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## RSU and FUET Sign MoU on Strategic Partnership

**By Victor Banigo**

**T**he Rivers State University (RSU), Nkpolu-Oroworukwo, Port Harcourt and the Federal University of Environment and Technology (FUET), Koroma/Saakpenwa have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen cooperation and partnership between the two institutions.

Speaking during the signing of the MoU between the two institutions on Thursday, 28th August 2025, the Vice-Chancellor of the Rivers State University, Professor Isaac Zeb-Obipi, pledged the University's full

support towards mentoring and collaborating with the newly established Federal University of Environment and Technology.

Professor Zeb-Obipi stated that the agreement was geared towards cooperation, partnership, and mentorship to ensure both universities reap the benefits of collaboration. The MoU provides for manpower development, facility sharing, and knowledge exchange, and is expected to strengthen teaching, research, and capacity-building initiatives.

The focus of the agreement is to facilitate

the sharing of academic and physical infrastructure to enhance and support learning, teaching, and research at the Federal University of Environment and Technology. This includes promoting access to specialised facilities such as laboratories, studios, libraries, e-resources, lecture theatres, and IT infrastructure. Additionally, the partnership aims to strengthen inter-institutional cooperation in curriculum development, staff training, and quality assurance between both institutions.

The scope of cooperation covers access to physical facilities, with Rivers State

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University agreeing to exchange and make available to the Federal University of Environment and Technology selected physical and intellectual facilities. These include, but are not limited to, curriculum development, lecture rooms and auditoriums, laboratories and research spaces, engineering workshops, libraries and documentation centres, ICT centres and Wi-Fi access, student hostels and accommodation (where feasible), sports and recreational facilities, geographic gardens, senior lecturers, professors, and any other facilities to enhance learning in the new university.



The VC RSU, **Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi**  
signing the MoU



The VC FUET, **Prof. Prince Chinedum Mmom** signing the MoU

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Environment and Technology, Professor Prince Chinedum Mmom, commended RSU for opening its doors to FUET, which he described as “a young institution”. He noted that the partnership would accelerate the growth of the new university and lay a strong foundation for its academic advancement.

The MoU was signed by Professor Isaac Zeb-Obipi (Vice-Chancellor) and Mrs. I. B. S. Harry (Registrar) on behalf of RSU, while Professor Prince Chinedum Mmom (Vice-Chancellor) and Dr. Monday Douglas Mpigi (Registrar) signed on behalf of FUET.



The Registrar RSU, **Mrs. I. B. S. Harry**  
signing the MoU



The Registrar FUET, **Dr. Monday Douglas Mpigi** signing the MoU



The VC RSU, **Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi** and The VC FUET, **Prof. Prince Chinedum Mmom**, exchanging copies of the MoU





## RSU Professor Calls for Effective Strategies in National Economic Management

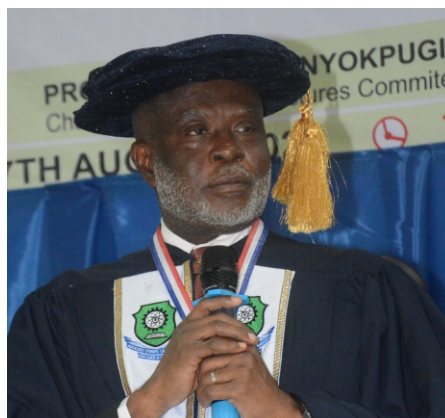
By Rita Pius

Rivers State University (RSU) Professor of Accounting, Prof. Loveday Asonye Nwanyanwu, has emphasized the need for a multifaceted approach to managing Nigeria's economy, combining quantitative and qualitative accounting information to design effective economic programmes.

Prof. Nwanyanwu made this recommendation during the 117th Inaugural Lecture of RSU, held on Wednesday, 27th August 2025, at the Senate Chamber. He said that managing a nation's economy is both an art and a science, requiring a careful balance between measurable statistics and immeasurable human needs—a balance best illustrated by the quantitative and qualitative distinction in Accounting.

He stated that those appointed to positions of governance and authority should be technocrats with honesty and integrity, noting that the fiscal health of the treasury depends not only on formulating economically sound policies that enhance the taxable capacity of the economy through development, but also on honest and efficient financial management.

Prof. Nwanyanwu urged the Government to take decisive steps to curb the continued dollarization of the economy by encouraging individuals holding foreign currencies at homes to deposit them in banks and by enacting legislation prohibiting companies from paying employees—both local and expatriates—in foreign currencies.



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

He emphasized that such measures would strengthen the recognition of the Naira as legal tender and enhance the Central Bank of Nigeria's (CBN) ability to regulate and manage currency in circulation.

