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## THE SUCCESS STORY OF MTU ICE 2020

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The VC, Prof. Elijah Ayolabi (3rd from left) and members of MTU - ICE LOC

It is no longer news that the second edition of Mountain Top University International Conference on Entrepreneurship has come and gone with many attesting to its success.

The conference which spanned a period of two days – 14th – 15th October, 2020 - was conducted virtually via the zoom platform. This is as a result of the COVID-19 protocol and restrictions in the number of people that can gather together in a physical location at a time. It was a two-day of power-packed activities. The conference theme was **Entrepreneurship as a Veritable Tool for Economic**

### Sustainability in the COVID-19 Era.

The Keynote Speakers and Guest Speakers were drawn both from the academia and the industry, men and women of proven excellence and great achievements. The Keynote Speakers are:

- ◆ Mr Ben Akabueze, Director General, Budget Office, Abuja.
- ◆ Otunba Femi Pedro, Chairman, SMEDAN
- ◆ Prof. Solomon Adebola, Vice-Chancellor, Adeleke University, Ede

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♦ Prof. Mrs Ayotola Aremu, Department of Science and Technology Education, University of Ibadan

The Guest Speakers are:

♦ Otunba Seni Adetu, Founder Algorithm Media Ltd

♦ Mrs Yinka Ogunde, Edumark Educational Consultants and Founder Concerned Parents and Educators Network

♦ Mr Emeka Ndu, Founder/Vice-Chairman, C & I Leasing

The conference has over 150 attendees and about 50 participants from different higher institutions

and organisations across the country. There were also international participants from other parts of Africa. The participants presented their academic papers during the parallel sessions and it was indeed a great rewarding experience.

MTU ICE 2020 was hosted by the Centre for Entrepreneurship and General Studies (CEDGS) under the able leadership of the Director, Dr. Mrs Patience Erigbe. The 2020 edition is the second edition of the conference which debuted in 2019. Worthy of note is the impeccable planning and organisation of the conference by the Local Organising Committee (LOC) under the able

Chairmanship of Dr. Olanipekun Ojo, Dr. Andrew Ofudje as the Secretary and Dr. Chinyere Mbaka as the Publicity Secretary. The Vice-Chancellor as the Chief Host stood out by providing all the necessary support (physically and spiritually) towards making the conference a great success. The organisers of the conference also expressed their appreciation to the University Chancellor, Dr. D. K.. Olukoya for the financial support and fatherly blessings which altogether contributed to the success of the conference.

We look forward to another wonderful experience in 2021.

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## MTU CONCLUDES TEST 3 AND SESSIONAL EXAMINATION FOR 300 & 400 LEVEL STUDENTS

The journey of a thousand miles begins with a step, says an adage.

This saying is justified in the lives of the present 400 level students who commenced their academic journey in MTU four years ago. Regardless of the challenges and obstacles against the completion of their study due to COVID –19 pandemic, they were able to resume on the 2nd of October, 2020 to complete their second semester study and examination. It would be recalled that the second semester lectures were conducted online as a result of the lockdown period.

Upon hearing the news of resumption, the students were full of excitement and a sense of relief. Only the 300 and 400 level students of the two colleges - CBAS and CHMS - were allowed to resume in compliance with the National Centre for Disease Control

(NDDC) guidelines and protocols to curb the spread of Covid-19.

Before the commencement of the examination, two weeks revision was done for the students to refresh their memories. All hands were on deck on the part of the lecturers to make sure these students were thoroughly drilled within the space of two weeks before their examination.

After the two weeks revision, Test 3 was conducted to augment for the previous tests (Test 1 & 2) done virtually during lockdown and the students conducted themselves appropriately.

Amidst the pandemonium, arson, chaos and the security threats in the country as a result of the #EndSARS protest, the second semester examination of 2019/2020 academic session for MTU 300 and 400 level students commenced on the 19th of October and ended

successfully on the 22nd of October, 2020. The 400 level students were especially grateful to God Almighty that saw them through the challenging times and the threats to a successful completion of their academic career at MTU.

Some of the 400 level students that the editorial crew interacted with appreciated the management of MTU and the entire staff for their diligence and resilience during the just concluded second semester examination. They commended their commitment and zeal for being able to successfully wade through the #EndSARS protest in order to discharge their duties seamlessly.

## DIGITALISATION AND TRAINING OF STAFF ON APER FORM

In line with the demands of the times we are in and in compliance with the dictates of the digital age, Mountain Top University Annual Performance Evaluation Review (APER) exercise for the year 2020 was done digitally.

