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UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN RATED NIGERIA'S BEST VARSITY IN 2015

The National Universities Commission (NUC), has released the latest ranking of Nigerian universities.

According to the list, the University of Ibadan (UI), Oyo state, is Nigeria's top tertiary institution for the year 2015. The top 20 Universities on the list are shown below:

1. University of Ibadan, UI
2. University of Lagos, UNILAG
3. University of Benin, UNIBEN
4. Obafemi Awolowo University, OAU
5. Ahmadu Bello University, ABU
6. University of Ilorin, UNILORIN
7. University of Jos, UNIJOS
8. University of Port Harcourt, UNIPORT
9. University of Maiduguri, UNIMAID
10. Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, FUNAAB
11. Lagos State University, LASU
12. Federal University of Technology, FUTO
13. Covenant University, CU
14. University of Nigeria, UNN
15. Federal University of Technology, FUTA
16. Nnamdi Azikiwe University, UNIZIK
17. Enugu State University of Science and Technology, ESUT
18. Pan African University, PAU
19. Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, LAUTECH

20. Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola

In his reaction to this exciting development, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Abel Idowu Olayinka, FAS, commented on his facebook page (f:Idowu Olayinka), on January 17, 2016, thus: 'Being No 1 in Nigeria and No 1 in West Africa should not be taken for granted. The real challenge is for us to be ranked among the Top 5 in Africa in the next few years. This is do-able given the pedigree of Ibadan over the last 68 years. As we speak, we have perhaps the most highly developed Postgraduate School, with easily the largest number of Masters and Doctoral students in Sub-Saharan Africa. The UI School of Business has been approved by the National Universities Commission, and it is set to take off soon with her flagship MBA programme, which used to be run by our Department of Economics.

The UI Research Foundation (UIRF), set up by the immediate past Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Isaac Folorunso Adewole, FAS, to reposition research activities in this institution, is perhaps the first of its type in Africa. The Board of the UIRF is chaired by Rt. Hon. Uduimo Itsueli, a distinguished alumnus and Chairman/Chief Executive Officer of Dubril Oil, who has committed nearly One Hundred Million Naira (N100,000,000.00) of his personal funds towards the construction of a befitting edifice to house the UIRF at the Ajibode Extension. The complex will be opened in the coming weeks. All hands must be on deck.'

Thank you.

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