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I welcome you all to the second matriculation ceremony of this noble institution. We thank God who has made this day possible. Congratulations to the matriculating students!

Make the best of the opportunity you have. With the spirit of competitiveness, students should be aspiring to seek direction, ask questions and

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NIGERIAN BRITISH UNIVERSITY (NBU) *Celebrates* LANDMARK ACHIEVEMENT WITH HOSPITAL FACILITY TOUR

The Abia State Governor Alex Otti ably represented by the Commissioner for Tertiary Education . Prof. Uche Emeh Uche officially Commissioned Nigerian British University Hospital on the 1st March, 2025 immediately after the 2nd Matriculation Ceremony of the institution. She commended the institution for her commitment to excellence and dedication towards raising global stars.

Stressing the University speed achieved with hub of academic excellence in just two Years of existence and building a world class facilities. Prof Uche Emeh Uche, in her speech highlighted that Abia State Government investment in

education is 20 percent of the state and #700 Billion annual budget has been allocated to the sector to foster strong commitment. She described the hospital as a home for hospitality and healing center for all.

Early in the week, the Principal Officers undertook a tour of the facility. The Nigerian British University (NBU) took a major step in enhancing healthcare access within its campus as the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Hakeem Fawehinmi, along with key university officials, conducted a comprehensive facility tour of the newly completed University Hospital. This world-class hospital, equipped with modern medical technology and staffed by highly trained professionals, is set to revolutionize

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PROF HAKEEM B. FAWEHINMI, VICE-CHANCELLOR,
NIGERIAN BRITISH UNIVERSITY, ON THE OCCASION OF THE
2ND MATRICULATION CEREMONY
SATURDAY 1ST OF MARCH 2025**



Distinguished Guests, esteemed faculty, proud parents, and our matriculating students, it is my pleasure to welcome you all to the second matriculation ceremony of the Nigerian British University, Asa Abia State. Today marks the beginning of an exciting academic journey for our newly admitted students, one that promises growth, excellence, and boundless

opportunities. At NBU, we are committed to fostering a world-class educational experience, rooted in academic excellence, innovation, and global engagement. We have gathered here today to witness yet another induction ceremony into our citadel of learning in the finest academic traditions. It is with immense pride, I extend my

heartfelt congratulations to each of you on embarking upon this monumental journey which marks the beginning of a remarkable chapter in your academic lives, and I am honoured to welcome you to our prestigious institution.

As you begin this transformative journey, embrace every challenge as an opportunity to grow. Work hard, stay disciplined, and take advantage of the resources and mentorship available to you. Your time here will shape your future, and I have no doubt that you will rise to the occasion. As you step into this realm of higher learning, I want to emphasize the significance of this momentous occasion. Beyond matriculation lies a path paved with opportunities for academic excellence, personal growth, and professional achievement. It is my commitment, as your Academic Father, to stand by your side throughout this journey, guiding and supporting you every step of the way. Matriculation Ceremony marks a significant milestone that distinguishes the undergraduate out from those who are not privileged to gain access into a renowned higher educational institution like ours. It is a formal ceremony that officially confers upon you the status and dignity of being students at the tertiary level.

NBU is truly a 21st Century University that envisions a State-of-the-Art ICT Centre, e-Classrooms, e-Library, University Hospital, Sports and Recreational facilities, including a 9-Hole Golf Course, Biological Gardens, Banking Facilities with a good Security Surveillance Architecture that will give our students an excellent study experience. In keeping with our mantra 'Developing Potentials We Trust', NBU has provided a learning environment that promotes both smart classrooms and quality out-of-class delivery; and will produce graduates provided with skills to prove their competitiveness in a

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The Orientation Of New Students of Nigerian British University

The orientation programme of Nigerian British University, for new students of 2024/2025 academic session, was held on 26th February, 2025 with year one students in attendance at Adagbaodu Lecture Theatre in the Faculty Complex. The orientation was a one-day programme for both staff and students to share common information and be on the same page as regards the smooth running of the University. The Senate Members were duly present and adequately recognized. An opening remark was made by the Vice Chancellor of Nigerian British University, Prof. Hakeem Fawehinmi, who urged the fresh students to be of good conduct and abide by the policies in the Institution.