As a way to carry everybody

along, a training exercise was conducted for both academic staff and non-academic staff in the University to prepare them for the new development.

At the time of this report, most of the staff members have completed their sections in the APER form.

The Heads of Departments, Deans

of Colleges and the Registrar also have their parts in the entire process. It is hoped that this process will minimise cost, reduce waste, remove errors and cut down on time loss thereby making the entire process more efficient.

## #ENDSARS Protests and the Future of our Youths

Recently, Nigeria witnessed enormous deviance by restive youths protesting police brutality. In particular, the youths were more concerned with the unconscionable acts of brutality by SARS, a police department in Nigeria. Using the hashtag #ENDSARSNOW, millions of youths across the country marched to the streets demanding the immediate proscription of the offending police department. On various platforms, through the social media, youths recounted sordid experiences in the hands of officers who served in SARS, both at the federal and state levels. Some reports had it that SARS officers arrested youths indiscriminately, tortured, and robbed them of their personal belongings. Video clips that trended on social media revealed some SARS officers brutalizing innocent youths simply because they drove exotic cars, carried laptops or dressed in the current trending apparel. Youths who stood up against SARS officers were either killed or taken to a designated cell for torturing and prolonged detention. During the #ENDSARS protests, Jimoh Isiaka, a youth, was shot in Ogbo-mosho by a police officer. After Jimoh's death, Nigerian youths felt that it was one death too many. More provoking was what

seemed to be the insensitivity of the IG and the police hierarchy after many complaints about the dastardly acts of police officers across the country.

Besides police and SARS brutality, the youths were also protesting against various anomalous conditions in the country. These led to the use of other hashtags such as #ENDBADGOVERNANCE, #ENDIMPUNITY. As the protests



across the country gathered momentum, the government and leadership class were taken aback because it was unlike Nigerian youths to raise their voices against an oppressive, exploitative system. For too long, Nigerian youths swallowed all manner of vulgarity from the government. The youths watched in utter dismay as the leadership class vanquished their future through mindless recycling of leadership which saw people straddle political and public offices for a long time. The youths seemed to have been sedated by an unseen

force as they watched their country excel in poverty, suffering, and anguish. Therefore, the #ENDSARS protests across the country provided an opportunity for the youths to ventilate their latent frustration. They gave a five-point demand which must be addressed by the government before they would quit the streets and abandon the protests.

Following the demands of the youths, the government, in a rare show of empathy and responsibility, reacted by proscribing SARS, the offending police department. In addition to that, the government also acceded to all the demands outlined by the youths. Unfortunately, the protests later turned violent and recorded tragic experiences starting from Lagos. In a bid to stop the protest, armed soldiers went to the Lekki area of Lagos to shoot and injure many of the peaceful protesters. Right now, it is uncertain how many people lost their lives during the shooting by the soldiers at the Lekki Toll Gate.

The events of the protests in Lekki have rattled the entire country. There are submissions and questions as to what exactly took place there. The Lagos State government has since set up a panel of

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inquiry to investigate what happened at the Lekki Toll Gate. While many people commended the youths for successful protests, for bringing the attention of the government to deteriorating aspects of the country, many people have also blamed them for lacking leadership which was responsible for the violent dimension the protests eventually took across the country.

The recent nation-wide protests by Nigerian youths have reverberated across the country and indeed, all over the world. Everybody is aware that Nigerian youths exist and are ready to stake a claim in

the affairs of their country. Given the nature of the protests and the attendant global acclaim, Nigeria's political class can no longer dismiss Nigerian youths with a wave of the hand. The youths have made far-reaching claims towards 2023 general elections. They want to be involved in the leadership apparatus of the country. They want to reclaim their country from obviously tired minds. They want to stir the country to a positive, virile direction which is what youth symbolizes. Many people have advised the youths to form a political party of their own because the two leading parties, APC and PDP may not provide the kind of progressive plat-

forms they seek. Indeed, it appears that the #ENDSARS protest has opened a new vista for the emergence and discovery of youths in Nigeria's political and social participation. It is left to be seen if the youths will sustain the current energy with which they protested in the last few weeks. If they do, then it means that a new Nigeria is in the offing. If they allow themselves to be compromised and divided, then it means that all the efforts and energy expended on the protests were a waste of time.

