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**Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi**  
VICE-CHANCELLOR, RIVERS STATE UNIVERSITY

## Rivers State University Vice-Chancellor Charges Final Year Students to be Good Ambassadors

**By Chioma Egwurugwu**

The Vice-Chancellor of Rivers State University, Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi, has urged final year students preparing for the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) to be good ambassadors of the institution and uphold its values wherever they are posted. Prof. Zeb-Obipi gave this charge at the 2025 NYSC Sensitization Workshop held on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at the Convocation Arena.

Prof. Zeb-Obipi emphasized the importance of remembering the knowledge and skills acquired during their time at the university and applying them in practice. He

encouraged the students to make the university proud at all times.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor Administration, Prof. Victor Akujuru, in his remarks, told the students that the journey that began four years ago is gradually coming to an end and it is their duty not to do anything that would impede their graduation and service year.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, Prof. Valentine Omubo-Pepple, spoke on "Post UTME Admission Regularization and its challenges; the RSU Perspective", urging the students to make sure their documents are up to date and also encouraged them

to ask questions where and if they have any issues.

The Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Bright C. Opara, speaking on "The Implication of Falsification of Documents/ Documentations an impediment to NYSC Mobilization" reminded the students that the consequence for falsification of any document is that such a student will not be allowed to go for NYSC and will be arrested. Prof. Opara further encouraged the students to cross-check their documents with the desk officer at the Directorate of Student Affairs before they upload on NYSC portal and also in camp, as any form of falsification will not be

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condoned by the University and NYSC.

The NYSC Deployment and Relocation Officer, Mrs. Helen Ben-Ogbeche, gave a detailed information on the DO's and DON'T's of NYSC/application process and also told the students to make sure the date of graduation on their certificate and their course of study on their call-up letters correspond before they arrive camp.

The highlight of the event was the cash reward given by the Vice-Chancellor to Godspower Barine, a 400 level Student of the Department of Finance and Joy Echomgbe, also a 400 level Student of Human Anatomy, who both sang the University Anthem flawlessly.



The DVC(Admin), **Prof. Victor Akujuru** speaking at the NYSC Sensitization Workshop



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



The Dean of Student Affairs, **Prof. Bright C. Opara** giving his welcome address



The Dean of Student Affairs, Directors and NYSC team



A cross section of final year students at the NYSC Sensitization Workshop





## RSU VC Strengthens Ties with Ancient Ahoada Kingdom

By Richard Ahiaikwo

**O**n August 19, 2025, Professor Isaac Zeb-Obipi, Vice-Chancellor of the Rivers State University, paid a courtesy visit to His Royal Majesty, Eze King Noble Friday Uwoh (CSP Rtd.), EPA of Ancient Ahoada Kingdom, at his royal palace in Ahoada. This visit was part of the university's ongoing efforts to strengthen community relations and foster institutional collaboration.

The meeting was marked by warm exchanges, mutual respect, and shared visions for educational and social development. Professor Zeb-Obipi, accompanied by members of the university management team, expressed deep appreciation for the traditional ruler's warm reception and his unwavering support for the university over the years.

He highlighted the institution's recent achievements, ongoing expansion projects resulting from the generous donation of additional plots of land to the university, and the importance of building strong ties with host communities. The VC also sought to familiarize himself with the king following his recent appointment as Vice-Chancellor.

In response, the Paramount Ruler, Eze King Noble Friday Uwoh commended the Vice-Chancellor's leadership and reaffirmed the traditional institution's commitment to peace, development, security, and education. He encouraged the university to continue shaping future leaders and pledged the palace's support for future initiatives.

The King further expressed willingness to collaborate with the PHED company to

improve electricity supply in the Ahoada Campus of the University. Additionally, he offered the university the use of classroom blocks formerly built for the County Grammar School Ahoada on an interim basis.

The visit concluded with a symbolic exchange of gifts and a group photograph, capturing a moment of unity between tradition and academia.



The VC, **Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi** speaking at the King's Palace



HRM, **Eze King Noble Friday Uwoh (CSP Rtd.)** speaking during the visit



HRM, **Eze King Noble Friday Uwoh** decorating the VC





## RSU Management Team Inspects Ahoada Campus in Compliance with New Faculty Relocation

By Kingdom Shedrack

In a significant step towards implementing the University's strategic plans, the Vice-Chancellor and Management team of the Rivers State University conducted a comprehensive inspection visit to the Ahoada Campus, aimed at assessing the relocation of the Faculty of Humanities from the main campus.

