriculture as the largest employer of labour, the University has provided employment for a number of personnel, skilled and unskilled, working daily on the University Farms for gross production and distribution. In doing so, an appreciable number of the unemployed population has been rescued from the psychological trauma of joblessness.

Landmark University is obviously, an icon of excellence, with state-of-the-art facilities and friendly ambience that reveal the ingenuity and patriotism of one earnest man, a great visionary exemplary leader, Dr David O. Oyedepo who caught the vision of Landmark University. One cannot stop expressing gratitude to God for His grace that has kept the vision thus far. The University is poised to assert relevance and command influence globally, by providing solutions to human needs, chief of which is food.

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iversity Farms

The ever green vegetation & lively poultry are a conviction that our location advantage makes farming **IRRESISTIBLE!**

AGROPRENEURSHIP

More Than 10 REASONS You Should Consider MUSHROOM PRODUCTION

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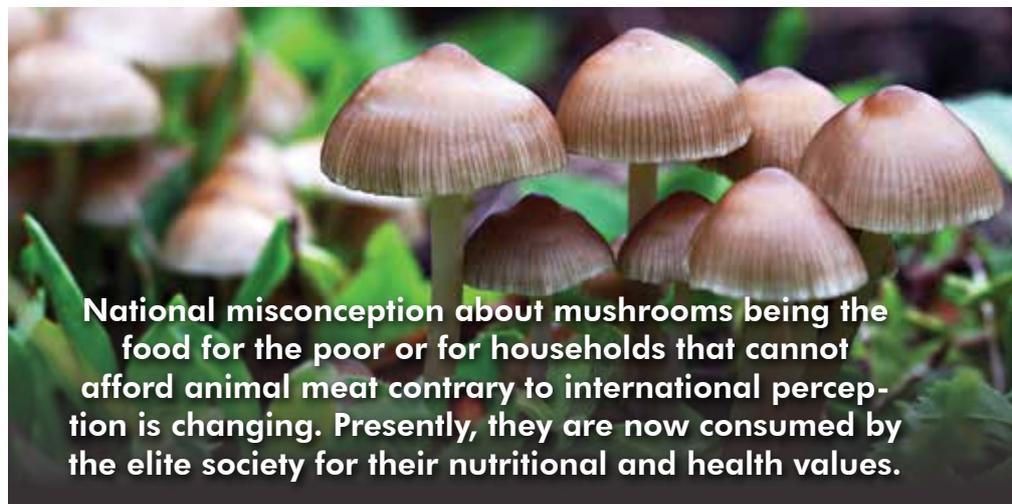
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Mushroom production (fungiculture or myciculture) is used interchangeably with mushroom cultivation or domestication. It is the process of growing mushrooms outside the wild or breaking their seasonality. Mushroom production is ostracized as a fundamental component of agriculture and often neglected in agricultural policies in spite of its huge market potential.

Mushroom demand is increasing in many parts of the world due to their exploit in medicine, remediation of waste lands, agriculture and pharmacopeia. This is slowly improving interest in mushroom domestication in Nigeria. Mushroom production is present

in over 100 countries of the world with less than 2% of production in Africa. Commercial mushroom production in

Africa is underdeveloped and under-competes with Heliciculture (snail farming), poultry and fishery.



National misconception about mushrooms being the food for the poor or for households that cannot afford animal meat contrary to international perception is changing. Presently, they are now consumed by the elite society for their nutritional and health values.

Table: Common wastes used in mushroom cultivation and their sources.

s/n	WASTE	SOURCE
	Agrowaste	
1	Beans pod/trash	Beans Farms
2	Barley straw/hay	Barley Farms
3	Cassava peeling	Cassava flour mills, Local garri production houses, Cassava Farms
4	Cocoa pods	Cocoa Farms, Chocolate, Coffee Factories
5	Coconut fruit ùbres/fronds	Coconut Plantations, Coconut Processing Factories
6	Cocoa yam peelings	Cocoa Yam Farms and Homes
7	Corn cobs/straw/stalk	Farms, Local markets and Homes
8	Farm/yard/garden clearing	Home gardens
9	Forest litters/leaf falls	Forests, Plantations
10	Groundnut shells	Farms and Local markets
11	logs	Forests and Plantations
12	Plantain/Banana peelings	Local plantain flour mills, homes, local markets
13	Rice Straw/chaffs	Rice farms
14	Wheat straw/hays	Wheat Farms

	WASTE	SOURCE
15	Yam peelings	Homes and Yam flour mills
	Domestic/office	
16	Toilet paper wastes	Homes
17	Cartons	Stores, malls, schools, libraries
18	News prints	Homes, offices, libraries
19	paper wrapper	Schools and libraries
20	waste papers	Schools, homes, paper mills, offices
	Bioindustrial	
21	Brewery wastes	Breweries
22	Cotton waste or seed hull	Cotton cottages/industries
23	Oil palm fruit ùbres	Oil palm mills
24	Saw dusts	Saw mills
25	Sugarcane bagasse/peelings	Farms, sugar factory, markets
26	Wheat husks	Wheat Farm, Wheat flour mills
27	wood shavings	Carpentry workshops/Furniture factories, Construction sites

Unlike other forms of animal production, mushroom business is easy to start because it:

- (i) requires only small starting capital and low costs on implements, rents and basic raw materials (see Table),
- (ii) involves a process that is mainly organic (from farm-to-fork) and may not require synthetic chemical inputs or expensive antibiotics,
- (iii) may be restricted to a house/home-yard business and small land space,
- (iv) mushroom is a globally prized major health and energy food that is scientifically implicated in the mitigation of disease incidents and illnesses, promotion of human longevity and reproductive health,
- (v) uses organic wastes of industrial,
- (vi) has agricultural and domestic origins as substrates and doubles as a veritable but partial process of waste management,
- (vii) has attractive export, employment and vocational/relaxation-potentials,
- (viii) can be a political instrument for youths and women empowerment, employment generation, agricultural product diversification, complementary source of agro-income, and biofuel generation,
- (ix) Is rich in both plant and animal-nutrients e.g. minerals, vitamins, essential amino acids, linoleic acid, polysaccharides, etc
- (x) does not involve sophisticated technology, heavy equipment, skill and is less prone to diseases and pests attack if substrate preparation protocol is properly followed,
- (xi) requires simple growth and environmental manipulation for production,
- (xii) Is a process that generates reusable wastes with strong implication for biofertilizer, animal feeds, single cell proteins, bioremediation of waste lands, forest health and net-productivity, etc.
- (xiii) Can potentially be intercropped

with vegetables and other crops in a properly managed greenhouse.

- (xiv) Involves substrates / compost feedstock that are readily available and sustainable

RECOMMENDATIONS

Promoting mushroom farming at a professional, subsistence, commercial or vocational level requires commitment from government, public and private sectors. Consequently, mushrooms cultivation must be recognized in agro-products and exports diversification to sufficiently drive the restoration of agriculture as a major foreign exchange earner in the African continent.

The successful scaling-up of mushroom production to the level existing for poultry, cat-fish business in Nigeria requires serious considerations such as:

- (i) A new agricultural policy that recognizes mushroom production as integral to agriculture and the potential of mushrooms in having strong implications for rural organic product diversity, politic, foreign exchange earnings and national food security.
- (ii) Need to increase consumers' consciousness of mushrooms, market base for mushrooms as well as "mycopreneurs" literacy of mushroom farming technologies.
- (iii) The Introduction of alternative agricultural trainings, extension services, coordinating agencies and co-operation for mushroom industries and farmers.
- (iv) Inaugurating and legitimizing agencies/centres (see Table) as bases for mushroom researches, spawn production, edible species culture banks etc.
- (v) Including mushroom farmers in agricultural loans scheme of government and/or international grants.
- (vi) The need for relevant government agencies to allow representations and participations by mushroom farmers in agricultural fairs and exhibitions at both national and international platforms.
- (vii) To establish adequate environment protection and waste management policies that target conservations, soil remediation, waste recycling

and edaphic quality improvement through the use of mushrooms and/or mushroom biomass.

CONCLUSION

The antiquated association between humans and mushrooms has led to the evolution of wide ranged culinary mushrooms and dietary base. Mushrooms are common features in 'egusi', vegetable and 'ogbono' soups in Nigeria apart from their consumption as snacks. They have also been a veritable source of household income for many locals and rural inhabitants with huge potential for commercial scale production.

