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PROF. AUDU CALLS FOR INNOVATIVE TEACHING, RESEARCH

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Muhammed Salihu Audu *FMAN* has called for more innovative style of teaching and research in the University.

Prof. Audu made this call while declaring open a three-day workshop on *Effective Teaching, Learning and Research* for all Schools in FUT, Minna. The event took place at the TETFUND Lecture Theatre, School of Environmental Technology (SET) Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.



The DVCs Profs. Bala and Osunde 2nd Row 5th and 6th from left in a group photograph with first set of participants at the workshop on Monday.

Represented by the DVC (Academic), Prof. Akim Osunde, who stated that if the mission statement of the University is to be attained, there must be a concerted effort towards innovative style in teaching and learning that would position FUT, Minna staff and

students for the high level manpower required for global technological development.

He added that FUT, Minna being one of the top two universities in Nigeria based on the last National Universities Commission (NUC) Institutional Accreditation exercise, cannot afford to slip from the lofty position.

“One of the ways to sustain this excellent accomplishment is to bring up to date the learning community which consists of students and their lecturers through effective methods of teaching, learning new practices and focusing on globally accepted best practices in service delivery,” he noted.

In his remark, DVC (Admin), Prof. Abdullahi Bala who said that Management takes staff training seriously and has invested huge sums in the training programme urged participants to take the training exercise seriously.

The programme is geared towards providing theoretical and practical ideas on the fundamental aspects of teaching, learning and research development, as well as ethics of teaching profession for the purpose of achieving the University’s mission and vision.

BELARUSIAN TECHNICIANS HAIL FUT, MINNA EQUIPMENT

The Deputy Director, Innovations of UP NTP Centr (a Belarus based firm), Mr. Vasili Harbachou and Mr. Andrei Draka have hailed the state-of-the-art-equipment and facilities at the Central Teaching Laboratories of Federal University of Technology, Minna.

The duo stated this during the installation of equipment and training exercise for FUT, Minna technicians when the DVC (Admin) Prof. Abdullahi Bala who represented the Vice-Chancellor, visited laboratories in the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology with the DVC (Academic) Prof. Akim Osunde on Monday, September 3, 2012.



L-R: Mr. Imeh, Mr. Draka, DVC (Admin), Prof. Bala, Mr. Harbachou and DVC (Academic), Prof. Osunde in one of the laboratories during the tour of equipment in SEET.

Mr. Draka who spoke through an interpreter said that the equipment and facilities on ground at the Central Teaching Laboratories are factory made and can last up to 10 years without any technical problems.

Speaking during the tour of equipment, the DVC (Admin) Prof. Bala said that the University has waited for two years for the arrival and intervention of the Belarusians to

install and train staff on the use of the equipment.

He solicited for the assistance of the Belarusians in equipment maintenance, and upgrading while urging them to establish a direct contact with FUT, Minna technicians.

Also speaking, the DVC (Academic) Prof. Osunde said that the equipment in the laboratories should be optimally utilized for the purpose of research and learning.

Coordinator, Equipment Maintenance Centre, Mr. Essiet Imeh took the DVCs round the laboratories to inspect the equipment and facilities.

Mr. Imeh who thanked the University Management for the support informed the DVCs that the laboratories are facing the problem of inadequate and low voltage electricity supply to power some of the equipment as well as shortage of manpower.

UP NTP Centr is a leading Belarusian company that specializes in development, production, training of laboratory staff and installation of hydraulic systems and automotive equipment.

REGISTRY HOLDS IN-HOUSE TRAINING FOR NEW STAFF

An In-House Training for the newly employed Senior and Junior Registry Staff was held recently at the Senate Chamber, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

In her keynote address, the Registrar, Mrs. Victoria Kolo while welcoming the new staff said the training was organized to familiarize them with their functions as Registry staff.

The Registrar who promised to give every support to enhance their productivity in the University emphasized that in the University administration, the keyword is discipline and respect and any staff found wanting will be disciplined accordingly.

Principal Assistant Registrar and School Secretary, SSSE, Mal. Magana Ibrahim spoke on the Topic ***“The Role of Registry Department in University Administration: The Place of Administrative and Executive Officers.”*** Mal. Magana whose paper focused on the role of Registry in the University emphasized the need for efficiency and effectiveness.

The second presenter, Senior Personal Secretary, Post Graduate School, Mr. Matthew Chaba who spoke on the topic ***“My Office and I: The Role of Confidential Secretary and Secretarial Officers,”*** highlighted the functions and qualities of a secretary. According to him, the secretary is the image maker and a proof of an organization’s credibility who must conduct him/herself well to enhance effective service delivery.

The Deputy Registrar (Establishment), Hajiya Azumi Ndayako who in her closing remarks appreciated the Registrar for the foresight in organising the training thanked the speakers for their rich presentations and urged the new staff to take their work seriously as they were lucky to be employed.

