The Vice-Chancellor, Caleb University, Professor Ayodeji Olukoju, has attributed the international competitiveness and social relevance of the Institution's products to the quality of staff and infrastructural facilities in the University.

Professor Olukoju made this known in an exclusive interview with the Editor of CUL, Newsletter, Mr. Seyi Shodipo, the University's Senior Assistant Registrar (Public Relations).

He cited the University's insistence on due process, recruitment of high quality staff, conformity to quality assurance standards stipulated by government and professional regulatory bodies and exposure of the students to literacy in French as some of the things the University was doing to set the pace for others to follow.

The Vice Chancellor stressed that the University's Leadership Academy, Mass Communication Forum and Industrial Work Experience were some of the programmes designed to make its products globally competitive but socially relevant to their environment, and imbued with requisite leadership, literary and technical skills.

Professor Olukoju further stated that concurrent with the University's production of global citizens or globally competitive human resource, is the policy of ensuring local grounding in African culture and traditions, adding that the University products were being steeped in problem-solving, trained to think on their feet, and outside the box, engaged in self-development and equipped with skills for life.

He said, "At Caleb University, greater emphasis is placed on the quality of staff, learning environment, facilities, carrying capacity and qualification of out students. We are also more competitive and more creative in the use of human and material resources while skills acquisition is embedded in our curriculum at all levels."

The Vice Chancellor pointed out that the students were daily being counselled to have the fear of God and be conscious of eternity, develop their talent, work hard, follow due process, be role models, not to mortgage their future and to strive to leave a good legacy.
ADEBOGUN LAUDS IMOTA MONARCH ON 20TH ANNIVERSARY

The Visitor to Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State, Dr Ola Adebogun, has described the Ranodu of Imota, Oba Ajibade Bakare-Agoro, as a quintessential monarch whose reign has brought sustained peace and significant socio-economic development to Imota in particular and Lagos State in general.

Dr. Adebogun, who stated this in a statement on the 63rd birthday and 20th anniversary of Ranodu’s coronation, particularly facilitated with the members of the Ranodu’s royal household and all sons and daughters of Imota on the twin occasions.

The Educationist and entrepreneurial strategist expressed joy in the transformation that Imota had witnessed in the last 20 years of Oba Agoro’s enthronement, stressing that the Ranodu was indeed a visionary and charismatic monarch whose exemplary leadership style was worthy of emulation.

“The Caleb University family shares in the Ranodu’s joy and we are happy to identify with his landmark achievements. We will continue to partner with His Royal Majesty for the development of the town and Nigeria in general,” he said.

Dr. Adebogun equally used the opportunity to thank the good people of Imota for being good hosts to Caleb University, the only bachelor’s degree awarding private University in Lagos State, adding that their good neighbourliness indicates an open identification with an emerging success story.

He further stressed that the prevailing peace in Imota has, no doubt, provided the University an enabling environment for growth, saying that since the University was licensed by the Federal Government of Nigeria in 2007, all the programmes run by the University were accredited by the National Universities Commission (NUC) while all the professional programmes also have professional accreditation.

“It is our pride that as at today, our dear University has successfully mobilised the first, second and third sets of graduates for the mandatory National Youth Service and our College of Postgraduate Studies has just taken off, starting with the M.Sc degree programme in Architecture”, Adebogun stated.

CALEB VC’S CONTRIBUTION TO KNOWLEDGE, A REFERENCE POINT

- Aregbesola, Adefulire

Ogbeni Rauf A. Aregbesola
Executive Governor of Osun State

Princess A. Orole-Adefulire
Deputy Governor of Lagos State

The Governor of the State of Osun, Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola, and the Lagos State Deputy Governor, Mrs Adejoke Orole-Adefulire, have said that the contribution of the Vice-Chancellor of Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State, Professor Ayodeji Olukouju, to knowledge will continue to be a reference point and a rich resource in any academic discourse.

Governor Aregbesola and Mrs Orole-Adefulire made these remarks at the public presentation of a book “The Third Wave of Historical Scholarship on Nigeria: Essays in Honour of Ayodeji Olukouju” in recognition of Professor Olukouju’s contribution to the academic world.

In an address read on his behalf by Mr Adebola Bashiru, Commissioner for Regional Integration and Special Duties, Governor Rauf Aregbesola, described Professor Olukouju as an academic of high standing whose passion and dedication to the advancement of scholarship was undiluted.

Aregbesola noted that Professor Olukouju had demonstrated that he was a stickler for hard work and excellence and would want others to imbibite these virtues which have enabled him to achieve a resounding success in his career.

