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Dear Umuahians,

I trust you are well and still keeping safe as our world adjusts to a lifestyle of social distancing, face masks and hand sanitizers as the new normal.

Since the last update in July, we have made quite some progress, the most significant of which is the ground-breaking on the Dining Hall, Classroom Block C and very shortly the Gatehouse.

We are delighted to inform you that we have officially moved to site and the construction phase of the GCU Restoration Project is formally underway. The buildings under construction presently are among the first set of adopted projects. It is our hope and prayer that more classes and Old Boys will adopt more projects.

I am particularly delighted to announce that one more project has been adopted. It is the Library which was adopted by the class of 1970. This is indeed great news. The Board of Fisher Trust is in active discussions with several other Class groups and branches for

possible adoptions. Every new adoption takes us closer to the target number of facilities critical for re-opening the school in September 2021.

In this edition of the Newsletter, you will find a list of available projects across different cost categories as has been widely requested by Old Boys to enable more adoptions.

I want to thank you all Old Boys who have made their levy payment and call on others to endeavour to make theirs as soon as possible to enable us meet the target date for re-opening next year.

May we continue to shine as one

Message from the Chairman

For: Fisher Educational Development Trust

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HE Dr. Okwesileze Nwodo
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Construction Has Started!

Great news! Nationally and internationally, travel bans are being lifted to ease the regime of restrictions imposed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Project Team and Contractors have consequently moved to site and construction has begun. Demolition of the old Dining Hall which started two weeks ago has been completed. Out of the ashes of the demolished Dining Hall will rise a new and modern Dining edifice befitting of the



stature of Government College Umuahia.

We can achieve this target only if our Old Boys and Class groups step forward and adopt projects or undertake to pay for items either by themselves as

individually or as small groups, or as class groups. This is a once in a lifetime call to duty to all UMUAHIANs to write their names in history.

You will also find photos of Classroom Block C which demolitions will soon begin.



Dining Hall - Before demolition



Dining Hall - During demolition



Dining Hall - During demolition



Dining Hall - After demolition



PROPOSED 3D DRAWING - AFTER CONSTRUCTION!



CLASSROOM BLOCK C BEFORE AND AFTER DEMOLITION



DEROOFING IN PROGRESS





PROPOSED 3D DRAWING – CLASSROOM BLOCK C (AFTER CONSTRUCTION)

PROJECT ADOPTION AND EXECUTION UPDATE

The Library was adopted by the Class of 1970 and money is been raised by the members towards the project. The class plans to develop an ultra-modern Library facility with necessary IT facilities for a world class institution.



Significant progress has also been made with some of the other projects adopted and waiting to come on stream. Meetings were held with each project sponsor to discuss execution modalities for their respective projects. Some of our project sponsors with the requisite background have supported our Project Management Team in contractor bid evaluations and negotiations.

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR DINING HALL PROJECT

Tenders went out for six projects to the pre-qualified contractors; the bids received were carefully analysed to ensure the most cost efficient and competent contractors were selected. The Project Team worked with the project Sponsor for the Dining Hall project to ensure some further value engineering was done on the project leading to a cost savings of 20%. Silhouettes AB+ Turnkey Limited emerged the preferred contractor for the Dining Hall after negotiations.

The same process has been carried out on the other adopted projects to ensure they are finalized, and cost savings achieved where possible. The Gatehouse will be constructed by Edoh Building Services Limited while Classroom Block C will be built by Messrs Springhurst Limited.

Profile of Silhouettes AB+ Turnkey Limited **1**

Silhouettes AB+ Turnkey Limited is an Architectural and Engineering company based in Enugu with over 20 years' experience in the construction Industry both in the public and private sectors. Some of its delivered project portfolio include:

- Factory at China Town Enugu (1,400m²) for Woods 'n Glazes Ltd
- Redesign and restoration of Vice Chancellor's Lodge, Registrar's and Bursar's official residences, University of Nigeria Nsukka.
- Mea Mater Elizabeth High School, Agbani Enugu – Fencing and 40 buildings in 5 months
- 4-Storey Office Building (2000m²) Area 11, Abuja for Drilcon Nigeria Ltd
- Residence with 4 ancilliary buildings inclusive of Civil Works at 42 Glover Road, Ikoyi Lagos for Darico Nig.Ltd

Profile of Edoh Building Services

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Edoh Building Services Ltd. Is an indigenous construction company. It has been in construction business for many years. Among its project deliveries are residential apartments, Hostel and Office buildings at Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umuahia. To meet up with changing trends in the building industry, the company has continued with innovations, combining the expertise of highly trained professionals with modern technology in the building industry.