In conclusion, he observed that unethical behaviours, when viewed from an accountant's perspective, remain the bane of our economy, and until they are decisively addressed, with integrity and transparency given due credence, economic prosperity may continue to elude the nation.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi, commended the Inaugural Lecturer for his insightful presentation, noting that a well-managed economy cannot be assessed merely by rising figures, but must ultimately be judged by the quality of life it provides for its citizens.



The Inaugural Lecturer, **Prof. Loveday Asonye Nwanyanwu**, delivering the 117th Inaugural Lecture



The Inaugural Lecturer, **Prof. Loveday Asonye Nwanyanwu**, displaying his Award Plaque

# Port Harcourt named Nigeria's Premier Energy City

By Victor Banigo

The city of Port Harcourt has been officially named Nigeria's Premier Energy City by the Society of Energy Editors. The naming followed a ceremony at the Government House, marking a historic recognition of the city's legacy and a bold commitment to its future as a continental energy leader.

The Sole Administrator of Rivers State, Vice Admiral (Rtd.) Ibok-Ete Ekwe Ibas, who was represented by the Secretary to the State Government, Prof. Ibibia Lucky Worika, speaking at the event, assured the state government's commitment to fostering an environment where energy investments can thrive.

The Administrator pledged robust security, fiscal discipline, and investor-friendly policies to make ventures in gas, crude refining, and petrochemicals both viable and profitable.

He noted that Port Harcourt is Nigeria's energy heritage and the cradle of the nation's industrial dreams, adding that from the discovery of oil in Oloibiri to the establishment of refineries and petrochemical complexes, Rivers State has carried the weight and promise of Nigeria's prosperity.

Presenting the Keynote Address, the Vice-Chancellor of the Rivers State University, Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi, who provided a historical context of Port Harcourt's energy journey since 1956 emphasized the critical need for diversification into gas and renewables and called for stronger collaboration among stakeholders, balanced energy



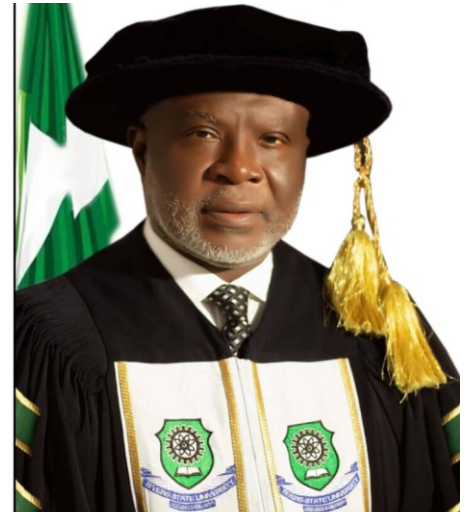
Sole Administrator of Rivers State, represented by the SSG, Prof. Ibibia Lucky Worika

journalism, and educational reforms to empower youths with future-ready skills.

Professor Zeb-Obipi who centered his lecture on Port Harcourt as Nigeria's premier energy city, honouring the legacy, navigating the transition and shaping the future, said it is important to recognize the roles played by the people of the Niger Delta with significant sacrifice to ensure that the Nigeria energy continues to thrive.

He noted that Port Harcourt deserves the honour not just as a city, state but as a people. According to him, in 1956 when crude oil was discovered by Shell-BP in Oloibiri Bayelsa State, one may ask why shouldn't Bayelsa State, Yenagoa or Oloibiri be considered to be the city of energy?

The Vice-Chancellor enumerated that the reason is because Port Harcourt became synonymous with the oil industry due to its strategic location, existing infrastructure, government investment, transportation access and the



Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi  
Vice-Chancellor, RSU

economic and business hub even before oil was discovered.

He cited that almost 70 years later, Port Harcourt City has become the major hub in oil operations with the NNPC, SPDC, Total E&P, NLNG and other major IOCs making Port Harcourt their home.

Professor Zeb-Obipi maintained that the city plays host to two refineries and one petrochemical plant as well as the maritime sectors that provides an outlet for distribution of oil and gas and other numerous companies that have contributed to Nigeria's energy prosperity which the city offers.

In conclusion, the Vice-Chancellor appealed to the Federal and the State Government to create more enabling laws that will secure the environment for investment to thrive.

He thanked the Rivers State Government for the opportunity given to him and the Society of Energy Editors to recognize Port Harcourt as Nigeria's Premier Energy City.





