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Education Deputy Minister Clement Sinyinda has praised UNZA for coming up with training programmes that enhance the achievement of the vision 2030.

Speaking when he officiated at the launch of the Centre of Excellence at the Computer Centre on 11th February 2009, Mr. Sinyinda said such facilities were essential in the acquisition of knowledge and skill

NECOR ZAMBIA COLLABORATES WITH UNZA

necessary to achieve the 2030 vision for Zambia.

And speaking earlier, NECOR Managing Director Friday Mwamba said the Joint-Venture project between NECOR Zambia and the University of Zambia, was a private, public partnership and NECOR Zambia felt honoured for allowing them realize that dream. He said the collaboration between UNZA and NECOR brings the basic computing skills to the reach of every student and the community at large.

“Whilst the University of Zambia and many other institutions of higher learning continue to produce graduates every year, because of limited facilities and resources in some faculties, not all of them have the opportunity to acquire the basic computer literacy during the course of study and this of course greatly disadvantages some individuals from achieving their greater potential upon graduating. *To page 4*



Computer Centre Director Mr Collins Chinyama explains to the Deputy Minister and the DVC after demonstrating the use of facilities at the centre. Behind him is NICOR Zambia Managing Director Mr Friday Mwamba

U.A.E Don Donates Books to UNZA



Brooker handing over books to Dr Mwenya

United Arab Emirates based university lecturer Steward Brooker has donated books to the University of Zambia. Brooker who is an English Lecturer at the United Arab

Emirates University donated English and Management books to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Dr Wilson Mwenya on 21st January 2009. Speaking during the function, Dr Mwenya said that the current economies are knowledge driven and that books are a gift of knowledge which lasts for a long time. He was hopeful that there would be more donations of books in future.

He, however, noted that although the institution was still using hard copies, books in an electronic form were easy to share among users. The books were later handed over to Dr Vitalicy Chifwepa, the University Librarian.

Brooker who also worked in Zambia from 1970 to 1986 taught at Mpika Boys Secondary School in 1970. He is now retiring from the United Arab Emirates University. He intends to donate more books when he visits Zambia again later this year.

Davidson prods UNZA to provide leadership in HIV/AIDS fight

British High Commissioner to Zambia Carolyn Davidson has said HIV and AIDS tops Zambia's development challenges with an average infection rate of 14% for the adult population with most urban areas being as high as 22% or at least one in every five adults.

challenge to provide leadership in the fight against HIV- as an academic institution, can contribute to research and development of locally appropriate interventions and that the University was also training the future leaders of the country.

The High Commissioner commended the

HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases.

He said statistics from the current demographic and health survey indicate that the HIV prevalence rates had fallen from 15.6% to 14.3% and linked to this, the survey indicated a 30% reduction in mortality among children under the age of five since 2001 - from 168 to 119 per 1,000 live births.

“At the same time, the maternal mortality ratio fell from 729 to 449 per 100,000 live births. This gave us hope that Zambia could be back on track to meet many more of its millennium development goals than anyone expected only a year ago. This success of course can be attributed to the leadership taken in robust campaigns aimed at prevention and nationwide roll out of anti-retroviral treatment for people in need, investment in health as well as fostering linkages and partnerships with. Local and international organizations,” he said.

He said as a way of keeping the promise and taking the lead in 2008, apart from providing policy direction to the institutional response, the University Committee on HIV and AIDS had dedicated the last quarter of 2007 and 2008 to documenting the integrated response to HIV and AIDS through publication works.



Mrs Davidson was the guest of honour at last year's celebrations at Ridgeway Campus

Speaking at celebrations marking World AIDS Day held at Ridgeway Campus on 1st December 2008, Ms Davidson said HIV and AIDS services-prevention, treatment, care and support is consuming over \$300 million annually of precious resources that could be spent on development programmes. She said one in every \$10 spent on development is being spent to tackle AIDS.

She said this year's theme: **Leadership stop AIDS; keep the promise** emphasised the need for leadership at all levels. She said the University of Zambia as the highest institution of learning in the country has a unique

Zambian government and co-operating partners for leadership from the highest level of government down to traditional leaders.

She disclosed that the United Kingdom was committed to the goal of achieving universal access to comprehensive HIV prevention, treatment, care and support and to halting and reversing the spread of AIDS.

