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**IBOK-ETE EKWE IBAS** CFR  
ADMINISTRATOR, RIVERS STATE



**OKEY WALI, SAN**  
CHAIRMAN, GOVERNING COUNCIL,  
RIVERS STATE UNIVERSITY

## Rivers State Sole Administrator Reconstitutes RSU Governing Council

**By Victor Banigo**

**T**he Sole Administrator of Rivers State, His Excellency, Vice Admiral (Rtd.) Ibok-Ete Ekwe Ibas, CFR, has reconstituted the Governing Council of the Rivers State University (RSU), Nkpolu-Oroworukwo, Port Harcourt with Okey Wali, a Senior Advocate of Nigeria, as

Chairman. The appointment was announced in a government statement signed by the Secretary to the State Government, Prof. Ibibia Lucky Worika, on Wednesday, 13th August 2025.

The statement also listed other members of the Governing Council as Mr.

Theophilus Owzor, Mr. Uche Messiah Olowo, mni, Soibiton Ngoji Kio Isokariari, Mr. Gogo Cooke, Sir Michael L. Vincent (KJW), Prof. Joseph Atubokiki Ajenka, Dr. Tamunoibikari G.S. Epelle, Dr. Ndidi Chikanele Utchay (Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education), and Mr. Jeremiah Egwu (Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance).

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# RSU Launches Administrative Lecture Series for Non-Teaching Staff

By Chioma Egwurugwu

The Rivers State University has announced the institution of an Administrative Lecture Series for its non-teaching staff members, with the Registrar scheduled to deliver the maiden lecture. According to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi, the series aims to enhance the administrative knowledge of non-teaching staff, enabling them to perform their duties more effectively.

Prof. Zeb-Obipi made this announcement while appreciating the 116th Inaugural lecture of the University, Prof. Andy Fred Wali, on Wednesday 13th August 2025, for a thought-provoking and well-researched lecture on the topic "Rethinking impact in Marketing and Business Research through the Interpretivist Lens".

Prof. Andy Fred Wali who is a professor of Strategic Marketing and Social Constructivist Techniques, defined marketing research as a systematic problem analysis, model-building and fact-finding for the purpose of improved decision-making



The VC, Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi speaking at the Inaugural Lecture



Prof. Andy Fred Wali delivering the 116th Inaugural Lecture

and control in the marketing of goods and services. Prof. Wali said the value of marketing and business research in Nigeria's economy cannot be overemphasized as such research are designed to help businesses navigate their market, make informed decisions and ultimately improve customer satisfaction and business profitability. He opened that

by understanding consumer behavior, market trends and competitive dynamics, businesses can direct their strategies, products and services to meet specific needs of their target market.

Prof. Wali stressed that for marketing research to be effective, there is a need for Behavior Science and Industry Studies



The VC, Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi, presenting Award Plaque to the Inaugural Lecturer



Centres to be established, that will drive a new research order in all functional areas of business and allied disciplines to attract industry-oriented researches and institutional grants. More specifically, "it will foster interdisciplinary research by bringing together experts from allied disciplines, which will enable them to develop comprehensive and innovative solutions that tackle complex problems of diverse perspectives and skill," he said.

He further recommended that the University should establish a data repository for all researches within the University. Also, through faculty and departmental seminars series, and public lectures, workshops and mentorship programmes, researchers should be encouraged to demonstrate the impact of the Interpretivist research to help convince others of its value for interested researchers in adopting Interpretivist methods. "This can help researchers develop the skills and knowledge needed to conduct quality researches and get published in rated journals which may add to the University's image and ranking," he concluded.

The highlight of the Inaugural Lecture was the decoration of the lecturer by the Vice-Chancellor.



(L-R): Emeritus Prof. S. C. Achinewhu, Prof. N. S. Okoroma, Prof. Okechuku Onochuku, Prof. N. S. Okogbule, Mrs. Bibian Okogbule, Prof. Nlerum Franklin, Prof. Boma Oruwari and Prof. Victor Akujuru



A cross section of Senate Members



The VC, **Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi** (3rd Right), Principle officers, Members of Senate with the Inaugural Lecturer, **Prof. Andy Fred Wali** (4th Right), shortly after the Inaugural Lecture



## Admission to end on 30th October, 2025, says RSU VC

By Chidi Michael

The Vice-Chancellor of Rivers State University, Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi, has declared that admission for the 2025/2026 academic session will end on 30th October, 2025. The Vice-Chancellor stated this in his keynote address when he attended a programme organized by the Quality Assurance Directorate, titled "Inaugural Session of the Quality Review Cycle," held in the second semester of the 2024/2025 academic session, at the Vice-Chancellor's Old Auditorium, Senator Francis Ella Administrative Building, on Thursday, 14th August 2025.