Profile of Springhurst Limited

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Springhurst Limited is a subsidiary of the Architectural firm - Agram Nigeria Ltd - offering professional services in construction management, renovation and remodelling projects, Facility Hard Services Management and Space Management. It has executed over 300 projects, 12,000 hours of work and 9 awards won. Some of their projects include:

- DHL Global Forwarding Office Refit at Etiebet's Place Mobolaji Bank Anthony Way-Ikeja
- Vlisco Regional Office Refit Abuja & Enugu
- Seven Energy Abuja Office Refit, Facade Retrofit of Africa-Re Office Building Victoria Island Lagos
- Seven Energy Headquarters Lagos Office Refit,
- Renovation of Okoi-Arikpo House at Idowu Taylor Street, Victoria Island for Nigerian Universities Commission

PROJECT DRAWINGS AND ANIMATION VIDEO



An animation video was produced to show what the restored GCU would look like at completion. In addition, the drawings for the project have been deposited on a google drive for easy accessing by Old Boys.

UPDATE ON PRINCIPAL SEARCH

The Principal search has progressed significantly and there are currently 3 shortlisted candidates for the position. A sub-committee to recruit the Principal was set up and members of the committee have interviewed all the candidates to ensure the right Principal is chosen. It is important that the new Principal is a visionary who understands GCU ethos and can work with Old Boys to rebuild GCU into a world class school. The members of the Principal Recruitment Sub-committee are:

- Reginald Ihejiahi
- Emeka Ifezulike
- Onyema Nkele
- Okey Enelamah
- Rumundaka Wonodi

The Board is now waiting for the best time to interview these candidates for a final interview once they have arrived in Lagos. The month of September is being highly considered. Plans will be made for the selected candidate to visit the site and get a sense of his new community.

PROJECT EXECUTION TIMELINE



The project execution timeline provides a view of the construction plan.



Dining Hall - 28 weeks.



