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EDITOR'S NOTE

It is indeed a new dawn in FUT, Minna with the emergence of Prof. Abdullahi Bala FSSSN, as the 7th Vice-Chancellor of this great citadel of learning. The new Vice-Chancellor is bringing on board his 27 years scholarship experience as a consummate scholar cum administrator. The VC has already set the ball rolling with less than two months in office. In this special package, our cover story titled: "**Prof. Bala: His Dreams, Aspirations for FUT, Minna**" succinctly captured the vision of the new VC for the University and how he is consolidating on the solid foundation laid by his predecessors.

As we roll out the drums to celebrate our 27th Convocation ceremony and 35th Founder's day, FUT, Minna Newsletter has a special report on these events. This year's Convocation ceremony is significant because it is the first for the newly inaugurated governing council of the University under the able leadership of an incorruptible leader, Prof. Femi Odekunle, the first for Prof. Bala as the Vice-Chancellor of the University and the last for our dear Registrar, Mrs. Victoria Nnawo Kolo.

The University is matching forward in all facets and we are glee to bring to your reading pleasure many stories of our giant strides in this special edition. We also had a special interview with the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Bala in this package for you.

Also, in this super-duper package, we have a capsule profile on our 14 newly promoted professors. Before I sign out, let me congratulate our graduands on the successful completion of their studies. Congratulations to you all.

Enjoy!



Lydia Legbo

FUTMINNA INAUGURATES NEW VC

▪ Prof Bala Vows To Improve IGR

Prof. Abdullahi Bala has been inaugurated as the 7th Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna.

The inauguration took place on Friday, December 1, 2017 at the Suleimanu Kumo Convocation Square, Gidan Kwano Campus.

In his remarks during the ceremony, Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the University Governing Council, Prof. Femi Odekunle, charged the new Vice-Chancellor to conduct the affairs of the institution within the extant laws and regulations.

Prof. Odekunle stated that the event is the first of its kind in the history of the University, that a real transition is taking place where an outgoing Vice-Chancellor is handing over to an incoming Vice-Chancellor in person at the appropriate time with celebration,

adding that the seamless inauguration ceremony was an opposite of the outgoing Vice-Chancellor's inauguration ceremony which was delayed and postponed severally because of pending resolution of litigations in court against his appointment.

"You should all understand and appreciate why we, as a University and as a community, we are happy today to conduct this inauguration publicly, witnessed by both town and gown, by all stakeholders within and outside the University, all in an atmosphere of congeniality," the Pro-Chancellor stated.

The Chairman said the Council under his leadership had vowed to conduct and execute the selection process in an open, transparent, fair and credible manner without recourse to extraneous considerations such as

ethnicity, religion, zoning, politics or similar primordial sentiments.

The don also thanked the Federal and State governments, traditional rulers and various community leaders for giving the governing council the chance to have a freehand in executing the selection exercise, guided only by the relevant laws and regulations and the interest of the University.

He expressed the University's appreciation to the outgoing Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji for his observably-meritorious service to the development of the University while describing Prof. Akanji as a scholar, an astute administrator, an open-door Vice-Chancellor, listening and accessible leader, and a non-looter of University funds.

Speaking earlier, the outgoing Vice

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Prof. Bala (2nd left) being robed as new VC by the Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Odekunle (right) while assisted by the outgoing VC, Prof. Akanji (2nd right) and the foundation VC, Prof. Ndagi (left)

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Chancellor, Prof. Akanji expressed gratitude to the University Governing Council for giving him the opportunity to serve the institution as its Vice-Chancellor in the last five years, adding that all the achievements recorded were possible based on the support given to him by everybody.

The VC congratulated Prof. Abdullahi Bala on his well-deserved appointment as the new helmsman of the University and urged everybody to give him all the support needed to succeed in office. He further expressed appreciation to the host community for their support.

The new Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala (FSSSN) thanked the University Governing Council under the leadership of Prof. Odekunle for organising and conducting a transparent, free and fair transition process that led to his emergence as the 7th Vice-Chancellor of the University, and also expressed appreciation to the University Senate members, staff and students for their support and understanding in the peaceful conduct of the exercise.