The production of mushrooms requires no special skill nor exotic raw materials which means it can be undertaken by any interested farmer or Nigerian. The international market for mushrooms is encouraging and demands are high due to their multipurpose utility. In Nigeria, the production of mushrooms is slow and overshadowed by the production of other animal products with apparently similar nutritional value in form of poultry, aquaculture, helliculture, rabbitary and piggery. Efforts to revamp agriculture in Nigeria will be totally incomplete without strong consideration for the inclusion of mushroom production (fungiculture).

The process and factors of production involved in fungiculture are far milder than experienced for the aforementioned animal farming. The business of mushroom production is novel for both public/government and private establishments and the nutritional benefits have been documented in many mycological and scientific literature. Landmark University in the wake of spearheading agrarian revolution and defining new frontiers in agro-practices may soon be growing mushrooms indigenous and ethnographic to its geographic area for domestic consumption. It would be a great addition to the daily health food for the indigents and a huge supplementary source of University IGR besides giving an unconscious impetus to local conservation initiative and forest intrusion.

LANDMARK UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES MENTORING CHAT SERIES

Landmark University took another giant stride towards actualizing the vision of becoming a world-class University when the Mentoring Chat Series kicked off on the 14th April, 2016. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan declared the event open by quoting Hebrews 6:12, “that ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises”. She noted that the academic context comprises masters and apprentices, which calls for a platform for the mentor-mentee relationship. She described mentors as “some persons who have gone ahead; those who have gone through the various rungs of the ladder and have emerged not just as Professors but renowned academics.

She, however, described Professor Obiasi as a distinguished academic par excellence who has also cut his erudite teeth by following other mentors. She added that Professor Obiasi has an undaunted passion for students. He desires to always add value to human conditions. Professor Obayan stated that in spite of the dearth of mentoring culture in the Nigerian University system where persons who should play the role of mentors have become tormentors, Landmark University is undaunted in its efforts to become a world-class university. She maintained that this was why the University was taking a detour from the norm in its operations. She said the event was kicked off to raise worthy ac-

ademics who would be mentors to the students in particular and the world at large.

While delivering his mentoring presentation, Professor Adagbonyin Moses Osekuyenim Obiasi, took the assembly back the memory lane as he revealed that he was fascinated by some scientific mysteries he encountered at remarkable events which took place in his early years such as his first sight of a helicopter, and the desire to know what makes the sound in a radio, among oth-



THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR AIZE OBAYAN GIVING HER REMARKS AT THE MAIDEN EDITION OF THE MENTORING CHAT SERIES

ers. Having undergone the unalloyed tutelage of seasoned teachers and self-development, he was engulfed by the “desire to impart knowledge” and “make a definite educational and intellectual impact in his generation.”

Also, he stated that his academic calling was hinged on his “desire to research into and develop a unique method, formula or procedure for providing solutions to nagging societal problems”

and “be a change agent in student-centred learning.” Professor Obiasi whose philosophy on his academic endeavours borders on adding value to human happiness and wellbeing, said he is able to make tremendous impact so far by the work and study style he had adopted which included deriving happiness in his work, recognising challenges and dealing with them, doing good at all times, identifying how he got inspiration, consistently studying and applying a measure of moderation, never joining in plotting the downfall of workmates or boss, and being a builder and a bridge. Professor Obiasi who subscribes to the dynamic school of teaching technique advised that “we need to adapt to and adopt new teaching and learning tools and techniques. The world is dynamic.

He added that no one should be resentful about new teaching techniques as they are beneficial to whosoever adopts them. He introduced to the assembly some virtual-based teaching facilities in the engineering world. “There is MOOCs, Massive Open Online Courses. MOOCs is a method of teaching a large number of students and making sure that each student has a personalised training. Another is SPOC, Small Private Online Courses ... which are located in individual university. PBL, Project-based learning or Problem-based learning Another one is IQ versus EQ balance (Intelligence Quotient and Emotional Quotient). There must be a



**PROFESSOR ADAGBONYIN OBIAZI,
DELIVERING HIS LECTURE**

balance. IQ is not sufficient enough for assessment, we must also look at what gives joy, what gives confidence, what makes learning pleasurable and what makes learning easy...," he said. As a doyen of engineering and technology who is a member of several associations which transcend his engineering

and technology field to administrative and resources and human development, he noted that his membership was based on hard work, honesty and diligence, saying, "I strive to make a success of every assignment given to me." When highlighting his values and boosters, Professor Obiazi justified the conventionality and workability of LMU core values. "When I came into Landmark University ... its core values sync with me and I became at peace with them; possibility mentality, spirituality, due diligence, sacrifice, devotion and so on.

As far as I am concerned, there is nothing that is impossible and this is what I teach in engineering. Just have a desire to break new grounds," he noted. This

is the legacy on which he has built an empire of followership many of whom he often meets all over Nigeria and abroad occupying strategic positions. He stated that the benefits he receives are not only in kind but also a sort of psychic satisfaction that is immeasurable. Little wonder at the good gestures towards him everywhere he goes, having supervised well over a hundred undergraduate and postgraduates' projects, dissertations. He takes delight in building his students and cultivates a good relationship with any individual who comes his way.

Interestingly, as the saying goes that today's mentors were yesterday's mentees, Professor Obiazi disclosed that his mentors through whom he has garnered his wealth of expertise are Professor Philip Kuale, Engr. Dr Charles Anyaeji, Engr. Dr G.C.E. Odieta (late), Engr. Dr E.J.S. Uujamhan, and Professor Hans Jurgen Hoyer.

As a dynamic scholar who fears God and places value on human beings, he acknowledged the Almighty nature of God who has enabled him to have the great achievements recorded so far and looking forward to more by God's grace. Also, he emphasized the importance of family in any individual's life, noting that he has created a special place for his family amidst his busy schedules and was always looking forward to any opportunity to reunite and spend quality time with his family to make up for the time he was absent.

Earlier, the Registrar, Dr Daniel Rotimi, who welcomed everyone to the event, described it as germane considering what it portended. He said "mentors are those who see ahead in order for us to have our path well seated so that we can move ahead gloriously and be free from the stress and struggle that are associated with moving through the same path."

He therefore charged that questions should not be withheld as they would help determine the impact of the programme on the University community.



PROFESSOR OBIAZI BEING PRESENTED WITH HIS PORTRAIT BY MANAGEMENT



A CROSS SECTION OF FACULTY AT THE MAIDEN EDITION OF THE MENTORING CHAT SERIES OF LANDMARK UNIVERSITY

THE VC LEADS LMU IN CELEBRATING THE 105TH INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

March 8th worldwide has been significant, historic and memorable since 1911 when the first ever International Women's Day was celebrated. It has been set aside as a day to celebrate women's economic, political and social achievements all over the world regardless of their diverse cultures and political views. Women are not just part of the world, they are central to its rhythmic social order. Looking back in retrospect, they have been seen in the last century as social, political, cultural, and corporate activists using their solidarity mechanism to chart the women's cause in the world, especially in the areas of human trafficking, girl-child education, domestic violence, gender equality amongst other things.

Recently, there has been much emphasis on the realization of the women agenda with the 2016 theme of 'Gender Equality' which is being envisioned for 2030. This is consolidating the 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the 2014 session on the status of women, and by extension the Millennium Development Goals. The event which started in Europe in the early 20th century still holds strong to its political and social awareness of the struggles of women worldwide in the midst of cel-

ebrations with the hopes of liberation. We at Landmark University under the leadership of our amiable Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan, therefore, join the whole world to mark the 105th Anniversary of the International Women's Day and express our solidarity with this year's vision which has already found a place in our operations. Landmark University is not gender bias; it is a University where all humans have equal rights to be humans whether students, faculty, staff or members of management.

This commitment has produced many dutiful and vivacious women in their various capacities in the University. For instance, Professor Aize Obayan's result-oriented management acumen justifies the emerging confidence and trust the society reposes in women in leadership. The award winning Vice-Chancellor has advocated fairness and merit in the process of elevation of women into leadership positions. She has opined that the nurturing of natural endowment in women is largely responsible for the success of women in leadership.