And speaking earlier, UNZA Vice-Chancellor, Professor Stephen Simukanga said the occasion provided an opportunity to review the strategies implemented as a nation and as an institution towards reaching the global millennium development goal number six, which is to combat



Be innovative, Chiboola urges staff

By Martin Situmbeko Kunolu

The Dean of Students Mr. Hector Chiboola has urged members of staff in the Student's Welfare and Residences Department (SWRD) to be innovative.

He said this at the end-of-year party held on 23rd December 2008 at Kafue River Cliff Lodge.

“As members of staff, which is one family, we must share ideas and I urge you all old or young, to be innovative for the benefit of the Unit,” said Mr. Chiboola, adding that mingling during social functions was one of the times when people freely shared ideas. He further reminded staff on contract to work extra hard if their contracts were to be renewed “because the contracts are based on an individual's performance.”

And the Deputy Dean of Students Mr. Lastone Zgambo emphasised that there is need for each individual to reflect on the successes and failures of the previous year as we enter the new year.

The end of year party was characterised by a presentation of 'tokens' of

appreciation to some retiring members of staff by the Dean on behalf of the University management.

“You did your best and the institution appreciates your services,” said Mr. Chiboola after presenting the 'tokens' to among others, Mr. Teddy Mbulo, Ms Monica Zulu, and Mr. Thomas Mulenga.



Mr. Chiboola (in Glasses) enjoying a meal with other members of staff during the end of year party

WORLD AIDS DAY CELEBRATED AT RIDGEWAY CAMPUS



UNZA last year broke the tradition of holding World AIDS day celebrations at Main Campus by holding it at Ridgeway Campus. See story on Pg2

2003 Nobel Prize winner Professor Peter Agre visited the University of Zambia on 19th February 2009. Prof. Agre held a public lecture entitled “**a life in science**”. He explained that his life in science started at John Hopkins University School of Medicine, where he trained as a medical doctor. He completed a residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in hematology/oncology.

It was during his isolation of the blood group antigen Rh that he fortuitously discovered the aquaporin water-channel protein. Prof. Agre was a professor at Johns Hopkins University when he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2003 for his discovery of the aquaporin protein.

NOBEL PRIZE LAUREATE VISITS UNZA



Prof. Agre with Vice-Chancellor Prof. Simukanga. Next to him is Dr Shinondo from School of Medicine

In 1991, he was awarded the Young Investigator Award from the Eastern Section of the American Federation of Clinical Research.

In 2000, he was elected a member of the National Academy of Science. He was also elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2003.

Prof. Agre has been serving as the Vice Chancellor for Science and Technology at Duke University Medical Center since 2005. His studies on the aquaporin family of proteins have shown them to be key water-transport molecules in numerous tissues and cell types. Prof. Agre is renowned for both his scientific research and his criticism of scientific issues that impact society.

NECOR ZAMBIA COLLABORATES WITH UNZA (CONTN'D FROM Pg1)

Upon identifying this vacuum in our education system, NECOR Zambia decided to take up the challenge to fill this gap in our national development. We identified the need and approached the management of UNZA who responded positively. Upon entering into a special training agreement, we were allocated enough space for setting up the required computer training facility,” He said.

NECOR Zambia took up all the

works at a total cost of about K600m, which included renovations to the building, networking of data points, providing power points, supplying of both hardware and software + furniture and other facilities, and the full setup of the facility which seats up to fifty students.

And speaking on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Dr Wilson Mwenya said the University of Zambia had for a long time been known to be the focal point of technological advancement in the country.

“Both the private and public sectors have been looking to the University of Zambia to provide new innovations in several sectors including information technology.

To this effect, UNZA pioneered the introduction of internet not only in Zambia but the rest of the SADC region through the formation of ZAMNET communications limited.”

Regrettably, whereas the University of Zambia has continued to provide new innovations to the industry in many areas, it has failed to continue being the leader in information and communication technologies [ICTs]. UNZA has not been able to maintain the momentum with which it started” he said.



Deputy Minister of Education, Clement Sinyinda cuts a ribbon to officially open the Centre of Excellence

UNZA PRESS LAUNCHES NEW TEXT BOOK



The University of Zambia Press (UNZAPRESS) in conjunction with Dr Ndangwa Noyoo on 22nd December, 2008, launched a book entitled Social Policy and Human Development in Zambia. The book was published in September 2008.

