



FUT, MINNA COUNCIL INSPECTS PROJECT SITES

In order to get on the spot assessment of developmental projects on campus, Governing Council members of the Federal University of Technology, Minna on Monday, February 11, 2013 inspected various on-going and completed projects at the Main Campus of the University.

In his remarks, the Chairman of Council, Prof. Ahmed Rufai Alkali who led other members on the inspection exercise to ascertain the level of work at the various sites noted that Council would do everything possible towards timely completion of the on-going projects and to ensure that the completed projects are properly maintained.



Prof. Akanji, Chairman of Council, Prof. Alkali & others during projects inspection recently.

The Director PPDU, Bldr. Yusuf Dada who conducted members of the Governing Council round the various projects sites at the Main Campus gave background information on the projects and contractors

handling them. He also solicited for Council support towards addressing the different challenges affecting the projects in order to deliver them on schedule.

Some of the project sites visited include, Academic Publishing Centre, SAAT Lecture Theatre, SICT Central Administrative Block, SICT Library, SET ETF Project 2008, Ultra Modern Community Market and the newly installed Solar Energy Street Light.

BRIEF ON NEW PROFS.

In the last edition of Campus News, No 435 of Friday, February 8, 2013 on our lead story “**FUT, MINNA GETS 5 NEW PROFS. ...3ASSOCIATE PROFS**” we promised to give you brief personality profiles on our newest Professors that were promoted by the University Council during its meeting held on Tuesday, January 29, 2013. In fulfilment of the promise, here are briefs on three out of the five new Dons. The briefs on Profs. Abubakar Ahmed Sadauki and Egharevba Nosa Anthony would be featured in our next edition.

PROFESSOR BUKAR EMMANUEL NAROKA DAUDA

Professor Bukar Emmanuel Naroka Dauda was born on 21st September, 1948 in Dikko, Gurara LGA, Niger State and had his early education at Dikko. He

was admitted into the Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria to pursue a degree in Chemistry and graduated in 1972 with **Second Class Upper Division**. A few years later he proceeded to the University of Manchester for his Master's Degree in Organic Chemistry (1977) and bagged his PhD in Natural Products Chemistry (1989) from the same University.



Prof. Dauda

He worked briefly at ABU, Zaria as an Assistant Lecturer –Lecturer 1 in 1972-1981 and was Principal at FCT Secondary School Kwali and Bwari before joining the services of the University as a Senior Lecturer, Department of Chemistry in 1984 where he rose to the rank of Professor in 2013.

Professor Dauda has written several journal articles, conference papers both local and international and has supervised many students project work at B.Tech, M. Tech and PhD level.

The doyen of Chemistry has held many administrative positions within and outside the University as Provost, Niger State College of Education, 1993-2001, member, Academic Board, CPES, FUT, Minna, 2004-2010, Head of Department Chemistry, FUT, Minna 2004-2010 & at IBB University, Lapai, 2011-2012.

Prof. Dauda who is a recipient of University of Manchester, UK scholarly awards is an active member of Royal Society of Chemistry (M.R.S.C), UK, Chartered Chemist (C. Chem.), UK and member, Chemical Society of Nigeria (M.C.S.N). He is happily married and blessed with children.

PROF. CHUKWU OGBONNAYA

Prof. Chukwu Ogbonnaya was born on 15th July, 1965 and hails from Onicha, Ebonyi State. He had his Primary and secondary education at Onicha Central School, Onicha and Government Secondary School, Afikpo respectively.

The Professor of Agricultural Engineering was educated at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka where he graduated with a **First Class Honours** Degree in Agric. Engineering in 1987 and in 1994 had his M. Eng. in Agric Engineering (**Processing and Storage**) from the same University. He obtained a doctorate degree in Agricultural Engineering (**Food Engineering**) from the Federal University of Technology, Minna (2006).



Prof. Chukwu

Prof. Chukwu who started his working career as a Lecturer III at the Department of Maths/Tech. Education, Federal College of Education, Kantagora, Niger State, joined

the services of Federal University of Technology, Minna in 1992 as an Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Agric. Engineering and became a professor in 2013.

The don was a Visiting Consultant at Sultan Qaboos University, Sultanate of Oman in 2008-09 and has held several administrative positions in the University, presently he is the Director, Directorate of Collaboration, Affiliation and Linkages.

Prof. Chukwu, whose research focus has been on Food Engineering cum Processing and Storage, had supervised over sixty-one students at various levels.

The erudite professor has published over sixty-four articles in reputable national and international journals and has five on-going research oriented works.

He is a member of Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), Nigeria Society of Engineers (NSE), American Society of Agricultural & Biological Engineers (ASABE), amongst others. He is married and blessed with children.