This is what has been brought to bear on their managerial skills which enable them to see all sides of the equation. She said, "when you see organizations being led by women, they tend to thrive because



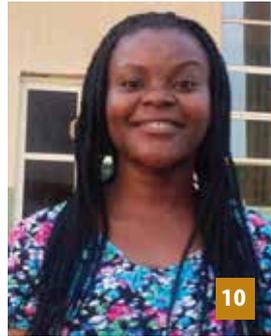


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8. HEAD, CORPORATE AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, MRS NGOZI OSUEKE
9. THE OUTGONE LMU STUDENT COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRPERSON, MISS ADEYEMI OPEOLU (400 LEVEL ECONOMICS STUDENT)
10. CHIEF EDITOR OF NUASA, MISS OGOBOR

of the skills that are naturally evident in what a woman does on day-to-day basis". Without overlooking the fundamental role of the men, she emphasized that leadership is not an exclusive right of men but a position attainable based on excellence which is a trait which can be found in both men and women.

Apart from some cultural factors that might militate against the female career prospect, the Vice-Chancellor said that she never had any visible or major obstacle on her way to attaining the great height as a woman in leadership position and the minor challenges she has encountered were successfully surmounted at each point of her academic and administrative careers. She therefore advised young women and girls to pursue their academic and career ambitions with vigour and determination to be the best. In the mood of the celebration, Professor Charity Aremu, Dr (Mrs) Rachael Adebayo, and Mrs Felicia Yusuf affirmed that the celebration was needful as women's contributions to homes as well as the societies cannot be

overemphasized. Mrs Felicia Yusuf described women as a special breed while Professor Aremu extolled the enterprising quality and multitasking nature of women. According to Dr (Mrs) Esther Fabiyi, about 70% of the rural women are involved in agro-culture because they want to make sure their families are not hungry. On the other hand, the urban women, directly or indirectly are also involved in agribusiness as they engage in marketing the produce in their domain. However, Drs (Mrs) Elizabeth Oloni decried the number of women in Economics in Africa.

She remarked that a big vacuum needed to be filled by women in the field, thereby calling on young women to embrace a career in Economics. Furthermore, a sociologist, Dr (Mrs) Ekundayo Babatunde could not hide her glee at the percentage of women emancipation recorded in all spheres of human endeavour today. She believed the revolution was timely as it had taken the women's position from the background to the limelight. From her liberal feminist point of view,

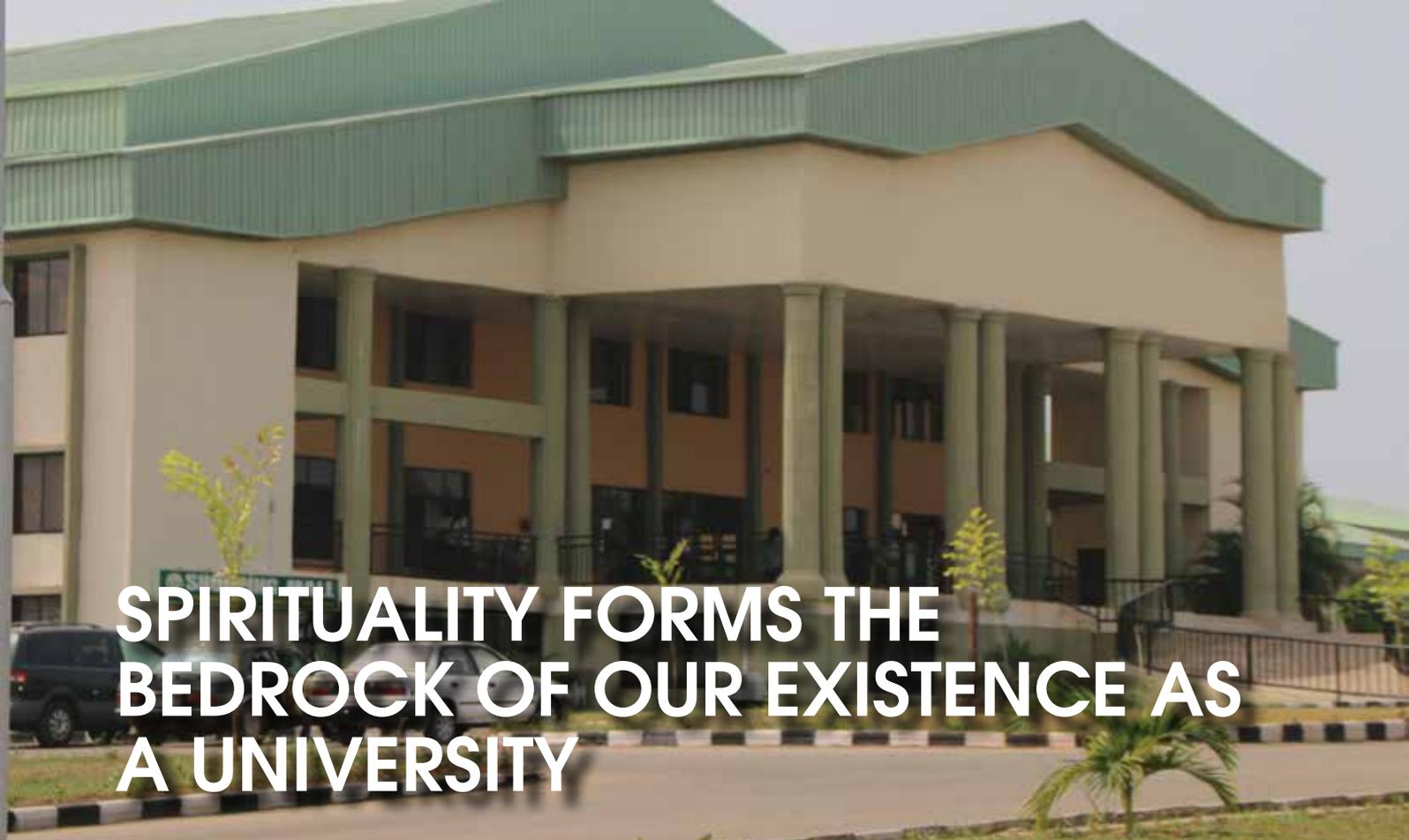
she said that equity can be achieved if not equality, and hoped that with the level of women involvements in social re engineering, the Nigeria nation will produce a female president soonest.

The representative of the students, Adeyemi Opeolu, the Vice-Chairperson (Female) of the LMU student council, who is a 400 level student of Economics, sees the Landmark University as an institution that gives everyone the opportunity and equal right to flourish. Since there is an inherent ability in every woman, the female students are therefore seen holding leadership positions in their classes, departments, colleges and the school in general. Apart from this, the female students now compete favourably and comfortably with their male counterparts and they are now taking the first positions in academics. She then commended the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor which has brought a remarkable development within a short period especially in terms of enhancing management-student relations in the University.

Another student leader, Ogorbor Efe, a 400 level Accounting student who is the Chief Editor of NUASA also testified to the reality of gender balance in the University as she readily commended the level of female representation at the student, faculty, staff and management levels. The Head, Department of Economics, Dr E. Oloni.

Mrs Ngozi Osueke, the Head of Corporate and Public Affairs Unit made a justification for the celebration of the International Women's Day. She said, "It is more or less the celebration of the women who emancipated others." She said that the idea of the celebration was fashioned out of the need to further pursue the common aim of women world over. She stated that it is expedient to encourage women and girls to achieve their ambitions, noting the duty of women which is a service to humanity.

On behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan, once again, here is Landmark University's wish to every woman – Happy 105th International Women's Day Celebration!!!



SPIRITUALITY FORMS THE BEDROCK OF OUR EXISTENCE AS A UNIVERSITY

The Chaplaincy of the University remains the custodian, initiator and enforcer of all the spiritual developmental programmes and administration for the Institution as “Spirituality” forms the bedrock of our existence as a University. As a Christian Mission University, Landmark University has an approach to spiritual development that is purely based on principles and practices drawn from the Holy Bible. As the SPIRITUAL bastion of the University, the Chaplaincy is committed to enhancing the spiritual life of the faculty, staff and students of the entire University community through; Pastoral Care Services, Chapel and Church Attendance, Counselling, Spiritual Formation, Chapel Programmes, Workshops and Conventions, Group Studies, and Community Outreaches.