Furthermore, The Deputy Vice

Chancellor Academics, Prof. Innocent Uwah, advised the students on the importance of education and urged them to embrace it positively to enhance their future. The Registrar of Nigerian British University, Mr. Leonard Khama, also spoke to the students on the registry, its connections with the students and why the students should set the pace by being good ambassadors. He concluded by mentioning the regulations guiding university examinations.

Several other speeches were made. The Bursar, Mr. Jam Chukwuemerie Nnamdi, talked about physical and online clearance upon resumption. Another speech by the university Librarian, was also projected, stating



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A TREMENDOUS MILESTONE!

By Mr. Patrick Onwuanyia

The Nigerian British university ably led by the Vice-Chancellor Prof. H. B. Fawehinmi is thrilled to announce to you that Nigerian British University has successfully secured an approval from the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital for a collaborative partnership in the training of the students in Medicine, Nursing and Medical Lab Science.

University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital is a world class quaternary hospital that employs cutting edge

technology and highly developed human resources in rendering excellent medical services. UPTH offers a range of services, including family medicine, pathology, obstetrics and gynecology, dentistry, radiology amongst others.

This is indeed a tremendous milestone in our College of Health Sciences, Nigerian British University.

We look forward to sharing more momentous achievement with you!

growth and partnerships. He commended the Mayor's visionary leadership and commitment to development, describing him as a proactive and strategic leader, who has created an atmosphere conducive to progress.

Prof Hakeem Fawehinmi emphasized that the visit was a demonstration of the university's respect for constituted authority and her willingness to operate in compliance with government regulations. While applauding the Mayor's achievements in maintaining peace and order, he also highlighted a few challenges faced by the institution, particularly in internal affairs, and provided an update on the ongoing measures to address them.

Nigerian British University Asa, in Ukwu West Local Government Area, ably led by The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Hakeem Fawehinmi, paid a Courtesy Visit to The Mayor of Ukwu West Local Government Area at Oke-Ikpe, The Council Headquarters.

Earlier in his speech, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Hakeem Fawehinmi expressed sincere appreciation to the Governor of

Abia State, His Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, for fostering an investor-friendly environment that encourages

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Hakeem Fawehinmi, was accompanied by his team, which included, The Registrar, Mr. Leonard Khama, Bursar - Mr. Jam Chukwuemerie Nnamdi, Head of Compliance and Extra Curricular Activities - Mr. Sydney Onwumere, Chief Security Officer 1-- Mr. Gerald Akalonu, Chief Accountant -- Mr. Alozie David, Chief Security officer 2, Mr. Livinus Emmanuel, Mr. Patrick Onwuanyia (SAVC), Mrs. Blessing Austin (PRO/MPPC CREW), and Mr. Kelechi Okafor (CONTENT/MPPC CREW)

The Executive Chairman of Ukwu West Local Government Area, Hon. Pst. Dike Briggs Nwankwo, charged the management of the Nigerian British University, Asa, to always enhance its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) with the host Community in particular and Asa Land in general.



COUNCIL FOR THE REGULATION OF ENGINEERING IN NIGERIA (COREN)

The NBU Engineering team is thrilled to represent our esteemed institution at the ongoing COREN Regional Train-The-Trainers Workshop! This fantastic opportunity is made possible by the unwavering support of our visionary Vice Chancellor, who always pushes us to reach new heights.

As we soak up engineering knowledge and best practices, we're honored to be part of an institution that prioritizes staff development and growth.

Kudos to the VC for this great opportunity! Here's to harnessing this training to unlock our full potential and to make our university shine brighter!

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OBE IMPLEMENTOR TRAINING FOR ENGINEERING PROGRAMS

The Outcome-Based Education (OBE) Implementor Training in Enugu, organized by the Engineering Accreditation Committee (EAC) of COREN, took place on February 26–27, 2025. This workshop aimed to equip engineering educators with the knowledge and skills necessary to implement OBE principles in engineering programs and prepare Self-Study Reports for accreditation.

This workshop was crucial in aligning Nigeria's engineering education with global best practices, ensuring engineering graduates meet international standards, are employable, and can contribute meaningfully to the industry. It also reinforced the importance of accreditation and quality assurance in engineering programs across Nigerian institutions.

