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FUT, MINNA GETS 5 NEW PROFS ... 3 ASSOCIATE PROFS

The Governing Council of the Federal University of Technology, Minna at its 98th meeting held on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 approved the promotion of the under listed teaching staff to the rank of Professor:

1. Prof. Egharevba Nosa Anthony, Department of Agricultural and Bioresources Engineering.
2. Prof. Chukwu Ogonnaya, Department of Agricultural and Bioresources Engineering
3. Prof. Dauda Bukar Emmanuel Naroka, Department of Chemistry
4. Prof. Abubakar Ahmed Sadauki, Department of Geography
5. Prof. Abdullahi Shehu Ma'aji, Department of Industrial and Technical Education.

The Council also approved the promotion of the following to the rank of Associate Professor:

1. Dr. Iyaka Yahaya Ahmed, Department of Chemistry
2. Dr. Dukiya Jaiye Jehoshaphat, Department of Transport Management
3. Dr. Saidu Abubakar Ndaman, Department of Biochemistry.

We shall bring you brief on the Professors in our subsequent edition of Campus News.

APPOINTMENTS

The Council at its 98th meeting held on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 ratified the appointments of Prof. Adegboye Babatunde Araoye, Department of Electrical and Electronics as Professor of Electrical Engineering and Dr. Oni Emmanuel Olayiwola, Department of Entrepreneur and Business Studies as Associate Professor of Entrepreneurship and Business Studies with effect from October 2, 2012 and June 28, 2011 respectively.

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of Dr. A. N. Saidu, Department of Biochemistry as Dean, Student Affairs for a period of two years with effect from February 1, 2013

Also approved is the appointment of Dr. Uno Esang Uno, Department of Physics, School of Natural & Applied Sciences as Coordinator, Electronic Exams, ETC Centre for a period of 1 year with effect from February 1, 2013.

ALABADAN DELIVERS 25TH INAUGURAL LECTURE

. . . Advocates Proper Food Storage For Food Security

Prof. Babatope Albert Alabadan of the Department of Agricultural Engineering said food storage using efficient and effective storage structure made from affordable materials can ensure food availability, accessibility, stability and utilization.

He made this assertion while delivering the 25th Inaugural lecture of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, titled *“Housing and Food Security: Now and in the Future – Lessons From the Termites”*, held at the First Bank Lecture Hall, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT), Main Campus, Gidan Kwano on Thursday, January 31, 2013.

According to him, Food losses which affect food quality and safety, economic development and the environment represent a significant cost to the world economy and inability to feed the world.

“The food insecurity in the world is making more than 800 million people including 300 million children go to bed hungry everyday and more than 40 percent of Africans do not have the ability to obtain sufficient food in a daily basis”, he stated.

The Professor of Agricultural Engineering in his lecture stressed that to successfully deal with the present and future food security needs, there is need to learn a lesson from the termites and called on the Federal Government of Nigeria to build one tone capacity silos for each identified small-scale

farmer groups to reduce losses and increase local supplies.

He further explained that weather conditions which depend on the geographical location are the most important factors affecting farm produce storage but that they can be stored at higher moisture contents with less deterioration at locations having lower temperature. He then called on government to take advantage of this and encourage long-term storage of farm produce in areas where deterioration is likely to be minimal.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMS*, who chaired the occasion, said the 25th Inaugural Lecture is the first to be presided by him as the Vice-Chancellor of this great University and a typical example of town meeting gown.

Prof. Akanji appreciated the audience, commended the lecturer for his efforts and noted that the University did not make a mistake in making him a professor. He also stressed the need of keeping to time so as to bring back the culture of the University.

A cocktail party was hosted in honour of the Lecturer and his invited guests by the University.

FUT, MINNA CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY PLEDGES SUPPORT TO VC

Federal University of Technology, Minna Christian Community (comprising of both Pentecostal and Catholic) has pledged support to the newly appointed Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB*.

The group stated this recently when they paid a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor at the Council Chambers, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

The Chairman of the group, Mr. Kolo Mathew assured the Vice-Chancellor of the group's support, commitment and loyalty to his leadership while also soliciting for the VC support towards ensuring a peaceful co-existence among various faiths on campus.

“We pray God will give you the grace to lead this University in the next five years” he stated.

The Catholic Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Nelson Gabriel Onli assured the Vice-Chancellor of the group spiritual support and also prayed that God should give him the necessary grace to pilot the affairs of the University.

Also speaking, Pastor, Eli Alasan urged the VC to operate an open door policy and to enhance staff welfare in the University.

In his response, Prof. Akanji thanked the Christian Community for finding him worthy to be in their midst and promised them of Management's support while urging them to add to the beauty of the campus by building a befitting worship centre in Gidan Kwano.

“Your presence here today gives me assurance that I am in the midst of friends and I hope this friendship will grow from strength to strength”, Prof. Akanji stated.