PROFESSOR ABDULLAHI SHEHU MA'AJI

Professor Abdullahi Shehu Ma'aji who hails from Dawakin-Kudu LGA of Kano State was born on October 10, 1961 in Kano Municipal. Prof. Ma'aji had his early education at Sabon Gari, Kano 1976 and was at School of Technology, Kano (ABU, Zaria) in 1986 for his N.C.E.



Prof. Ma'aji

He had his bachelors of Education degree (Technical), from Kaduna Polytechnic, Kaduna (ABU, Zaria) 1990 and obtained his Master's degree and PhD (Industrial Technical Education) in 1994 & 2003 respectively from the prestigious University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

Prof. Ma'aji joined the services of FUT, Minna in 1995 as an Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Industrial and Technology Education and rose to the rank of Professor in 2013. He has supervised many undergraduates, fifteen Master's degree students and two PhD theses (on-going).

He is a prolific writer and widely published in many local and international journals. He has also presented over twenty-five workshop papers at national and international conferences.

Prof. Ma'aji has at different times held several positions in the University; Dean, Students Affairs, 2008-10, Zonal Coordinator, PTDF- Welders Training and Certification Programme, FUT, Minna Centre, Head of Department, Industrial and Technology Education and presently he is the Director, FUTMIN Ventures. He is happily married with children.

VC MEETS WITH REGISTRY, BURSARY, OTHERS

...Commends Registry Staff

The Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji FNSBMB has commended Registry staff for the quality of minutes and preparation for meetings in the University.

The VC stated this during an interactive session held with senior staff of Registry on Friday, February 8, 2013 at the Senate Chambers, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.



Cross section of Registry staff during the interactive session with the VC.

Prof. Akanji said the quality of minutes written by Registry staff has been impressive since he assumed office and tasked them to continue to work assiduously for the good of the University.

He also promised to look into the issue of staff stagnation, study fellowship and training while stressing that staff training must be tailored along the staff work routine in order to be useful to the University.

Speaking earlier, the Registrar, Mrs. Victoria Kolo who congratulated the VC on his appointment said Registry has a workforce with the right attitude, willing

and ready to work with the VC to achieve the vision of the University.

Mrs. Kolo further pointed out that Registry despite being the backbone of the University is faced with different challenges such as inadequate office accommodation, dearth of computers for Confidential Secretaries and Administrative Officers amongst others and solicited for the Vice-Chancellor's assistance.

She also appealed to the VC that junior staff request for study fellowship be handled by the Registrar, admission exercise be returned to the Registry in line with its statutory role and Legal Office to be under the Registry Department.

The Vice Chancellor also met with members of staff of the Bursary Department; during the meeting, he stressed the significant role played by the department adding that the department is the engine room of the University.

He noted that the Bursary department being the custodian of the University funds should operate as one big family and have zero tolerance for corruption.

Speaking earlier, the Bursar, Mal. Mufutau Alabi Bello congratulated the VC on his appointment and thanked him for finding out time to meet with staff of the department.

He pledged the department's cooperation towards moving the University forward and assured the VC that the department will work as a team, focus on its primary assignment and takes its work seriously.

In his address, Head of Internal Audit, Mr. Mohammed Ashafa Aminu assured the VC of the Unit's support by providing useful and constructive advice to the Management. The interactive session was part of the Vice-Chancellor's familiarization exercise since assumption of office in order to get first hand information from staff of various Units/Departments.

SSANU CONGRATULATES PROF. AKANJI

The Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), Federal University of Technology, Minna Chapter has congratulated Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB*, on his appointment as the 6th substantive Vice-Chancellor of the institution.

The Association stated this during a congratulatory visit to the Vice-Chancellor in his office on Wednesday, February 13, 2013. They described the appointment as well deserved and pledged their cooperation and support to the present administration in order to fulfil the dreams of the founding fathers.



POs with FUT, Minna SSANU Excors after a courtesy call on the VC, Prof. Akanji.

The SSANU Executive led by its Chairman Mall. Mohammed Aliyu said the visit was not only to felicitate with the VC but to acquaint him with some of the Union's problems and solicited for his assistance towards alleviating them.

He urged the Vice-Chancellor to be a labour friendly administrator and remain focused so as to input good legacy in the sand of FUT, Minna.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Akanji thanked the Executives for the visit and said the spirit they came with will make a difference in the University.

He noted that as a Union, they have a lot to contribute to the progress of the University and assured them that the University Management under his leadership would continue to do her best for the interest of Staff and Students.

The Vice-Chancellor stressed the need for the University to strive for best practices and expressed his desire to operate an open door policy which will give both staff and students access to him anytime for clarifications on issues. He equally advised the Union to articulate all the issues raised and make a presentation to the University Management for consideration.