"The Federal University of Technology, Minna, has witnessed tremendous growth and development, especially in the last one and a half decades. Today, we have grown to a healthy staff and student population of about 24,000, we have a very beautiful Campus to be proud of, virtually all our academic programmes have full accreditation and the University is ranked the best among specialised Universities, 5th in Nigeria and 45th out of 4,245 universities in Africa. We have every reason to celebrate and be proud of these achievements," he stated.

He promised to continue to work hard in navigating the University along the trajectory of progressiveness and development already charted by his predecessors, saying that his administration would be guided by three Gs, namely: guided by statutes of the University and laws of the land,

good governance and global best practices.

"We shall take decisions that are in the best interest of the University. We shall work assiduously and dispassionately towards assembling the best team to realise our set objectives," the new Vice-Chancellor enthused.

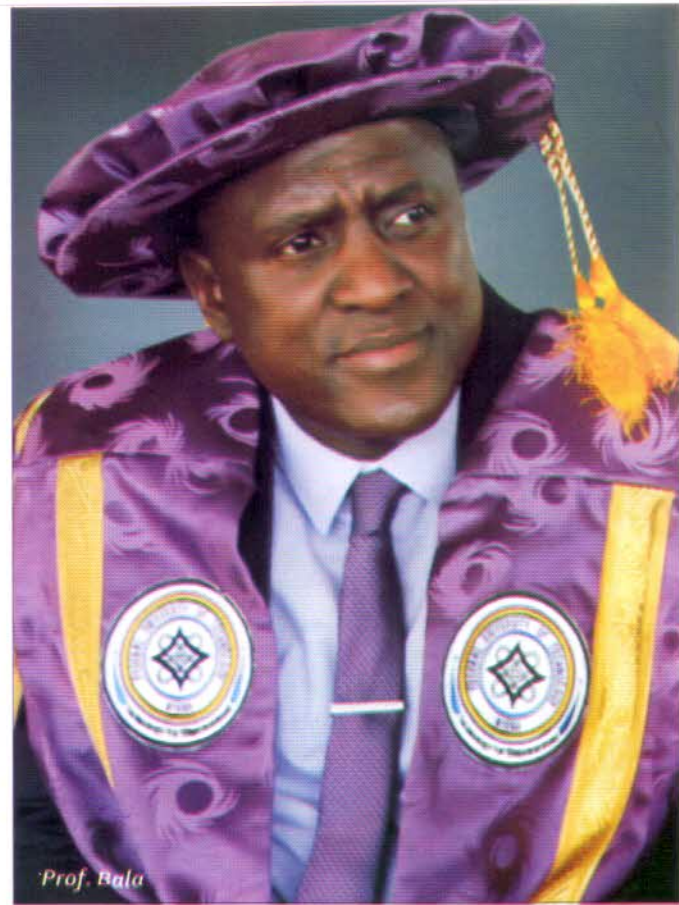
On funding, Prof. Bala vowed to work towards improving the internally generated revenue of the University to augment whatever comes from federal government while stating that he would block all financial leakages.

"In spite of our 35 years existence as a University, we are only able to accommodate just about 4000 students in the University's hostels. This is a major problem to us which we feel needs to be quickly addressed given the security and social challenges associated with the vast majority of our students living off campus.

"We are desirous of accommodating at least 75 percent of our students on Campus in order for them to be thoroughly exposed to University culture for them to, not only go through the University, but for the University to go through them so as to train them as responsible citizens and leaders of tomorrow," he maintained.

The Scholar disclosed that no meaningful development can be achieved without peace, saying that his administration would ensure and foster peaceful co-existence among members of the University community and between the University and the host community.

Speaking earlier while introducing the event, the Registrar of the University, Mrs. Victoria Nnawo Kolo said the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor of



the University followed due process in line with the University laws pertaining to the appointment of a new Vice-Chancellor.

"The fairness of the selection process leading to the appointment of the new Vice-Chancellor was massively applauded by stakeholders, including all contestants. The appointment of Vice-Chancellors in Nigerian Universities has been marred with several problems and in some universities, the process has often been regarded as a "do or die contest," she noted.

The Registrar disclosed that the University decided to organise the elaborate and open inauguration ceremony to show that the University is peaceful and transparent in all of its dealings.

She congratulated the outgoing Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji for working assiduously towards the development of the University in all facets.

Prof. Abdullahi Bala assumed office on December 3, 2017 for a single term of five years.