“Through his academic pursuits and his achievements, this inimitable scholar has clearly shown that he is not just a teacher who disseminates knowledge, but that he is also a mentor who imparts values, virtues and character, which are a key component of university education and it is a scholar of Professor Olukouju’s calibre that we sorely desire in our society”, Aregbesola said.

Mrs. Orole-Adefulire, who was represented by the Lagos State Head of Service (HOS), Prince Adebegun Ogundowe, said young and upcoming historians and scholars would learn so much from Professor Olukouju’s wealth of knowledge and brilliant research, adding that it was a welcome development that Nigerians have now learnt to celebrate their heroes while they are still alive.

She stated that the Lagos State Government was proud to identify with the contribution of Caleb University to tertiary education in Lagos State, stressing that the state would continue to encourage and support initiatives that will promote scholarship and excellence in the education sector.

“This is based on our commitment to continue to promote and invest in qualitative and functional education that holds the key to accelerated socio-economic development and we are also promoting a wide reading culture among our students to equip them with the right information and knowledge”, she said.
IYANDA BECOMES PIONEER DEAN OF POSTGRADUATE COLLEGE

Professor Olukunle Iyanda

The Management of Caleb University has announced the appointment of Professor Olukunle Iyanda as the pioneer Dean of the College of Postgraduate Studies.

Iyanda, a Professor of Marketing and International Business Management, is a former Director-General, Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM) and former Rector of The Polytechnic, Ibadan.

He had his first degree in Business Administration at the University of Lagos in 1985. He later obtained the Master’s and Ph.D degrees in Marketing and International Business at Stern School of Business, New York University, New York.

Between 1975 and 2010, Professor Iyanda was at various times Rector, The Polytechnic, Ibadan, Cyo State, Dean, Faculty of Business Administration, University of Lagos, Professor and founding Dean, Faculty of Management and Administration, Africa University Mutare, Zimbabwe, Associate Professor, Montclair College, State University of New Jersey, USA and Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Cranfield Institute of Technology, Cranfield, England.

Iyanda, who has over 100 scholarly publications, including authored and co-edited books, chapters in books and articles in academic journals on diverse aspects of the Nigerian economy and the wider world, has also attended conferences, seminars and workshops in Nigeria and abroad.

A fellow of the Nigerian Marketing Association and Nigerian Institute of Management, Professor Iyanda joined the services of Caleb University in April 2009 as a Visiting Professor. Until his new appointment, Professor Iyanda was the Dean, College of Social and Management Sciences (COSOMAS).

Other appointments announced by the Management were those of the former Dean, Student Affairs, Professor Nosa Owens-Obie as the new Dean, College of Social and Management Sciences (COSOMAS), Professor S.O. Ajayi, Dean, College of Pure and Applied Sciences (COPAS), Professor S.A. Daramola, Dean, Student Affairs, Professor O.S. Okekele, Dean, College of Environmental Sciences and Management (COLENSMA), Professor A. Amusa, Chairman, Business Committee of Senate (BCS) and Professor D.I. Adu, Chairman, Students Disciplinary Committee (SDC).

Also given appointments were Dr. C. Nwachukwu, Director, IJMB, Dr. Feri Ladoke, Director, SIWES, Dr. A. Bob-Solle, Acting Director, Academic Planning and Professor Osta Agbu, Coordinator, University Public Lectures.

It will be recalled that the National Universities Commission (NUC) had, in March 2013, granted Caleb University the approval for the establishment of the Institution’s College of Postgraduate Studies, starting with the MSc. degree programme in Architecture.

CALEB VARSITY DON’S ARTICLE RECEIVES WORLD-WIDE RECOGNITION

Dr. Moses Akiibinu

A Senior Lecturer and Acting Head of Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Caleb University, Inida, Lagos State, Dr. Moses Akiibinu has won him a world-wide recognition for his article, entitled ‘Interaction of Plasma Markers of Oxidative Stress And Thyroid Hormones in Schizophrenics.’ The BioMedLib LLC, 2150 Wise Street, Charlottesville, VA 22905 9998 assessed all articles published in recognised first class journals throughout the world in the area of thyroid hormones between 2012 and June 2013 and out of the top 20 articles, Dr. Akiibinu’s article was rated the best.

Akiibinu had his Bachelor’s, Master’s and PhD degrees in Chemical Pathology at University of Ibadan in 2001, 2003 and 2010 respectively. Between 2009 and 2012, Dr. Akiibinu was at various times Assistant Lecturer, School of Medicine and Pharmacy, Houdegbe North American University, Benin Republic, Coordinator of College Seminars, College of Pure and Applied Sciences and Later Coordinator, Biochemistry programme at Caleb University.

