

**VICE-CHANCELLOR’S ADDRESS AT THE MAIDEN EDITION OF
PROFESSOR H.O.B OLOYEDE ANNUAL LECTURE**

“ANTI-INFLAMMATORY NUTRITION FOR CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH”

Delivered on Wednesday, 20th December 2023/7th Jummada Thani 1445AH

As-Salamu alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuhu,

All praises and adorations are due to Allah (SWT) for bringing about this monumental and first annual lecture held in honour of Fountain University’s pioneer Vice- Chancellor, Professor H.O.B Oloyede. It is a delight to witness this event and also give my welcoming address as the fourth substantive Vice-Chancellor of our beloved citadel.

Professor Hussein Oyelola Bukoye Oloyede, the pioneer Vice-Chancellor of Fountain University, Osogbo, played a pivotal role in shaping the institution’s foundation of excellence and values. His contributions enriched the academic landscape and also inspired countless individuals to pursue knowledge with passion and commitment. The purpose of this annual lecture series is to honour Professor Oloyede’s enduring legacy in our university and to recognize his contributions to academia. This maiden edition of the lecture series provides a forum for us to have stimulating conversations and promote the intellectual curiosity culture that he zealously promoted during his time here.

I give my kudos to the Dean of the College of Natural and Applied Sciences, Professor A.J.K Shittu, and his planning committee for all their efforts in ensuring the success of today’s event. We have been fortunate to have the able and talented Professor Adenike Oladiji, the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, as our esteemed guest lecturer for this historic occasion. We sincerely welcome you to this great citadel of learning, Fountain University, Osogbo. I also extend my welcoming arms and sincere gratitude to all the distinguished guests, scholars, and participants who have joined us for this momentous occasion. Your presence adds significance to this event, and I am confident that the insights to be gained today will contribute to the on-going dialogue in the realm of education and beyond.

Part of my vision and aspiration is the internationalization of Fountain University. In an era where collaboration, exchange of ideas, and interdisciplinary approaches are imperative, the insights as will be shared by Professor Oladiji have the potential to elevate our institution to a new height on the global academic stage. The lecture series stands as a demonstration of Fountain University’s commitment to being an active participant in the international dialogue surrounding critical issues.

Cardiovascular health often referred to as heart health is a paramount part of overall well-being that encompasses proper functioning of heart and the circulatory system. Maintaining optimal cardiovascular health is essential to prevent a range of conditions including heart disease, stroke and hypertension. At its core, cardiovascular health is more than a medical concern; it is a

fundamental determinant of individual vitality and societal well-being.

In essence, the impact of cardiovascular health is not confined to medical charts and statistics only; it permeates the very essence of how we live, work, and thrive as individuals. The theme of this maiden edition of the annual lecture, “Anti- Inflammatory Nutrition for Cardiovascular Health” is a thoughtfully chosen tapestry that is intrinsic to our understanding of the link between cardiovascular health and our wellbeing.

As we commence today’s lecture series, it is crucial to recognize and remember the significance of today’s event, the insights and knowledge that will be shared goes beyond the physical walls of this lecture hall, it can influence not just individual viewpoints but also revolutionary discoveries that will significantly add to the body of knowledge in academia and also positively impact us as individuals. Through education, lifestyle interventions and innovative healthcare strategies, we have the opportunity to create a ripple effect that transcends individual well-being, positively influencing the health of communities and societies at large.

I urge us all to take a moment to reflect on the broader impact of this event. The internationalization drive of our institution signifies recognition that the pursuit of knowledge knows no geographical bounds. In embracing events like this, where distinguished scholars share their expertise, we actively contribute to a diverse and interconnected global academic community. The ripple effects of today’s discourse will undoubtedly extend far beyond our immediate academic community, creating a lasting impact on the broader international scholarly landscape.

In conclusion, I want to extend my sincere gratitude once again to every one of you for gracing this occasion with your presence on this historic day. Your attendance not only exemplifies your commitment to academic excellence but also symbolizes a celebration of the core values that define our academic community. I encourage you to actively engage in the intellectual conversations that will unfold throughout the day, and I am confident that the insights gained will serve as a source of inspiration and knowledge that lingers with you, enriching your intellectual pursuits long after the conclusion of today’s proceedings.

Once more, I extend a warm welcome to all our distinguished guests, esteemed colleagues, respected members of the academic community and honored participants. Thank you for being integral participants in the inaugural Professor Hussein Oyelola Bukoye Oloyede Annual Lecture. It is my prayer that this event will be a source of inspiration and knowledge that resonates globally, guiding our institution towards even greater heights of academic excellence.

As said always; Fountain leads, others follow.

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