



BRIEF ON LAGOS STATE POLYTECHNIC

Inception

The plan conceived by the Lagos State government in 1975 to establish a College of Science and Technology came to fruition with the promulgation of the Lagos State Edict No. 1 of 1978, with retroactive effect from June 1, 1977 which gave the College its legal existence.

Classes commenced at a temporary site, now the Isolo Campus of the Institution with initial five Departments namely:- Accountancy & Finance, Management & Business Studies, Insurance, Secretariat Studies and Basic Studies which offered GCE 'A' level courses in the Arts and Science.

On August 1, 1978, the school of Agriculture at Ikorodu was merged with the Institution and it became the Ikorodu Campus of the College.

In 1986, the Lagos State Government changed the name of the Institution from the Lagos State College of Science and Technology to Lagos State Polytechnic (LASPOTECH)

Meanwhile, the Lagos State Government had acquired 400 hectares of land at the Ikosi Village by the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, which the Government had earmarked for development as the permanent site of the Institution.

However, with the encroachment on the Ikosi land, the development into the permanent Campus no longer became feasible and the State Government had to decide in favour of the Ikorodu Campus in 1985.

Students' Enrolment

In January 1978 when lectures began in the Polytechnic, there were 287 pioneer students who were registered for the five major programmes. By the 1980/81 Session, the population had risen to 2,868 and 5,000 by the 1981/82 Session. Students' enrolment has continued on an upward trend with the accreditation of new programmes, and the introduction of the part-time programme and establishment of twenty annexes located all over Lagos. At the moment the total student population stands at over 25,000. (Twenty-five Thousand) (as at 2002)

Schools and Academic Programmes

In April 1982, the departments which had risen to 29 were grouped into five Schools, each under a Director. These Schools are as follows:

- A. Agriculture
 - 1. Agricultural Technology
 - 2. Agricultural Management & Extension
 - 3. Animal Production & Fisheries
 - 4. Crop Productions & Horticulture

- B. Engineering Technology
 - 1. Agric Engineering Technology
 - 2. Chemical Engineering Technology
 - 3. Civil Engineering Technology
 - 4. Electrical/Electronics Technology
 - 5. Mechanical Engineering Technology

- C. Environmental Studies
 - 1. Architectural Technology
 - 2. Art & Design
 - 3. Building Technology
 - 4. Estate Management
 - 5. Quantity Surveying
 - 6. Town & Regional Planning

- D. Management and Business Studies
 - 1. Accountancy
 - 2. Banking and Finance
 - 3. Business Administration & Management



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4. Business Studies
5. Insurance
6. Marketing
7. Mass Communication
8. Secretarial Studies

E. Technology

1. Hotel & Catering Management
2. Computer Science
3. Food Technology
4. Science Laboratory Technology

Part-Time Programmes

To provide opportunity for those who are unable to secure admission into the Polytechnic for its regular courses and to meet the educational yearning of the working-class people who are eager to improve their educational status while still keeping their jobs, the Polytechnic commenced the part-time programmes in the School of Management and Business Studies. In the 1999/2000 session the facilities were extended to the Schools of Technology, Engineering and Environmental Studies. It is the desire of the Polytechnic to extend the part-time facilities to other schools and programmes in future.

The following programmes are run by the School of Part-time Studies

- i) Mechanical Engineering Technology
- ii) Electrical/Electronics Engineering Technology
- iii) Civil Engineering Technology
- iv) Town & Regional Planning
- v) Accountancy
- vi) Business Administration & Management
- vii) Banking & Finance
- viii) Business Studies
- ix) Insurance
- x) Marketing
- xi) Mass Communication
- xii) Secretarial Studies
- xiii) Hotel and Catering Management
- xiv) Computer Science

School of Part-time Studies Annexes

The School of Part-time Studies (Annexes) was introduced in 1999 to fully develop Technical and Management Education in the Lagos environ and to take education to the people at the grassroot.

Currently the Polytechnic has the following twenty Annexes

No	Names	Location
1	Agboju Annex	Awori grammar School, Festac 2 nd Gate, Agboju
2	Alagbado Annex	Tomia Secondary School, Alagbado
3	Badagry Annex	Badagry Grammar School, Badagry
4	Ejigbo Annex	St. Marcs College Iyana Ejigbo, near Oba's Market
5	Epe Annex	Odo Oba Secondary School, Epe
6	Ikeja Annex	Ogba Grammar School, Ogba, Ikeja



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7	Ikorodu Annex	United High School, Ikorodu
8	Ipaja (Egbeda) Annex	45/47, Akowonjo Road, Egbeda
9	Surulere Annex	Government College Eric Moore, Surulere
10	Lekki Annex	Methodist Boys High School, Victoria Island
11	Mainland Annex	Iponri High School
12	Obalende Annex	Aunty Ayo Girls Secondary School, Keffi Street Obalende
13	Ojo Annex	Awori College, near Ojo LGA Office, Ojo
14	Ojodu Annex	Ojodu High School, Ojodu-Berger
15	Oregun Annex	Oregun High School, Oregun
16	Oriwu Annex	Oriwu Model College, Ikorodu
17	Onipanu Annex (Computer)	Logemo House, Onipanu - 7 th Floor
18	Mushin Annex	Surulere Girls School, Mushin
19	Somolu Annex	C.M.S. Grammar School, Bariga
20	Yaba Annex (Computer)	Innovative Management Centre, Loco, Yaba