The Chaplaincy, through these programmes, has succeeded in driving our students towards building and maintaining an intimate and personal relationship with Christ as well as influencing the whole community towards a more vital relationship with God. The Chaplaincy has also provided challenging and life-applicable Biblical teachings intended to result in transformed lives which would culminate in the emergence of graduates equipped to have a transformational impact on our society in particular and humanity in general. (Pro 23:12; Job 32:8.) Our students have found in the Chaplaincy a refuge, a home of safety and an ark of safety offering needed spiritual counselling and emotional comfort. (Ps 91:1-2; Isaiah 61:2).

Having the mission of “generating spiritual programmes designed to achieve the spelt-out vision and mission of Landmark University”, the Chaplaincy has developed and implemented faith-building programmes that encourage our Kings and Queens to mature in wisdom and character and motivate them to develop into global leaders in line with the Vision and

dream of the University. The seven (7) core values of the University remain our focal point as we reflect each of them in our messages and exemplify them in our actions. The Chaplaincy has considered it an onus to champion the humanitarian campaign for the University through various life-transforming programmes such as the Student Financial Assistance Scheme and the Liberation Army organisation. The Students Financial Assistance Chaplaincy, through her Committee – the University Chapel Committee (UCC), has reached out to many students whose cases could not be ignored in terms of giving them financial assistance to enable them qualify for clearance.

Millions of naira have been invested as financial assistance to some affected students in order to restore hope to both the students and their parents. The nitty-gritty of this is that many of the graduates and current students of Landmark University have enjoyed this tremendous opportunity. The Liberation Army is the community development arm of the student body of the Landmark University Chaplaincy. It is a non-governmental charity organization which is committed to impacting the less privileged in every community and reaching out to the people via spiritual, mental, and welfare support, as well as acquisition of skills.

The Outreach centres of the Liberation Army include: Primary and Secondary schools, Homes of the Aged, Orphanages, Hospitals, Marketplaces, Remand homes and Disabled homes. Series of community development impacts carried out in Omu-Aran and environ include: Provision of overhead Tank at Oke-Igbala Leprosy Centre, building of barbing salon centre at Omu-Aran prison, provision of waste baskets at Omu-Aran market, organizing Christmas grotto for the less privileged children (4 of December 2015), in order to put smile on their faces, distributions of clothing materials and food.



THE UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN, PASTOR AYOTUNDE ADEKOYA



FRONT ROW: MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY DURING ONE OF THE CHAPEL SERVICES



A CROSS SECTION OF STUDENTS RECEIVING IMPARTATION IN ONE OF THE CHAPEL SERVICES



THE DRAMA GROUP OF THE CHAPLAINCY HAVING THEIR PERFORMANCE DURING THE 5TH FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION

CHAPLAINCY RESPONSIBILITIES

Teaching of TMC outlined courses: The Chaplaincy provides spiritual support for the University's specialized programme known as "TOTAL MAN CONCEPT" (TMC). It covers all levels and promises to be a huge success as students are impacted both spiritually and mentally. Foundation for Fortune (FFF): A strategized Weekend fellow- ship holds in the various Halls of Residence. This is aimed at bringing the message of Christ closer to the students at their doorsteps. The programme takes place on all the floors of the six (6) Halls of Residence. The Foundation for Fortune comes up every Saturday between 5.30-6.30pm. It is a highly interactive programme under the supervision of the Chaplain and the University Chapel Committee members to ensure efficiency and due compliance.

Staff Night Prayers: Selected Faculty and Staff engage in night prayer sessions mostly on Saturdays with application of mysteries where ordinances are carried out as instructed. This is aimed at standing in the gap for Landmark University and God has been faithful in granting us prompt answers thus far. Currently many committed Faculty and Staff are joining us voluntarily.

Children's Church: The Chaplaincy also runs a Children's Church which caters for the children of Faculty and Staff who would not be able to benefit from the level of the activities in the Chapel. The Children's Church has teachers (Male and Female) who are mostly members of staff and students. This session, the teaching facilities have been fully refurbished to guarantee a conducive environment for all children.

Kingdom Life Conference: In line with our set objectives, the Chaplaincy at the beginning of every academic session plans

and organizes the Kingdom Life Conference for the University community. This is a 4-day spiritual programme entailing Word teachings, prayers, ministrations, and impartation.

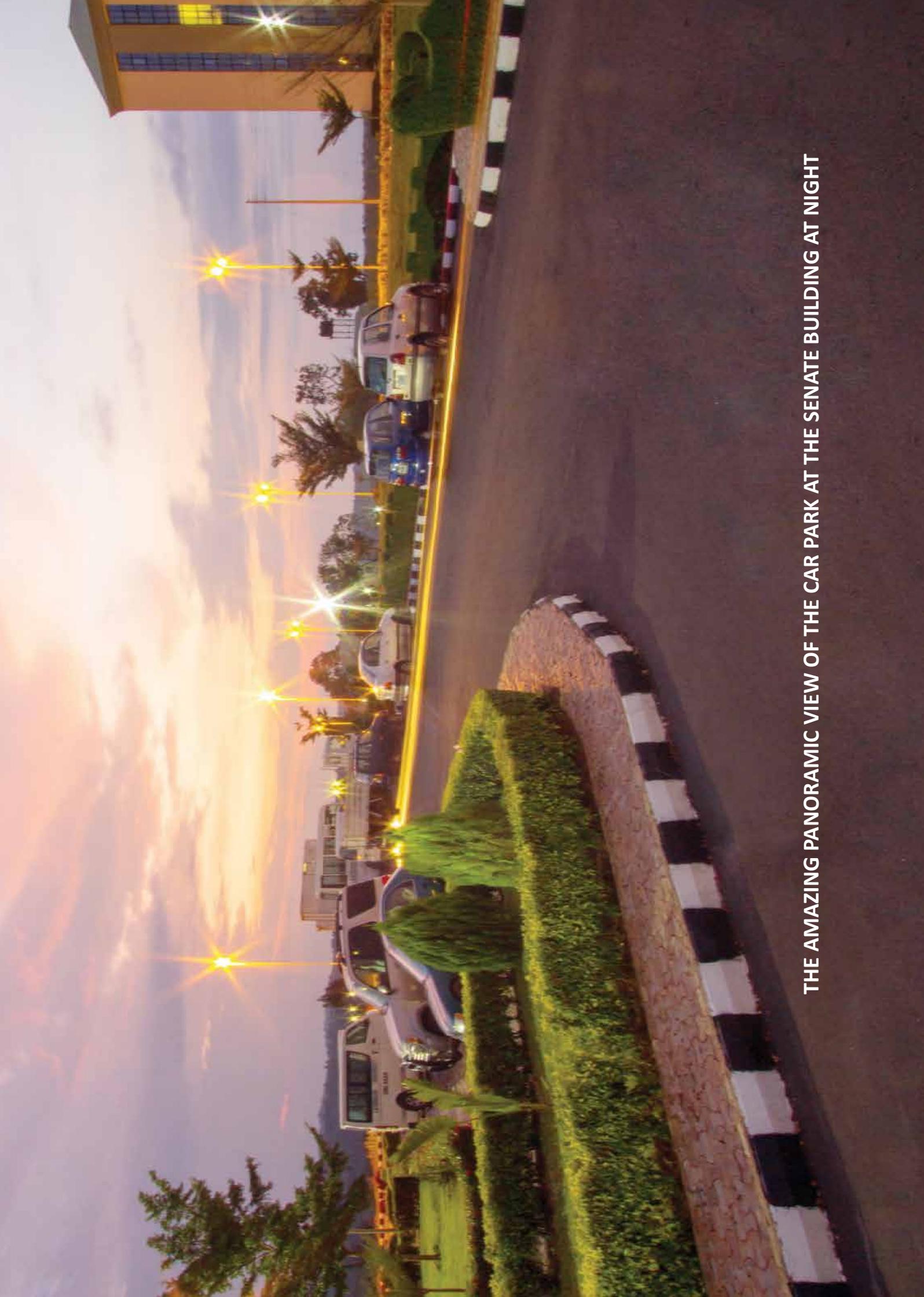
Worship Him in Spirit and Truth (WHISAT): This is a time of corporate worship which takes place on the last Friday of every month, from 6-7pm.

Believers' Foundation School/Water Baptism: This is organized for all new converts and those re-dedicating their lives to Christ. The foundation class takes place in the University Chapel services while water baptism takes place as required from time to time.