FUT, MINNA EMERGES 2ND BEST @ UNILEVER IDEA TROHPY ...VC Receives Trophy

Federal University of Technology, Minna emerged Second Best University in Nigeria at the just concluded 2nd Edition of Unilever Idea Competition held in Lagos.

Presenting the students and the trophy to the VC, Prof. (Mrs.) Zinash Osunde said the competition tasked students across Nigeria to develop creative ideas on how best to drive awareness of the menace of diarrhoea and how the students can work with the communities in stamping out the dreaded illness.

She also informed the VC that the University team known as Aspire Team had earlier emerged the best University at the North-Central zone which qualified the University for the grand finale in Lagos.



Prof. Akanji receiving the trophy from FUT, Minna Aspire team who represented the school at the event

Responding, Prof. Akanji congratulated the students for bringing honour to the University and urged them to do more towards giving the University good image in the country.

He promised the victorious students that their names would be written in the University Book of Honour while noting that such gesture would inspire other students to emulate them.

“This honour to the University should be on the front page of newspapers rather than negative stories,” Prof. Akanji stated.

Seven Universities participated in the contest and FUT, Minna was represent at the event by; Mbah Nina O., Onyema Obinna E., and Pamela Adama.

In a related development, the VC also presented laptops to the two best students (who were in final year when the training was organised) with the Best Business Plan during the 2012 New Generation Entrepreneurial Education Training held in FUT, Minna and supported by the Rotary Club of Altadena, California in collaboration with International Foundation for Entrepreneurship Education (IFEE).

The winners were; Afolayan Abayomi, graduate of Civil Engineering who wrote a business plan on “**Aby Agro Nigeria Limited- A Fish and Vegetable Farm**” came first while Omede Abdulmumin, graduate of Chemistry wrote on “**A.B. Mumin Ventures**” a marketing company that deals with supply and distribution of grains and cereals.

FUT, MINNA MFB VISITS VC

The Board of Directors, FUT, Minna MicroFinance Bank Ltd paid a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB*, in his office on Wednesday, February 13, 2013.

Speaking during the visit, the Chairman, Board of Directors, FUTMinna Microfinance Bank Ltd, Mal. Bako Muhammed Bawa stated that the purpose of the visit was to felicitate with the Vice-Chancellor on his appointment and to solicit for a strong ties and mutual beneficial

relationship between the University and the Bank.



POs with FUT, Minna MFB Board of Directors after the courtesy call

“The business ties will provide synergy for the creation and redistribution of the University’s wealth for the benefit of the University and the community at large”, he stated.

Mal. Bawa presented detailed report on possible areas of collaboration between the Bank and the University and also pledged solid support to the University Management.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor expressed his appreciation for the visit and stated that their support will go a long way in helping his administration achieve its objectives.

He reiterated his desire to turn the fortunes of the University around for the better and said his Management interest is to see that the Bank succeed in its business.

“FUTMinna Microfinance Bank is our Bank and we must do everything possible to see that it succeeds” Prof. Akanji stated.

The VC promised that the University would improve its Share Capital and stressed the need for the presence of the bank in the Main Campus, Gidan Kwano. He further

called on the Board to come up with specific proposal on what is expected of the University for Management’s consideration.

APPOINTMENTS

The Vice- Chancellor has approved the appointment of the followings to the University for a period of one year each from the date of assumption of duty:

1. Prof. Emmanuel M. K. Dawha, Department of Food Science and Technology, Yola as a Visiting Professor to the Department of Library Information Technology, School of Natural and Applied Sciences (SNAS).
2. Dr. Mathew Kolawole Bolade, Department of Food Science and Technology, Federal University of Technology, Akure, as a Visiting Senior Lecturer to the Department of Animal Production (Food Science and Nutrition Option) School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT).
3. Dr. Jimoh Rasheed Gbenga, Department of Computer Science, University of Ilorin, as a Visiting Senior Lecturer to the Department of Information and Media Technology, School of Information and Communication Technology (SICT).
4. Kalep Bulus Filli, Department of Food Science and Technology, Federal University of technology, Yola as a Senior Lecturer to the Department of Animal Production (Food Science and Nutrition Option) School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT).

SABBATICAL

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the sabbatical for Dr. Joseph O. Okafor, Department of Chemical Engineering, tenable at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria for a period of one year with effect from 2013/2014 Academic Session.

SEMINAR

Services wishes to invite all University community and general public to a One-Day Free Health Seminar.

