Mbanefo, Loving Gaze partners on public health care enlightenment
...sets up digital research centre

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As part of its effort to strengthen medical enlightenment among Senior Medical Community, Public Health Care/Welfare Government Officers, the pharmaceutical community, corporate social responsibility managers and the health officers of major private organisations in Lagos, Arthur Mbanefo Digital Research Centre in partnership with Loving Gaze organisation recently hosted the medical workshop.

The two-day workshop which focus is to awaken in participants the realisation that the core of their work centres on the value of human life and the need to develop a caring relationship and mutual respect.

The workshop further enlightened participants to recognise each patient as an individual with their own desires, fears and reality stressing that medical staff therefore need to approach the patients with care, acceptance and understanding.

Arthur Mbanefo, Founder of the homonyms Digital Research Centre and Nigeria’s Ambassador to Japan, while speaking at the opening of the digital research center at the University of Lagos, said his decision to contribute his share towards reducing the gap in the education we experienced in Nigeria was what informed the setting up of the center.

According to him, “I believed that through the new technologies now available we could make high profile sources from all around the world available for the benefits of local students and researchers. Whether they are medical, engineering, or even arts publications, researches and magazines, now you can find them here available at our Centre.”

He assured that the multimedia room, fully equipped with a high standard videoconference room, will be linked to speakers in Kampala and can anytime put together classes from Lagos and abroad.

“We also have a digital library room with 20 desktops connected to the top medical and scientific libraries in United States.” He said.

Barbara Pepoli, General Manager, Loving Gaze, an independent non-profit organisation with 25 years of experience in education and primary health care service in Nigeria said as an organisation, they recognize the dignity of each person without boundaries and share with Arthur Mbanefo the belief that only education can plant seeds of hope, positive change, curiosity and openness to the others.

According to her, “Through its experience serving unprivileged community in Lagos, Loving Gaze realised he severe lack of education and professional medical care faced by the local community.”

“The Arthur Mbanefo digital research Centre and Loving Gaze shares the same vision which focuses on the value of the person noting that Medical work becomes important and valuable only when it gives dignity to human life.” She said.

Mauro Giacomazzi, executive director, Permanent Center for Education, Kampala said there is a need for medical workers to respect feelings, needs and desires of patients as a complement to medication.

According to Giacomazzi, “The patient has a medical history which a medical worker has to carefully put into consideration to establish the best way of dealing with the patient’s problem.”

She emphasised on the need for medical workers to be focused and knowledgeable about their work as they help patients to re-discover their strength and optimism amidst sickness.