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Telling our story, building our future

A message from the Rector on the launch of OOPA Digest



Engr. Dr. Christopher Kalu Okoro
Rector, Ogbonnaya Onu Polytechnic, Aba

It is with a profound sense of duty and optimism that I welcome you to the inaugural edition of "OOPA Digest", the official weekly e-news bulletin of Ogbonnaya Onu Polytechnic, Aba. With effect from Monday, September 1, 2025, OOPA Digest will serve as our structured voice — a mirror that reflects our values, our progress, and our aspirations as an academic community.

An institution of learning such as ours thrives not only on infrastructure, curricula, and research, but fundamentally on communication. For knowledge to advance, for unity to deepen, and for vision to be pursued with one accord, there must be a consistent,

credible, and transparent flow of information. Communication is the lifeblood of any progressive institution. It informs, it inspires, and it aligns. Without sounding immodest or beating one's chest, I know that my administration is recording significant milestones across academics, infrastructure, staff development, and student welfare.

However, I have observed that some of the critical achievements have not been officially captured and therefore risk being diminished due to low or inadequate official reportage. OOPA Digest is therefore conceived to close this gap and ensure that the story of OOPA is

told accurately, consistently, and with pride.

The objectives of OOPA Digest are: To institutionalize timely and accurate documentation of the Polytechnic's activities, policies, and achievements; provide a credible platform for staff, students, and alumni to be seen, heard, and celebrated; strengthen internal cohesion and project the true image of OOPA to our publics, among others. This initiative is a deliberate and integral component of my administration's strategic plan to reset and reposition the Public Relations Unit of the Polytechnic for greater efficiency, effectiveness, and professionalism.

I commend the PR Unit for following my nudging and giving the idea the effect it deserves. I therefore enjoin all internal and external stakeholders of OOPA — staff, students, alumni, parents, industry partners, and friends - to read, share widely, and contribute to OOPA Digest. Let us own this platform and use it to tell our story in our own voice. Together, through information and shared purpose, we shall build a greater OOPA.

God bless Ogbonnaya Onu Polytechnic, Aba.
God bless Abia State.



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Town-Gown Relations: OOPA, Host communities sign historic MoU, Resolve 30-year land dispute

By OOPA Digest News Team



ABA — Ogbonnaya Onu Polytechnic, Aba (OOPA) has resolved a land ownership dispute spanning over three decades after signing a Memorandum of Understanding, MoU, with its Osisima Ngwa host communities, thereby paving the way for peace, expansion and sustainable development, OOPA Digest can authoritatively report.

The MoU was signed between the Management of the Polytechnic led by the Rector, Engr. Dr. Christopher Kalu Okoro, and representatives of the Osisima Ngwa host communities on Friday, August 21, 2026 in Osisima Ngwa. Speaking to OOPA Digest during the event, the Rector of OOPA said the signing of the MoU was realized through sustained dialogue with the host communities and the intervention of the Abia State Government under the leadership of the education-loving

Governor, His Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, who he added, has relentlessly provided immense support for educational development, institutional stability and enabling environment that made the resolution possible.

Describing the event as a milestone for his administration, the Rector said, “this development represents a new dawn for the institution and signing of the MoU is a promise kept and a legacy sealed. It removes a major obstacle to our growth and ensures that OOPA can now plan for the future with certainty”.

Many members of both the Polytechnic and the Host communities who spoke to OOPA Digest, including the Deputy Rector Administration, Dr. Chigozirim A. Ogbuji, said signing of the MoU marks more than the end of a protracted land dispute.

It secures the Polytechnic’s land title, guarantees stability for academic and infrastructural expansion, and lays the foundation for long-term partnership between OOPA and its host communities.

The Rector, Engr. Dr. Okoro, who was specially commended by the community leaders for his visionary leadership and persistent engagement, also fulfilled an earlier pledge by presenting the host communities with a symbolic “living gift” to reinforce unity, trust, and mutual goodwill. With the land issue now settled, OOPA Management says the Polytechnic can proceed with new projects, attract more investments, and deepen its contributions to manpower development in Abia State and beyond.

The MoU heralds what both parties described as “the beginning of a new era of peace, stability, and sustainable development” for OOPA and Osisima Ngwa communities. OOPA Digest gathered that representatives of the Host communities who were present at the event include: High Chief Nwaobilo Ukaegbu, Elder Mbaonu Osondu, Dickson Samuel Omenihu and Comr. Odimegwu Avuru from Umuogbaraegbe Community.

From Umuarakpa Community were Rev. Emmanuel Nwala, Kenneth Onwukwe, Nwazuo Nneji, Eze Loveday Agbara-Evo, Chief Vincent Njoku and Chief Christopher Agbara-Evo.

Others from Umuawa-afọ Community are Chief Obimba Iheanacho, Chief Sir Nwala Steven Ahuchogu, Chief Dr. Obinna Emeka and Comr. Appolos Friday.



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Rector vows to sustain environmental wholesomeness, after a successful tree-planting exercise, rally for climate action

By OOPA Digest News Team

ABA — Following the success recorded during a campus-wide awareness rally and tree-planting exercise to commemorate the World Environment Day (WED) 2026, the Rector of Ogbonnaya Onu Polytechnic, Aba, Engr. Dr. Christopher Kalu Okoro has reaffirmed the commitment of his administration and the Polytechnic to environmental wholesomeness and sustainable campaign and sensitization about climate change.

The Rector made the commitment while speaking to OOPA Digest News Team recently.

He recalled that the Polytechnic marked the 2026 World Environmental Day at the Osisioma Campus and vowed that his administration would do everything possible to sustain the gains of the event, which was organized by the School of Environmental Design and Technology, led by Dean of the

School, Dr. Mrs. Vera Okoye, in collaboration with the Directorate of Physical Planning.

OOPA Digest reports that during the event, the Rector of OOPA, Engr. Dr. Okoro, seized the opportunity to demonstrate institutional leadership on environmental issues, and noted that the rally was aimed at promoting environmental sustainability, ecological responsibility, and climate action in line with global goals.

Engr. Dr. Okoro also stated that his administration will continue to support every action that protects the environment and mitigate climate change in line with the sustainable development goals of the United Nations.

The Rector noted that the Polytechnic's participation reflects its broader dedication to sustainable development. "Creating a greener, healthier

campus is not just symbolic, it is our contribution to a safer planet and a practical way of teaching our students responsibility to the environment and to future generations," he said.

Engr. Dr. Okoro added that Management of OOPA will sustain the tree-planting initiative as part of the Polytechnic's campus greening policy to reduce carbon footprint, beautify the environment, and foster environmental consciousness among staff, students, and host communities. Adding her voice during the event, the Dean of the School of Environmental Design and Technology, Dr. Mrs. Vera Okoye, said the rally was also designed to instill a culture of environmental stewardship among students and staff. "Our environment is our future.

As an institution training environmental professionals, we must lead by example in protecting our ecosystem," she stated



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