

### PROF. ONWUALU URGES NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES TO EMBARK ON CUTTING EDGE RESEARCH

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*Engr. Prof. Onwualu explaining a point during the lecture.*

**W**orried by the rising state of poor research output across the country, the immediate past Director-General of the Raw Materials Research and Development Council (RMRDC), Engr. Prof. Azikiwe Peter Onwualu has called on Nigerian Universities to execute cutting edge research directed at solving immediate problems of the University and host community as well as that of the Nigerian economy and the world.

The doyen of Agricultural Engineering made the remark during a public lecture entitled: *Fostering University-Industry Linkages in Nigerian Universities: RMRDC Experience* held on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at the Caverton Lecture Theatre, School of Agriculture & Agricultural Technology (SAAT), Main Campus.

Prof. Onwualu said every university should maintain a research grant scheme, equip laboratories and have a functional university Research Committee as well as establish University-Industry Linkage Office to be manned by competitive staff.

According to him, he proposed that

such office should consult with different faculties and set up targets with viable projects as well as assist staff in pursuing the projects, conduct regular training seminars for staff including funding.

He further implored tertiary institutions in the country to ensure that every project for Bachelors, Masters or PhD degree are geared towards solving a national or global problem whether at the basic research or applied research level.

On what needs to be done on the part of government, he charged government to formulate and implement appropriate policies to facilitate more robust University-Industry Linkage, stressing that the recently approved Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Policy of the Federal Ministry of Science & Technology should be implemented with adequate funding.

Speaking further, he called on government to provide funds that can be accessed by Universities and Industries in implementing joint projects. This he noted could be done through the proposed National Fund

for Innovation and Competitiveness or through existing funds such as TETFUND, PTDF, NITDA, RMRDC, NAC and others.

On the part of the Industries operating in Nigeria, he urged them to emulate their foreign counterparts by establishing laboratories, workshops within the university campuses or Industrial Parks such that as they use the facilities for commercial work, universities can also use them for research oriented projects.

On the various strategies that can be adopted by universities in winning grants from RMRDC and other agencies, the former DG RMRDC, tasked them to study the operations of RMRDC through its annual publications, to visit RMRDC headquarters in Abuja to gather information on the type of projects the Council sponsors, participate in surveys, workshops, seminars etc.

In his final submission, Prof. Onwualu revealed that the economic and developmental problems confronting Nigeria today can be solved via judicious application of Science, Technology and Innovation through functional National System of Innovation (NSI) operating with the Triple Helix Concept.

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Speaking earlier in his opening remarks, the Vice Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji **FNSBMB**, who was represented at the event by the DVC (Academic), Prof. Abdullahi Bala said the topic of the lecture is topical in view of the need to make graduates of the university employable through entrepreneurship skills while noting that entrepreneurship is an important component of development in any community.

The VC said graduates of the University should be job creators rather than seekers while noting that students should be taught how to write business proposal plan. According to him, the university is a place of ideas and knowledge generation.

Prof. Akanji said Nigeria is a country of consumption without producing anything and FUT, Minna as a

University of Technology must drive the development of Nigeria in science, technology and industries.

He noted that research is an essential ingredient of development just as publication is an output of research and tasked academic staff to make research output available to the society as well as build linkage with the industries which he noted was germane for development.

The guest lecturer also donated books on various fields of RMRDC research findings and some of his personal publications to the University Library.

## RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENT

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of appointment of Prof. Sanjay Misra, as Visiting Professor to the Department of Computer Engineering, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET) for the period of 2013/2014 Academic Session.

## FITNESS! FITNESS!! FITNESS!!!

The University Sports Committee is organising a One-Day Special Dance and Aerobics Exercise session for staff in order to enhance healthy living.

The event is scheduled as follows:

**Date:** Saturday, April 12, 2014

**Time:** 6:30 a.m. prompt

**Venue:** Bitrus Sawa Square, Bosso Campus, Minna

For details, please call 08035966255 or 08033733709

**NOTE:** The aerobics exercise is now slated for every Saturday at the same venue.

## NOTICE FROM JOURNAL OFFICE

This is to inform the University community that the process of receiving manuscript for consideration will soon commence by the Nigerian Journal of Technological Research (NJTR).

Prospective authors should therefore note the following:

1. Receipts of manuscript will undergo the following:
  - a. Manuscript Evaluation
  - b. Manuscript Review
  - c. Manuscript Editing
2. Consequent of initial evaluation of such submissions, the Board would be able to give consideration to such manuscript before being sent for further evaluation
3. Process of Copyright laws will equally be presented to such prospective authors
4. Guidelines on assessing the TETFUND allocation will be further streamlined so that beneficiaries will drive the utmost from the fund.
5. Look out for further information from the office on planned Workshop on Manuscript Development, Skills and e—publishing.

Also, interested persons are to follow up Journal website for more information.

