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Rector's Greetings



Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) is our priority at Yaba College of Technology. The UNEVOC Centre was instituted to showcase and inform on best practices in TVET and how we are preparing our students for the world of work. Keep reading the newsletter to be informed and educated as we transform our nation and our world with the subject of TVET. Thank you

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Director, YCT UNEVOC Centre completes term and retires

Our amiable and indefatigable Director, Ms. Ifeyinwa Marinze has retired. Ms. Marinze started as a Lecturer II in the College and rose to become a Chief Lecturer (the highest academic level in the College).

She meritoriously served the College in various administrative positions which include HOD, Dean, Director and Chairman of the College Ceremonial Committee. She doubles as the pioneer Director, UNEVOC Centre and Coordinator, Bilingual Unit. She taught Commercial French until her retirement.

Ms. Marinze was recognized by the French Government in 1996 as a Chevalier of the Ordre des Palmes Académiques for her effort in French Language development in Nigeria. She is presently studying hard for her PhD in French Language at the University of Lagos. Her retirement coincided with her 65th birthday.

8th Inaugural Lecture holds in Yaba College of Technology

Engr. (Mrs.) Idiat A. Amusu gave the 8th Inaugural Lecture at Yaba College of Technology, Lagos Nigeria with the title REVERSE ENGINEERING: PANACEA TO WASTE NOT WANT NOT. The event which took place on April 29, 2015 at the Yusuf Grillo Multipurpose Hall of the College attracted dignitaries from the academia, public and private sector.

Engr. Amusu made a case for Reverse Engineering – starting with finished product or process and working backward in logical fashion to discover the underlying new technology – as an opportunity to empower Nigerians to develop needed, available and affordable solutions for the agric sector.



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Afrihub & NBTE CoE organizes stakeholders meeting on Deployment of ICT with Polytechnics

A stakeholders meeting on deployment of ICT Resource Centers, E-Library and Edu-Portals at some Nigerian Polytechnics was held at the Afrihub Office Plot 825, Ralph Shodeinde Street, Off Ahmadu Bello Way, Abuja on Wednesday, February 25 2015.



Some of the resolutions made include: collaboration with AfriHUB to update/upgrade facilities; PPP (Public Private Partnership) arrangement to be adopted instead of BOT; invite AfriHUB to visit the 13 Institutions to access/evaluate facilities and services on ground. Some of the institutions including YCT have begun the process.

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The Federal Polytechnic Nasarawa visits YCT

The Management team of the Federal Polytechnic, Nasarawa visited Yaba College of Technology in March 2015. They were on a study visit to understudy Yabatech success stories that led to the rapid development of infrastructure and in technical and vocational skills in the College. They also sought partnerships as co-technical institutions.



The delegation was received by the Rector of the College, Dr(Mrs) M. K. Ladipo who began to show them round the College centres. One of the places visited was the newly constructed Central Laboratory.

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UNN's UNEVOC Centre Coordinator visits YCT UNEVOC Centre

Prof. Emmanuel C. Osinem, Coordinator, Center for Technical Vocational Education Training and Research (CETVETAR) University of Nigeria, Nsukka visited the UNEVOC Centre, Yaba College of Technology, Lagos Nigeria in April 2015.

It was an opportunity to share on the various activities of these two UNEVOC Centres in Nigeria and also seek ways of collaboration.



Prof. Osinem was delighted to meet with the YCT team and commended them for the representation seen on the UNESCO-UNEVOC website. He was received by Dr. Funmilayo Doherty, the Coordinator of YCT UNEVOC Centre. Both centres are keenly looking forward to more productive engagements for promoting the TVET sector in Nigeria.

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NBTE organizes Hands-on Training on Science Laboratory Equipment

The National Board for Technical Education in collaboration with Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT), Ibadan, organized hands-on training workshop at the NISLT Headquarters Ibadan in March, 2015 and the Federal Polytechnic, Nekede; in April, 2015. An

initial workshop was hosted in Kaduna in November, 2014.



The major objective of the hands-on-training was to expose Nigerian technologists and scientists to modern analytical instruments in biological chemical and physical sciences, especially, modern digitalized versions and recent innovations, and also update their capabilities. The Ibadan workshop had 39 participants while the Nekede event hosted 29 participants.

OTM Bilingual Unit, YCT waxing strong

The Department of Office and Technology Management (OTM) have a Bilingual Unit which coordinates a compulsory bilingual programme for HND students of the department. As a core requirement, students are trained as Bilingual Secretaries in English and French Languages. The programme which was started in 1992 have an immersion programme that involves students travelling to Lome, Togo for two months internship on French Language development.



Graduates of the programme usually have an edge in employment at multinational companies,

they have been able to easily transact businesses in French-speaking countries and access other numerous opportunities due to being bilingual. According to the incumbent coordinator, Mrs. C.B.O. Eruanga, “Nigeria students will benefit and develop more mastery of the French language if the language is taught from the nursery schools.”

