**2022 ANNUAL REPORT OF UNIVERSITY OF PORT HARCOURT TECHNOLOGY PARK**.

**Introduction.**

The University of Port Harcourt Technology Park was established in . The aim of establishing the Park is to develop the necessary infrastructure for nurturing technology, innovation and ‘start ups’ to promote indigenous potentials through value addition and technology related activities to create enabling environment for innovator/innovator effective linkage among technology providers, ventures and capitalist entrepreneurs.

**Activities.**

The Park carried out the following activities:

* Participated in the ‘Start-up Port Harcourt week 2022’ with the theme ‘Re- imagine Africa’
* Organised stake holders meeting for development of the University of Port Harcourt Technology Park business policy.
* Participated in a conference organised by the Federal ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation.

**Achievements.**

* Successfully engaged BENEMES NIGERIA LIMITED as one of the ‘start-ups’ in the park.
* Approval of the University of Port Harcourt Technology business policy by the University management.

**Challenges.**

The University Technology Park is facing a myriad of challenges

* Lack of decent and adequate accommodation.
* Inadequate office equipment.
* Paucity of funds to run the office and carry out innovative, hi-tech ‘start-up drive in the various research departments/units of the university.
* Poor Staff training.

**Recommendations.**

* Provision of adequate funding for the Park.
* Befitting office accommodation for the Park, with modern day office equipment.
* Staff to be trained periodically to ensure efficiency on the job.
* Expansion of the water factory to effectively serve the university community.
* Establishment of a Bakery that meets the National Agency for Food ,Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) specifications.
* Have an MoU with Innovators/Inventors on how to establish ‘start-ups’ especially for graduates and staff of the university.
* Establishment of a standard cafeteria services in the university.
* To intensify collaboration with research institutes of University of Port Harcourt and other tertiary institutions.
* Get a utility vehicle.
* Build more incubation units/start-ups and a scientific laboratory.
* Innovation and ‘start-up fair’ projected for 2023 in order to attract both the Government and Private investors/ innovators to the university.
* Get electricity generating set.

**Conclusion**.

The centre wishes to appreciate the robust relationship it has enjoyed with the university management especially the Vice- Chancellor Prof. Owunari A, Georgewill, and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Development), Prof. I. M. Siminialayi.

This administration believes that the university of Port Harcourt Technology Park can function efficiently, and that the commercialisation of research results will attract more investors to the university and project us as indeed a UNIQUE institution.

Regards,

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Director, UniPort Technology Park.