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Front row (R-L): The Pro-Chancellor, Achievers University, Owo, Prof. Bode Ayorinde; the Director of Hospital Services, Federal Ministry of Health, Abuja, Dr Jimoh Salaudeen and the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Omolola Irinoye, leading the Federal Ministry of Health's delegation and other members of the University community during the inspection of facilities for medical training at the University's Central Laboratory situated in the Faculty of Nursing Complex.

ACHIEVERS VARSITY'S GIANT STRIDES IN MEDICAL EDUCATION — *The Journey So Far*

When Achievers University, Owo, opened its gates in 2007, few imagined it would one day produce doctors. That dream began to take shape in November 2023, when the National Universities Commission (NUC) approved the University's request to flag off a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) programme. The approval marked the beginning of an ambitious journey. On 3rd February 2024, during the University's 17th

matriculation ceremony, the pioneer students were formally accepted into the MBBS programme, cementing Achievers' entry into the elite circle of universities training doctors in Nigeria.

Before welcoming these pioneers, Achievers University invested heavily in modern health sciences infrastructure. The University boasts state-of-the-art central laboratories, simulation and clinical demonstration suites, well-

equipped anatomy and physiology labs, and cutting-edge allied health support infrastructure. These facilities were inspected by the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, whose delegation led by Dr. Jimoh Salaudeen visited the Owo campus on 24th January 2025. After touring the laboratories and demonstration rooms, the team expressed satisfaction, describing the institution's readiness as "commendable and forward-looking." ... **Contd on page 2**

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A decisive turning point in the narrative was the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Achievers University, the Federal Ministry of Health & Social Welfare, and Federal Medical Centre (FMC) Owo, on the 21st July 2025. Presided over by the Honourable Minister of State for Health, Dr. Izaq Adekunle Salako, that MoU designates FMC Owo as the primary clinical training base for Achievers' medical students. This denotes that wards, outpatient clinics, theatres, and supervised patient care rotations will be anchored there.

This partnership addresses a major hurdle many new medical programmes face: securing reliable high patient-load teaching hospitals. With FMC Owo integrated, students will gain access to real patients, specialty clinics, lab services, diagnostic imaging, and the complexity needed for robust medical training. The federal government has publicly described the collaboration as part of its strategy to boost medical training and tackle the health workforce shortage across Nigeria.

On 6th August 2025, Achievers University deepened its commitment by laying the foundations for an academic block and a hostel complex within and around the FMC Owo for her medical students. The plan is that the students will be housed adjacent to or within walking distance of

their clinical rotations—a design that fosters continuity between learning and patient care. The academic block will house lecture theatres, faculty offices, tutorial rooms, skills labs, and specialised units for surgical training or diagnostics. The



The Honourable Minister of State for Health, Dr. Izaq Adekunle Salako (middle), representing the Federal Government was joined by Dr. Jimoh Salaudeen, mni, Director of Hospital Services and Barrister Okohagiam, Director Legal Services Department of the FMoH&SW (2nd and 1st L), Dr. Lhasu Adeagbo Ahmed, Chief Medical Director, FMC Owo (1st R). The Achievers University delegation was led by Professor Bode Ayorinde, alongside the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Omolola Irinoye, and Mrs. Adejoke Ayorinde.

hospital will also afford them access to wards, clinics, and a full range of patient cases, ensuring students gain hands-on training from their clinical years onward.

With its pioneer class in place and strong institutional backing, Achievers University is positioning itself as a vital contributor to Nigeria's future healthcare workforce.



The Vice-Chancellor of Achievers University, Prof. Omolola Irinoye (in gloves) laying the foundation for the academic building within the FMC, Owo.



The Medical Director, Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Owo, Dr. Ilyasu Ahmed (in gloves) laying the foundation for the medical students hostel adjacent the FMC, Owo.

RECORD OF PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATIONS

FACULTY	PERIOD	PASS RATE
Nursing Science	March 2025	100%
	September 2025	100%
Medical Laboratory Science	First Exam	100%
	Final Exam	100%

AUO RECEIVES FUTA TEAM ON EXPLORATORY VISIT

Renowned for its unremitting pursuit of its vision of becoming a world-class institution, Achievers University

Nigeria.

Reiterating the University's commitment to excellence, the Vice-Chancellor disclosed that Achievers is

particularly its partnership with the Federal Medical Centre, Owo, recently approved by the Federal Government for the clinical training of Achievers' medical students.

Speaking on behalf of the visiting team, the Provost of the College of Health Sciences (CHS), FUTA Professor Biodun Olagbuji, expressed profound gratitude to Achievers University for granting them unrestricted access to its laboratories and medical facilities. He explained that the visit was in line with the MDCN's recommendation and described it as "highly insightful".

