



From left, Mrs. Foluke Abdulrazzak, Principal, Oxbridge Tutorial College Carol Scott, Founder, First New Generation Study Centre; Mrs. Michelle Ukoh and Dr. Mrs. Maggie Ibru.



From left, Principal, Oxbridge Tutorial College, Carol Scott, Managing Director/ Founder, Oxbridge Tutorial College, Dr. Mrs. Olufemi Ogunsanya, Dr. Mrs. Tokunbo Awolowo Dosunmu and CEO, Supreme Education Foundation Schools, Magodo, Mrs. Adenike Adamolekun.

# When the young, old met at Oxbridge lecture

Editor, Education, TAYO LEWIS and MOYOSORE SOLARIN attended the first distinguished lecture of the Oxbridge Tutorial College held at the Sheraton Hotel, Lagos State last week Wednesday. Their report:

**T**HE atmosphere in the hall where the event held at the Sheraton Hotel was just right. The audience was a mix of the old, the young and the very young. The event was at the first distinguished lecture marking the 20th anniversary celebration of Oxbridge Tutorial College, which was held in Lagos on Wednesday, December 18, 2013.

Erudite professor of public administration and a former staff at the World Bank and United Nations, Professor Ladipo Adamolekun, set the tone for the discuss in his position as Chair of the event. He said it was high time teachers started answering for failures of their students in terminal examinations such as the Senior Secondary School Examinations of West African Examinations Council and the National Examinations Council. In his words, "The objective measure of student achievement should be the preponderant criterion in teacher evaluation. This is the growing trend in the United States and other western world where teachers are held accountable for students' performance" adding that "This should involve the adoption and appropriate adaptation of this emerging trend for state governments that want to improve the quality of education."

Guest speaker at the event, Dr Doyin Salami of the Lagos Business School noted in his intellectually stimulating treatise that education remained the panacea for reducing the growing crime rate in Nigeria to its barest minimum opining that as it was lack of employment that more often than not pushed people into crime.

Dr Salami said higher education could lead to economic growth and "it is believed that the more educated the members of a society are, the lesser the rate of crimes."

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He noted that getting education was not all about being eventually employed by established organisations but that it was meant to enlighten and broaden the minds of citizens such that they could create employment for themselves through various entrepreneurship set ups.

He added that when an individual was well educated, it had immense benefits on the society, as they were enlightened and informed which in turn increases the productivity of the nation and quality of life of citizens.

He also noted that tertiary education could also help a nation keep up with its counterparts in the world which were well developed economically, charging the government on the need to improve that aspect of Nigerian education system.



Cross section of students of Oxbridge Tutorial College.



From left, Commissioner for Education, Lagos State, Mrs. Olayinka Oladunjoye, Chairman of the event, Professor Ladipo Adamolekun, Managing Director/ Founder, Dr. Mrs. Olufemi Ogunsanya and Guest Speaker, Prof. Doyin Salami. Photos: Sylvester Okonwu

Also speaking on the occasion, the Lagos State Commissioner for Education, Mrs Olayinka Oladunjoye, who was the Chief Host on the occasion, charged the pupils present on the need to work and make good grades, as they had all the necessary facilities, such as internet, Ipads etc that would ease learning for them unlike those of her own generation. She also congratulated the college on its anniversary celebration, assuring of the Lagos State government's continued support for it in years to come.

The lecture was not done until the students, old students and members of the public who thronged the hall had taken time to not only add their comments but

also ask questions on some of the theoretical basis of the lecture and on other education issues. One of the students wanted to know what could be done so the teachers could catch up with students' knowledge of the Information Technology world while former Nigerian Ambassador to The Netherlands, Dr Tokunbo Awolowo-Dosunmu challenged the notion that the only way to access qualitative education was via the private sector. Mrs Nike Adamolekun, an educationist challenged youths to be up and doing, accusing most of them of being intellectually lazy.

All who attended the event agreed that it was a worthwhile brain storming session.