

Report on Students excursion to shell industrial area on November 15, 2016.

Our team arrived at Shell Industrial Area at about 11.30 am and was received by the University relations team led by Dr. Emmanuel Ukpebo, who incidentally happened to be a chemist. Other members of the team were Mr. Michael Adande and Mr. Timi Tralagba.



From left: Dr. Emmanuel Ukpebo, Mr. Atser, and Mr. Adande

We were led to the office blocks where a brief talk was given on the activities of Shell Nigeria. Mr. Adande noted that one of the reasons for allowing the excursion to their facilities included the company's dedication to shaping a more sustainable future through educational programmes that promote academic excellence. These programmes include among others:

- University scholarship
- SPDC Niger Delta PG Scholarship scheme
- Sabbatical and Research internship programmes
- Centres of excellence (for physical sciences)
- Professorial chairs (nine chairs across Nigeria)
- Shell Ecomarathon
- Research data and other support programmes

On the issue of creating a memorandum of understanding between Shell Ng and the university community in order to send students over to work as interns, Dr. Ukpebo said that since there is a Shell Professorial chair already in the University in the person of Professor Kingsley Akpabio, there is no need for the MoU and that whatever correspondence between the university and the company should be channelled through Prof. Akpabio. He also said that students who desire to undergo their industrial training (IT) with the company should apply to the appropriate unit three months ahead to the commencement of the IT. The

students afterwards presented gifts from the UNIUYO chapter of the American Chemical Society (ACS) to the university relations team.



The students were later led to the sewage treatment plant where the basic operations of the incinerator and the sewage treatment plant were explained to them.



Photo speak



At the incinerator, the students listened to Mr. Atser with rapt attention.



Cross section of the students at the office blocks.