According to him, it will offer an impressive model that will not only guide in developing their academic programme but also position it for success in its accreditation process. He emphasised the potential for sustained collaboration between both institutions in the future.

The visit concluded with a guided tour of Achievers University's cutting-edge laboratories, classrooms, and ongoing projects in the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, further signposting Achievers University's rising profile as a cynosure of excellence in the Nigeria's education landscape. Other members of the FUTA team included the Deputy Provost, CHS FUTA, Professor Victor Ukwanya, the Dean, School of Basic Medical Sciences, Professor Akeem Lawal; the HOD, Medical Laboratory Science, Professor Mrs. Funmilola Omoya; the Acting HOD of Anatomy, Dr T. Olawuyi, Acting HOD of Physiology, Dr. S. Jeje; the Secretary, College of Health Sciences, Mr. K. Ayeni and the Higher Executive Officer, Mr. Temitope Oyelami.



continues to inspire other institutions to adopt global best practices with its state-of-the-art laboratories, modern clinical training facilities, and a robust academic curriculum designed to produce globally competitive medical and health professionals.

On Monday, September 22, 2025, the University Management, led by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Omolola Irinoye, received a delegation from the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA). The FUTA team visited Achievers University to understudy its medical training infrastructure as part of preparations for the accreditation of its MBBS programme by the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN).

Welcoming the visitors, Professor Irinoye highlighted the cordial relationship between both institutions and praised FUTA for its supportive role in strengthening academia within the region. She reaffirmed Achievers University's openness to collaboration, stressing that partnerships of this nature are vital to advancing multidisciplinary research and enhancing higher education in

steadily transforming its classrooms and laboratories into "smart spaces" while adopting multidisciplinary approaches to teaching and research. She requested the FUTA team to share feedback from their observations, noting that the University views continuous improvement as a core value. "Nothing is ever completely finished in our laboratories," Professor Irinoye said. "We are constantly upgrading, redesigning, and reimagining what medical education can be. Our goal is to remain intentional about refining our facilities and programmes to meet and exceed global standards." She further



extended an invitation to FUTA for a broader exploration of Achievers University's innovative projects,

AUO HOSTS TAU TEAM ON NGFEP

— VC Harps on Collaboration



R-L: TAU's Acting Director of ICT, Mr. Damilare Oladipo; AUO's Acting Director of ICT, Mr. Chris Onovo; AUO's Acting Registrar, Mr Adebayo Olagunju; AUO's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Omolola Irinoye; TAU's Registrar, Mr. Fisoye Kolawole; AUO's Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Oyesoji Aremu; AUO's Bursar, Mrs Oluwafunmibi Ayodeji and TAU's Mr David Oluyemi.

On Friday, September 19, 2025, Achievers University (AUO) hosted a delegation from Thomas Adewumi University (TAU), Oke, Kwara State, who visited to observe firsthand the implementation, scope, and impact of the Nigeria Google for Education Programme (NGFEP) at the University. For Achievers University, NGFEP represents more than a technological adoption. It is a strategic driver of teaching excellence, research collaboration, student empowerment, and institutional competitiveness in Nigeria's higher education system.

Receiving the team in her office, the Vice-Chancellor of Achievers University, Professor Omolola Irinoye, welcomed the delegation and commended them for not only recognising but also desiring Achievers University's giant stride in digital transformation of its system which signposted the University's commitment to providing cutting-edge learning experiences that prepare its students and staff for the demands of the 21st century. She stressed the need for national collaboration among Nigerian universities, noting that while Achievers has forged strong partnerships with universities abroad, strengthening collaborations within

the country is essential. "Working together as Nigerian universities allows us to share our strengths and build a stronger academic system. The NGFEP initiative represents a transformative tool that will redefine how we teach, learn, and innovate in this digital age," Professor Irinoye further said.

The Registrar of Thomas Adewumi University, Mr. Fisoye O. Kolawole, accompanied by the Acting Director of ICT, Mr. Damilare Oladipo and Mr David Oluyemi, described the visit as "highly enlightening." He noted that the team had gleaned innovative practices worth modelling and expressed optimism about future partnerships between the two institutions. He agreed that Nigerian universities must exchange ideas to enhance the mutual benefits of initiatives like NGFEP and contribute to advancing higher education nationwide.

Earlier, Achievers University's Acting Registrar, Mr. Adebayo Olagunju, and Acting Director of ICT, Mr. Chris Onovo, shared insights on the University's journey with NGFEP, explaining the implementation process, scope of application, and measurable impact of the programme on teaching and learning.

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