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## **VC TELLS FRESHMEN TO UPHOLD THE UI LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE**

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. I.F. Adewole has charged the newly admitted students to uphold the UI legacy of excellence. He recalled that many great and noble men and women have passed through the portals of the university and advised the freshmen to consider themselves lucky to be given such an opportunity.

The VC gave the charge at the Orientation Programme organized by the Students Affairs Division for the 2010/2011 intakes.

Prof. Adewole urged the students to see their admission as the beginning of their quest for greatness and not to throw away the opportunity.

He advised the students to open their eyes and ears wide and allow their noses to be functional in order for them to see, hear and smell the atmosphere. He warned them that the University Campus is a complex environment and they should be careful before joining any association.

Prof. Adewole also told the students not to allow themselves to be victimized or intimidated and to report any such threats immediately for management action.

The Vice-Chancellor warned the students that they will face the challenges of power outage and shortage of water supply while on campus and assured that management will always try its best to alleviate the situation.

He, however, appealed to the students not to use these challenges as the reason to go on rampage adding that if the others before them had destroyed the University, they would not have had a campus to resume at.

The Vice-Chancellor who told the students that his administration will be very accessible directed that the phone numbers of some principal officers be made public so that the students could call such officers if the need arose.

### **VC calls for the cooperation of the alumni/alumnae**

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. I.F. Adewole has called on all successful alumni/alumnae of the University of Ibadan to join hands with the management to build an institution that will continually impact the society positively.

He made the call during a courtesy visit paid on him by an alumnus of the University, His Excellency, Dr. Kanayo F. Nwanze, the President of the Italy based International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

Prof. Adewole stated that through such collaborations, the University will be able to showcase its alumni/alumnae who have reached the pinnacle of their careers.

Dr. Nwanze who said he was happy to be back in his alma mater after 40 years, thanked the University of Ibadan for laying the foundation of what he became in his professional life.

He described his visit as being very emotional for him and promised that he will engender a partnership between UI and IFAD as a testimony to his commitment to the advancement of education.

Dr. Nwanze was in UI to deliver a Public Lecture entitled: "The Purpose of man on Earth and his Responsibilities in Creation" organized by the Grail Message.

### **VC hosts the State Director of Security, Oyo State Command**

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. I.F. Adewole has solicited the assistance of the State Security Service, Oyo State Command in intelligence gathering and the training of the University's security personnel.

Prof. Adewole made the call for assistance during a courtesy call paid on him by the Director.

He enjoined the State Security Service to be part of the University's Peace and Conflict Studies and the Strategic Studies Programmes adding that it is only when the country is at peace that academic activities will thrive.

The Director who said he was happy to be in UI stated that the University of Ibadan is a clear leader of other universities in the country adding that its leadership cannot be in dispute in spite of webometric rankings.

He said since he had assumed duties in Ibadan, he had not had any serious security challenges in UI and promised to help the University sustain this. He commended the University for its Anti Cultism Campaign and assured the University of the support of his Command at all times.

## **VC advises Faculty of Law to seek the financial assistance of its alumni**

The Vice-Chancellor has assured the Faculty of Law of the management's support to build a vibrant Faculty that will be the envy of its peers in Nigeria and Africa.

Prof. I.F. Adewole made this promise during a visit to the Faculty of Law to address some of its requirements to redress its crippling inadequacies.

The Vice-Chancellor who considered each of the various requests presented by the Faculty, advised the Dean to prepare the documentation of those needs that require Senate approval for the Senate meeting scheduled to hold at the end of January, especially the creation of two additional departments

He also advised the Dean to liaise with the DVC Academic for the defrosting of some of the positions to be filled, discuss with the Director of Works on the possibility of moving the Faculty to a more spacious portion of Ajibode and to provide the legal documents of the Morohundiya Complex and the Babalakin Endowed Chair.

Prof. Adewole also advised the Dean to determine the financial costs of some of the needs of the Faculty and make efforts to raise funds from outside of the University adding that the University will also provide its counterpart funds. This according to the Vice-Chancellor becomes necessary because the University is unable to meet all the needs of its various Faculties on its own.

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