Full text of Prof. Abdullahi Bala's speech during Inauguration as the 7th Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna on December 1st, 2017 at the Dr. Suleimanu Kumo Convocation Square, Main Campus.

The new Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala FSSSN commended the Joint Council/Senate Selection Committee and members of Council of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, ably led by Prof. 'Femi Odekunle for overseeing and conducting a transparent, free and fair transition process that led to his emergence as the 7th Vice-Chancellor of the University. His full speech below:

First and foremost, I am grateful to Allah (SWT), the Beneficent, the Merciful, for keeping us alive to witness this momentous occasion on this historic day. I thank members of the Joint Council/Senate Selection Committee and members of Council of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, ably led by Prof. 'Femi Odekunle for organizing and conducting a transparent, free and fair transition process that led to my emergence as the Seventh Substantive Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna. Also, worthy of appreciation are members of Senate other staff and students of the University for their support and understanding in the peaceful conduct of the exercise. Other stakeholders of the University have also been supportive especially since the announcement of my appointment as Vice-Chancellor. I thank you all for your support, prayers, goodwill and advice.

Understandably, my appointment as Vice-Chancellor was not only met with a lot of euphoria, but also high expectation. Whilst this in itself is a sign of the confidence people have in our ability to deliver, the expectations came with their own contradictions such that it is almost impossible to meet all of them. Infact, some of the suggestions and pieces of advice volunteered are, in my considered opinion, the very antithesis of what a modern and progressive University like ours should be associated with. Mr. Pro-Chancellor, Ladies and gentlemen, while we may not be able to do all of the things being suggested, it is my solemn promise that we shall work hard to meet the expectation of the vast generality of the University community and other stakeholders.

The Federal University of Technology, Minna, has witnessed tremendous growth and development especially in the last one and a half decades. Today, we

have grown to a healthy staff and student population about 24,000; we have a very beautiful Campus to be proud of, virtually all our academic programmes have full accreditation and the University is ranked the best among specialized Universities, 5th in Nigeria and forty-fifth out of 4,245 universities in Africa. We have every reason to celebrate and be proud of these achievements. However, we cannot afford to rest on our oars. According to the Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and Emir of Dubai, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, 'The race for excellence has no finishing line'.



Prof. Bala

My administration's priority will therefore, be to continue to work hard in navigating the University along the trajectory of progressiveness and development already charted by my predecessors. In doing so, we shall be mindful of and be guided by three cardinal Gs, namely:

- * Guided by Statutes of the University and Laws of the land,
- * Good governance and
- * Global best practices.

Where discretion becomes necessary, we shall take decisions that are in the best interest of the University. We shall work assiduously and dispassionately towards assembling the best team to realise our set objectives.

Inadequate financing has often been the bane of most developmental plans; ours is unlikely to be different given the low budgetary allocations usually made by the Government to the Universities against a huge overhead cost. While we are committed to working towards improving the University's internally generated revenue to augment whatever Government is providing us, we shall also aggressively work towards blocking financial leakages and hemorrhages. Nonetheless, we may occasionally find it necessary to approach friends and stakeholders of the University for help in critical areas. In spite of our 35 year existence as a University, we are on

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able to accommodate just about 4000 students in University's hostels. This is a major problem to us which we feel needs to be quickly addressed given the security and social challenges associated with the vast majority of our students living off campus. We are desirous of accommodating at least 75% of our students on Campus in order for them to be thoroughly exposed to University culture for them to, not only go through the University, but for the University to go through them so as to train them as responsible citizens and leaders of tomorrow. Accordingly, I am using this occasion to appeal to our stakeholders and friends that have the means to join hands with the University through Public-Private-Partnership arrangements to provide befitting hostel accommodation for our children. Our doors are open to private investors for such ventures and the University shall guarantee the security and safety of your investments.

No meaningful development can be achieved without peace. It is our desire, therefore, to ensure and foster peaceful co-existence among members of the University community and between the University and the host community. I want to assure all and sundry that I shall continue with my predecessor's open door policy. I pledge to embrace all and sundry without distinction of ethnicity, religion, gender, physical disability or political affiliation. My administration shall be fair and work for justice for all.