PCRC SEEKS VC'S SUPPORT

The Police Communication Relations Committee (Bosso Community) has solicited for the support of the new Vice-

Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji *FNSBMB* towards tackling the security challenges of the area for the safety of students and the host community, Bosso.

The group made this known during a courtesy visit on the Vice-Chancellor at the Council Chamber, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano on Wednesday, February 7, 2013.

In his address, Chairman of PCRC, Alhaji. Alhassan Wassagi who congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on his well deserved appointment said the group is faced with plethora of challenges in assisting the Bosso Police station to safeguard the community and students from hoodlums. He solicited for the VC's support.

“We hope the relationship and financial assistance would continue to help us surmount our challenges”, he stated.

In his remarks, Prof. Akanji thanked the group for the visit and said FUT, Minna is benefiting greatly from the committee's activities in view of its large presence in the community and pledged the University support within its limited resources. He added that the University will increase its presence in the committee.

The Vice-Chancellor also debunked the claim that Godwin Idoko who is standing trial in court for alleged killing of a girl in Rafin Yashi is a student of the University.

In her closing remarks, Registrar, Mrs. Victoria Kolo thanked the group for their support to the University and assured them that the Management would look into the issues raised.

SABBATICAL

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the sabbatical for Prof. Akim O. Osunde, the immediate past Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), tenable at University of Benin, Benin City, Edo State for a period of one year with effect from February 30, 2013.

REINSTATEMENT

The Council at its 98th meeting held on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 considered and approved the reinstatement of Dr. Edoga Matthew Okechukwu, Department of Chemical Engineering as Associate Professor of Chemical Engineering with effect from October 1, 2012.

NOTICE FROM REGISTRAR

Refreshment at Committees' Meeting

This is to bring to the notice of all Committee Secretaries of Management decision on refreshment during meetings that henceforth, only light refreshment will be served during meetings that will not last for more than three hours.

Secretaries must also copy the Registrar, their letter of request for refreshment and all related bills must pass through the Registrar for endorsement.

NOTE: This is for strict compliance.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Journal of Disaster Risk Management (JDRM) is an international journal published bi-annually by the **Centre for Disaster Risk Management and Development Studies (CDRMDS), Federal University of Technology, Minna, Nigeria.** The Journal

is focused on contemporary global issues of Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). The objectives are to promote research and development in DRM and DRR, provide a medium for the dissemination of research outcomes, facilitate sharing of experience on disaster management strategies and 'Best Practices', all with a view to reducing the impact of natural and technological disaster as well as building community resilience and promoting sustainable development. The journal therefore provides an information base for the academic community, professionals, policy makers, government officials and practitioners in the field of disaster management.

Papers for Publication in the Journal

The Journal is a multidisciplinary one. It accepts well researched empirical papers, including case studies, from the following disciplines:

- Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Geography and Urban Studies
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Papers to be considered for publication in these areas should address DRM and DRR issues with considerable contribution to knowledge and practical solutions in the field of disaster management. The paper will be peer reviewed by three different assessors and positive result is required from at least two of the assessors

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CHANGE OF CADRE

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the conversion of appointment of Murtala Suleiman Mashegu, Physical Planning and Development Unit from Senior Technical Officer to Building Officer II with effect from January 22, 2013.

WITHDRAWAL OF SERVICE

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the resignation of appointment of Darlington Anagaraku C., Department of Computer Science from the University, with effect from February 23, 2013.

WEDDING INVITATION

Mrs. Dinatu Gabriel Pada of the Department of Soil Science cordially invite the University community to the wedding ceremony of her daughter Zipporah Gabriel Pada with David Abdullahi Shehu slated as follow:

SEND FORTH:

Date: Friday, February 8, 2013.
Time: 2 pm prompt.
Venue: Ahmadu Bahago Secondary School,
Bosso Road, Minna.

CHURCH WEDDING:

Date: Saturday, February 9, 2013.

Time: 10.00 am.

Venue: St. Malachy's Church, Bosso,
Tudun Fulani Minna.

WALIMAT CEREMONY

Mallam Isah Kimpa, Department of Physics cordially invites University community to Quranic graduation of his daughter, Hawawu Isah Kimpa slated as follows:

Date: Saturday, February 9, 2013

Time: 10:00 a.m. prompt

Venue: Mallam Buhari Islamic School's,
Bosso Estate, Minna.

Reception: Follows immediately at Isah Kimpa's House, House No. 2, Behind Shehu Ahmadu Musa Estate, Bosso, Minna.

APPRECIATION

Prof. and Mrs. Emmanuel M. A. Olatunji, former staff of the University wishes to express their appreciation to the Management, staff and students of Federal University of Technology, Minna for their presence and supports during the wedding ceremony of their son, Mr. Ifedayo Olatunji, which took place on February 2, 2013.