Addressing the staff of the Faculty, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi, stated that the essence of the visit was to look at issues regarding inadequate office spaces, as well as poorly equipped classrooms and laboratories. He recalled that Management had granted some staff concessions to retain offices at the Main Campus. He however, advised that those staff should leave their offices at the Ahoada Campus to make room for colleagues who currently do not have offices.

The Vice-Chancellor called on the final-year students to comply with the University's directive of relocating to the Ahoada Campus and avoid any form of protest, adding that the University Management would not be swayed by any form of protest from them. He appreciated every member of the Faculty for complying with the Management's directive and assured them that the challenges of office space, furniture, electricity and other essential amenities would be addressed.

He informed them of the donations in the areas of classrooms, staff quarters and land,



The VC, Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi, addressing the staff of the faculty of Humanities

donated by the Paramount Ruler of Ancient Ahoada Kingdom, HRM Eze King Noble Friday Owoh (CSP Rtd.) EPA. In response to questions about securing the facilities amidst several theft cases, the Vice-Chancellor assured that efforts were underway to ensure that university properties were intact.

The Head of Campus, Prof. Scott B. Akpila, in his remarks, thanked the Vice-Chancellor and the entire Management Team for their sacrifices and assured them that the staff would embrace the changes as directed by the Vice-Chancellor and Management.



The VC, Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi, Principal Officers, HoC Ahoda, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Staff at the Ahoda Campus



# NAEAP Hosts 2nd Hybrid International Conference on Managing Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity in Education

By Rita Pius

The Nigerian Association for Educational Administration and Planning (NAEAP), Rivers State Chapter, recently convened its 2nd Hybrid International Conference at the New Building of the Faculty of Education on August 20, 2025. The Conference brought together experts to discuss the theme "Managing Artificial Intelligence & Cybersecurity in Education", exploring ways to harness AI-driven innovations while strengthening systems against digital vulnerabilities.

Speaking at the Conference, the Chairman of NAEAP Rivers State Chapter, Dr. Hope Barango-Tariah stated that the essence of the Conference was to facilitate knowledge distribution through the presentations of the various resource persons. He said that NAEAP, RSU Chapter has set a standard and promised to maintain and improve upon it as the chapter grows from strength to strength.

Also speaking, the Acting Head of Department of Educational Management, Dr. Gladys Ejimole Aleru noted that Artificial Intelligence (AI) is revolutionizing how education is delivered, evaluated and experienced globally. She however, cautioned that cybersecurity challenges threaten the integrity of our systems, data and the trust upon which educational institutions are built. She stated that the conference aimed to foster critical conversations, empirical presentations and



The VC, represented by the DVC (Academic) **Prof. Valentine Omubo-Pepple** giving his remark

interactive sessions to examine how institutions like ours can harness AI-driven innovations while strengthening systems against digital vulnerabilities.

In his remarks, the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof. Isaac N. Dokubo, assured that through presentations, discussions and networking opportunities, the Conference seeks to foster a community of educators, policymakers and industry experts committed to harnessing the potential of AI while safeguarding the security and integrity of educational systems.

The Keynote Speaker, Prof. Eric C. Amadi stated that AI is no longer science fiction but a part of our daily lives. He emphasized that for scholars, the question is not whether to adopt AI, but how to



**Prof. Eric C. Amadi**  
Keynote Speaker

effectively embrace its promise. He advised members of NAEAP that the task ahead is monumental but their resolve should be greater, as they are the architects of our educational future. He therefore called on them to establish a committee on AI and cybersecurity in education and to advocate for increased government funding for cybersecurity infrastructure in our universities.

In his address, the Vice-Chancellor of the Rivers State University, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, Prof. Valentine Omubo-Pepple opined that the conference is of relevance to the future of society and therefore encouraged participants to pay close attention to the issues of cybersecurity and AI highlighted in the paper presentations.



A cross section of participants at the conference





## Siya Amachree Foundation Launches State-of-the-Art Computer Laboratory at Rivers State University Staff School

By Chidi Michael

The Siya Amachree Foundation was commissioned on Monday, 18th August 2025, at the Rivers State University Staff School. The foundation's founder, Engr. Dr. Soky Amachree, gave a speech before the commissioning, highlighting the organization's development and partnership with Canada. He described the programme as simple yet powerful.

Dr. Amachree emphasized that children know more than their parents often give them credit for. He stated that exposing children to Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) at a tender age would enable them to excel and develop quickly, allowing them to compete globally with their peers.

The Siya Amachree Foundation's vision is to be the preferred strategic development partner in providing access to superior education, healthcare, advanced medical skills, community health education, and humanitarian assistance. Dr. Amachree appealed to the Nigerian government to support and sponsor the programme to meet its vision, which aims to enhance industrialization in Nigeria and Africa at large.