Block C - 13 weeks



Gatehouse - 8 weeks

List of Old Boys who have made levy Payment

Name	Class	Amount	Branch	Name	Class	Amount	Branch
Chief S.I.C. Okoli	'53	100,000	Lagos	Lucky Chike Nwoke	'86	100,000	UK.
Engr. Dave Ifezulike	'60	100,000	Lagos	Echezona E. C.	'65	100,000	
Engr. J. A. Iroh	'52	100,000	Lagos	Chief Uche Ihediwa	'75	100,000	Umuahia.
Dr. Okwy Nwodo	'63	100,000	Abuja	Nedum Ejiogu	'72	100,000	US
Emeka Ifezulike	'70	100,000	Lagos	Dr. Aduba Chuka	'66	100,000	US.
Engr. Val Ogu	'62	100,000	Lagos	Lekwuwa Godwin Uzor	'	100,000	
Engr. C. N. Nwachukwu	'62	100,000	Abuja	Ekwunife Okoli	'70	100,000	UK
Chinwe Nwokoma	'72	100,000	UK	Nwaobasi Pius	'	100,000	
Ubani K. C.	'78	50,000	Lagos	Prof. Ike Nkangineme	'72	100,000	US.
Anele Ebizie	'65	100,000	UK	Ben Iloabachie	'	100,000	
Igba Ndubuisi	'79	100,000	Lagos	Victor Adikuru	'75	100,000	Owerri
Iheanacho Chibuikem	'72	100,000	US	Enelamah Ebere	'	100,000	
Okorochoa Zeuwa Azu	'62	100,000	Abuja	Rumundaka Wonodi	'79	100,000	Abuja.
Mbanaso D.	'65	100,000	Abuja	Sebastine Ibezim	'75	100,000	US.
Inko Tariah Teinbo	'65	100,000	PH	Engr. Emma Okonkwo	'62	100,000	PH.
Sonny Iroche	'70	100,000	Abuja	Louis Aseme	'75	100,000	
Emma Okafor	'65	100,000	US	Forster Okoli	'82	100,000	US.
Dr. Eugene Ibe	'55	100,000	PH	Ohia Kingsley	'82	100,000	Abuja.
Vincent Ezeoke	'64	100,000	PH	Tony Okorie	'82	100,000	SA.
Enyi Odigbo	'70	100,000	Lagos	Ikpendu Ihekweaba	'82	100,000	PH.
Ezichi Kalu	'70	100,000	Lagos	Joe Alex Ehoro	'82	100,000	PH.
Kenneth Nwosu	'72	100,000	UK	Ibeji Uchenna	'82	100,000	UK.
Munachi Okorochoa	'70	100,000	Enugu	Dr. Sam Maduakor	'66	100,000	Enugu.
Prof. Jonathan Azubuike	'49	100,000	Enugu	Prof. Walter Enwezor	'49	100,000	Nsukka.
Jideofor 'Jay' Oji	'70	100,000	US	Dr. Sebastian Obasi	'66	100,000	Abuja.
Emma Mbachu	'62	100,000	PH	Engr. Emma Anyanwu	'70	100,000	Owerri
Peter Onwu	'65	100,000	UK	Ekwewuo Chibuzo	'77	100,000	
Dr. Osita Okpalaoka	'66	100,000	US	Nnaji Okechukwu	'66	100,000	USA
Ikenna Sibeudu	'64	100,000	PH	Prof. C. M. Ekweozor	'61	100,000	
Dr. Godfrey Chidozie	'55	100,000	Lagos	Amaechi Mgbeoji	'91	100,000	Lagos.
Dr. Okey Enelamah	'74	100,000	Lagos	Capt. August Okpe	'57	100,000	Lagos.
Engr. Sam Apakama	'56	100,000	Lagos	Emeka Ojiaku	'82	100,000	USA
Emma Ejimagwa	'76	100,000	Lagos	Innocent Ohagwa	'74	100,000	Lagos/Abuja
Ugochukwu Okoroafor (HSC)	'73	100,000	Abuja	Prof. Geoffrey Onyemelukwe	'57	100,000	Zaria
Azu Emuchay	'72	100,000	Lagos	Azuka Celestine (Adi.)	'	100,000	
Chief Chambers Oyibo	'55	100,000	Lagos	Innocent Ehieze	'70	100,000	USA
HRH Igwe Laz Ekwueme	'48	100,000	Lagos	Eli Johnson	'	100,000	
Chidi Izuwah	'75	100,000	Abuja	Engr Ekworomadu Ezekiel	'62	100,000	
Dr. Chike Igboechi	'66	100,000	US	Iloeje Amaechi	'	100,000	
Ikelianni Christian	'63	100,000	Abuja	Jonas Okeke	'70	100,000	Owerri
Charles Moka	'65	100,000	US	Chief Achike Udenwa	'62	100,000	Abuja/Owerri
Ojiuzor Ijeoma	'	100,000					
Chukwujekwu Ifeanyi	'66	100,000	Abuja	Total Contributed		8,550,000	
Reginald Ihejiahi	'71	100,000	Lagos				
Nwagbara Patrick	'65	100,000		TOTAL (Bank)		8,678,320	

*List Updated as at September 14th, 2020



Donations and Loans from Capable and Willing Old Boys:

The Board reached out to capable and willing Old Boys to make donations of N5million or give an interest – free loan of N10 million towards the Restoration Project. **This effort has raised N37.5 million for the restoration project.** Old Boys who would like to make donation through this channel should inform the Secretariat.



Project Adoption:

The Class of 1970 has paved the way for class adoptions by adopting the Library project. In total, 4 projects have now been adopted – The Gatehouse, Dining Hall, Classroom Block C and the Library. There are still several unadopted projects. The Board is inviting the various Class groups, GCUOBA Branches as well as other Old Boy groups to consider adopting projects. Please kindly refer to the list of projects available in this edition for adoption.