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collaborate. Together, we form a vibrant tapestry of knowledgeable people and positive impactful change makers. There is need for commitment and allegiance to the pursuit of excellence, integrity and respect. Uphold the honour of our prestigious university and let your actions reflect the values we hold dear.

To our parents and guardians, thank you for entrusting us with your most precious treasure. We promise to mesmerize and prepare them for a world that awaits stars and brilliant graduates. We have ensured that our standing hostels and structures provide our students with an excellent environment to experiment and experience world class learning and formation.

To our erudite lecturers, you are part of this noble effort. We would all work together to prepare our students for their future careers which would enable them to succeed nationally and internationally, as tomorrow's ethical leaders. In turn, we champion as the most highly respected university.

I am saying to all our precious students, remember that you are part of something greater; a legacy that stands beyond generations. Congratulations to every single student! May your time in our university be transformative enlightening.

Welcome to a community where curiosity knows no bounds. Welcome to a community where the pursuit of knowledge is a privilege and a responsibility.

Thank you and let the journey begin!

Credited to: **Mrs. Blessing Austin**



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diverse global economy. Our drive towards the experiential learning is designed to mould our students into entrepreneurs and provide them with necessary skills that can turn them into employers of labour on graduation.

With the successful Resource Verification of additional 8 degree programmes by the National Universities Commission (NUC) in June last year, added to our original 16 take-off degree programmes, further enrolment with the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), and the engagement of requisite staff committed to the enthronement of highest academic and moral standards, NBU continued academic activities in its 2024/2025 academic session. This occasion marks our noble intention to formally admit 162 fresh men into these 23 available programmes in five Faculties, approved for NBU by the NUC. The faculties and their number of students being matriculated today are: Law - 30; Management & Social Sciences - 17; Computing & Information Technology - 36; Basic Medical & Allied Health Sciences housed in our College of Health Sciences - 69; and Engineering & Applied Sciences - 10.

On behalf of the entire NBU community, I heartily congratulate our newly admitted students into the above Faculties in this citadel where knowledge meets creativity. Our available programmes are designed to suit our institutional objectives and quality assurance statements. Your presence here signifies not only your academic potentials but also your readiness to embrace new challenges and opportunities for growth, while we provide you with a dedicated team of experienced professionals from a wide range of disciplines, committed to your success and wellbeing, through excellent

teaching, research and the provision of support services. Already you have made your families and friends proud by being found worthy to be admitted to NBU as its pacesetters. I urge you to keep the flag flying as you imbibe the positive values of life through your sojourn in NBU!

Our students have come from diverse social backgrounds and with varying degrees of educational experiences. They have shown great promise and potential, and they represent our hope for the future. We are honoured to have them in our midst as part of the NBU community. As they approach this journey with utmost dedication and commitment, I implore them to keep an open mind, be willing to embrace new perspectives and step out of their comfort zone. I urge you to imbibe the culture of collaboration, mutual respect and continuous learning. Success in any spheres of human endeavour comes only through diligent hard work. Be diligent and strive for excellence and see how far providence will take you. The academic environment has a peculiar culture characterized by orderliness, inquisitiveness and debate, all of which will play an important role in equipping you to be worthy ambassadors of NBU and set you on the path of progress for a better tomorrow.

As from today you have become part and parcel of NBU, therefore, your conduct shall henceforth come under intense public scrutiny. You must take actions that stand you out positively as good Ambassadors of the institution. Today, you are being admitted into NBU's roll as its second set of students. Our dear students, do not allow the freedom you will enjoy in the University make you tow the wrong path, as your actions or

inaction could make or mar you now or in the future! I will like to remind you of the importance of upholding your Matriculation Pledge and being law-abiding while studying at NBU, as doing otherwise puts you at risk of severe sanctions. NBU has been established to be a world - class private conventional University poised to develop global competitiveness by employing technological innovation to ensure practical and relevant academic experiences, by offering a unique and innovative learning experience that combines the best British and Nigerian educational practices, with world-class academic and industrial mentorship.