Speaking at the launch at the Fairview hotel, Specials Advisor to the President, Dr Akashambatwa Mbikusita Lewanika (In picture above) who was the Guest of Honour said it was very disappointing that local book shops

were full of foreign books.

He commended the author, saying the book gave a special advise to the whole country.

And Head of the Department of Social Development Studies at the University of Zambia Dr. Jacob Malungo said the book was a very good text book for a number of courses at UNZA as it adequately covered social policy, human development and social work.

”There is increase in the number of institutions of higher learning but this has not corresponded to the availability of literature. So we are glad that now we can fall on this book”, he said.

JICA hands over equipment UNZA

The Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has reiterated its support to the efforts in the livestock sector within the framework of cooperation agreed between the governments of Zambia and Japan. This was stated by JICA Resident Representative Mr. Shiro Nabeya at the handover ceremony of equipment under the Animal Health and Production Delivery Extension Project (AHPDE) project on 6th February 2009 at School of Veterinary Medicine.

Mr. Shiro said the project was one of

the ways of contributing towards economic diversification. He said such coordinated efforts such as those demonstrated in the implementation of the project could contribute significantly towards the growth of the agricultural sector.

The AHPDE project provided support through training to Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives staff at district and camp levels. Specifically, eight modules were developed and they focused on building capacity in the

areas of:

Disease Diagnosis, Control of diseases, Livestock Production, Reproduction, Nutrition, Business management, Extension approaches and Public health.

Meanwhile UNZA Deputy Vice-Chancellor Dr Wilson Mwenya has called on the recipients of motor vehicles and equipment to put them to good use. He thanked JICA for the continued support to UNZA.

And speaking earlier, Dean of the



School, Dr Aaron Mweene said the project aimed at enhancing the delivery services by the veterinary field staff through training of veterinarians and veterinary assistants and related staff.

It aimed at establishing direct working links with rural communities and also to guide curriculum development and research at the School of Veterinary Medicine for the purpose of making it directly meaningful to the needs of society.

“The problem of inadequate trained manpower in the field of animal health and production, has been difficult to deal with. This program gave an opportunity for the field staff to be informed and to learn about new information as well as acquire new skills”, he said

Dr Mwenya test drives the minibus that was handed over to School of Veterinary Medicine while Mr. Nabeya looks on

UNZA, DEFENCE COLLEGE SIGN MoU

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the University of Zambia Council and the Defence Services Command and Staff College (DSCS) was signed on 6th February 2009.

The MoU was signed by the Acting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Defence, Mrs Rose Salukatula (on behalf of the Defence Service Command and staff College) and the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Zambia, Professor Stephen Simukanga, (on behalf of the University of Zambia Council).

The MoU provides a framework within which the two institutions can harness their unique strength and enhance synergies

and complementarities. It outlines areas of collaboration.

Notable amongst them are design and conduct of undergraduate and postgraduate courses,

staff exchange between the two institutions, affiliation of the Defence Service Command and staff College to the University of Zambia, as well as research consultancy.



Mrs Salukatula and Prof. Simukanga signing the MoU

The Resident Engineer's Section, last December held a colourful end of year party at Kunzubo lodge.

The occasion was graced by Acting Deputy Registrar (Administration) Ms Mubanga Mulenga (insert).

As can be see here staff take to the dance floor in their joyous mood.



UNZA TO OFFER DIPLOMA IN SPORTS STUDIES

Minister of Sport, Youth and Child Development Kenneth Chipungu has said sports education must be strengthened at all levels just like other fields.

Speaking when he officiated at the consultative forum on the national diploma in sports studies on 19th February 2009 at UNZA, Mr. Chipungu said the NDSS would be a two-year programme which was being developed by UNZA in collaboration with Loughborough college (UK), in partnership with other international partners and local partners.

The programme was born on the impetus of the 2011 all Africa games but though Zambia will not host the said games, the plans of establishing the NDSS have gone ahead because of a severe deficiency in qualified sports experts in the country.

“I would like to recommend to all government ministries, sports association leaders, sports NGOs

and all sports oriented organisations to allow their personnel to take up the course as a requirement for effective sports management.