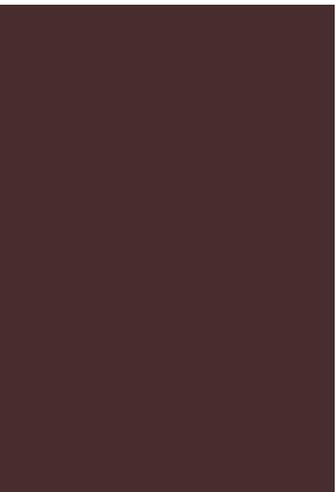
Spiritual Counselling: Our Staff and Students have found in the Chaplaincy, a refuge, a home of safety and an ark of safety offering needed spiritual counselling and emotional comfort. Ps 91:1-2; Isaiah 61:2. This we have been doing with the view of encouraging them to believe God for strength and capacity to overcome any challenge facing them.

End of Semester Student Leadership Empowerment Summit: This holds at the end of each semester to prepare student leaders for leadership tasks ahead of them and inculcate in them spiritual virtues required for excelling in life and destiny.

Departmental/College Friday Faculty Fellowship: This fellowship comes up every second and third Fridays of this month at every unit, department and college respectively. Plethora testimonies have been recorded in the previous meetings. It serves as an avenue for both Faculty and Staff to share their personal testimonies and has been a great time in the presence of God.



THE AMAZING PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE CAR PARK AT THE SENATE BUILDING AT NIGHT



Our **Historic** **Revolutionary** **Strides**

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Most prestigious universities in the world have a history of revolution, which has led to educational movements and social re engineering towards global relevance. Revolution targets fundamental changes that bring about total liberation from the grip of conventions or sentiments. Landmark University is not an exception. She has remained forward-looking in cultivating her revolutionary pathway for a smooth journey to being a world-class university and attaining new frontiers in driving an agrarian revolution in Africa.

One of the things that define greatness is the ability to make an impression where the status quo has remained for too long without significant impact. The University's point of departure stands on the visionary vantage for a paradigm change in the global education sphere as well as agricultural fortune. With a calculative step, the journey began when Landmark University was commissioned in the heartland of Omu-Aran on the 21st of March, 2011 as the pioneer private agriculture-based University in Nigeria.

In the words of the Visionary and Chancellor of the University, Dr David Olaniyi Oyedepo: "Landmark University was founded to provide a context where a self-reliant and solution-driven mentality is inculcated in our students. It is a place where human development issues are core and are inextricably woven into the academic curriculum. Our objective is to raise the awareness of our staff and students towards leadership and positive mentality.

"We lay emphasis on these for the enhancement of their self-worth and dignity... our commitment is to raise the modern-day Josephs, Moses, esthers, and nehemiahs of our great continent. Our mission is to empower students towards national reconstruction, reconciliation, socio-economic development and restoration of human dignity by driving a change philosophy via the vehicle of higher education. Our disciplinary stance as a University

is to guarantee the release of quality graduates at the end of their stay as students in this citadel of learning.

"The requirement of worthiness in character and learning in preparing solution-providing leadership for our continent and nation is a task and therefore we will do all in our power as enabled by God to 'tend', 'water' and 'fertilise' the 'gentle plant' that is symbolic of the Landmark University student.

"However, we will also weed the 'suffocating tares' in this 'academic Garden of eden'. We are committed to raising an army of reformers."

The spotlight is focused on the making of the students who are microcosms of a reasonable percentage of the nation's population for the enhancement of their self-worth and dignity as major stakeholders in nation building. They are the ligament that holds the nation and the desired developments together. One might actually be awestruck with the cutting-edge objectives and think there is nothing left unattended to.

There are, in fact, many more things that make the University the unique institution it is today. The University has built an identity as a catalyst of agro-enterprise through bridging the gap between agricultural theory and practice with the active commitment to agribusiness and building agripreneurs who will revolutionise and salvage the nation from the slope of economic despair. However, certain hydra-headed problems have been identified with the chief being food insecurity.

In one of the presentations at the Friday Faculty Fellowship of the University, Dr J. A. Shoyombo put it rightly that: "The moment we are able to overcome the challenge of food; then we are on our way to where we are going." The establishment of Landmark University is to challenge the challenge of food insecurity to a halt in Africa.

It takes who can identify a problem to tackle such problem. The issue as peculiar to the nation is not ignorance but a lack of vision and the right mind to pursue the vision. Landmark University is not only built on vision but also endowed with the road map to pursue the vision. The University has been steering the vision with unprecedented finesse remarkably. On the 22nd of February, 2010, the Landmark University commercial farm started, that is, more than a year before the University was commissioned.

This emphasizes the commitment to the vision for the alleviation if not eradication of hunger in Africa, and today, the products of the farm which include: brown rice, fish, chicken, snail, gari, tomatoes, corn, eggs, and so on have been bringing succour and nourishments to many homes in the University community, Omu-Aran and Ilorin where the University's marketing team which is most often led by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan, has reached.

At this time when the economic meltdown in the nation has reached its climax with an unwholesome hike in the price of staples and other commodities, Landmark University products have become the relief for the harsh condition, flooding the market scene at competitive prices. "I am glad to say Landmark University brown rice [most especially] has been well received in the external context and very shortly, will be exported.

We have had road shows to Ilorin and other contexts," Professor Obayan said at the 5th Founder's Day Anniversary celebration on the 21st of March, 2016. The aggregate of the giant strides in agriculture has been solely dependent on mechanised methods of farming and food production which have made the practice easy.

Recently, the University made a move towards the high-tech agricultural methods of animal production which have been perceived to be the exclusive practice of the Western world. It became expedient for the University to facilitate the expedition of one of her faculty members, Dr Shoyombo of the Department of Animal Science, to the Australian Reproduc-

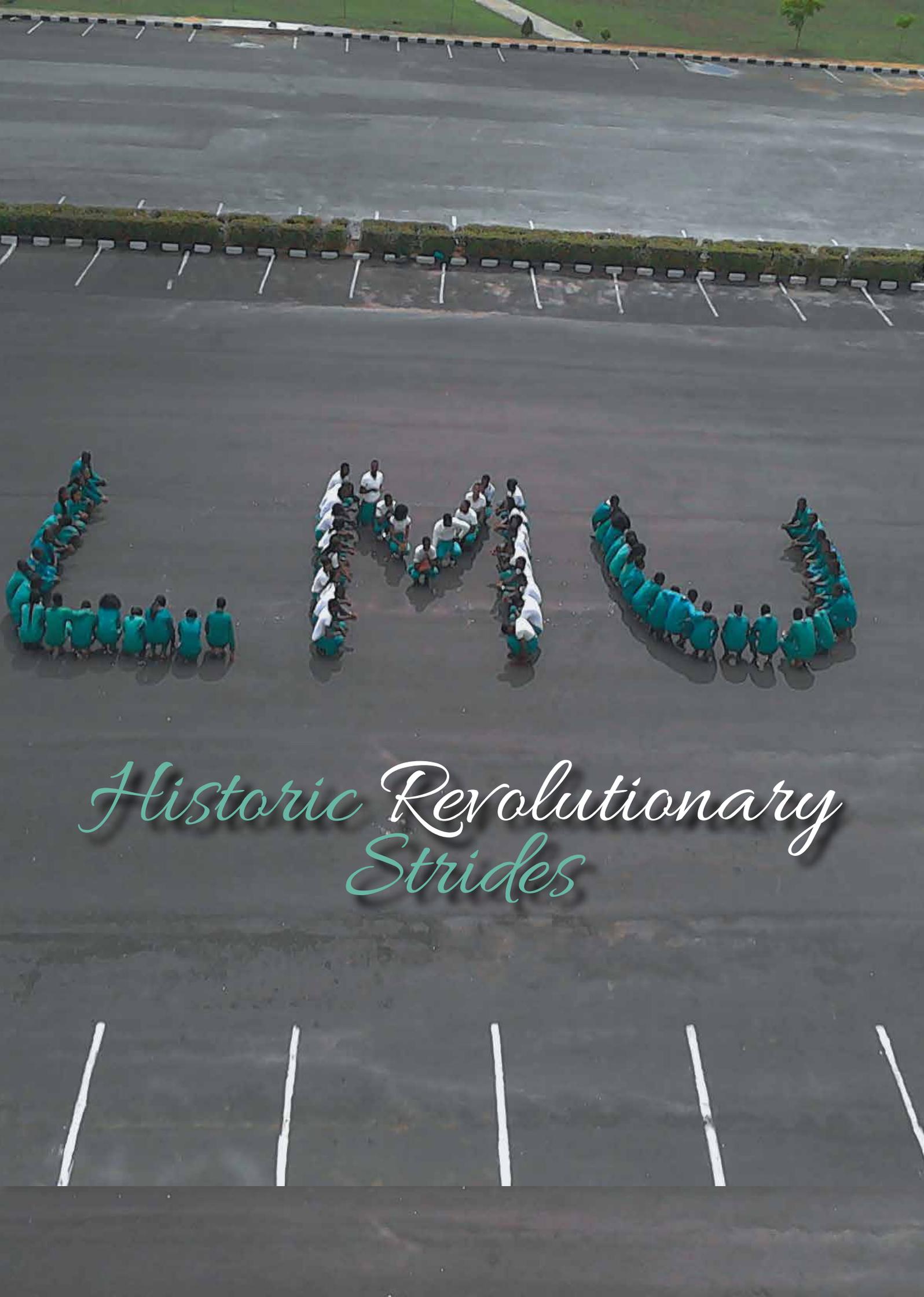
tive Technologies Laboratory in Australia in order to hone his skills in animal reproductive technologies which are typical of world-class practices with a view to enhancing her research capacity in animal production and maintaining sustainable meat production.