Prof. Zeb-Obipi said both the first and second lists of the 2025/2026 admission list will be released on the same day. While thanking the organizers of the programme, he emphasized the need to review some of the university's policies and advised the staff to key into the Quality Review Cycle ideas to advance the university and improve productivity in all aspects.

He further stated that the essence of the Quality Review Cycle is to minimize errors and reevaluate all that has been done at the end of the semester and improve on it. Prof. Zeb-Obipi requested that the outcome of the meeting reflect the university's policies that would guide both staff and students.

The Vice-Chancellor took the opportunity to highlight his 21-point achievements within the period of five months in office as the Vice-Chancellor. He attributed the gestures to commitment and vision to advance the university in line with global trends and standards.

The Vice-Chancellor also mentioned the appointment of the University Special Envoy for Linkages, Collaborations, and Partnership, including Former President Goodluck E. Jonathan, promotion of several staff across all cadres of teaching and non-teaching, sponsorship of an award-winning graduate to Germany to showcase groundbreaking research, introduction of free medical checkups for all staff on their birthdays, and expansion of the scope of the Walk-For-Life Programme and the Organization



The VC, **Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi** declaring open the Quality Review Cycle



DVC (Academic) **Prof. Valentine Omubo-Pepple** giving his remarks



The Provost, College of Medical Sciences, **Prof. Kenneth S. Ordu** speaking at the event



The Director, Quality Assurance, **Prof. A. H. Igoni** making his presentation

of RSU Renaissance Retreat for re-engineering the university in pursuit of improvement in academic service delivery, university ranking, student welfare, graduate employability, and administrative efficiency, etc.

Finally, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Zeb-Obipi, while declaring the programme open, assured the provision of adequate security within the campus and renovating all the hostels within record time before the commencement of the next academic session.

The Director of Quality Assurance, Prof. A. H. Igoni, in his remarks and presentation of issues

in critical policy subheads, said the reason for the meeting is not to abolish the university's policies but to review some areas of importance for the betterment of the university. Prof. Igoni also took the lecture on the conduct of examinations, prioritizing security, and reviewing the university's policies in view of the Quality Review Cycle.

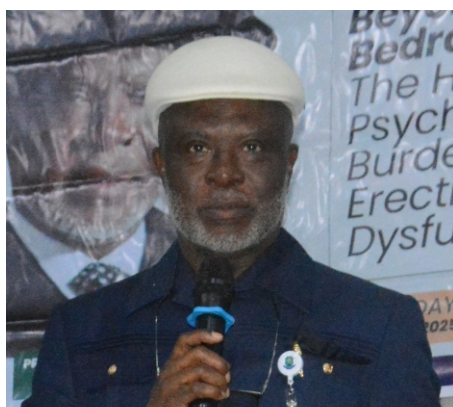
Prof. Igoni appealed that in the next meeting, Deans, HODs, Directors of various Institutes, and Centers would be asked to submit their reports to complement the Quality Review Policy Cycle idea to improve the university system.



A cross section of Deans and Directors, Provost CMS and HOCs at the Quality Review Cycle



# RSU Faculty of Clinical Sciences Explores the Hidden Psychological Burden of Erectile Dysfunction



The VC, **Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi** speaking at the event

By Rita Pius

The Faculty of Clinical Sciences, Rivers State University, recently organized a lecture series titled "Beyond the Bedroom: The Hidden Psychological Burden of Erectile Dysfunction." The event, held at the Faculty of Clinical Sciences Auditorium, aimed to raise awareness about the often-overlooked emotional and mental impact of erectile dysfunction.