Never has this University witnessed a peaceful and orderly transfer of power such as this. While this is a cause for a celebration, it is also a time for deep introspection and sober reflection. The University will be 35 years old by February, 2018. It has tried in its own way and within limited resources to discharge one of its core mandates of community development by making its products of research and manpower training available to the general community and promoting the practical application of same. However, the relationship between the University and the host community has at best remained tenuous, characterized by mutual suspicion. Although, Federal University of Technology, Minna is a Federal institution, it is important that the host community embraces it in a way similar to the special relationships we see existing between similar institutions and State Governments elsewhere. There is a need for a paradigm shift so that the Town and Gown relationship becomes more organic and mutually beneficial to both communities. To make this happen, we all need to ponder on not only what we can get from the University but also the kind of support and partnership we can render to the University so that it can serve us better. The University has an Endowment Fund and an

Advancement office that in the weeks and months to come, will be in contact with some of us here today for their support and partnership in order to further the cause of development in the University and the community. We shall also work closely, with our Alumni in this respect.

Accolades have come the way of the outgoing Vice-Chancellor, Professor Musbau Adewumi Akanji, in the past few days for his contribution to the phenomenal growth and development of the university in the last five years. I wish to congratulate and thank this cerebral intellectual for his outstanding performance. I must say that as someone that was part of his administration, I am very proud to be associated with these success stories. I have learnt a lot from him and I thank him for the mutual love, respect and trust that we shared. There is no doubt that I shall miss him. I hope we can always call on him in the future for his wise counsel whenever the need arises. A number of people that I have had a long and enduring relationship with, some since birth, are here today to grace the occasion. They include several of my colleagues and classmates at Primary and Secondary Schools as well as the University. There are also my kith and kin from Suleja led by the Emirate Council and the delegation from Dawaki Community. I thank and appreciate you all for your life long brotherhood, fellowship, friendship, goodwill and support at all times. I am very proud of you, may Allah reward you all with Aljannat Firdaus. Other distinguished guests here present from far and near, especially their Royal Highnesses, the Pro-Chancellor and members of the Governing Council, members of Senate, Congregation, other staff here present, members of the host community and heads of other tertiary institutions, I thank you for honouring us with your presence at this occasion. Also present here today are my predecessors, the former Vice Chancellors of FUT Minna. The University Community shall remain ever grateful and indebted to you for your inestimable contribution to the development of the University and for always honouring our invitations to functions such as this. The Alumni and students, who are the real owners of the University, are also well represented here today. We thank you for being here. Last but not the least, I specially want to appreciate members of the Press for patiently covering this event in spite of several inconveniences. I thank you all and may Allah grant you journey mercy as you return to your various destination. Thank you and God bless.

Professor Abdullahi Bala, FSSN
Vice-Chancellor

Senate Pays Tribute To Prof Akanji

The former Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, FNSBMB, FAS, has been described as a good listener, veritable team player and a visionary leader who has positively turned the fortunes of the institution around greatly.

These were the submissions of members of Senate, the highest academic decision making body of the University at its 428th (Valedictory) Senate Meeting held in honour of the outgoing Vice-Chancellor on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at Senate Chamber, Main Campus.

Speaking on behalf of the University Management, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Oluwole Morenikeji who presided over the meeting said the Management under the leadership of Prof. Akanji remained focused as he listens democratically at meetings, especially in Senate, gathers information before taking decisions.

He described him as a very homely and humble team leader, who is and always ready to apologise for his mistakes.

He said Prof. Akanji ensures that staff requests get to appropriate authorities, and attends staff ceremonies, even to the level of naming ceremonies irrespective of their status.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, FSSSN who said he was part of Prof. Akanji administration for three years promised to protect all his legacies and ensure continuity on taking decision collectively.

Prof. Bala described the outgoing VC as a man full of energy and passion for work, very friendly and prudent who has demonstrated to a great level, trust and confidence in his followers, which has endeared him to them.

He further said that people would not be doing the outgoing Vice-Chancellor justice if all they have to say is to praising him.

Prof. Bala maintained that as humans, we all have our weaknesses hence, part of his compliments for Prof. Akanji are on his personal weakness; as he could be forgetful and compassionate to a fault.

Commenting on the personality of the outgoing Vice-Chancellor, Dean of



Cross section of Senate members and other invited guests during the valedictory session

Postgraduate School, Prof. Matthew Kolo said he as Chairman of the Committee of Deans, found of Akanji to be interesting and inspiring.