## RSU Commences Computer-Based Post UTME Exercise for 2025 Admission Cycle

By Chioma Egwurugwu

**T**he Rivers State University has embarked on its Computer-Based Post UTME for the 2025 admission exercise, marking a significant milestone in the institution's pursuit of academic excellence.

Director of the University's Information and Communication Technology Centre (ICTC), Engr. Prof. Sunny Orike, disclosed this in an interview with the Information, Publications and Protocol Unit (IPPU) team of the University. According to Prof. Orike, the Post UTME was advertised between 14th and 16th July 2025, attracting about 12,000 candidates.

The examination, scheduled to run from 25th August to 5th September 2025, will span 10 days, in line with the University's plan to meet the September 15th submission of results to JAMB and the October 31st admission deadline. The CBT Centre, a 250-capacity hall with 220 operational computers, has been well prepared to handle the exercise, accommodating six batches of candidates daily from 9:00am to 3:00pm, with a total of 1,320 candidates sitting each day.

Prof. Orike noted that although the first day encountered some technical issues, including errors in timing and dates on candidates' printed slips, the problem was



The Director, ICTC, Engr. Prof. Sunny Orike speaking to the IPPU team

promptly resolved, and affected candidates have since been allocated the correct dates and times. He urged candidates to prepare adequately, pointing out that the

test comprises 50 questions to be answered within 30 minutes, with results generated instantly.

The ICTC Director emphasized that malpractice will not be tolerated, warning that any candidate found cheating would face the consequences. He further advised parents to keep away from the examination premises while their wards are being examined and cautioned both parents and candidates to beware of fraudulent individuals posing as processors to avoid being duped.

The Post UTME exercise is ongoing in an orderly manner, with the University remaining committed to a transparent and credible admission process.



A cross section of candidates writing the Computer-based Post UTME





## RSU Participates in UNITAR Fleet Safety Regional Training Workshop

By Chioma Egwurugwu

**R**ivers State University (RSU), in collaboration with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and Together for Safer Roads (TSR), participated in the just-concluded Fleet Safety Regional Training Workshop held in Abuja on 30th and 31st July 2025.

The workshop brought together government officials from the Ministry of Transport, the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), and fleet operators across Nigeria. It also featured international participants from The Gambia, South Africa, Senegal, and the United States, alongside global fleet leaders such as AB InBev, UPS, Republic Services, and Dangote Industries.

Discussions focused on key road safety issues, including the safe system approach, Vision Zero, regulation, and the adoption of technologies to improve efficiency and driver performance. Participants also explored strategies for reducing road crashes in line with the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety and Sustainable Development Goal 3.6.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Isaac Zeb-Obipi, who delivered a Keynote Address and chaired several sessions, described the workshop as “a platform to harness education, leadership and technology in addressing road and fleet safety challenges.”

Speaking on behalf of the University, Professor Akuro E. Gobo, Director of the Institute of Geosciences and Environmental Management, commended the Vice Chancellor for giving visibility to RSU through his active participation. He announced that the Institute, in partnership with UNITAR, plans to organize a Fleet Safety and Risk Disaster Management Training for staff of the University, as well as develop certificate and diploma programmes in the field.

The Fleet Safety Workshop forms part of UNITAR's global programme aimed at strengthening capacity, reducing fleet-related accidents, and advancing the global Vision Zero goal of eliminating road fatalities.



## Siya Amachree Foundation Concludes Digital Boot Camp in RSU

By Richard Ahiakwo

The Siya Amachree Foundation has concluded its two-week Digital Skills Boot Camp with a colourful and emotional closing ceremony on Friday, August 29, 2025, at the Rivers State University (RSU) Staff School, Port Harcourt.

Organised in partnership with Cinfore Limited and held in honour of the late Siya Amachree, beloved wife of Engr. Dr. S. N. O. Amachree, the programme provided intensive training in Web Design, Networking, 2D Animation, and Data Analytics for primary and secondary school students across Rivers State.

The programme sought to ignite curiosity, foster critical thinking, and equip children and teenagers with the digital tools required to thrive in today's technology-driven world.

The closing ceremony drew participants, parents, educators, and dignitaries from across Rivers State, underscoring both the impact of the programme and the legacy of the woman in whose memory it was held.

The Vice-Chancellor of Rivers State University, Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi, represented by the Registrar, Mrs. I. B. S. Harry, expressed delight at the initiative and applauded the Foundation's foresight.

"This initiative aligns perfectly with RSU's vision of preparing young students for the future. To see children at the primary and secondary levels already engaging with advanced technologies is truly commendable. Digital solutions are the way forward for all well-meaning institutions, and we do not want to be left behind," the Vice-Chancellor stated.