In her welcome address, the Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Sciences, Prof. Assumpta Chapp-Jumbo, welcomed participants and emphasized the importance of discussing this sensitive topic openly. She highlighted the faculty's strengths in training, research, and clinical services, as well as its commitment to innovation and community engagement.

The Provost of the College of Medical

Sciences, Prof. Kenneth S. Ordu, noted that the college values research that addresses societal problems and supports faculties and departments that align with this vision.

The Keynote Speaker, Dr. Ovunda J. Omodu, a Urologist, defined erectile dysfunction (ED) as a consistent inability to maintain an erection sufficient for satisfactory sexual performance. He emphasized that ED's impact extends beyond physical health, affecting mental and emotional well-being, relationships, and self-worth.

Dr. Omodu highlighted the growing trend of ED among men aged 20-35 and identified various causes, including general trends, and potential contributing factors. He stressed the importance of a thorough

medical and psychosexual history, physical examination, and laboratory testing in evaluating ED. Dr. Omodu emphasized that ED should be viewed as a medical condition, not a personal failure, and advised men to separate their sense of masculinity from sexual performance.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi, commended the faculty for organizing the lecture and encouraged open discussion to remove stigma and promote healthy relationships. He reaffirmed the university's commitment to supporting such programme.

The lecture concluded with a call to action for men to prioritize their health and seek medical attention if experiencing symptoms of ED.



The Provost, College of Medical Sciences, **Prof. Kenneth S. Ordu** giving his remarks



The Keynote Speaker, **Dr. Ovunda J. Omodu**, delivering the Lecture



The Dean, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, **Prof. Assumpta Chapp-Jumbo** delivering her Welcome Address



The VC, **Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi** (5th Left), DVC, Academic, **Prof. Valentine Omubo-Pepple** (4th Left), Provost, College of Medical Sciences, **Prof. Kenneth S. Ordu** (3rd Left), Keynote Speaker, **Dr. Ovunda J. Omodu** (6th Left), The Dean, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, **Prof. Assumpta Chapp-Jumbo** (7th Left) and other guests, shortly after the Lecture



## University Women Association Visits Vice-Chancellor, Commends Support for Educational Centre

By Hachikaru Egeonu

The Rivers State University Women Association (RISUWA) has paid a long-awaited courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Isaac Zeb-Obipi, to express gratitude for his continuous support to the association and its Educational Centre.

The visit, which took place on Thursday, 14th August 2025, at the Vice-chancellor's office was led by the RISUWA President, Dr. (Mrs.) Victoria Zeb-Obipi, who is also the wife of the Vice-Chancellor. She commended Professor Zeb-Obipi for his commitment to the transformation of the RISUWA Educational Centre, including approving a facelift for one of the school's facilities and supporting the association's Graduation Ceremony.

Also speaking during the visit, Prof. Blessing Ahiauzu, a former president of RISUWA and former University Librarian, described Prof. Zeb-Obipi as the most impactful Vice-Chancellor in the history of the association. While appreciating his efforts, she humorously noted that they were also applying for more support, and thanked him for accommodating them despite his tight schedule.

The Parents Teachers Association (PTA) Chairman Mr. George Cottrell congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on his appointment and commended the school's leadership, expressing confidence that the children would continue to receive disciplined and quality upbringing.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi thanked the association for the visit and described the Educational Centre as a vital welfare programme for staff of the University, distinct from private schools as it is not profit-oriented. He stated that his interest in the school is for its growth, as he desires to see staff children

enrolled there, and assured that revenue from school fees would be judiciously used to improve facilities.

The Vice-Chancellor further announced plans to extend similar support to the Staff School and the International Secondary School, while also committing to restore the ICT Hub at the UWA Educational Centre. He encouraged the association's leadership to work together in peace to achieve their goals, commending them for maintaining the school's standards and keeping it functional.



The VC, Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi speaking at the Courtesy Visit



The RISUWA President, Dr. (Mrs.) Victoria Zeb-Obipi, delivering her Address



The VC, Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi (7th Right), RISUWA President, Dr. (Mrs.) Victoria Zeb-Obipi (6th Right), PTA Chairman, Mr. George Cottrell (3rd Right) and members of the RISUWA Board.