## From the Vice-Chancellor's Office

- ◆ Academic activities resume on campus
- ◆ Revision and sessional examination for 300 and 400 level students ends successfully
- ◆ VC delivers the 8th Prof. Babatunde Sofoluwe memorial lecture titled "the role of robotics and artificial intelligence in a post - COVID- 19 era" to the UNILAG alumni in Lagos.
- ◆ Valedictory lecture holds for Professor Amos Ifeolu Akinwande

## From the Registrar's Office

- ◆ International Conference on Entrepreneurship holds at MTU
- ◆ Training of staff on the virtual processes for Annual Performance and Evaluation Review (APER) exercise holds at MTU
- ◆ Annual Performance and Evaluation Review (APER) exercise for 2019/2020 takes place





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- Physics with  
Electronics
- Food Science &  
Technology

College of Humanities,  
Management & Social Sciences

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- Business Administration
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## SLEEP YOUR BRAIN YOUNGER - Dr Joseph Asha

**S**leep disturbances/poor sleep quality is a common complaint in an out-patient health centre. Scenarios such as, 'Doctor, I can't sleep (difficulty in initiating sleep)' ... 'Doctor, when I sleep, I wake up suddenly in the middle of the night and can't sleep again (difficulty in maintaining sleep)' usually play out.

Interestingly, God is the originator of sleep, as recorded in the scriptures: Genesis 2:21...'And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept'.

Other Bible verses buttress the fact that sleep is God-given and is His special design for man amidst the "hustle and bustle" of life. Psalms 3:5, Psalms 4:8 & Psalms 127:2b ... 'for so he giveth his beloved sleep'.

Merriam-Webster.com defines sleep as, "the natural, easily reversible, periodic state of many living things that is marked by the absence of wakefulness and by the loss of consciousness of one's surroundings and is accompanied by a typical body posture (such as lying down with the eyes closed), the occurrence of dreaming, and

changes in brain activity and physiologic functioning..."

As you create time for sound, undisturbed sleep, you are sleeping



your brain younger. Some of the benefits inherent in this act are that:

- ◆ Sleep is Reinvigorating;
- ◆ Sleep is Reenergising;
- ◆ Sleep is Regenerative;
- ◆ Sleep is Rejuvenating;
- ◆ Sleep is Reformative;
- ◆ Sleep is Reclamative;
- ◆ Sleep is Rehabilitative;
- ◆ Sleep is Reviving.
- ◆ Sleep is RESTorative (emphasis mine);
- ◆ Sleep is Recuperative;
- ◆ Sleep is Renovative;
- ◆ Sleep is Refurbishing;
- ◆ Sleep is Refreshing;
- ◆ Sleep is Reparative;
- ◆ Sleep is Revitalizing;
- ◆ Sleep is Resuscitative;

This piece serves to 'whet our appetite' on subsequent series which will focus on Sleep deprivation, sleep disorders and the attendant health effects and remedies.

Enjoy your sleep in Jesus' name.

### WORDS ON MARBLE

**And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and  
by the word of their testimony; and they loved not  
their lives unto the death**