The seminar will address ailments such as Cancer, Hypertension, Diabetes and other related diseases. The seminar is scheduled as follows:

Bosso Campus

Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2013

Time: 10 – 11:00 am

Venue: CPES Hall

Gidan Kwano Campus

Date: Thursday, February 28, 2013

Time: 10 – 11:00 am

Venue: University Auditorium

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE CENTRE (EMC) WORK SCHEDULE

This is to inform university community of the Equipment Maintenance Centre (EMC) newly assigned Field Officers for office equipment maintenance.

Below are the contact person(s) as related to Schools, Departments and Units:

Field Units	Name/Phone No	Schools, Depts. & Units
	Kabir Ibrahim 08060255999	SNAS-All Labs STE – All Labs

Lab Equip. Unit	Abdullahi Zakari 07031884133	SAAT–All Labs Building Dept Labs SET Chem. Eng. Lab SEET
Workshop Equip. Units	Bello Aliu 07037779165 Duruji Dickson 08067737976	a) Central Workshop SEET b) ITE Workshop STE c) Building Dept Workshop SET d) CTLU Labs 2,3 & 5
Comp/Comm. Equip. Units	Michael Ozor	a) SICT – All Labs b) CTLU – Labs 1 & 4 c) Physics SNAS d) Elect. Eng. SEET
Office Equip. Units	Terry Maka 08052742277 Fidelis Bello 08067570671	All University Offices
Document Units	Mrs. R. M. Yusuf 08036737865	Certification of New Equipment. a) All Offices b) Laboratories c) Workshops
	Adamu B. Doko 080	Engraving of New Equipment. a) All Offices b) Laboratories c) Workshops

SEARCH FM 92.3 BACK ON AIR

This is to inform university community and general public that the University Community Radio Station known as Search FM 92.3 is back on air after the fire incident.

The station now transmits from Bosso Campus.

MID-TERM BREAK FOR FUT STAFF SCHOOL

The Management of FUT, Minna Staff School wishes to inform parents, guardians and University community that the school will embark on Mid-Term Break on Thursday, February 21 – Friday, February 22, 2013.

Normal school activities resume on Monday, February 25, 2013.

CHANGE OF NAME

This is to inform the University community and the general public that the Vice-Chancellor has approved the Change of Name for Miss. Odine Rita Otibhor of the Library Services to *Mrs. Salami Rita Otibhor*, with effect from February 11, 2013.

NOTICE OF FUTSSOPA MEETING

Federal University of Technology, Minna, Staff School Old Pupils Association (FUTSSOPA), Minna Chapter cordially invites members to its meeting slated as follows:

Date: Friday, February 22, 2013

Time: 4:30 pm prompt

Venue: Bitrus Sawa Square, Bosso Campus

All members are requested to attend as important issues such as the forthcoming 25th Anniversary of the Staff School would be discussed.

For details, please contact: Ndagi Hassan (ITS) 08036907707, Patience Ilalokhoin (APU) 08035891521 and Simon Kolo (Internal Audit) 08035042609.

AL-HALAAL CO-OPERATIVE

This is to inform all members of Al-Halaal Multipurpose Co-operative Society, Federal University of Technology, Minna that:

1. The Cooperative will pay the 2011 unclaimed Dividend Cash to members who are yet to collect theirs between

Monday 18 to Friday, February 22, 2013 at the Cooperative Office, Bosso Campus from 10 am to 2 pm every day.

2. Members are to collect their Personal Financial Record for the year 2012 at the Cooperative Office, Bosso Campus from Monday 18 to Friday, February 22, 2013 between 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
3. Members should also submit their e-mail address to the Desk Officer, Al-Halaal Office, Bosso Campus between 9:00 am to 4:00 pm with effect from the date of this publication to Friday, February 22, 2013.

For further information, please call: 07030096000 – Treasurer or 08028309783 - PRO

FITNESS! FITNESS!! FITNESS!!!

The University Management invites Staff, Students and the general public to Road Walk, Aerobics Dance Exercise and other Sporting events:

Date: Saturday, February 16, 2013

Time: 6:30 a.m. prompt

Venue: Bitrus Sawa Square, Bosso Campus, Minna.

For enquiries call: 07032086217, 08035966255 and 08069069118

WEDDING INVITATION

Prof. and Mrs. Solomon Bankole Oyeleke cordially invites the University community to the wedding ceremony of their daughter Oluwatope Gbemisola with Oluwabunmi Abimbola slated as follows:

Engagement:

Date: Friday, February 22, 2013.

Time: 3:00 pm prompt.

Venue: Prof. S. B. Oyeleke's Resident,
Bosso Secondary School, Minna.

CHURCH WEDDING:

Date: Saturday, February 23, 2013.

Time: 10.00 am.

Venue: First Baptist Church, Bosso Road,
Minna, Niger State.

Reception: Reception follows
immediately at Gidan Matasa,
Okada Road, Minna.