



Honourary Doctorate bestowed on Council President Aliu by National Aviation University of Ukraine

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Montréal and Kiev, 26 May 2017 – The President of the ICAO Council, Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu, was honoured by his alma mater earlier this week when an Honourary Doctorate was bestowed upon him by Dr. Volodymyr Isaienko, Acting Rector of the National Aviation University of Ukraine.

In receiving his honorary degree, President Aliu expressed his heartfelt appreciation for all that the school has meant to his life and career, noting that its teachers and his fellow students had instilled in him a profound excitement for civil aviation which has only been amplified in the decades since.

“I can clearly attest to the fact that, once you have become involved in global aviation, its infectious and pioneering spirit will never leave you,” he commented. The Council President also stressed that “each and every day in the course of my duties I am fully engaged by the intensive multilateralism and determined spirit of cooperation which are the hallmarks of international air transport progress, and I can certainly attest to how the *National Aviation University of Ukraine* had imparted in me the important lessons and values which have been so essential to my career.”

Acknowledging that he was accepting his degree only partly for myself, and also on behalf of ICAO given the importance of the Organization to his life and accomplishments in global aviation, President Aliu ended his words of thanks by expressing that it was his greatest hope that by his example he might encourage and motivate future graduates of Ukraine’s pre-eminent global civil aviation institute.

“I will forever be proud to serve as this school’s most enthusiastic ambassador and champion, wherever my travels may take me,” he concluded.



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