NBU was formally licensed to operate as a University in Nigeria by the NUC in May 2022, and was officially commissioned in February 2023 by the Abia State Government to provide the much needed human resource training for self-reliance and contribute to the development of its catchment areas, nationally and internationally. Despite its 'teething problems' as a young University, the leadership of NBU is poised to oversee the task of setting a strong foundation, and respond effectively to changing societal needs and global dynamics for the institution. The Proprietors of the Nigerian British University are passionate about establishing a true British University in Nigeria that is driven by the traditional teaching techniques and research approach of British Universities. They are committed to the development of the University's academic content, quality assurance and sustainability of its British academic and professional culture.

The University shall in its pursuance of excellent teaching, learning and research, promote its foundational core values of mentorship, academic dynamism and professional integrity which shall be the hallmark of the quality and

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NBU GETS NEW DVC PROF. INNOCENT EBERE UWAH

By Mr. Benson E. Benson

B.Phil. (Philosophy)



A Distinguished Scholar, Academic Leader, and Visionary Strategist

The Nigerian British University proudly introduces Professor Innocent Ebere Uwah, an internationally recognized scholar, accomplished researcher, and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (DVC) of the university. With over three decades of academic and administrative experience, Prof. Uwah has made groundbreaking contributions to film studies, multimedia communication, media ethics, and African cinema scholarship.

Academic and Professional Background

Prof. Uwah holds a Ph.D. in Film Studies and has pursued higher education across globally recognized institutions, including:

- Dublin City University, Ireland – Ph.D. in Film Studies
- Pontifical University of Ireland – PGD in Communication & Development
- University of Calabar, Nigeria – M.A. in Communication Studies
- Pontifical Urban University, Rome – B.Th. (Theology) and

Academic and Leadership Experience

His career spans multiple leadership roles in top institutions:

- Professor of Film Studies, University of Port Harcourt
- Dean, School of General Studies & Entrepreneurship Development, Nigerian British University
- Acting Head, Department of Theatre & Film Studies, University of Port Harcourt
- External Examiner for top universities in Nigeria and South Africa
- Editor-in-Chief of The Crab Journal and Deputy Editor of Kiabara Journal
- Director of Communications, Catholic Diocese of Ahiara

Research and Publications

Prof. Uwah is a prolific researcher and author, with numerous peer-reviewed journal articles, books, and book chapters. His works focus on Nollywood cinema, media studies, digital communication, and African cultural identity. Some of his notable publications include:

Books

- The Rhetoric of Culture in Nollywood (2019, USA)
- Moral Dilemmas in the Discourse of Cinema, Ethics and Society (2024, UK)
- Nollywood Nation: On the Industry, Practice, and Scholarship of Cinema in Nigeria (Co-edited, 2019)

Book Chapters

- Censorship and Film Development in Nigeria (2020)
- The Diocesan Director of Communication in Church's

Mission of Evangelization (2020)

- Genre Theory and Its Application to Film (2019)
- Journal Articles (Published internationally in the USA, UK, South Africa, Russia, and Nigeria)
- African Cinema(s) and Theorizations: Arts, Scholarship & Debates (2023)
- Multiculturalism in Africa vis-à-vis Alan Channer's The Imam and The Pastor (2019)
- Contextual Cinemas: Screening Everydayness of Africa in Nollywood (2019)
- Repositioning Nollywood in a Struggling Economy: The Need for Industry Reform (2019)

His research has shaped global discussions on African cinema and digital media studies, making him a sought-after conference speaker and reviewer for international journals.

A Vision for Academic Excellence

Prof. Uwah believes that true academic excellence goes beyond publications and grades—it is about solving human problems, fostering innovation, and shaping intellectual thought. He states:

"Academic excellence is a top-notch academic environment with impeccable, noble publications that stand tall in the intellectual world order. It is about innovative procedures for solving human problems and creating knowledge that enriches society and individuals alike."

As part of his strategic academic plan (2025-2030), he aims to:

- Enhance student recruitment and enrolment
- Improve faculty development and research funding
- Strengthen international

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standard of the academic programmes to be run. Its Mission is 'to develop globally competitive graduates by offering proactive and distinctive research opportunities, a learning and professional mentoring environment with adequate international collaborations, as well as commitment to vibrant industrial engagement to ensure practical and relevant academic experiences'. The Promoters believe that motivated staff and students think critically in order to awaken their creativity and shall stand them out in the global labour market. In this vein, the University shall aim for international recognition in the delivery of quality, practical and result-oriented research tailored towards industrial and infrastructural development. Its conduct of entrepreneurial studies and trainings shall build the mind-set of its prospective graduates to be enterprising.