**REVELATION 12: 11  
(KJV version)**



PHOTO NEWS

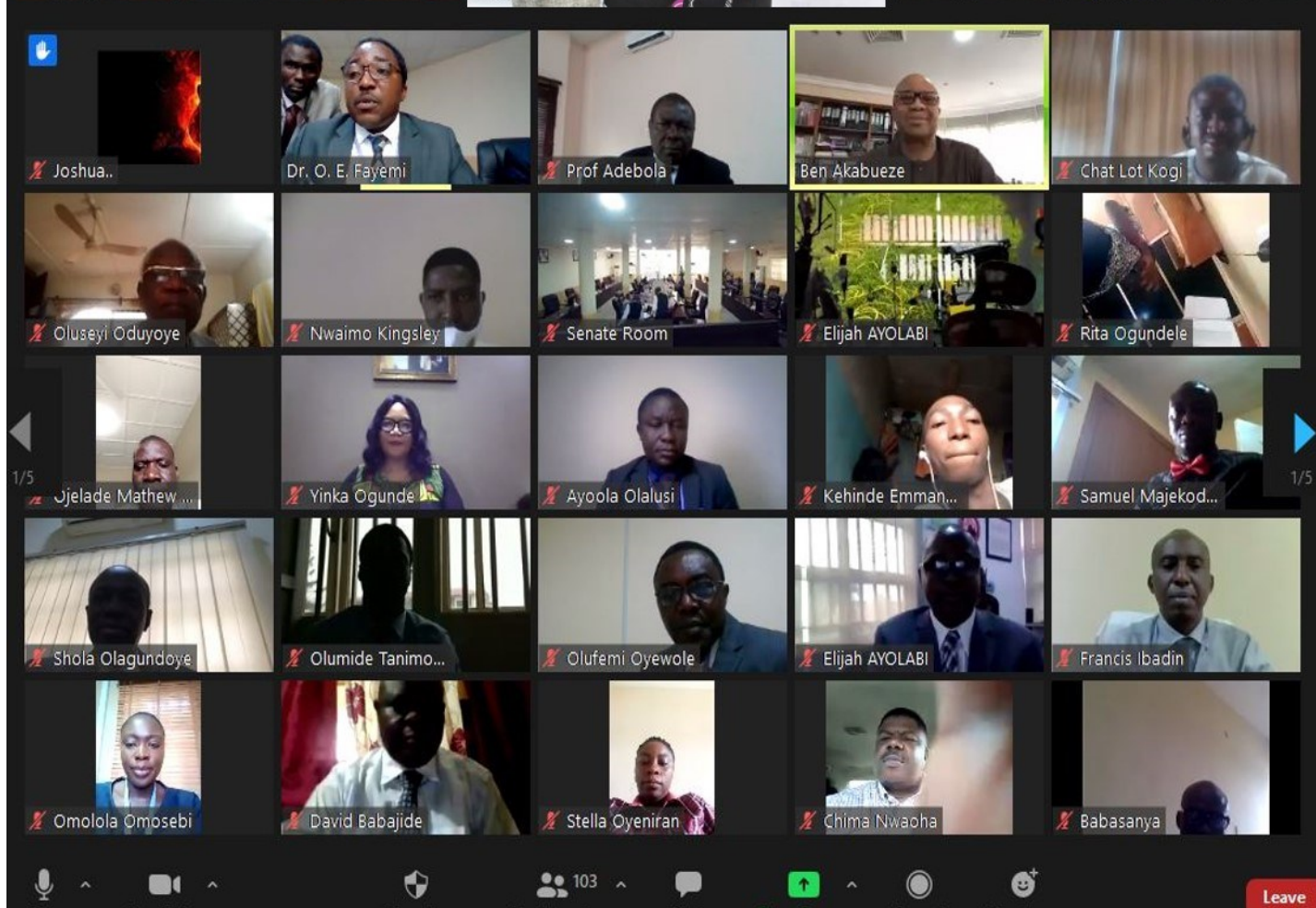


**THE NEW LOOK OF AND FACILITIES AT MTU MEDICAL CENTRE**

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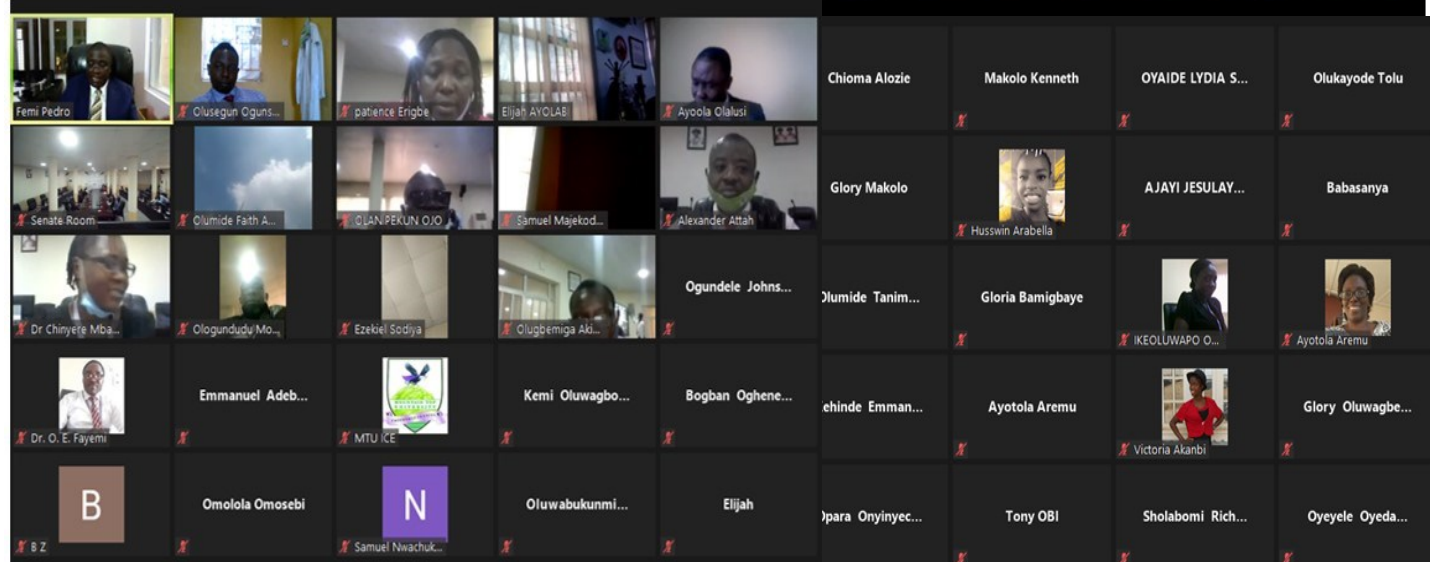
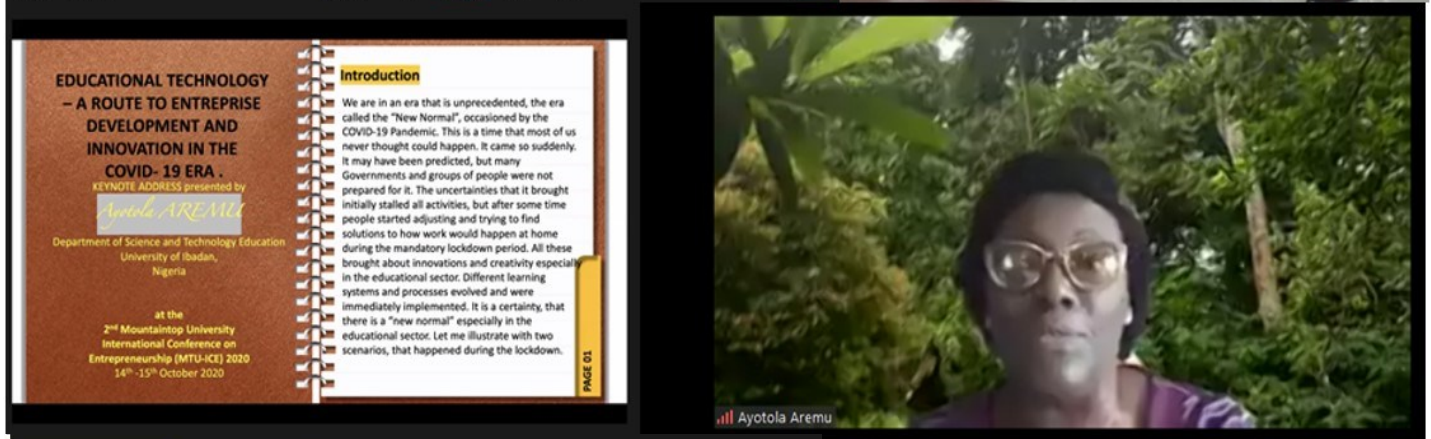


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## STAFF BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER

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November 2nd	Daniel Nosahkare Omoregbe	Registry/Academic Planning
November 3rd	Pharm. Adejoke Abosede Popoola	Medical Centre
November 3rd	Funmilola Wunmi Ogunbinu	Biological Sciences
November 4th	Dr Adebayo Dare Ogunyemi	Music
November 5th	Dr. Raphael Oluwole Akande	Physics
November 5th	Ihinrere Amazing-Grace Banjo	Bursary
November 6th	Olayemi Omolabake Esezobor	Registry/CBAS
November 11th	Michael Ojodomo Okone	Computer Science and Mathematics
November 11th	Adeyemi Adewale Akinola	Library
November 13th	Dr. Mariam Emmanuel Anana	Languages
November 15th	Dr. Adesina Abayomi Adeiga	Ag HOD Biological Sciences
November 16th	Niyi Adetoyese Timothy	Students' Affairs
November 16th	Jeremiah Ademola Balogun	Computer Science and Mathematics
November 20th	Modupe Eunice Adeniyi	Students' Affairs
November 22nd	Temitope Samuel Balogun	College Officer, CBAS
November 27th	John Olubayo Egbinola	Students' Affairs

### OUR MISSION

*The mission of Mountain Top University is the provision of excellent facilities for the training of men and women in various academic, professional and vocational disciplines in an atmosphere that will enhance the simultaneous development of their spiritual, mental and physical faculties, in order to produce morally upright and academically sound graduates with specialised skills and value systems, who will be independent, invariably self-employable and who will be able to impact positively on the development (be it in leadership, academic, public and the industrial sectors) of their communities, the Nigerian society and the global community at large.*

### OUR VISION

*The Mountain Top University is envisioned as a dynamic centre of academic excellence in the liberal tradition for the production of top-rate, morally sound graduates of distinctions who will be globally competitive for outstanding impact on the Nigerian societal and global development.*

### CORE VALUES

- Excellence
- Integrity
- Skill

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