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Health Tips – The ABCs of Stress Management

by Mrs. M.J Shode ADNS, LASUTH

Excerpt from the presentation at the WITED day

- H.** Hugs – Hug your spouse & Children more, Kiss them more & laugh more with them, Have fun and share your feelings with Your spouse
- I.** Identify stressors in your life and plan to manage them effectively
- J.** Judge your goals & performance realistically
- K.** Keep a positive attitude, Your attitude will influence the way others treat you
- L.** Love your spouse, children & siblings
- M.** Manage money well, Acquire financial intelligence; save at least 10 per cent of what you earn

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Collaboration with National Youth Service Corps (NYSC)

The YCT UNEVOC Centre visited the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Skill Acquisition and Entrepreneurship Development (SAED) Centres, Lagos State secretariat at Surulere, Lagos. Mrs. Rachel Idaewor, received the delegation and introduced the delegates to the SAED programme as a skills acquisition scheme under the NYSC for corps members to further enhance themselves in vocational and technical skills needed for the world



of work.

The Centre's delegation led by Ms. Ify Marinze said the purpose of the visit was to seek collaboration with the NYSC in the area of skill acquisition. On the delegation were: Dr(Mrs.) Funmilayo Doherty, Mr. Clement Olarewaju and Mr. John Okewole.

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Critique Workshop on Development of ND/HND Curriculum in Renewable Energy Technology

The workshop was conducted from February 2-6, 2015, at School of Engineering Conference Centre, Nuhu Bammali Polytechnic, Zaria. The main objective was to develop National and Higher National Diploma (HND) Curricula for Renewable Energy Technologies as part of the long-term development goal of the NBTE on Greening TVET.

The opening ceremony was attended by the Rector of Nuhu Bamali Polytechnic, Prof. Dalhatu Yahaya and his principal officers, as well as the representative of the Senior Special



Assistant to the President on MDGs, Mr. Donatus Nwaobasi, representative of COREN, Engr. L.U. Okonkwo, representative of the FME-MDGs, Mrs. Taofik Sekinat and the NBTE Director of Programmes, Arc. Thomas O. Adekunle, among other key officers.

The workshop was attended by 20 participants/professionals.

Interactive Session on Renewable Energy in Nigeria

The Students of Engineering and Science Laboratory Technology (SLT) in Yaba College of Technology were hosted to an interactive session on Renewable Energy in Nigeria recently. The event was organized by YCT UNEVOC Centre in conjunction with Emel Group Nigeria. On hand to facilitate the sessions were Mr Roy Chatterjee, MD Emel Group and Mr Vijay a technical director at the company. The participants had opportunity to ask

several questions on Renewable (Solar) Energy deployment, implementation, maintenance and opportunities in the energy industry as potential entrepreneurs.



Mr Baruwa, an entrepreneur also presented a short note on entrepreneurship to the students.

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YCT Students attend Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF) Annual Lecture

The Coordinator of YCT UNEVOC Centre, Dr(Mrs.) Funmilayo Doherty led some Students of the Department of Biological Sciences to the 13th Chief S. L. Edu Memorial Lecture organized by the Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF). The lecture titled Sustainable Agriculture and the Environment in Nigeria delivered by Prof Vincent Olawale Adetimirin, a professor of Plant Breeding & Crop Production and Head, Department of Agronomy, University of Ibadan, Nigeria.



The lecture took place at the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA), 13/15 Kofo Abayomi Street, Victoria Island, Lagos on January 14, 2015. It was a gathering of stakeholders and practitioners in the field of environment in Nigeria and it was an opportunity for the students to learn firsthand, issues of environmental degradation, and present effort to mitigate it.

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Workshop on Advanced Research Data Management and Analysis

The center for Applied Research and Technology Innovation (ARTI) successfully organized a two-day workshop titled Workshop on Advanced Research Data Management and Analysis using SPSS early in the year.



The Objectives of the workshop were: to train participants on how to manage quantitative data effectively; to train participants on how to perform various inferential statistics (Chi-square), Correlations, Regressions and ANOVA); to equip participants on how to present and interpret complex data outputs; to educate participants on how to present and interpret results in a simple fashion.

Fifty-one (51) participants attended the workshop picked from eight schools in the College.

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Dr(Mrs.) M. K. Ladipo honored

On March 15, 2015, the Rector of the College, Dr(Mrs) M. K. Ladipo was honored at the annual Mother's Day gig tagged Yeye Cabaret 2015 organised by 'Eclectic 21'. It was a collaboration between two creatives - A Poet and a Photo artist i.e. Ayo Ogundipe a.k.a. Dipe of Eclectic 21 and

Debayo of Twelve05 photography. The theme of the programme was "A Picture Paints A Thousand Words".

The First Lady of Lagos State, Dame Abimbola Fashola was also honored at the event.

Upcoming Events

World Environment Day – The Society for Environmental Toxicology and Pollution Mitigation (SETPOM) in marking the day is hosting a public lecture. The programme will be held at the University of Lagos on June 5th 2015 starting from 10am. More info is available on the website www.setpom.com

World Youth Skills Day – The United Nations has directed that July 15th be designated as world youth skills day. For this year's celebration, the YCT UNEVOC Centre is planning a series of lectures, competition, awards and exhibition. Look out for more information.

Skills Acquisitions – A series of skills acquisition training are being organized by the Centre for NYSC Corps members, Secondary School students and the general public. Contact us for more details

Profiles



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Mr. Nwankwo is currently a Senior Lecturer and Head of Department, Printing Technology, Yaba College of

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He is a print media consultant with a number of projects successfully executed. They include:

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