The Governing Council has pledged to ensure that the University achieves its set goals and objectives through each phase of its development. I commend the Proprietors of this great institution for their vision in establishing a truly 21st Century University that will create opportunities for individuals within and outside the country to gain access to quality tertiary education, to further their knowledge and acquire relevant skills, that will enable them contribute meaningfully to the socioeconomic development of their communities and the world at large. As pioneer Vice-Chancellor, I intend to provide the required leadership that promises our graduates requisite knowledge and skills that will position them to solve the multifarious challenges of today's society. NBU offers affordable British standard education and provides our students with the opportunity of

studying abroad in one of our partner Universities in the United Kingdom.

Our drive towards Internationalization through the effective consummation of strategic collaborative engagements and partnerships have led to our affiliation with 4 prestigious foreign Universities in the United Kingdom and South Africa through the signing of Memoranda of Understanding — The University of Keele, The University of Lincoln, The Leeds-Beckett University and the University of Johannesburg. These partnerships have opened new vista for international academic collaborations, Joint Research Hub for knowledge exchange, and global networking platforms for our academic staff and students. With this Exchange Programme our students have the option of studying for 2 or 3 years on our campus, and completing their remaining 2 years or 1 year in one of our oversea partner Universities, in a 2+2 or 3+1 arrangement. Our students also have the option of completing their programme with us and 'topping-it-up' with a one year master's degree in one of our affiliate institutions before undertaking their mandatory National Youth Service. Additionally, the MoU provides for short bilateral visits by academic staff and postgraduate students of the affiliate institutions.

I am delighted to announce that, through these strategic affiliations, NBU in active collaboration with the University of Keele has recently won a Going Global Trans-National Education Exploratory Grant through the British Council. TNE is a concept of the United Kingdom Department for Business and Trade and has received the endorsement of the NUC. This

grant is a testament to our institution's growing reputation on the global stage and our commitment to advancing quality education and research. As a University, we are committed to developing students with international outlooks and experience and this Grant will support this pioneering UK-Nigeria educational partnership. In addition, our partnership with the University of Lincoln under the auspices of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities has resulted in a Capacity Building Collaborative Online Learning (COIL) for both staff and students, and will witness NBU hosting a team from the University of Lincoln during the 2nd semester of this session, on a 2day visit for a pilot workshop and for cultural exchanges. Also, we are a proud member of PRiME (Principles for Responsible Management Education), a United Nations initiative, reinforcing our dedication to responsible leadership, ethical business practices, and sustainable development.

As we celebrate these milestones, I would like to take a moment to highlight the exceptional achievements of some of our multi-talented students, who stood out in flying colours during the 2023/2024 academic session. Their dedication, perseverance, and commitment to excellence set a high standard for what is possible at Nigerian British University. One of the key moments of that academic session was the Awards Ceremony for Outstanding Students, where we recognized students who excelled in their academics and distinguished themselves in various competitions and initiatives. 20 students made the Dean's List, demonstrating their academic brilliance by achieving a CGPA of 4.00 and above on a scale of 5.00, setting a benchmark for excellence and representing the academic pride of NBU. Our student delegate represented NBU on a

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global platform, at the 1st Nigerian Tertiary Institutions Conference on United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in Abuja in August last year, showcasing leadership and commitment to sustainability. The conference was hosted by the Africa Regional Office of the SDG Youth International in partnership with the Federal Ministry of Education.

Also, the Vice-Chancellor's Annual Essay Competition on Sustainability which held during the summer vacation last year encouraged intellectual rigor and challenged our students to express critical thinking, demonstrate writing and analytical skills, with students presenting outstanding essays on sustainability—a crucial global issue. Three essays won at the grand finale, with the winner of the Prof Ruth A. Ashford Prize for the Best Essay in Sustainability also crowned Miss Ekiti State in a beauty pageant that took place in December last year in Ekiti State. Miss Ekiti is also the initiator of the “Youngsters and Young Stars Foundation”.