The VC further pledged the University's commitment to collaborate with the Foundation in future projects.

In his address, the Founder of Siya Amachree Foundation, Engr. Dr. S. N. O. Amachree, shared heartfelt words about his late wife, Siya Amachree, whose passion for education, technology, and youth development inspired the programme.

"Siya believed that nurturing young minds from an early age empowers them to excel. Her legacy lives on in every child who now has the confidence to dream big, create freely, and think digitally," he said.

Also speaking, the Chairman of the Occasion and former Acting Vice-Chancellor of RSU, Prof. Victor O. T. Omuaru, emphasized the need for early exposure to digital tools and creative technologies among Nigerian youths. He commended the collaboration between Cinfore Limited and the Siya Amachree Foundation.

"If we equip them early, they will lead early. What we have witnessed here today is a model for youth development that should be encouraged and replicated nationally," he remarked.

He also pledged personal support for the Foundation and donated a laptop computer to the overall best student in the programme.

Goodwill messages were delivered by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and former Vice-Chancellor of RSU, Prof. B. B. Fakae, as well as His Royal Majesty, King Angolia Aboko Omoni, King of Ke Kingdom.



The VC, represented by the Registrar, **Mrs. I. B. S. Harry**, speaking at the event



Former Acting VC of RSU, **Prof. Victor O. T. Omuaru**, speaking at the ceremony



Chairman of the Board of Trustees and former VC of RSU, **Prof. B. B. Fakae**, presenting certificate of completion to one of the participants



The King of Ke Kingdom, **HRM, King Angolia Aboko Omoni**, delivering his goodwill message



The Founder of Siya Amachree Foundation, **Engr. Dr. S. N. O. Amachree**, giving his remarks



The VC, represented by the Registrar, **Mrs. I. B. S. Harry**, former Vice-Chancellors, Founder of Siya Amachree Foundation, **Engr. Dr. S. N. O. Amachree**, other guests and participants



## RSU eCampus Aspire Mobile App Now Live on Google Play Store

By Kingdom Shedrack

The Rivers State University eCampus Aspire Mobile Application is now officially available for download on the Google Play Store. Students can access the app via this link: <https://bit.ly/4ldw18E>.

The eCampus Aspire App is designed to cater to the campus needs of students, offering a range of features, including:

- **CGPA Prediction:** Forecast academic performance based on current results and registered courses.
- **Course Registration:** Seamlessly register and de-register courses with



**Mrs. I. B. S. Harry**  
Registrar RSU

access to course lists;

- **Payments:** View paid and pending fees with integrated payment functionality;
- **Manage Ads:** Upload campaigns or business advertisements within the app for a nominal fee.

The University Management, through the Registrar, has advised all students to download and utilize the eCAMPUS Aspire App to optimize their academic experience and campus interactions. By leveraging this app, students can streamline their academic activities and stay connected with the university community.

## JOMESSA 2025 Star Power Explosion: A Resounding Success

By Solomon Michael & Barivule Dornanu

The Department of Journalism and Media Studies, Faculty of Communication and Media Studies, recently hosted the highly anticipated JOMESSA 2025 Star Power Explosion, with the theme "Media Palooza". This vibrant event showcased the talents and creativity of students, fostering unity, celebration, and professional exposure.

The event, which took place on Thursday, 28th August 2024, commenced at 11:30 am and lasted for over four hours. During this time, the audience was treated to a diverse range of performances, including captivating singing, energetic dancing, thought-provoking spoken word presentations, and more.

One of the highlights of the event was the breathtaking cultural display by a group of female students who showcased the Okrika Riverine traditional Iria dance, drawing a thunderous ovation from the audience. The pageantry contest was another major attraction, culminating in the crowning of Mr. and Miss JOMESSA 2025, alongside the presentation of Face of JOMESSA and Pride of JOMESSA titles

to the runner-ups.

In attendance were distinguished guests, including Prof. B. G. Nsereka, former Head, Department of Journalism and Media Studies and Mr. Paul Bazia-Nsaneh, Chairman of the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ), Rivers State Council, who emphasized the importance of nurturing and celebrating young talents in today's fast-paced society. Dr. N. N. Nwankpa, Head, Department of Journalism and Media Studies, also delivered an encouraging address to the students.

The event was well-supported by lecturers from the Faculty, who were recognized for their contributions to academic and personal development during an award session. The Journalism Students Association, University of Port Harcourt Chapter, showed solidarity by attending as sister association representatives.

In conclusion, the JOMESSA 2025 Star Power Explosion was indeed a resounding success, showcasing the talents and creativity of students while promoting unity, celebration, and professional exposure.



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