

“WE WERE SEDUCED BY THE AUTHENTICITY OF FUNAI’S BRAND” - FRENCH ENVOY

The French Ambassador to Nigeria, Mr. Denys Gauer has expressed his country’s commitment to the ***Joint Scholarship collaboration with the Federal University Ndufu Alike Ikwo, Ebonyi State***. The French Envoy said the authenticity of the University’s activities and the speed at which it is moving under the visionary leadership of Professor Chindeum Nwajiuba is unequalled, and that made the French Government buy into the University’s vision.

Mr. Gauer, who briefed some academics of the University on the 20th of October 2016, noted that there was no way his country could turn down the proposal of the University for academic collaboration with the quality of academic works going on in the University, adding that the essence was to help in building the capacity of the University staff to measure up with their peers in the advanced nations of Europe and America.

The France Envoy, who was represented by the Programme Officer, Campus France, Nigeria, Ms Saranne Comel, maintained that his visit to the University was to enlighten the academics on the *Joint-Scholarship Programme* and to aid them in making right choices in their various areas of research interests.



Programme Officer Campus, France, Ms Sarrane Comel addressing staff of the University during her visit

She said: “This University (FUNAI) is a fast growing University and we appreciate the Vice-Chancellor and his team for the opportunity to connect the University to the outside world through this programme.” Adding that “this is the first time we have dealt with a University”, she stressed that “the French Government is willing to support it because we have a long history with Nigeria. In France education is accessed by everybody and we are interested in extending our good gestures to the staff of the University”.



DVC, Professor Sunday Elom (2nd R), Ms Saranne Comel (2nd L), Dean, Faculty of Humanities, Professor GMT Emezue (1st R) and Head, Dept. Of Languages/Linguistics/Literary Studies, Dr. Nnnenna Nwosu

Earlier in his opening remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Nwajiuba who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sunday Elom thanked the Government and people of France for choosing the University as a beneficiary of such a laudable programme, stating that the University Management would ensure that staff make good use of the rare opportunity.

“This is the brain child of our visionary Vice-Chancellor and we are not joking with this programme because we want to place FUNAI on a global footing to actualise the vision of a world-class university”, Professor Elom noted.

The visit was rounded off with a facility tour of the University by the Programme Officer, Campus France, Nigeria, Ms Comel guided by the Dean, Faculty of Humanities, Professor GMT Emezue and Head, Department of Languages/Linguistics/Literary Studies/Theatre Arts and Media Studies, Dr. Nnnenna Nwosu.

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