The application of these reproductive technologies on the University's animal farm has been evidently successful as there is an appreciable increase in the size and number of the animals. Other instances abound. These facts establish the positive attitude of the University to teaching, learning and research.

The synergy among the University's colleges is a phenomenon too strategic to be overlooked. The three colleges – Agricultural Science, Science and Engineering, and Business and Management – are actively involved in the farming and food production chain for the realisation of the University's vision. This rare understanding of a workable structure to facilitate an agro-industrial University is unparalleled in the scheme of economic development. As a result, viable agricultural policies have been generated, adequate technological know-how for cultivation, harvest and post-harvest put in place, and judicious investment made.

The agro-enterprise design of the University has attracted dignitaries like the former President of Nigeria Olusegun Obasanjo, the former Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Dr Akinwumi Adesina and the Israeli Ambassador to Nigeria, Uriel Palti, among others who did not withhold their commendations on the visionary exploits.

Where could have been the most suitable and deserving place for the birth of this vision if not Omu-Aran? Situating the University in a familiar terrain where there would be enough space for actualising the enormity of the vision, and a place with high-level serenity that supports teaching, learning and research, is pivotal. The business of farming, food production and processing thrives more in the rural area. Landmark University though situated in a rural community has demystified the belief that a farmer who wants to eat bread must send yam to the city for exchange.

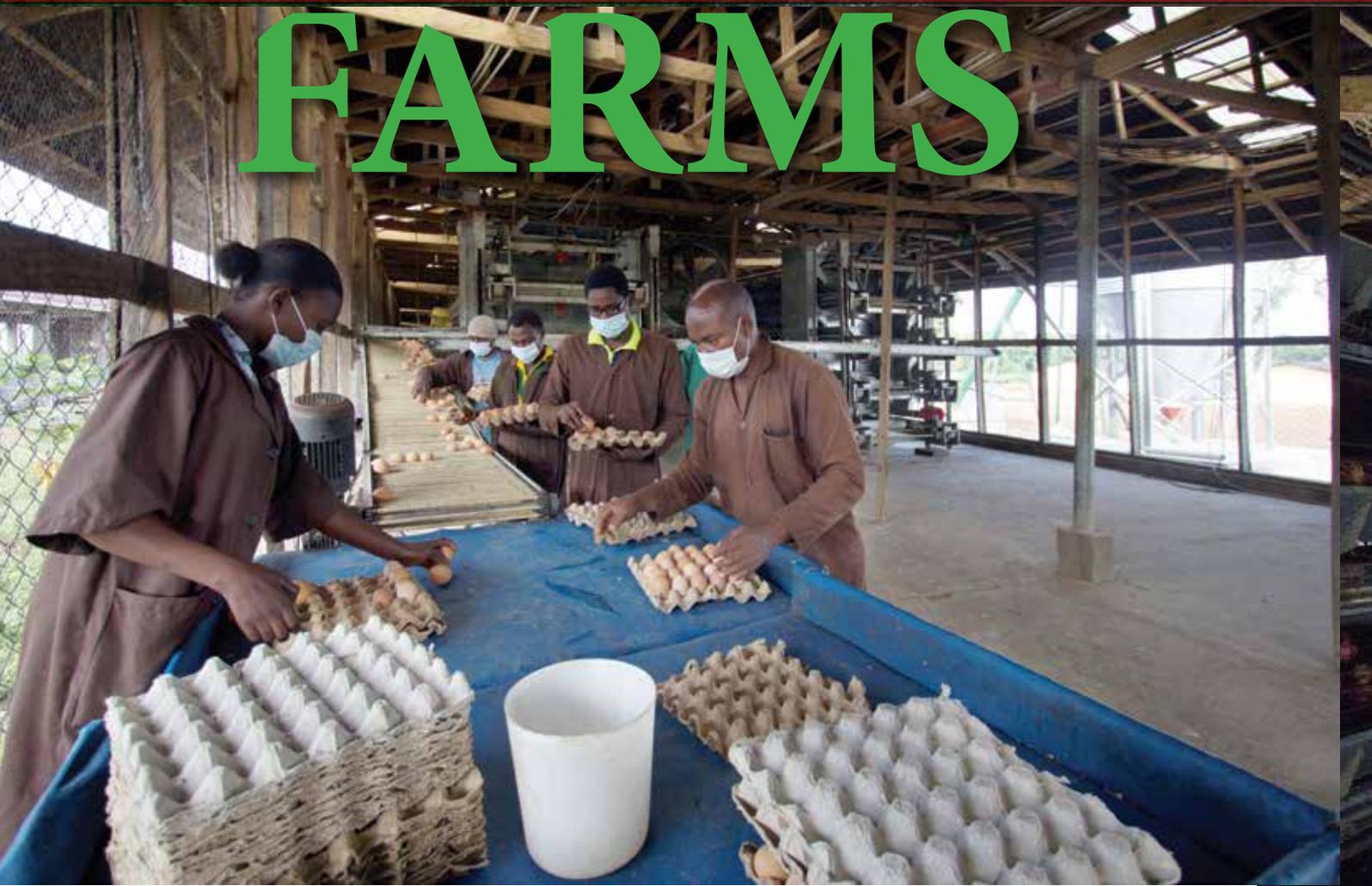


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LANDMARK UNIVERSITY: ATTAINING NEW FRONTIERS IN DRIVING AN **AGRICULTURAL** **REVOLUTION FOR AFRICA**



The University, through her Centre for Entrepreneurial Development Studies (EDS) and Development Ventures (LMDV), produces bread, biscuits, deodorants, insecticide, germicide, balm, and other confectionery which are sent to the major towns and cities around the University location.

These products are not manufactured by expatriates but by the students of the University who have received training on the various products. To measure the success of a university, an evaluation of the success rate of her alumni

would be required. Of course, the success of these entrepreneurial skills development and its testimonies are the business-owner alumni some of whom as a matter of fact have been awarded University's projects for implementation.

The alumni satisfaction has been evident in their programmes which echo the University's core values as entrenched in them and has brought about their participation in the University's events. A consideration of the mission of the University that is: Raising a generation of solution providers

through a qualitative and life-applicable training system that focuses on value and creative knowledge; raising a new generation of leaders through a broad-based qualitative education built on sound Biblical principles culminating in the birth of breadwinners, job creators and world changers; and raising an army of reformers who shall redeem the battered image of the black race and restore her lost glory as these well-equipped graduates begin to build the old waste, repair the wasted cities and raise the desolation of many generations as pathfinders, makes one look back in gratitude and

“ Raising a generation of solution providers through a qualitative and life-applicable training system that focuses on value and creative knowledge ”



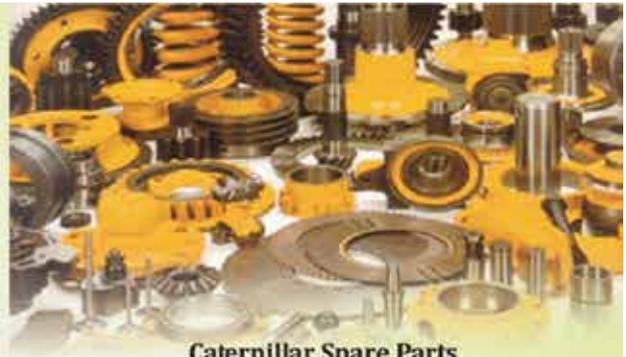
say mission accomplished! The University has released three sets of pathfinders; the Light, the Dynamic and the Marvel, into the nation.