His recent research output included: ‘Changes in the in the Products of Macrophage Activation during Treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis Patients; ’Effects of Free Radicals on the Level of Thyroid Hormones in Schizophrenic Patients; ‘Oxidative Metabolic Changes in Prostate Cancer Patients; ’Influence of HIV-infection on the Levels of Nutritional and Immunologic Profiles; ‘Oxidant, Antioxidants and Nutritional Profiles in Sickle Cell Patients; ‘Oxidative Metabolic Changes in Pre-Eclampsia; ‘Immunologic Changes in Professionals Exposed to Lead;’ and ‘Changes in the Levels of Oxidative Stress, Acute Phase Protein and Tumor Markers in Lelomyoma Patients.’ He also has many scholarly publications in both local and international journals.

Dr. Akiibinu, who is on the Research Board of Advisors, American Biographical Institute Inc., Nutrition Society, London, is a Fellow, Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria and member of the Advisory Directorate, International American Biographical Institute Inc.

A member of the African Federation of Clinical Chemistry and the Association of Clinical Chemists of Nigeria, Dr. Akiibinu was in 2004 honoured by the American Institute Inc. as Man of the Year. He is a Consulting Editor, Who’s Who, American Biographical Institute Inc. In his reaction to the latest honour accorded him, Dr. Akiibinu expressed his appreciation to the management, staff and students of Caleb University for being a positive influence on his career.
Read more in

**The Guardian**
Sunday, October 13, 2013, Page 34.

Caleb varsity offers scholarships to students

As part of its corporate social responsibility (CSR), Caleb University, Imo State, has said it will conduct the 2013/2014 screening exercise for the award of scholarships to the best candidate in each of the colleges of the university.

A statement issued by

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**INDEPENDENT**
Monday, October 14, 2013, Page 10.

Our PG school’ll produce quality products — Caleb VC

Full Professorship, height of academic attainment — Caleb VC

By David Adeyelo

The Vice-Chancellor, Caleb University, Prof. Akindayomi Olukoya, has said that full professorship is not the height of academic attainment. 

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**Vanguard**
Thursday, April 18, 2013, Page 56.

Caleb holds Third Convocation October 19

The Vice-Chancellor, Caleb University, Prof. Akindayomi Olukoya, on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, noted that the third convocation ceremony of the University will take place on October 19.

Read more in

**The Guardian**

Tribune MD institutes endowment fund at Caleb University

The Managing Director of the The Vanguard Nigeria Limited, Mr. Victor Umeh, has said that the company has established an endowment fund at Caleb University.

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**The Guardian**
Tuesday, March 12, 2013, Page 41.

Caleb University defends institution’s first class graduates

Caleb varsity offers scholarships to students

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**PUNCH**

**The Guardian**
Friday, October 11, 2013, Page 34.

Caleb Varsity VC commends students’ research works

The Vice-Chancellor, Caleb University, Prof. Akindayomi Olukoya, has commended the students for their research works.

Read more in

**PUNCH**

Thursday, August 8, 2013, Page 28.

Caleb University institutes endowment fund at Caleb University

The Vice-Chancellor of the university, Prof. Akindayomi Olukoya, has said that the establishment of an endowment fund at the university is the company’s response to the need to support high performing students.

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**PUNCH**

Sunday, July 7, 2013, Page 54.
IGNERIA NEEDS SELF-SACRIFICING LEADERSHIP - Olukoju

The Vice Chancellor, Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State, Professor Ayodeji Olukoju, has called for self-sacrificing and committed leadership in the country. Such leadership, he said, would enable the country to achieve the needed socio-economic breakthrough.

Professor Olukoju, who was the guest lecturer at the 15th Convocation and Investiture of new fellows of the Nigerian Academy of Letters (NAL) at the main auditorium of the University of Lagos (UNILAG), Akoka, Lagos, stressed that the country could no longer afford to be led by megalomaniacs who were overwhelmed by the glamour of office, consumed by their self-importance, fixated on the next ‘do or die’ elections or another term in office while leaving undone urgent tasks of infrastructure and socio-economic development.

Speaking on the topic: ‘Nigeria’s Cultural Tapestry and the Challenge of Development,’ the Vice Chancellor urged all Nigerians to dispense with so-called leaders who focus on skimmishes and retrograde distractions at the expense of the war on poverty, systemic corruption, erosion of values and the depreciation of the national brand.

