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Report of 1st EBSU International Students Induction Programme

Internationalization is an important aspect of University education globally and Ebonyi State University has keyed into the scheme. The international programmes that currently attract foreign students to the University include;

1. European Union funded Intra-Africa Academic Mobility programme, known as MoBreed
2. European Union funded Intra-Africa Academic Mobility programme, called GENES
3. World Health (WHO) funded 1st and the only African Institute of Health Policy and Health System.
4. Student and staff exchange MoU with the Phytobiotechnology Research Foundation (PRF) in Cameroun, affiliated with the Catholic University of Cameroun.

Ebonyi State University organized her first ever welcome/orientation programme for the students on Friday 31st May 2019. The programme was declared open by the Vice Chancellor of Ebonyi State University, Elder Prof. Chigozie N. Ogbu, and featured the following presentations;

1. "University Internationalization: Ebonyi State University Status" by the Coordinator of the University's International Office for Partnerships and Cooperation and the Head of Biotechnology Department, Dr. Celestine A. Afiukwa.
2. "Road map of MoBreed & GENES" by the EBSU Programme Coordinator of MoBreed who also is the International Coordinator of GENES programme and as well the Deputy Vice Chancellor Administration, Prof. Happiness O. Oselebe, represented at the programme by the Head of Applied Biology Department, Dr. Catherine V. Nnamani.
3. "Highlights on the postgraduate academic regulations of Ebonyi State University" by the Dean of the School of Postgraduate Studies, Prof. Eugene N. Nweke.
4. "Documentation and travels information for foreign students in Nigeria" which was presented by the Head of Nigerian Immigration Services in Ebonyi State.
5. "Banking & financial services for International students in Nigeria" delivered by the representative of the Branch Manager of Zenith Bank PLC, Ogoja Road Branch, Abakaliki.
6. "Health insurance for foreign students in Nigeria" presented by the representative of the Manager of IGI Insurance Company, Ebonyi State Branch.

7. General information about "Life, food, markets, cost of living, culture & religion of the people of Ebonyi State" scholarly delivered by Dr. Nkechi Emma-Echiegu.
8. "Health services supports & contacts" by the University's Director of health services, Dr. Enoch P. Onwe.

The presentations highlighted the importance of university internationalization, the progress Ebonyi State University has made and still making towards internationalization, and ways to make the foreign students stay in the University safe and pleasurable.

The programme was well attended by members of the University Management Committee including the Vice Chancellor (Prof. Chigozie N. Ogbu), Registrar (Mrs. Bibian N. Nwokwu), Bursar (Dr. Leonard Uguru) and the Librarian (Dr. Jonathan N. Chima) as well as senior officers of the university including the Dean of School of Postgraduate Studies (Prof. Eugene N. Nweke), Faculty Deans, Directors of academic programmes, Heads of academic Departments and other members of the university community, in addition to the guest speakers earlier mentioned.

The international students involved were;

S/N	Surname	Other names	Degree	Project	Country
1	Tilahun	Wondimu Fufa	PhD	MoBreed	Ethiopia
2	Shivolo	Ottilie T.	PhD	MoBreed	Namibia
3	Codja	Marie Michelle	MSc	MoBreed	Benin Republic
4	Eliel	Sossou Belchrist	MSc	MoBreed	Benin Republic
5	Agossou	Aboegnonhou Chaldia Odette	PhD	GENES	Benin Republic
6	Degbey	Herve	PhD	GENES	Benin Republic
7	Issa Zakari	Mahaman Mourtala	PhD	GENES	Niger
8	Mekonen	Desalegn A.	MSc	GENES	Ethiopia
9	Nkunzimana	Jean B.	MSc	GENES	Burundi

The programme was moderated by the Assistant Coordinator of EBSU International Office for Partnerships and Cooperation and the Head of Department of Linguistics and Literary Studies, Dr. Ngozi Emeka-Nwobia.

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The Vice Chancellor declaring the programme open



Head of Immigration Services in Ebonyi State making presentation



Some of the participants with the Vice Chancellor & principal officers of the University



Dr. Celestine A. Afiukwa
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