With the army of ‘kings and queens’ makers, the management, ably led by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan, an academic connoisseur, who has been exceptionally amiable and revolutionary in outlook, the crème Faculty of outstanding pedigree, receptive and perceptive staff as well as the effervescent students, Landmark University is attaining her world-class status. Being visionary alone might not

be sufficient but commitment and passion have distinguished Dr David Olaniyi Oyedepo as a great visionary Of our time.

It is worthy of note that the University has thrived on the tremendous unwavering drive of the visionary base in the past five years. Long live Landmark University!





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Setting New Vistas for **LANDMARK UNIVERSITY** as a **BRAND**

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Our total involvement in creating a unique brand name for Landmark University as an educational entity with focus mandate has created a lasting impression in the minds of those that come in contact with the University. Our greatest achievement is the collective effort of faculty, staff and students with full support of the Management towards projecting our brand to the world. A consistent theme of attaining new frontiers in driving an agricultural revolution in Africa which is being pursued rigorously and tenaciously by the Management, ably led by Professor Aize Obayan, has further integrated us among best centres of excellence.

Our brand is totally focussed on establishing a significant and differentiated presence among the best private universities in the nation and beyond. Our array of products in the market has attracted and retained the loyalty of customers, and this has convinced us that a new approach is the

bedrock of meaningful developmental changes. As we look forward to building a strong brand that is invaluable as the battle for customers intensifies day by day, we are going to spend time investing in researching, defining, and building Landmark University as a brand. After all, our brand is the source of a promise to our consumers. As we set new vistas, Landmark University brand is going to be a foundational piece when it comes to marketing communication and one that people would not want to be without. In the nearest future, our brand shall serve as a guide to understanding the purpose of educational objectives.

The effectiveness of our brand as a University would not just happen before people come in contact with us, but it is also about the total life experience it would give consumers, whoever they are and whatever they are. As we look into the future, we want to be able to answer the following questions: Did our product or service perform as expected? Was the quality as good as promised or better? How was the service experience? If we can get positive answers to these questions, then we have created great loyalty among our customers. In the nearest future, our Brand will not only create customer loyalty, but it will create loyal employees, as Landmark University Brand gives them something to believe in, something to hold on to.

It helps them understand the purpose of the Landmark University as an agrarian entity. That is why we strongly believe that this will carry a great deal of importance within as an organization.

Long live Landmark University Brand!



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LANDMARK UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES FOUR NEW PROFESSORS

On Tuesday 20th June, 2016, the University Management confirmed the promotion of five faculty members at the Chapel Service. The approval followed the rigorous examination and screening exercise carried out on the faculty members' papers by both internal and external examiners, in line with best practices and as enumerated in the University's guidelines for promotion to the respective academic cadre.

These are Professor O. Makanjuola, Professor O.M. Bamiro, Professor O. Osemwegie and Professor Christian O. Osueke, and Dr O.B. Akpor who are members of Faculty from the Colleges of Agricultural Sciences (CAS), and Science and Engineering (CSE) respectively. The new Professors and the Associate Professor are expected to impart, teach and mentor students and young faculty members in their respective fields.

For each of the newly promoted Faculty members, the call is for greater works and innovations towards making Landmark University a world-class Institution upholding the Vision to restore the dignity of the black race by ensuring food security. Their fields and areas of specialization are Mycology and Plant Pathology, Mechanization

and Agriculture Economics which are veritable tools that could advance the agrarian revolution of the University.

Professor Makanjuola Oki of the Department of Mechanical Engineering who specializes in Material and Corrosion Engineering said the promotion would spur him to work harder through researches and impacting the students. In his words: "As a school driving an agrarian revolution, we avoid whatever will corrode the environment in order to have better yield and make more profit."

An Agriculture Economist, Professor O.M. Bamiro, was of the opinion that he would bring his position to bear for more research engagements and administrative actions that would enhance maximum productivity in the institution and would also engineer the breaking of new grounds. He emphasized that as a Professor, one needs to be versatile in teaching, research, and community impact service.

Therefore, he called on the University for the Chain of knowledge and impact to spread. He added that more programmes would be organized for farmers and cooperative societies around the University community to enlighten and instruct them on how to go about their activities to increase productivity

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THE SET OF NEW PROFESSORS :
PROFESSOR CHRISTIAN O. OSUEKE
PROFESSOR MAKANJUOLA OKI
PROFESSOR O.M. BAMIRO
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and income. Professor O. Osemwegie, one of the pioneer Faculty members in the University, identified research, mentorship and imparting as some areas of his focus. A Mycologist and Plant Pathologist, Professor Osemwegie said as a professor, bigger tasks will come therefore conquest is the only thing permissible.

“As a Professor, you need to expand your linkages, increase your research

capacity, mentor and raise PhD holders who would one day become Professors,” he added. Professor Christian O. Osueke, a professor of Mechanical Engineering who specialises in design, simulation and optimisation, said that he got to where he was by the grace of God, the input of his mentors, the enabling support of the Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo, and the Management ably led by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan. While promising to

gear his energy towards the actualization of the agrarian mandate through the fabrication of automated equipment, he said: “I know Landmark University for quality.

Personally, I tried to compare what I have with what I was given outside this University’s context, and I can categorically tell you that Landmark University is world class.”

MARVEL SET OF 2016

NARRATE TTG EXPERIENCE

The 'Towards Total Graduate' programme (TTG) is a custom built programme of Landmark University aimed at preparing final year students of the University for the world of work. Its goal is to package the students as 'Total Graduates' set for meeting the everyday challenges in the external context of the University where they will be released as Pathfinders, following the 'Commencement Ceremony'.

In describing the potency of the TTG programme, the Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo who is the initiator of the pro-

gramme, noted that, "...We are committed to producing into the labour force, active agents of change whose appearance will lead to new demonstration of integrity, probity, assiduity, and sustained growth.

TTG is packaged to provide a secure and holding base for students as they are raised as Total and Rounded graduates." The objective of the programme is to ensure that there is alignment between students' overall experience and skills acquired in the University and the external context of the world of work in a

way that makes students fit for delivering the relevant contributions that graduates from the University are expected to bring on board to the societal and work context. Specifically, the 'Marvel Set' of 2016 started their TTG programme on Monday 27th June and ended Thursday 7th July, 2016. They were exposed to the all-round total package, as they truly testified to a life-changing experience at the end of the programme. Queen Anagha Osaze Priscilla and Atom John are part of those who shared their amazing Landmark experiences at the end of TTG programme.



EXPERIENCES AT THE 2016 TTG EVENT

*Coordinator, TTG Class of 2016,
PST. JAMES NDAKO (PhD)*

'Towards Total Graduate' (TTG) is a programme specially designed to prepare students for their commencement into the world of work following the completion of their studentship in Landmark University. TTG can be described as a bridge-builder between the University and the world of work and it provides a secure and holding base for students, making them become total and rounded graduates. The 2015/2016 TTG event commenced with an induction programme ably led by the Vice-Chancellor on Monday, 27th June, 2016.

Series of teachings, highly inspiring lectures, skills training and group interactions cutting across foundation in Principles of Spirituality, world of work and personal development were featured during the two weeks event. It was indeed a mountain of transformation, inspiration, reformation for all participants.

This was evident in more than twenty-five testimonies recorded on the impact of the programme in the lives of all attendees. Attendance was well above 75% while the CBT examination recorded 100% success rate. Members of the 2016 TTG editorial team were not left out of the event as they captured minute by minute activities of the entire programme.

Surely, by the impact of the 2016 TTG event, the 'MARVEL SET 2016' have been made ready to make their transition from the University to the world of work and further engage the realities of the external context of the University after graduation.