He said: “Leadership and succession should not be left to chance, the Nigerian way. There must be systematic training in leadership right from the secondary school level, with a heavy dose of national and comparative history spiced with biographies of model leaders. Nigeria needs an aristocracy of talent in leadership positions selected by achievement rather than ascription”.

Professor Olukoju equally appealed to the Government to use merit in selecting public office holders, urging that Federal Character and Quote System should go on recess for the country to move forward.

He stressed that equity, welfare of the people and the development of a new leadership culture in the country should be the government’s priority, adding that it was only by doing this that the gulf between diversity and development could be bridged. He emphasized the need for an educated, enlightened and patriotic leadership capable of galvanizing the people for development.

The Vice Chancellor further stated that such leaders must be able to invent the Nigerian Dream, an articulated vision of a nation held together by the fibres and sinews of the people’s cultural links, the muscle of their human and natural resources, the backbone of crisis-crossing physical and social infrastructure, and the blood of social justice and good governance.

The Convocation lecturer opined that if such a leadership could emerge, even in the face of daunting odds and if the famed federal might was applied to solving national problems and not used as a federal might to oppress and impoverish, then, the Nigerian centenary could well lead to the Nigerian century.

CALEB-BIRMINGHAM VARSITIES’ FOUNDATION PROGRAMME TAKES OFF

The Vice-Chancellor, Caleb University, Professor Ayodeji Olukoju, has stated that the long awaited foundation programme of the University in partnership with the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom, had commenced from the current 2013/2014 academic session, which began on October 7, 2013.

Professor Olukoju, who made this known during an interactive session with a section of the media, explained that only successful candidates that met the programme’s high standards were eligible for consideration for direct admission into the 200 level of the degree programmes of the University of Birmingham.

The Vice-Chancellor stated that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which formalized the partnership had been duly signed with the approval of the National Universities Commission (NUC). This development, he added, was in line with the University's commitment to high standards of education.

He stressed that the achievement marked the celebration of the establishment of a brand that combined excellence in scholarship and research with godliness, in line with the University’s motto: “For God and Humanity.”

Professor Olukoju added that Caleb University and the University of Birmingham would also collaborate in the areas of research, training and capacity building for staff and students of both institutions.

The Vice-Chancellor assured that Caleb University was pursuing partnerships with more foreign and local institutions with encouraging results.

He added that admission was still open to suitably qualified candidates for the foundation programme, assuring that the University would continue to strive hard to sustain its record of producing quality graduates that would contribute positively to national growth and compete globally.
CALEB VARSITY VC CATALOGUES ACHIEVEMENTS AT INSTITUTION'S SECOND CONVOCATION

The Vice-Chancellor, Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State, Professor Ayodeji Okokoju, has rolled out a catalogue of achievements of his administration and milestones recorded by the university since its take-off in 2008.

Speaking at the second convocation of the university held on March 9, 2013, Professor Okokoju said the institution had recorded heart-warming accomplishments by the grace of God and with the full support of everyone such that between 2010 and 2012, the university moved from zero percent to almost 100 percent full accreditation of its courses by the National Universities Commission (NUC).

Professor Okokoju stressed that the NUC had also granted the university permission to commence postgraduate studies, starting with the MSc degree programme in Architecture.

He noted that the university's academic staff had been positively engaged in research, publishing and public service, winning national and international recognitions, stressing that a striking illustration was the institution's Sub-Dean, College of Postgraduate Studies, Dr. Chuma Okoro, who won a highly competitive Petroleum Trust Development Fund (PTDF) grant for research in the field of Microbiology and Industrial Biotechnology.

The Vice-Chancellor reported a mutually-rewarding institutional partnership and linkage programme was being concluded with Birmingham University in the United Kingdom.

He added that it was the other institution that initiated the partnership, having seen the great potential of the rising university.

Professor Okokoju announced that the university had completed the twin buildings to house its entrepreneurship centre and its initial enterprises, the table water factory and bakery, while work on Idoowu Sobowale International School of Mass Communication complex had reached an advanced stage.

He attributed the achievements so far to God and the harmonious working relationship among such organs as the Board of Trustees, Governing Council, Senate, Management and staff of the university, describing them as constant pillars of support.

In his convocation address, the Vice-Chancellor disclosed that eight of the graduating students were in the prestigious first class, 42 graduated with second class (upper division), 132 in second class (lower division), 41 with third class and one with a pass. He said they had been awarded the university's bachelor's degrees in twelve academic programmes across three Colleges.

