

ADDRESS DELIVERED BY THE CHANCELLOR, HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY, OBA FREDERICK ENITOLORUNDA AKINRUNTAN, OKORO AJIGA I, THE OLUGBO OF UGBO KINGDOM ON THE OCCASION OF THE MAIDEN CONVOCATION CEREMONY OF THE OLUSEGUN AGAGU UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, OKITIPUPA ON SATURDAY, 25TH MARCH, 2023 IN THE UNIVERSITY MAIN AUDITORIUM.

Protocol

- The Governor of Ondo State and Visitor, Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, SAN, CON
- The Honourable Commissioner for Education, Science and Technology,
- The Special Adviser to Mr. Governor on Tertiary education,
- Other members of the State Executive Council here present
- Pro- Chancellor & Chairman, Governing Council
- Governing Council Members
- The Vice-Chancellor
- The Registrar
- The Bursar
- The University Librarian
- Deans of faculties
- Members of Senate
- Members of the University Community
- Visiting Pro-Chancellors, Vice-Chancellors, and Registrars of other Universities
- My Lord Spiritual and Temporal
- Distinguished Parents and Invited Guests
- My Dear Graduating Students
- Gentlemen of the Press
- Ladies and Gentlemen

Salutation

I give glory to Almighty God, the only one who deserves all the honour and who has made all the activities that led to this historic ceremony possible. We owe Him endless gratitude for all the achievements that this university had made over the years.

As an excellent tradition in universities, worldwide, we are all gathered here, as our dreams are fulfilled in the lives of our graduates, recipients of different degrees, ready in character and learning and poised to make valuable contributions in the service to God and fatherland, for the growth and development of a people, our nation and mankind.

It is my delight, and with a deep sense of gratitude, to appreciate the Visitor of this great university, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, SAN, CON, the Governor of Ondo State for giving this university the attention it deserves as soon as he was overwhelmingly elected and assumed duty as the Governor in 2017.

Arakunrin Rotimi Akeredolu immediately opened up the university to the outside world by completing a 2.4 kilometers of the road in the main campus. This highly commendable work has recently been followed up with another 2.5 kilometers on-going road project on campus, and this will remain indelible in the history of the university.

Mr. Governor also succeeded in completing and indeed, commissioned three out of the abandoned major projects in the main campus. It is equally noteworthy that it is during Arakunrin's tenure that the university's administration moved to this main campus while additional Schools of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; Engineering and Engineering Technology; as well as the School of Management Sciences were added to the courses being offered by the University.

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, the University Community welcomed, with admiration and a sense of identity, the change of the name of the University to Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology (OAUSTECH), Okitipupa. All these and more lofty achievements and giant strides, the university has recorded within just six years of Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu's Administration. The university will be forever grateful Sir.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am humbled by the honour of being the first to receive an honorary Doctorate Degree from this University, thereby becoming an alumnus of OAUSTECH. I appreciate the Senate and the Governing Council for the award, which I see as a challenge and a call to give more support to the University and I promise to

In the same vein, let me offer my warm welcome to you all: Parents, Families, Friends and our worthy graduands to this maiden convocation ceremony of our prestigious university. I offer my congratulations and felicitations to all the graduands for your wonderful achievements of a good education that you have received from this university. I congratulate your parents and families for this great stride.

I would like to express sincere gratitude for the support from the Pro-Chancellor and members of Council, the Vice-chancellor and members of senate, management and members of staff for their valuable contributions to the great strides and achievements of this University.

Dear graduands, as you leave the comfort zone of organized lectures and laboratory exercises, you will be further challenged in the next phase of your life. You must be intentional in your living for a purpose, for yourself, for our dear country and for humanity. It is important that from now on, you must take complete ownership of your growth process.

I want to end this address by reminding you that, you are extremely important to us at Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology, in Ondo State, and in our Nation, Nigeria. Be a true ambassador.

May God bless your aspirations and ambition in life for the upliftment of our dear State and Country.

Thank you for your kind attention.

His Imperial Majesty,

Oba (Dr.) F. E. O. Akinruntan, CON,FPD-CR, FNIM, FICA

Okoro Ajiga I

Paramount Ruler & Prescribed Authority

Olugbo of Ugboland

Chancellor, Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology,

Okitipupa. Ondo State, Nigeria.

25th March, 2023