Accreditation of Programme

Furthermore, from the initial five (5) programmes/departments at inception in 1978, the Polytechnic now runs forty-six (46) accredited programmes at both ND & HND, which makes it one of the foremost three Polytechnics in the country and undoubtedly the foremost State Polytechnic in Nigeria. There are also plans to introduce some new programmes from the 2002/2003 Academic Session.

ND	HND
23	23

Equipment for the Mass Communication program have already been installed and staff have been employed to support the Mass Communication Programmes which commenced in the 2001/2002 session and which had fully taken off on both full-time and part-time bases.

Campuses

At the moment, the Polytechnic operates a multi-campus system with four campuses, namely, Ikorodu, Ikosi, Isolo and Surulere. With effect from May 2000, the Ikorodu Campus took over from Isolo Campus as the seat of Administration of the Polytechnic with the movement of the Rectory, Registry, Bursary and the Library to the Permanent Campus Ikorodu.

- i. Ikorodu Campus -
- i. Permanent Campus
 - ii. Seat of Administration
 - iii. School of Agriculture



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- ii. Ikosi
 - iv. School of Part-time Studies Annexes (Directorate)
- iii. Isolo
 - i. School of Engineering
 - ii. School of Technology
- iv. Surulere
 - i. School of Management and Business Studies
 - ii. School of Part-time Studies
- iv. Surulere
 - i. School of Environmental Studies



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Admission Policy

In pursuance of its objective of providing technological manpower for the nation, the Polytechnic had adopted an admission policy of ratio 60/40 in favour of Science and Technology courses over Management related courses. However, the dictates of the labour market as well as the dearth of qualified candidates for Science and Technology based courses have made the attainment of this objective a bit difficult. Nevertheless, the Polytechnic continues to strive towards achieving this goal. The one year Pre-ND and Pre-HND programme of the Polytechnic is aimed at correcting this imbalance.

Management of Students

Management of Students, particularly in tertiary institutions, has become a very complex business. In full realization of this, the Polytechnic Administration encourages constant dialogue with students, consultations with alumni and parents in order to create a conducive atmosphere for learning

It is the policy of the state government that the Polytechnic maintains an off-campus system whereby students attend lectures from their respective homes or make private arrangements for their own accommodation outside the Polytechnic Campus. Nevertheless, the Polytechnic continues to assist students to live comfortable within the vicinity of the campuses and takes special interest in other welfare related matters affecting students.

Development of the Permanent Site at Ikorodu

Determined efforts are being made to develop Ikorodu Campus as the Permanent site of the Institution. Earlier in 1985, about 500 hectares of land had been acquired, and a master plan for the Campus produced. In 1988, contracts for the construction of complexes for the Library, and the Schools of Engineering Studies were awarded. In June 1988, the foundation stone of the Permanent Campus was laid by President Ibrahim Badamosi Babagida. The construction of the three complexes, which was at an advanced stage, was expected to have been completed before the end of 1989, but with the withdrawal from the site of the contractors, progress work became stalled. However, the present Governing Council together with the Management have succeeded in completing three of the complexes namely, the Polytechnic main Library, Chemical Engineering Complex and Agricultural Engineering Complex. The buildings have been handed over by the contractors to the Council and same duly Commissioned by the Hon. Commissioner for Education on behalf of his Excellency, the Executive Governor of Lagos State Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu at the Special Convocation held on 12th October, 2002. With the completion of the three buildings, the department of Agricultural Engineering and Building Technology had since moved to the Agricultural Engineering Section, while plans are at advanced stages to move the Rectory, Registry, Bursary and Main Library to the Polytechnic Main Library Permanent Campus by the second quarter of 2003. -This have since be done.

Achievements

Despite several obstacles, the Polytechnic has been able to make modest achievements in the pursuance of its goals and objectives

In its twenty-five years of existence, the Polytechnic has produced over (90,000) professionals who are making their marks in various Organizations in the state. The Industrial Training programme of the Polytechnic has recorded tremendous success in obtaining sabbatical placement for its staff, Industrial Attachment and full employment for students as well as in creating a generally warm relationship between the Polytechnic and Industries in the state. In 2002, the Industrial Training Fund best ward was presented to the Lagos State Polytechnic, Ikorodu at the 8th Biennial Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) National Conference for her adherence and compliance with requirements for the students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) operational guidelines.

In the area of consultancy, the Polytechnic has been able to offer consultancy service to outside bodies as a way of generating funds to supplement Government subvention.



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