Securing Corporate Donations:

The Board created a subcommittee to drive donations from Corporate Organisations towards the Restoration Project. The Committee has written letters to over 20 corporate organisations and HNIs. We are happy to report that we have received a donation of N5 million from Union Bank and N3.5million from Nestle while discussions continue with other potential donors. The Board requests Old Boys to suggest names of Corporate Organisations or high net worth individuals that can be approached for donations towards the GCU Restoration Project. The members of the subcommittee are:

- David Ifezulike
- Reginald Ihejiahi
- Okey Enelamah
- Sonny Iroche
- Val Ogu

TOWNHALL MEETING HELD WITH CLASS REPRESENTATIVES AND BRANCH CHAIRMEN

Communication with all Old Boys has become a main priority for the Board to ensure the success of the restoration. Three virtual Townhall meetings were held by the Board over the last 3 months. On the 25th of April, a Townhall meeting was held with Class Representatives to answer all the questions they had regarding the Restoration Project as well as provide an avenue to discuss the working relationship of the Board and Class Representatives. A similar meeting was held with the Branch Chairmen on May 2nd, 2020.

A follow up Townhall meeting was then held on June 13th with Class Representatives to get a further update on the fundraising efforts of the various Classes.

Another Townhall meeting is proposed for the 26th of September to further discuss fundraising, project adoption and other issues.

The Secretariat continues to develop a Database of all Old Boys to ensure every Old Boy receives communication regarding the project. Kindly send in your information to the Secretariat through any of the listed communication channels

LIST OF PROJECTS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

TIER 1 ADOPTION OPTIONS are:

- a. Dormitory
- b. Classroom Block A
- c. Classroom Block B
- d. Principal's House
- e. Teachers' Quarters

TIER 2 ADOPTABLE PACKAGES

These packages constitute the Mechanical items required in each of the buildings and the Energy Centre.



Close Couple WC



Wash Hand Basin



Bowl Urinals



Kitchen Sink



Air Conditioners



Extractor fan

Package 1 Mechanical Items for Classroom C

1. Close Couple WC 8no. @N55,000	total	N440,000
2. Wash Hand Basin 13 no. @N31,200	total	N405,600
3. Urinal Bowls 10no. @N60,000	total	N600,000
4. Kitchen Sink 1 no. @N65,000	total	N65,000
5. 1.5hp Panasonic A/C 16no. @N207,000	total	N3,312,000
6. 1hp Panasonic A/C 2no. @N150,000	total	N300,000
7. Expelair Extractors 10no. @N30,000	total	N300,000
Total		N5,422,600

Package 2 Mechanical Items for Classrooms A

1. Close Couple WC 8no. @N55,000	total	N440,000
2. Wash Hand Basin 12no. @N31,200	total	N374,400
3. Urinal Bowls 10no. @N60,000	total	N600,000
4. Kitchen Sink 1no. @N65,000	total	N65,000
5. 1.5hp Panasonic A/C 16no. @N207,000	total	N3,312,000
6. 1hp Panasonic A/C 1no. @N150,000	total	N150,000
7. Expelair Extractors 10no. @N30,000	total	N300,000
Total		N5,241,400

Package 3 Mechanical Items for Classrooms B

1. Close Couple WC 8no. @N55,000	total	N440,000
2. Wash Hand Basin 12no. @N31,200	total	N374,400
3. Urinal Bowls 10no. @N60,000	total	N600,000
4. Kitchen Sink 1no. @N65,000	total	N65,000
5. 1.5hp Panasonic A/C 16no. @N207,000	total	N3,312,000
6. 1hp Panasonic A/C 1no. @N150,000	total	N150,000
7. Expelair Extractors 10no. @N30,000	total	N300,000
Total		N5,241,400

