**AN ADDRESS BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR B. C. OZUMBA, ON THE OCCASION OF THE ORIENTATION EXERCISE ORGANIZED BY THE SCHOOL OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA FOR 2016-2017 POSTGRADUATE INTAKES, HELD THIS DAY, MAY 16TH, 2017, AT THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRIA UNITY HALL AND THEATRE**

Principal Officers of the University here Present

The Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies

Associate Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies

Our Invited Speakers and Resource Persons

Deans of Faculty and Directors of Institute here present

Distinguished Professors

Heads of Academic and Administrative Unit

Distinguished Academics

Old and New PG Students

Lions and Lionesses

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to this innovative occasion of orientation of our new Postgraduate intakes. I believe that this is the first time such orientation is conducted in this organized manner and at this scale. It has become necessary that we do so, as it is one of the accepted international best practices. The value of this kind of exercise cannot be over emphasized. Postgraduate programmes, faculties, and students have come under the attention of my administration because of our vision of repositioning the University of Nigeria to improve its research and citation base. We cannot afford to do less, especially now that we are striving to maintain our first position in Webometric Ranking in Nigeria, and at the same time aiming to come up high in both Africa and the Globe.

We intend to educate you on things you must know and do as Postgraduate Students of University of Nigeria, so that you can pass out at the end without problems and delays; not just to pass out in record time, but also with enviable success. Prompt registration and graduation have become critical issues in our Postgraduate School. The habit of ‘register and go’ can longer be tolerated. We have made the provision that through the time-tables for lectures and for examination, and specified period for arrival of external examiners, , you should be able to graduate at the expected period, when you do your part.

In line with our vision and commitment to transform the University of Nigeria to a research-oriented University, we expect quality research results from your projects and theses. In furtherance of this obligation, we have put in place a programme to acquaint you with ground-breaking entrepreneurship packages. You know as much as I do that Nigeria is advocating for the acquisition of entrepreneurial skills that can guaranty self-employment and boost the private sector—especially in these days of dearth of government jobs. Some of you, we learnt, are here because you are not able to find jobs. We have designed our academic programmes in such a way that you will not be ‘twice beaten before you become twice shy’.

I urge you to listen and pay attention as the slated lectures are being delivered by seasoned and world-class experts whom we have carefully selected to help put you on the path to global marketability, by empowering you with the richness of their knowledge and experience.

Enjoy your orientation exercise!