# Money Matters

**W**eekly Financial Digest (Monday, March 31 – Friday, April 4, 2014)

N/S	RECEIPTS	N
1.	Academic Transcript	225,000.00
2.	Verification and Collection of Original Certificates	252,000.00
3.	Change of Course Form Fees	900,000.00
4.	Under-graduate Penalty Fees	1,420,000.00
5.	Rent and Utility Charges	18,000.00
6.	Replacement of Lost ID Cards	6,000.00
7.	Renewal of Associations Fee	15,000.00
8.	Semester Result fees	3,400.00
9.	Confirmation of Certificates Fees	14,000.00
10.	Add/Drop Form Fees	1,000.00
11.	Clearances of Final Year Student Fee	9,000.00
12.	Postgraduate School Fees	1,723,500.00
13.	Undergraduate School Fees	65,870,286.68
14.	Disaster Risk Management Fee	38,500.00
15.	NHIS Fees	25,370.00
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>70,495,686.68</b>
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
18.	(i) Staff	
	(a) Salary	46,000.00
	(b) Advances	3,166,100.00
	(c) Various Refund	2,698,955.00
	(d) Training	5,000,000.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Awosanya O. Olaoluwa - Supply	382,500.00
	(b) Lamson Commercial SER - Supply	135,000.00
	(c) Bissalam Printers - Supply	63,000.00
	(d) Datatek Inter-Serv. Ltd - Supply	3,465,000.00
	(e) Kodets Technology Nig. Enterprises - Supply	918,000.00
	(f) Salina Communication Invst. - Supply	1,190,175.00
	(g) Electronic Test Comp. - Supply	4,377,660.00
	(h) Mizzle Enter. Product -Supply	609,000.00
	(i) Dogod Koli Hotels Ltd - Hotel Bills	285,140.00
	(j) Tech Trust Serv. Ltd. - Supply	440,000.00
	(k) NUC Visit Account - Resource	687,200.00
	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>23,081,230.00</b>

## SALE OF CHICKEN

This is to inform the University community and the general public that the University Commercial Farm, Garatu has live Chickens for sale at Bosso Campus Livestock Farm at the rate of N1,200 per chicken on cash and carry basis and N1,300 per chicken for those who want to pay through salary deduction. They are to come with their Staff ID Card.

For further details please contact: 08035045222.

## CHILD DEDICATION

The family of Mr. And Mrs. Leonard A. Barde (Leo), Registrar's Office cordially invite the University community and the general public to the child dedication of his daughter, Miss. Keziah Magode Leonard which will take place as follows:

**Date:** Sunday, April 13, 2014

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. prompt

**Venue:** St. Michael's Catholic Church, Bosso Road, Minna.

**Reception** follows immediately after church service, Opposite Christ Apostolic Church, Tayi Village.

## NAMING CEREMONIES

Bakare M. Akanbi of Academic Office cordially invites the University community and the general public to the naming ceremony of his new born baby girl which will take place as follows:

**Date:** Sunday, April 13, 2014

**Time:** 7:30 a.m. prompt

**Venue:** Block 3, Behind Barikin Sale Junior Secondary School, Barikin Sale, Minna.

Mal. Zubairu Ibrahim, Department of Architecture cordially invites the University community and the general public to the naming ceremony of his new born baby boy which will take place as follows:

**Date:** Monday, April 14, 2014

**Time:** 7:30 a.m. prompt

**Venue:** Ladan Block Industry, Gurara Area, Minna.

## WEDDING CEREMONIES

The family of Prof. Muhammed S. Audu, the immediate past Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna cordially invite the University community and the general public to the wedding fatiha of his son, Ismaeel Otuoze Audu with Farida Oiza Audu which will insha Allah take place as follows:

**Date:** Saturday, April 19, 2014

**Time:** 10:00am prompt.

**Venue:** National Mosque, Abuja

**Reception** follows immediately at M and M Events Limited, Behind International Conference Centre, Close to NICON Luxury Hotel, Area 11, Garki, Abuja.

Hajia A. S. A. Ndayako, Deputy Registrar, (Establishment) cordially invites the University community and the general public to the wedding fatiha of her sons, which will insha Allah take place as follows:

Saidu Minin Ndayako with Khadijat Adamu Ndanusa

**Date:** Friday, April 18, 2014

**Time:** 2:30pm prompt.

**Venue:** Katamba Minin Gban-gban, After Wuya Bridge, Mokwa Road, Niger State.

Alhaji Alhassan Ahmed Ndayako with Ummu-Khaltum Bello Abubakar

**Date:** Friday, April 18, 2014

**Time:** 2:30pm prompt.

**Venue:** Sultan Bello Mosque, Unguwan Sarki, Kaduna, Kaduna State

### **Dinner**

**Date:** Saturday, April 19, 2014

**Time:** 7:00pm prompt.

**Venue:** Desert Prince, Along Doko Road, Bida, Niger State.

The family of Mrs. Afolabi Shittu, Academic Office cordially invite the University community and the general public to the wedding fatiha of her daughter, Nafisat Omolola with Ismail Oyetunji which will insha Allah take place as follows:

**Date:** Saturday, April 19, 2014

**Time:** 9:00am prompt.

**Venue:** Gidan Matasa, Okada Road, Bosso, Minna, Niger State

**Reception** follows immediately at the same venue.

The family of Engr. J. D. Aje, Physics Department cordially invite the University community and the general public to the solemnization of Holy Matrimony of his daughter, Aje Elizabeth Oluwatosin with Akingbosote Simon Oluwaseyi which will by the grace of God take place as follows:

### **Engagement:**

**Date:** Friday, April 25, 2014

**Time:** 3:00pm prompt.

**Venue:** Engr. And Mrs. J. D. Aje's Residence, Federal Low-Cost, Directly Behind Air-Force Base, Adjacent Deeper Life Bible Church, Maikunkele, Minna, Niger State

### **Church Wedding:**

**Date:** Saturday, April 26, 2014

**Time:** 10:00am prompt.

**Venue:** St. Stephen Anglican Church, Airport Road, Maikunkele, Minna, Niger State

**Reception** follows immediately at the Federal University of Technology, Bosso Campus Football Field, Minna, Niger State.

## CONDOLENCE

The Registrar, has on behalf of Council, Management, Senate, Staff and Students of the Federal University of Technology, Minna condoled Muhammad Dantala Nakaka, School of Technology Education over the death of his wife which occurred on Friday, April 4, 2014.

Similarly, Registrar has also condoled Dr. Abdullahi Mohammed, Department of Civil Engineering over the death of his father which occurred on Thursday, April 10, 2014.