“UNZA has trained various renowned professionals who have gone out to provide remarkable service in Zambia and internationally. Sadly the sport field was forgotten,” he said.

And speaking earlier Deputy Vice Chancellor Dr Wilson Mwenya said the consultative forum was the first time the University had involved outside stakeholders to debate the content of the university syllabus.

He said the national diploma in sports studies was born out of the UNZA-sports education and development

(UNZA-SED) programme that was formulated with a view to running short and long term sports courses to support preparation of the 2011 all Africa games.

In August 2008, the University, through UNZA-SED graduated eleven (11) Zambian army officers and soldiers that underwent a physical education and sports management training.

Dr Mwenya said UNZA would be proud to underwrite the two year national diploma in sports studies that would be delivered in a modular form through distance education.

He said the national diploma in sports studies would be financially supported by the British council for two years to enable the initial development and delivery of the diploma.

After the project support period, UNZA-SED, through its planned sustainable programmes would continue to deliver the diploma.



Mr Chipungu shakes hands with one of the participants in the sports first aid course

Appointments - Appointments - Appointments

(Long Term)

Dr Mwanza Banda, School of Medicine has been appointed Head of the Department of Psychiatry for a period of two years from 1st November 2008 to 31st October 2010.

Dr Sekelani Banda, School of Medicine has been appointed Head of the Department of Medical Education Development for a period of two years from 1st December 2008 to 31st November 2010.

Dr B. Munalula, School of Medicine has been appointed Head of the Department of Physiological Sciences for a period of two years from 1st November 2008 to 31st October 2010.

Dr Boniface Mbewe, School of Natural Sciences has been appointed Head of the Department of Chemistry for a period of two years from 9th January 2009 to 8th January 2011.

Mr N. W Mundia, School of Humanities and Social Sciences has been appointed Head of the Department of Literature and Languages for a period of two years from 2nd January 2009 to 1st January 2011.

Dr Kaampwe Muzandu, School of Veterinary Medicine has been appointed Head of the Department of Biomedical Sciences for a period of two years from 2nd February 2009 to 1st February 2011.

Mr Luke Bowa Chanda, Department of Language and Social Science Education has been appointed School Teaching Practice Coordinator of the School of Education for a period of two years from 7th January 2009 to 6th January 2011.

ASSISTANT DEANS

Mr Sraj Banda, Department of Mining Engineering has been appointed Assistant Dean (Undergraduate) of the School of Mines for a period of two years from 9th January 2009 to 8th January 2011.

Dr. Gerald Chishiba has been appointed Acting Assistant Dean (General) in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences from 7th November 2008 to 6th November 2010.

Mr Bentry Nkhata has been appointed Assistant Dean (II) in the School of Education from 1st January 2007 to 31st December 2008.

Mr Charles Musonda has been appointed Assistant Dean (Academic) in the School of Engineering from 5th January 2008 to 4th January 2011.

Dr Marvin Simuchimba has been appointed Assistant Dean I in the School of Education for a period of two years from 2nd January 2009 to 1st January 2011.

Ms Tomaida Milingo has been appointed Assistant

Dean II in the School of Education.

Mr L Ngoyi, School of Engineering has been appointed Head of the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering for a period of one year from 6th February 2009 to 5th February 2010.

NOMINATION RESULTS FOR SENATE SEATS

At the close of nominations on Monday 24th November 2008, Dr Careen Hankanga was the only one duly nominated for the Non Professorial Tied Senate seat, School of Veterinary Medicine.

At the close of the nominations on Tuesday 24th November 2008, Dr Sidney Office Chiluba Mwaba was the only one duly nominated for the University Non Professorial Untied Senate seat.

At the close of nominations on Wednesday 14th January 2009, Professor Jassiel N Zulu was the only one duly nominated for the Professorial Tied Senate seat, School of Natural Sciences.

At the close of nominations on Monday 19th January 2009, Dr Bennett Siamwiza was the only one duly nominated for the Non Professorial Tied Senate seat.

At the close of nominations on Thursday 15th January 2009, Mr Weluzani Chakanika was the only one duly nominated for the School of Education Deanship.

At the close of nominations on Thursday, 22nd January 2009, Dr Daniel C W Nkhuwa was the only one duly nominated for the Non Professorial Untied Senate seat

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