In addition, a team of forward-thinking students termed CAVAR, demonstrated remarkable innovation, business acumen, and problem-solving skills, reinforcing our commitment to entrepreneurship and leadership, by representing the NBU at a National Entrepreneurship Challenge Competition (South East Zone). This virtual competition which holds annually during the Global Entrepreneurship Week, was hosted by NUC in partnership with the Directorates of Entrepreneurship of all Nigerian Universities in November 2024. These achievements by our pioneer students are a testament to the academic excellence, global engagement, and innovative spirit that define NBU. To our newly matriculated students, let this serve

as inspiration. You, too, have the opportunity to excel, to innovate, and to make a mark not just within these walls but on the world stage.

The Nigerian British University, being an ICT-driven World-Class Tertiary Institution, boasts of a dedicated internet connectivity that allows for data transmission in Gigabytes. So far, the Administrative and Faculty Buildings, Info-Hub, and the Andy Hall of Residence, have been successfully connected with a 24/7 internet link, while work is currently ongoing to ensure campus-wide seamless internet connectivity. We have successfully deployed a one-touch all-encompassing web application that serves the students and staff. The NBUNet is a digital platform that provides for a portal for students administration, staff profiling, and activity monitoring, such as collation of course registration, semester and continuous assessments results.

A Learning Management System (NBUNetLMS) has also been successfully deployed. While staffs are continuously being trained on how to use the platform that of students will be conducted after this matriculation ceremony. The NBU has put up arrangements to deploy a world-class digital Library (NBUELibrary). Thus far, a high-end enterprise Server has been put in place for the deployment of KOHA Library Management System. Our Classrooms are equipped with up-to-date Interactive Digital Smart Boards. This equipment makes teaching and learning enjoyable and enhances remote and hybrid participation. On security, in addition to our tight security architecture, the ICT is currently connecting the entire perimeter fence with high-resolution CCTV

cameras via Fibre Optics cable to boost security control and monitoring against external encroachment.

In January this year, NBU received a visitation team from the Council of Legal Education for a successful resource verification exercise and in February, received the approval of the Management of the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital for the clinical training of the medical, nursing and medical laboratory science students of our College of Health Sciences. Last year the University went into partnership, by signing MoUs with 3 Private Hospitals and an Automobile Engineering Company in Port Harcourt for the experiential training of the students of our College of Health Sciences and Engineering respectively. The University hospital on our campus has been fully completed and equipped, while staff accommodation, students hostel and other municipal services are currently being expanded. We urge our staff, students and their parents to take advantage of the opportunity being offered by the recent commencement of the NBU Business School to enrol in Certificate and Diploma courses that will enrich their credentials to face the challenges ahead, and also subscribe to our recently unveiled NBULletin which has some of our prolific students on the Editorial Board.

Our mantra 'Developing Potentials, We Trust' is borne out of the vision of our University to achieve academic dynamism and distinctiveness, distinguished by proactive and unprecedented research, international partnership, vibrant links with businesses, and commitment to practical and excellent academic experiences. These aims underpin the offer we make to graduates and guide our curriculum design, development

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and delivery, as articulated by the DEEP Principles: Developing Potential; Excellence in Inspiring Learning; Empowering Global Citizens with Local Impact; Preparing Work-Ready Graduates.

Having set out the background to the Ceremony we are about to conduct, it is now my pleasure to once again welcome our dear parents, guardians, friends and well-wishers and other stakeholders to the 2nd Matriculation Ceremony of NBU. We appreciate your support and encouragement and we are indeed delighted to host you to this special occasion that is an important part of our academic calendar. I welcome all members of the University community, Teaching and Non-Teaching and other interest groups. I urge you to act as role models to the matriculating students, and treat them with respect and the courtesy they deserve, as only the Almighty God knows what they may become tomorrow.

To our second batch of students, you are expected to take advantage of being here to foster life-long friendships as proud Alumni of NBU. I enjoin you to be law-abiding as the Nigerian British University has zero tolerance for cultism, examination misconduct, unruly behaviour, drug addiction and other forms of anti-social vices, because at the end, the certificate issued will be based on character and learning, with *character* preceding *learning*. I admonish you to use the internet wisely, desist from the inordinate use of social media, as the University strives to provide essential municipal services, ICT infrastructure and recreational facilities that will motivate you to perform optimally and give you an exquisite learning experience. I urge you to make the best of this

opportunity and associate yourselves with groups that support your academic, social, professional and spiritual wellbeing.