# CASOR RSU Alumni Congratulates Professor Zeb-Obipi, Celebrates 40th Anniversary

*By Hachikaru Egeonu*



The VC, **Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi** speaking during the Courtesy Visit

The Christ Ambassadors Students Outreach (CASOR) Alumni Fellowship, Rivers State University Chapter, on Thursday, August 14, 2025, paid a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi, at his office to congratulate him on his appointment and extend best wishes on his birthday.

The delegation, led by the Fellowship Chairman, Dr. Emmanuel Olowo, expressed admiration for the Vice-Chancellor's leadership style and the

positive strides made under his administration. Dr. Olowo noted that CASOR has been active on the university campus for 40 years, impacting students spiritually and socially, and providing assistance to many in need.

He explained that their 40th Anniversary celebration, scheduled for 15th and 16th August, 2025, would be an opportunity to reconnect with the university community and give back in appreciation of what members had benefited from during their student days. He told the Vice-Chancellor that activities lined up for the Anniversary include scholarship packages for 10 students of the fellowship across various departments.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi thanked the fellowship for the visit, congratulated them on their milestone anniversary, and expressed gratitude to God for His faithfulness throughout his life and career. He assured the group of his readiness to support religious bodies within the university and pledged his backing for CASOR's anniversary celebration, emphasizing that such initiatives contribute positively to the institution.



CASOR First President, Dr. Okechukwu Akiri presenting Award Plaque to the VC, **Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi**



The VC, **Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi** (7th Left), The Fellowship Chairman, **Dr. Emmanuel Olowo** (6th Left), **Prof. Joshua Konne** (10th Left), **Mr. Victor G. Banigo** (1st Left), **Dr. Okechukwu Akiri** (8th Left) and other members of the CASOR Alumni Fellowship with the CASOR Student Leadership



## RSU Pays Tribute to Late Professor Ibiba Felix Oruambo

By Kingdom Shedrack

**T**he Rivers State University over the weekend held a Special Convocation in honour of the late Prof. Ibiba Felix Oruambo, a renowned academic and community leader who passed away on May 5th, 2025.

Delivering his oration at the event which took place at the Convocation Arena, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi said he got close to the late professor when he was the Dean of Students Affairs. He described him as a researcher, teacher, scholar and a mentor. He said the university is grateful for his services because he was an administrator per excellence who was very meticulous in his job.

He said the University will always remember the pioneering role of the late professor in the Department of Biochemistry as the pioneer Head of Department (2015-2019), Ag. Dean Students Affairs (2011-2013), three times Head of Department of Chemistry, and the Faculty of Science Representative to the Senate Research and Publication Committee (SRPC).

Born on October 1st, 1949, late Prof. Ibiba Felix Oruambo was a Molecular Biochemist, an Environmental Toxicologist, Educator, Patriot, Community Leader, Mentor, Beloved Husband and Father. Late Professor Ibiba Felix Oruambo was a revered Nigerian academic scientist,

community leader, and mentor to both students and colleagues. A native of Bakana in Degema Local Government Area of Rivers State, his life was marked by an unwavering commitment to education, public health, and the upliftment of his people.

In public life, late Prof. Ibiba Felix Oruambo served as Sole Administrator and later Chairman of the Degema Local Government Council between 1989 and 1991. In these roles, he brought discipline, vision, and passion for community development.

Late Prof. Ibiba Felix Oruambo was globally recognized for his contributions to science and public health, notably: the prestigious International Cancer Research Technology Transfer (ICRETT) Fellowship Award from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the American National Cancer Institute in 1986. He was also appointed an Expert Panelist for Environmental and Medical Health by the Federal Ministry of Environment (2003-2005).

In his tribute on behalf of the Academic Staff Union of University, Prof. A. O Nwaoburu described Prof. Oruambo as a man who taught a good number of them

to become professors while the Head, Department of Biochemistry, Prof. Amadi, described the late professor as a hero who came, saw and conquered.

His church was not left out as a senior minister of the Chapel of Redemption, Rev. Dr. Letonye Sampson said the late professor was a man of integrity and one who loves the Lord.

In his appreciation, the Dean Faculty of Science, Prof. Ndokiari Boisa, thanked the Management of the University, members of Senate and all who attended the Special Convocation, stating that the ceremony was put together to honour late Prof. Oruambo's memory and legacy.



Late Prof. Ibiba Felix Oruambo