Professor Okokoju explained that the graduands had been found worthy in both character and learning, adding that the university had been producing top-range products in various disciplines who were doing well in their respective endeavours.

The Vice-Chancellor vouched for the quality of every first class awarded by the university, adding that it was truly earned and comparable with those awarded by credible universities anywhere in the world. He further stressed that Mr. Eric Topo Bakare, the university's pioneer best graduating student, validated his first class honours degree by coming first in the qualifying examination into the MSc Chemistry class at the University of Ibadan.

Professor Okokoju enjoined the graduating students to transfer the lessons of pioneering at Caleb to the wider world where they would now function, stating that they could not afford to fail since they are being driven by the Caleb "can-do" spirit.

The convocation lecture, with the theme, 'Electoral Democracy and Political Realignment in Nigeria', was delivered by Professor Emeitus Akujide Osuntokun, the former Nigerian Ambassador to Germany, former National Universities Commission's Representative in North American and Pro-Chancellor/Chairman of Council, Ekiti State University.

Present at the occasion were the Executive Governor of Lagos State, Mr. Ral Babatunde Fashola, represented by Dr. Segun Ogundimu, the Executive Secretary of the NUC; Professor Julius Okojie, represented by Professor Akaren Erisun, the Chancellor, Caleb University, Brigadier-General (Retd) Dr. Mobolaji Johnson, the Pro-Chancellor/Chairman of Council, Professor Fola Tayo, Members of the Board of Trustees and Governing Council, Vice- Chancellors and Representatives of other Universities, Traditional Rulers, Parents and Friends of Caleb University.

Mrs. Folake Okoro
Acting Registrar

As part of its corporate social responsibility, Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State, will on Saturday, October 26, 2013 conduct the 2012/2013 screening exercise for the award of scholarships to the best candidate in each of the colleges of the university.

In a statement issued by Mrs. Folake Okoro, the Acting Registrar, Caleb University, the yearly scholarship offers, which had the approval of the Lagos State Scholarship board, were for deserving Lagos State indigenes who are currently seeking admission into Caleb University.

Mrs. Okoro further stated that the scholarship offers were part of the university's contribution to the development of education in Lagos State as well as in pursuance of the university's motto: "For God and Humanity.

The Acting Registrar said Caleb University, the only bachelor's degree awarding private university in Lagos State, would not relent in its efforts in assisting students to get good education, adding that "This University believes that education is the bedrock of a nation and an educated nation is a developed nation."

She noted that the scholarship scheme was based on the university's desire to breed a team of graduates that would impact largely and influence the society. "As a responsible corporate social entity, Caleb University is largely concerned about her society and environment. It is just one of our many ways of contributing to nation building," Okoro stressed.

According to her, the scholarship scheme was one of the ways through which the university demonstrates love to the Nigerian students and the society at large, stating that the university believed so much in giving back to the society through its varied corporate social responsibility initiatives, which she noted, had far-reaching effects on the lives of Nigerian students.

It will be recalled that all programmes run by the university, which was licensed by the Federal Government of Nigeria in 2007, had been duly accredited by the National Universities Commission (NUC), while all the professional programmes had their corresponding professional accreditation.
Caleb University, a private Christian University committed to training future leaders imbued with ability and integrity, in collaboration with Lagos State Scholarship Board, will offer scholarship to successful candidates in our degree programmes on full-time basis.

1. Applicants must score minimum of 180 and above in the UTME.

2. Scholarship application forms at a non-refundable fee of N2,000 payable into Caleb University with Sterling Bank Account No. 0020022195. Bank Teller will be taken to Caleb Group of Schools, CMD Road Magodo or Lagos State Scholarship Board, 254, Ipaja Road Agege for collection of forms.

3. Applicants will sit for an examination at Caleb Group of Schools Exam Hall, Kayode Oduola Crescent off C.M.D Road, Magodo.

4. Successful Candidates will be screened for proof of indigeneship and certified by Lagos State Scholarship Board at the premises of Caleb Group of Schools, Kayode Oduola Crescent off C.M.D Road, Magodo.

5. The final list of successful Candidates will be released by Caleb University.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**
A minimum of 5 credits obtained in two sittings at the SSCE/WASCE, GCE/O’L, NECO with results obtained before registration.

Completed application forms should be submitted at the place of purchase or at the University permanent campus in Imota on or before Thursday, October 10, 2013.

**Examination Date:** Saturday, October 26, 2013
**Time:** 12:30 pm

Signed:
**Mrs. Folake Okor**
Acting Registrar
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