COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE 123\textsuperscript{RD} REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF HEADS OF POLYTECHNICS AND COLLEGES OF TECHNOLOGY (COHEADS) HELD AT THE YABA COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY, YABA, LAGOS, 20\textsuperscript{TH} TO 23\textsuperscript{RD} SEPTEMBER, 2011

COHEADS held its 123\textsuperscript{rd} meeting at Yaba College of Technology, Yaba, Lagos from Tuesday, 20\textsuperscript{th} to Friday, 23\textsuperscript{rd} September, 2011 in the Academic Board Room. A total of forty (40) Polytechnics and Colleges of Technology participated. The meeting was preceded by a colourful Opening Ceremony and a visit to Oba Abiodun Idowu Oniru, the Oniru of Iruland, Lagos.

After an exhaustive deliberation, the following resolutions were reached:

i. COHEADS resolved that the National Assembly should quickly pass into law the bill on Retirement Age of Lecturers in Tertiary Institutions.

ii. COHEADS also resolved that the National Board for Technical Education should advise all Polytechnic Proprietors especially State Governments to ensure that there is parity in the remuneration of all staff of Polytechnics and Colleges of Technology to avert a situation where quality staff in the State Polytechnics drift towards the Federal Polytechnics.

iii. COHEADS observes that there are two or more factions of National Association of Polytechnic Students (NAPS) and regrets the trend. It appeals to all the factions to resolve their differences for one indissoluble National Association of Polytechnic Students (NAPS). It further resolves that Rectors should not identify with any of the factions until they (the factions) resolve their differences. Meanwhile, the matter has been referred to the Student Affairs Committee of COHEADS.
iv. COHEADS regrets the recent closure of some Polytechnics in some States of the federation and appeals to all stakeholders for an immediate resolution of the conflict.

v. COHEADS resolved that Government and Proprietors of Polytechnics and Colleges of Technology should do everything to ensure that pensioners from the Polytechnic system and indeed all pensioners are treated with due respect and their pensions paid to them promptly and regularly.

vi. COHEADS expresses special gratitude to the people and Government of Lagos State in general and the Rector, Management, Staff and Students of the Yaba College of Technology in particular for being wonderful hosts during the 123rd Regular meeting of COHEADS.

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