He dwelt on Prof. Akanji's administrative style, saying that academic excellence was introduced as VC always reads in between the lines of the minutes and he never interferes in the work of the Committee, hence, the Committee always makes decisions that are thorough, timely and reasonable.

Dean School of Engineering and Engineering Technology, Prof. Oladiran Abubakre who said he is emotionally and spiritually attached to the outgoing VC, opined that Prof. Akanji can be seen as a man who lived up to his pledge made five years ago.

He said Prof. Akanji dutifully discharged his duties with the fear of God and consciousness of the day of reckoning.

The dean enumerated some of his achievements to include academic culture, transparency, financial best practice, thrusting the University into international recognition, promotion of staff as and when due and qualified, issuance of certificates at graduation and processing of academic transcript within two weeks.

Prof. Abubakre who spoke on behalf of other deans said Prof. Akanji has successfully lifted the University to higher level than he met it. "We salute you for being firm and still being human for being humble to a fault and for being religious without pretence," he stated.

Speaking on behalf of the Professors,

Prof. Stella N. Zubairu spoke of him as an administrator with human face, open door policy, listening ears, punctuality, sympathetic to the unique needs of the female staff, keep fit master who also introduced free medical check-up for staff on their birthdays.

In the same vein, the representative of the Directors, Prof. Appolonia A. Okhimamhe said Prof. Akanji would be remembered for due process, transparency, always giving support to his subordinates, listening ears, attending generally to cases without fear or favouritism and above all, a man who usually speaks from his heart and cares more about the well being of his staff than himself.

She equally praised the supportive nature of his wife, Mrs. Akanji and attributed his success to it.

Dr. J. C. Anuonye who spoke on behalf of Heads of Department, described the former VC as a man who loved to set the pace and get things done rightly.

"VC is committed to giving what is due to every department," he said.

He prayed that God should lift him higher and give him more opportunity to serve the nation the more.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor, attributed his success at the institution to God and the level of cooperation he received from his Management team, staff, students, family members and close associates.

He called on the University community to extend hands of fellowship and support to his successor.

Congregation Bids Outgoing VC Farewell

It was a moment of nostalgia and encomiums at the 50th Special Meeting of Congregation where members praised the former Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji FNSBMB, FAS, encomiums for his remarkable tenure.

The meeting which was chaired by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Oluwole Olakanmi Morenikeji held on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at the University Auditorium, Main Campus.

The new Vice-Chancellor designate FUT, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, who spoke highly of Prof. Akanji said that for the three years he worked with him as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), he was a good leader and listener.

Prof. Baia while extolling the good qualities of Prof. Akanji described him as simple, hardworking and approachable.

He commended the outgoing VC for his open door policy and collective decision making which he said earned him endearment from people and contributed to his success story.

The new VC maintained that he has been part of Prof. Akanji's success story and will continue to build on his legacies.

"The trajectory of progressiveness is what I will build on," he echoed.

Speaking on behalf of the academic community, the Head, Department of Physics, FUT, Minna, Prof. Uno Uno praised the outgoing VC for bringing the University into limelight in science and technology by the positive contributions he made which includes, full accreditation of schools and

departments, expansion of infrastructure, hosting of international and local conferences, development of numerous collaborations with different international and national organisations, universities and countries, expansion of academic calendar with activities.

Prof. Uno also commended Prof. Akanji for maintaining time/protocol during his tenure and read a poem in his honour.

Representing the Registry Department, the Deputy Registrar, Dr. Garba Abdullahi appreciated Prof. Akanji for his support to the Registry Department, adding that during his tenure, the Registry witnessed expansion of staff and many cadre conversions, others he noted include: timely processing of certificates, transcripts and prompt collection of certificates after convocation.

The Deputy Registrar commended Prof. Akanji for moving the University forward positively, noting that all the steps he took while in office were in realisation of the goals he had set for himself.

On her part, a staff of the Bursary Department, Mrs. Hadiza Garba-Goje thanked Prof. Akanji who she described as a Biochemist turned accountant due to his support to Bursary noting that he has exhibited humility and hard work and is an asset. She said he has created a vacuum that will linger for a long time as words cannot express or quantify all his virtues.