Package 4 Mechanical Items for Dining Hall

1. Close Couple WC 5no. @N55,000	total	N275,000
2. Wash Hand Basin 5no. @N31,200	total	N156,600
3. Urinal Bowls 1no. @N60,000	total	N60,000
4. Kitchen Sink 1no. @N65,000	total	N65,000
5. Water heater 1no. @N35,000	total	N35,000
6. 1.5hp Panasonic A/C 2no. @N207,000	total	N414,000
7. 1hp Panasonic A/C 1no. @N150,000	total	N150,000
8. Expelair Extractors no3. @N30,000	total	N90,000
9. Cassette Unit A/C Unit 2no @N820,000	total	N1,640,000
10. Kitchen Hood 2no. @N455,000	total	N910,000
Total items for Mechanical fittings		N3,795,600

Package 5 Mechanical Items for Dormitory

1. Close Couple WC 22no. @N55,000	total	N1,210,000
2. Wash Hand Basin 32no. @N31,200	total	N998,400
3. Urinal Bowls 25no. @N60,000	total	N1,500,000
4. Shower tray 34no @N35,000	total	N1,190,000
5. Water heater 34no. @N35,000	total	N1,190,000
6. 1.5hp Panasonic A/C 48no. @N207,000	total	N9,936,000
7. 1hp Panasonic A/C 3no. @N150,000	total	N450,000
8. Expelair Extractors 21no. @N30,000	total	N630,000
Total items for Mechanical fittings		N17,104,400

Package 6 Mechanical Items for Library

1. Close Couple WC 2no. @N55,000	total	N110,000
2. Wash Hand Basin 3no. @N31,200	total	N93,600
3. Urinal Bowls 3no. @N60,000	total	N180,000
4. Kitchen Sink 1no. @N65,000	total	N65,000
5. Water heater 1no. @N35,000	total	N35,000
6. 1.5hp Panasonic A/C 14no. @N207,000	total	N2,898,000
7. 1hp Panasonic A/C 1no. @N150,000	total	N150,000
8. Expelair Extractors no3. @N30,000	total	N90,000
Total items for Mechanical fittings		N3,612,000

Package 7 Mechanical Items for Laboratory

1. Close Couple WC 7no. @N55,000	total	N385,000
2. Wash Hand Basin 12no. @N31,200	total	N374,600
3. Urinal Bowls 8no. @N60,000	total	N480,000
4. Lab Sink 9no. @N65,000	total	N585,000
5. Water heater 1no. @N35,000	total	N35,000
6. 1.5hp Panasonic A/C 16no. @N207,000	total	N3,312,000
7. 1hp Panasonic A/C 4no. @N150,000	total	N600,000
8. Expelair Extractors 8no. @N35,000	total	N280,000
Total items for Mechanical fittings		N6,011,600

Package 8 Mechanical Items for Principal's House

1. Close Couple WC 6no. @N55,000	total	N330,000
2. Wash Hand Basin 6no. @N31,200	total	N187,200
3. Kitchen Sink 1no. @N65,000	total	N65,000
4. Water heater 6no. @N35,000	total	N210,000
5. 1.5hp Panasonic A/C 2no. @N207,000	total	N1,242,000
6. Expelair Extractors 7no. @N35,000	total	N245,000
7. Kitchen Hood 2no. @N350,000	total	N700,000
8. Double door Refrigerator 1no. @N340,000	total	N340,000
9. Deep Freezer 1no. @N150,000	total	N150,000
10. Washing Machine 1no. @N180,000	total	N180,000
11. Flat Screen TV 1no @N650,000	total	N650,000
12. Sofas		N2,000,000
13. Dining Set		N400,000
Total		N3,349,200

Package 9 500KVA Generator

1. 500KVA FG Wilson Generator 1no. @N16,800,000	total	N16,850,000
2. 45,000l Main Diesel Storage tank 1no. @N5,500,000	total	N5,650,000
3. 2,000l Day tank 1no. @N400,000	total	N400,000
4. Transfer pumps 2no @N40,000	total	N80,000
Total		N17,335,650

Package 10 200 KVA Generator

1. 200KVA Perkins Diesel Generator 1no. @N8,500,000	total	N8,500,000
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- **Loans & Corporate Donations :**
Union Bank - 0043028521
Account Name : Fisher Educational Development Trust
- **Fidelity Bank** - 4520009180
Account Name : Fisher Educational Development Trust
- **Levy Payment**
Union Bank : 0131280790
Account Name : Restoration Project Account

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