The programme's objective is to establish ICT centers in all primary and secondary schools in Nigeria, ensuring easy access for all children, particularly in the AI age. Dr. Amachree's goal is for children to become highly intelligent and knowledgeable,

capable of turning the world around by the time they reach university.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi, thanked the Siya Amachree Foundation for bringing this global phenomenon to their locality. He acknowledged the programme's

significance in providing children with basic education, digital literacy, and enhanced learning abilities, preparing them for the future. The Vice-Chancellor assured the foundation that the university would provide support to enlarge the programme's scope and ensure it reaches other schools in Rivers State.



The VC, **Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi** (1st Left), Former VC, **Prof. B. B. Fakae** (2nd Left), The Registrar, **Mrs. I. B. S. Harry** (3rd Left), DVC Admin, **Prof. Victor Akujuru** (4th Left), Bursar, **Dr. Gift Eke** (5th Left) inspecting the computer laboratory.



The VC, **Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi** (5th Left), Former VC, **Prof. B. B. Fakae** (4th Left), Principal Officers and other guests



## Rivers State University Alumni Set 1998/1999 Reaffirms Support to the University

By Hachikaru Egeonu

The Rivers State University Alumni Set of 1998/1999 has reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the University in its drive for growth and development. Led by its President, Mrs. Adata Bio-Briggs, the Alumni Set paid a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Isaac Zeb-Obipi, on Monday, August 18, 2025, at the Vice-Chancellor's Conference Room.

Mrs. Bio-Briggs commended the Vice-Chancellor for the transformation taking place in the University and congratulated him on his appointment. She highlighted the contributions of the set over the years, which include the construction of security towers, reconstruction of the University's main gate, provision of a bus stop, and installation of solar power at the Medical Centre. She added that the most recent project was the provision of a solar-powered water pump at the NDDC hostel, noting that these initiatives reflect their strong bond with their alma mater and commitment to creating a better learning environment for students.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi, in his response appreciated the efforts of the 1998/1999 Alumni Set, describing them as a pace-setting group whose contributions have inspired other alumni sets and faculty-based associations to take up similar initiatives. He emphasized that the University continues to benefit greatly from the collective strength and networks of its alumni, many of whom occupy prominent positions in government, business, and society.



The VC, **Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi** giving his remark.



The Alumni Set 1998/1999 President, **Mrs. Adata Bio-Briggs** speaking during the visit.



The VC, **Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi**, addressing the Alumni members



The VC, **Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi**, and the Alumni delegates



## ANUPA RSU Reiterates Commitment to Training of Administrators

By Victor Banigo

The Rivers State University (RSU) chapter of the Association of Nigerian University Professional Administrators (ANUPA), has reiterated commitment to training of Administrators and building a stronger relationship with key stakeholders to enable the institution achieve her set goals.

Chairman of ANUPA RSU Chapter, Mary T. West gave the assurance on Friday 22nd August, 2025, while leading members of the executives on a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Isaac Zeb-obipi, following the successful conclusion of the 2025 National training workshop for Junior Administrators.

According to West, the purpose of the visit was to present the report of the outcome of the workshop and express gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor for his consistent support during the 2025 National Training Workshop for Senior Administrators held in April, with the theme: "Transforming University Administration: Embracing Innovation, Collaboration, and Leadership in a Digital Era."

West further noted that the objectives of both conferences are in line with the vision and mission of the Vice-Chancellor in digitizing Rivers State University to meet the educational standard among the university community in the global world.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Isaac Zeb-Obipi, while receiving the delegates expressed his profound gratitude to the ANUPA Executives for their commitment to professional development as well as the successful hosting of the workshop.

Professor Zeb-obipi emphasized that the achievements recorded in his administration as Vice-Chancellor are inseparable from the contributions made by the ANUPA, adding that the association's key roles are in line with his vision in advancing the University's objectives.

Earlier, the executive of ANUPA also paid a courtesy visit to the Registrar of the University. Speaking during the visit, the Registrar, Mrs. Ibimonia B. S. Harry, commended the initiative of ANUPA in organizing the workshop and encouraged participants to take every training

opportunity seriously.

Drawing from her personal experience, she emphasized the importance of hard work, continuous learning, and humility in the workplace. According to her, many administrators of her generation learned not only from formal trainings but also from on-the-job experience, often guided by colleagues who were not even graduates but possessed valuable practical knowledge. She advised participants never to look down on any form of training or instruction, stressing that every learning process adds to professional growth.



The VC, Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi speaking during the courtesy visit



The VC, Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi(3rd Right) and ANUPA delegates



The Registrar, Mrs. I. B. S. Harry (2nd Right) and ANUPA Executive Council