In a related development, the Clerical Registry Staff were also trained. The Registrar, Mrs. Victoria Kolo who was represented by Deputy Registrar and Secretary, Postgraduate School, Mal. Garba Abdullahi said the Clerical staff play a very

crucial role in the University as work cannot move smoothly without them. He urged them to hold their jobs with all seriousness, and avoid distractions such as rumour mongering, gossips and racketeering and to imbibe honesty, integrity, confidentiality, and respect.

The Chief Clerical Officer, Registrar’s Office, Mr. Leonard Barde who spoke on the topic ***“Knowing and Doing the Clerical Work Perfectly,”*** elaborated on the functions of the Clerical Officer, Filing System, Communication and Conduct to Visitors.

APPOINTMENTS

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of Prof. Zinash Osunde, Department of Agricultural and Bioresources Engineering as Chairman, Seminar and Colloquium Committee with effect from September 10, 2012.

He has also approved the appointment of Prof. V. I. Ezenwa, Department of Science Education as Chairman, University Examination Misconduct Committee.

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF SEMINAR PRESENTATION

The University Seminar/Colloquium Committee wishes to inform members of the University community, that the seminar presentation earlier scheduled for Thursday, September 6, 2012 has been postponed to Thursday, September 20, 2012 due to some circumstances beyond its control.

The committee regrets any inconveniences this might have caused.

AL-HALAAL CO-OPERATIVE HOLDS AGM

Al-halaal Multipurpose Co-operative Society, Federal University of Technology, Minna recently held its 18th Annual General Meeting at CPES Hall, Bosso Campus.

In his welcome address the president, Prof. Yekeen Sanusi, who thanked all members for their support and cooperation said the Co-operative operates under the relevant regulations of the University and the Federal Government on matters of deductions from staff salary. He noted that future loan disbursement will be by e-Payment.

He thanked the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Muhammed Audu, *FMAN*, and his management team for allocating a piece of land to the Society to build an administrative office.

The Financial Secretary, Mall. Oke Abdulganiyu gave the Financial Report for the year ended, 31st December, 2011. Also following the dissolution of the exco, new executives were elected to run the affairs of the Co-operative for a period of two years. They are: -

1. Dr. Audu Isah (Director CPES), President
2. Dr. Y. A. Kabir – Gen. Secretary
3. Mr. Q. A. Salako – Treasurer
4. Mr. M. A. Rafiu - Business Secretary
5. Mall. Usman Abubakar - Financial Secretary
6. Mall. A. G. Turawa – P. R. O.

SALES OF SSANU WELFARE COMMODITIES

This is to inform all financial members of SSANU, Federal University of Technology, Minna, that the Welfare Committee will supply consumables for sale to its members.

The items are as follows: Rice 25kg and 50kg, Semovita, Turkey Groundnut Oil, Soya Oil, Spaghetti and Indomie.

Interested members are to book with Mal. Shakirudeen, Academic Office 08029030039, Moh'd Ndako, Department of Microbiology 08061688823 and Mrs. Ojo University Staff School 08036683798, between 10th – 13th September, 2012. Collection will be on Friday, September 14, 2012 at the University Central Store, Bosso Campus.

WEDDING INVITATION

Praise Samuel Ndagitetengi of Exams and Records, Registry Department cordially invites the University community to his wedding ceremony with Queen Esther Mariam which will take place as follows:

Date: Saturday, September 15, 2012

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Venue: First U. M. C. A Church, Mokwa Niger State.

Reception holds same day at U. M. C. A Bible School Field, Tsaragi, Kwara State.

For enquiry: Lyddy 08032236074 or Felly 07039282960

INVITATION TO CHILD DEDICATION

Mrs. Harriet Ogu of University Health Services Department cordially invites University staff to the dedication ceremony of her child, Master Mark Chiemelie Ebule Ogu slated as follows:

Date: Sunday, September 9, 2012

Time: 9:00am

Venue: St Malachy Catholic Church, Bosso.

Reception: After Mass at Engr. J. C. Ogu's Compound, Opp. Hajj Camp, Berger Junction, Tudun Fulani, Minna.

CONDOLENCE

The Registrar has, on behalf of the Council, Management, Staff and Students of the University, condoled Alhaji Mohammed Kudu of Bursary Department who lost two of his children as a result of flood on Saturday, September 1, 2012.

The Registrar also condoled Abdullahi B. Adamu, Department of Agricultural and Bioresources Engineering over the death of his cousin, Mal. Momoh Jimoh Abubakar, Lecturer II in the Department of Microbiology which occurred on June 21, 2012 after a brief illness.

APPRECIATION

The family of **Alhaji Moh'd Kudu Ahmed** of Bursary Department wishes to express their profound gratitude to the Vice –Chancellor, Prof. Muhammed Salihu Audu, Management and the entire members of the University community for their condolence messages and support following the demise of their children, **Bashiru Kudu Ahmed** and **Mustapha Kudu Ahmed**.