I encourage you to approach your studies with determination, enthusiasm, and a hunger for knowledge. Embrace challenges as opportunities for growth, and let your passion for learning ignite the flame of curiosity within you. Remember, the future belongs to those who dare to dream, and I have no doubt that each of you possess the potential to shape the world with your brilliance and dedication. As you navigate through the corridors of academia, always hold your heads high with courage and confidence. Believe in your abilities, persevere in the face of adversity, and never underestimate the power of resilience. The podium of excellence awaits your triumphant ascent, and I have unwavering faith that you will shine brightly in every endeavour you pursue.

On behalf of the Governing Council, Senate, Staff and Students of NBU, I express my gratitude to the Government of Abia State under the able leadership of His Excellency Dr. Alex Otti OFR the Executive Governor of Abia State and the Ukwu-West Local Government for their kind support. I thank our host communities, neighbouring institutions, public or private, and our development partners for the mutual cooperation and conviviality being enjoyed so far. We assure you that as a responsible institution, this hand of fellowship and harmony anchored on peace and progress will not be taken for granted, and will be nurtured into the future. We are open to investors and welcome donors who wish to

share in our social value.

Once again, congratulations, my dearest Matriculating Students, on this momentous occasion. Seize the opportunities that lie ahead, embrace the challenges that come your way, and embark upon this journey with unwavering determination and zeal. Together, let us write a legacy of academic distinction and innovation that will inspire generations to come. There is no doubt that this is a momentous occasion for our freshmen who are about to take the Matriculation Pledge, and we share in their joy. However, as I conclude, I wish to reiterate the fact that a Convocation is far more important, when we shall gather at the end of your prescribed period of study to celebrate your academic exploits, and stand up for genuine champions.

You have made the right choice by choosing NBU, and I wish you all the very best, as I look forward to witnessing your remarkable achievements and celebrating your successes along the way. Until then, know that I and other staff of the University offer to be your Academic parents and mentors, guiding you towards a future filled with boundless possibilities. On behalf of the entire University community, I congratulate you all on this significant milestone. Welcome to Nigerian British University, where excellence is our standard, and success is our culture, as you savour the sweetness of our eco-friendly environment. I thank you all for your patience and attention. Thank you and congratulations once again!

Prof Hakeem Fawehinmi
Vice-Chancellor Nigerian British University

A MILESTONE FOR THE UNIVERSITY

Other university officials also expressed their joy and pride in witnessing the completion of the hospital, describing it as a major milestone in the institution's growth. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Innocent Uwah, emphasized the hospital's significance, stating: "Having such a hospital on campus gladdens our hearts. In certainty, NUC will value it. Gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Pro-Chancellor, and everyone who has seen this vision to realization.

This is a historic feat achieved by the university. We look forward to seeing those who work here enjoy the facility. In one word, I would say satisfied." Similarly, the Registrar, Mr. Leonard Kharma, described the project as a long-awaited accomplishment, saying: **"It is fantastic, fulfilling, and an expectation come true."**

Excitement Among Medical Personnel

Beyond the university leadership, the hospital's medical staff also expressed their enthusiasm and readiness to begin operations in the new facility. Nurse Faith, who will be working in the hospital, highlighted the significance of the transition:

"I am really happy that we are moving to the new facility. It has been our expectation. We will be motivated to do more in the new facility and will be

more efficient. I am grateful for this."

Another medical professional, Nurse Amarachi, described the experience as overwhelming, adding:

"The feeling cannot be described. It is amazing, and I am sure that we will be more comfortable in the new facility. I cannot wait to move."

A Future of Excellence in Healthcare

As the tour concluded, Prof. Fawehinmi reaffirmed the

university's commitment to student and staff well-being, stating that the hospital is not just an addition to the campus but a symbol of progress, care, and excellence. He emphasized that the facility will play a crucial role in ensuring accessible, high-quality, and comprehensive healthcare services for the university community.

With the University Hospital set to commence full operations soon, NBU has once again demonstrated its commitment to academic and healthcare excellence, ensuring that its students and staff receive the best medical care possible.