Our sincere gratitude goes to the Chancellor for packaging this programme for all graduates of LMU. We also deeply appreciate the Vice-Chancellor for making available a most conducive ambience for the 2016 TTG event.

MY REMINISCENCE OF THE LAND OF TREASURE: LANDMARK UNIVERSITY

Anagha Osaze Priscilla

My name is Anagha Osaze Priscilla from the College of Agricultural Sciences, Department of Soil Science. Before I was admitted into this University, I was in one of the conventional universities. One thing I hated most about that University was the "struggle" so to say that I always go through when attending lectures. I recall the fact that lectures started by 8am, but for me to get a seat during the lectures meant that I had to be there by 6am. Yet, getting to the lecture hall at 6am does not guarantee securing a seat; one still had to struggle. I found this very unpleasant for me.



Fortunately, I was admitted into Landmark University, and this was like a dream come true. I was fascinated by the serene environment and the lovely structures that surrounded me, and knowing that I could comfortably attend lectures without struggles was a thing of joy. But soon did I realise that there was some-

thing missing that I enjoyed in my former school which I call 'freedom'. I wanted to be free and able to do what I wanted. In my former school, I woke up anytime I wanted to and attending lectures was not even compulsory. Landmark University presented a different scenario, a complete departure from the *laissez-faire* attitude which characterised where I was coming from. So I said to myself "welcome to a new world". I discovered that everything about Landmark University revolves around God. Spirituality remains the foundation. I can remember vividly in 200 level when some guys sitting around me said: "are we here to study the Bible."

According to Bishop David Oyedepo: "There is no man that has made God the centre of his life who has not emerged great." Landmark University was consciously building me up for greatness, but I never knew. I said earlier that I wanted to be free but I kept hearing: "if you cannot abide by the rules and regulations of this great institution, you will be kicked out." So I told myself "if I leave this university, what is the guarantee that I will not leave my third school." So I made a choice to stay. Down the years I have come to realise that I did not make the wrong choice, though I made the choice due to the circumstances that surrounded me I used to crave for freedom but it dawned on me later that I didn't understand the true meaning of freedom until I came in contact with Edmund Burke quotes: "But what is freedom without wisdom and without virtue? It is the greatest of all possible evils, for it is folly, vice and madness, without tuition and restraint"

I owe Landmark University a great deal of appreciation for the life-changing seminars, chapel services and numerous programmes aimed at inculcating virtues and wisdom into kings and queens of which I am proud to be one. I have been totally rebranded, fortified and initiated into the culture of excellence. Now I know that freedom is not an art of lawlessness as portrayed by those who are wanting in wisdom and grace but it is the power to restrain oneself in the midst of peer pressure that characterises the immature.

I would not have gotten all of these if I was "free" that is if these meetings weren't compulsory, chances are that I would not have attended these programmes and would have missed on all of these.



THE CHANCELLOR, DR. DAVID OYEDEPO TEACHING IN ONE OF THE SESSIONS AT TTG

These programmes were not convenient for me to attend, I can remember at different occasions that I was tired and needed to rest, but had to be there because it was compulsory and I also wanted to avoid getting into trouble with the school. This way, I learnt how to sacrifice in practical terms. Lionel Messi an argentine professional footballer for Spanish club Barcelona, often considered the best player in the world and rated by many in the sports as the greatest of all time said: "you have to fight to reach your dream, you have to sacrifice and work hard for it." Little did I know that Landmark University was moulding my life and destiny, because right now when I look at my dreams, aspirations and visions for my future, I realise that I cannot get to my destination (I.e. achieve all of these) with- out a life of sacrifice.

No wonder the chancellor said that stars are not made by singing stardom but by a life of sacrifice. During these programs, I was expected to have writing materials and take down notes which I felt wasn't too necessary but I did that because I did not want to be caught not taking notes and the fear of facing the Student's Disciplinary Committee overwhelmed me.

This situation ingrained in me two of the core values of Landmark University which are responsibility and diligence. While Abraham Lincoln said that you cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today; Denis Waitley said, "the greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence. I can boldly say that Landmark University has given me the greatest gift which is the roots of responsibility. The chancellor said in one of

his messages that a child that will make a mark tomorrow must not be allowed to be careless. In Landmark University, I was not allowed to be careless. Also in Landmark University, I learnt that reading was my only option to succeed in my examinations, as examination malpractice was not tolerated.

The penalty for examination malpractice in Landmark University is expulsion. Expulsion meant that my studentship would be withdrawn, and I might have to start all over again somewhere else. I did not want that to happen to me, so I had to put so much effort into my academics which required absolute concentration and discipline. Bishop David Oyedapo often says it takes a high level of discipline to make high- level achievements. This became a reality in my life when my effort resulted in a 5.0 G.P.A in my 500 level Alpha Semester result.

In conclusion, I can say that all these years, Landmark University was moulding my life for a greater tomorrow. If I had known I would have attended all these programmes rejoicing, knowing that they were for my gain. I am not going to misplace this script because I know that one day I will have to read it again to the world and make them see how Landmark University has moulded my life – my destiny.

Thank you, Landmark University; and thank you, the Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo for such a great vision that has changed my life. I am going forth as an ambassador of Landmark University, showing the world the treasure made from Landmark University that is me ... and the pathfinders (The marvel set) of 2016.



Fixing Africa Requires A HOLISTIC APPROACH

ATOM JOHN

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I think it is fair to say no one here is proud of our standing as the black race in the world at large. When compared to other countries in the world we are primitive and highly under-developed. The only time we hear about “blacks” is when they are being gunned down by racist policemen in Canada or America.

In the course of a lecture facilitated by Professor Aize Obayan, the Vice Chancellor, Landmark University, during the ‘Towards a Total Graduate’ program scheduled for the final year students, the question was raised regarding the way out of the bad state of our nation, Nigeria. Someone mentioned that an evaluation of our educational system would be required to achieve a revival. Another said we should focus on agriculture, as so much attention is presently put on oil.



Another said we should focus on technological improvement if we are to be noticed in the world. All these are very valid points. Indeed, if we are to fix things, all those points must be noted and considered for implementation. The point I wish to raise here is that we must not take these points as individual solutions to the big problem. Fixing Nigeria and Africa requires a lot more than revamping the educational system or reviving agriculture.

What I learnt from that lecture is that God has revealed to us the problems of the Black Race and the solutions necessary for a fix. What is left for us is not to take this in a myopic or short-sighted fashion. As a matter of fact, is short-sightedness what has left this country in a mess? Every government comes with a different agenda, trying to pass where the previous failed. Every patriotic Nigerian has an itch for change anytime they see something wrong with the nation.

That frown you make when you see something that annoys you about the country is simply God revealing to you an aspect you can influence to change this nation. No one president or head of state has in him the capacity to solely solve a country’s problems. The vision-driven citizens are the ones who can do this. We need to know that every issue is important and requires equal simultaneous attention. An excellent analogy is a human body. In the human body, the heart feels the problem with the body that it needs to have blood around the body at all times. The lungs feel the problem that the body needs air circulation in the system at all times. The nose feels the problem that the body needs to be able to perceive odours at all times. However, if the nose insists that the whole body should solve the problem of breathing, the body becomes

one big nose. If the heart insists the problem of pumping blood should be the focus of the body, the body would be one big heart. However, when the heart solves its problem and the nose solves its problem and all these body parts solve their individual highlighted problems, that is the time we can see the bigger picture of a functional body system.

We need to consider ourselves like parts of the entire African body and act on the visions God has given us to solve problems facing the body. Those who feel that revamping the whole educational system is the solution should work towards that. Those who feel that technology would solve the problems should work towards that. Every itemised possible solution should be followed with zeal. It is only when the various views are put together to address individual issues, that we can then attempt to really fix this nation and the African image. We are going to change the image of the black race, only with faith in our collective resolve. We just need to keep the bigger picture in our hearts while tenaciously and simultaneously pursuing the visions we have been given.

As long as we have this conviction, the Black race shall definitely be resuscitated. Everyone has aired his view on the matter, and all these are views valid so to say. But what I feel is that the real way out of this conundrum is for everyone to work to improve that which he or she thinks or feels is wrong with the nation. No one solution is absolute for the complete re-vitalization of our country. As a matter of fact, I think God has given us the human body to help us understand and see how we can solve our problems as a whole, and as individual units. I feel this is the way out.



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