COURTESY VISIT TO ABIA STATE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE BY NIGERIAN BRITISH UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT TEAM

Monday 17th February, 2025 was a remarkable day whereby Nigerian British University Management team led by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. H. B. Fawehinmi, paid a courtesy visit to the Abia State Commissioner of Police, CP Danladi Isa at Police HQ, Umuahia.

The visit was aimed at strengthening the cordial relationship between the University Community and the Abia State Police Command and discussing ways to establish a stronger security network on our Campus. CP Isa expressed his delight at the visit while assuring the Vice-Chancellor.



Nigerian British University (NBU) Celebrates Landmark Achievement With Hospital Facility Tour

healthcare services for students, staff, and the surrounding community.

A Dream Realized

The tour provided university leadership with an opportunity to assess the hospital's facilities, ensuring that all departments were fully equipped to meet healthcare needs. Expressing his excitement, Prof. Fawehinmi, who is a Professor of Clinical Anatomy and Biomedical Anthropology, shared his heartfelt thoughts on the achievement:

"It is very heartwarming. With this, we can deliver healthcare to our students to the best of our ability. The

coverage will be for all of them, and the staff of the university are also included. The university is proud to have such a facility to provide healthcare delivery for us. I'm impressed. In one word, I would say I am happy."

The hospital features advanced medical infrastructure, including fully equipped consultation rooms, emergency response units, diagnostic laboratories, in-patient wards, surgical theaters, and specialized care units. These facilities will not only cater to everyday medical needs but also provide emergency and specialized healthcare services.

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NBU GETS NEW DVC PROF. INNOCENT EBERE UWAH

partnerships and collaborations

- Leverage technology to drive academic and research innovation

A Leader Who Champions Teamwork

Prof. Uwah strongly advocates for collaboration as the key to success, stating:

"If one wants to succeed, one must be a good team player. The university is an arena where everyone plays a role in achieving collective success. If A contributes, B contributes, and C contributes, then we create something remarkable together."

A Message to Students and Staff

To our staff "Congratulations on being part of this great institution. Your contributions are invaluable." To our students "Welcome to your future! Welcome to an environment that broadens your horizons and prepares you to excel in the world."

With his strong academic background, research expertise, and commitment to innovation, Prof. Uwah is set to propel Nigerian British University to new heights of excellence.

Welcome, Professor Uwah!



the importance of visiting the library from time to time, as Nigerian British University operates Physical, Virtual and e-Library. Head of Students'

Experience office informed the students on the role of the office in the life of students, stressing the rules. Head of Compliance and

Extracurricular activities emphasized on monitoring and reporting abnormal conducts to management and organizing extracurricular

activities for students. Subsequently, the chief security and safety officer elaborated on safety rules. The head of Medical Services spoke on the dangers of drug abuse and urged the students to always apply healthy living

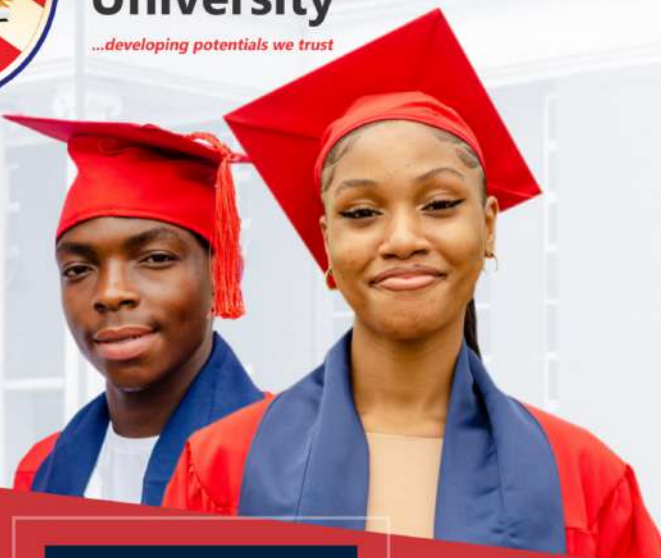
styles. Head of works, services and physical Planning, spoke on municipal facilities and proper use of university properties. Head of Information and communication Technology spoke on the importance of being computer

literate, knowledge of student's portal, email addressed online registration, digital access, e-library, NBUnet and digital classroom lectures.



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