Mr. Kehinde Lawal of ITS Unit revealed that a personal website was created for the outgoing VC, using professional template which highlights all the information and achievement about him with the web address is www.musbauakanji.com.ng.

In his response, Prof. Akanji thanked the Congregation for the honour and tremendous support for the past five years.

He noted that he was able to progress and handle duties assigned to him such as Senate matters, Matriculations, Convocations, Public / Inaugural Lectures because of the full support he got from the University, adding that it was a pleasure working with the University staff.

The outgoing VC disclosed that this is the first time in 15 years that a member of congregation is becoming a Vice-Chancellor and appealed for the support and cooperation of all to the new Vice-Chancellor for a successful tenure.

"I am leaving with sweet memories of FUT, Minna as the plusses outweigh the minuses," Prof. Akanji ended.



Cross section of Congregation members during the meeting

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Prof. Bala

prominent university would appoint a new vice-chancellor without rancour, protest and all forms of allegations and recriminations. The Council of the Federal University of Technology, FUT Minna under the able leadership of Prof. 'Femi Odekunle, a renowned professor of Criminology, deserves commendation for overseeing a peaceful, free and fair selection process which culminated in the emergence of Prof. Bala. Interestingly, the FUT Minna selection model is now arguably the most sought after template by many universities in Nigeria, all of whom are desirous of replicating the seamless selection process witnessed in Minna.

Prof. Bala's inaugural speech as vice-chancellor has been referred to as one of the most articulated and purpose-driven speeches in the 35-year history of the university. Lending a clear indication that it would not be business as usual, the speech left no one in doubt about his passion for the university and represented a paradigm shift devoid of any form of aimless rhetoric or pretentiousness.

Indeed, Prof. Bala's speech reflected his capacity to strategically drive the vision and mission of the University to greater heights in tandem with the lofty ideals of the institution's founding fathers.

A first class graduate of the prestigious Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Prof. Bala is also an alumnus of the University of Reading and the University of London, UK where he bagged his Master's and PhD degrees respectively with distinctions. The soil scientist-turned-administrator has the Midas touch for turning things around anywhere he goes, and he has

It was Eleanor Roosevelt, longest serving First Lady of the United States who once stated that, the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. In life, everyone has dreams and the majority often wish for the best of these dreams to become reality. Still on the efficacy of dreams, the late sage and nationalist, Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe posited that despite being a realist, he had a dream that one day, many nations in Africa would be free from the shackles of colonialism – a vision that eventually came to pass. Above all, it is germane to state that dreams do indeed come true, as long as we act and

believe in them.

The appointment of Prof. Abdullahi Bala as the 7th substantive Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna was greeted with a lot of excitement. Many believed a suitable candidate has been chosen for the onerous job based on his antecedents as a former head of department, director of the Centre for Preliminary and Extra-Mural Studies (CPES), deputy Vice-Chancellor Administration and Academic of the University.

It is a development quite unheard of in Nigeria, that the Council of a

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vowed to leave no stone unturned (permit me the cliché) in ensuring that the university enjoys a new lease of life by repositioning it to compete favourably among its peers in Nigeria and beyond.

It is well known that FUT Minna has consistently maintained the highest academic standards which have

embarked on a familiarisation tour of both campuses of the university where he interacted with faculty members of the various Schools. He urged them to close ranks and work for the good of the university. His decision to assemble the best brains irrespective of ethnic affiliations, religion, race and gender in steering the affairs of the university to greater

accommodation has admittedly been a perennial problem in FUT Minna. Despite boasting a student population of over 15,000, the university can only provide accommodation for less than 4, 000 students on campus. To address this problem, Prof. Bala has resolved to attract funding from the University alumni, well-meaning individuals and corporate organisations in the society,



Prof. Abdullahi Bala addressing Staff of SET during his familiarisation visit to the School

resulted in the institution's enviable position as the best specialised university in the country, 5th among all universities in Nigeria and 45th in Africa. The new Vice-Chancellor has not only promised to build upon these feats; he has also vowed to continue to work hard in leading the university along the trajectory of progress and development already charted by his predecessors. This, he intends to achieve through the three cardinal G's namely; ensuring his administration remains guided by statutes of the University and laws of the land, good governance and global best practices.

On assumption of duty, Prof. Bala had

heights is uncommon in our society.

The inclusive nature of his administration has further endeared him to the generality of staff and students. The recent list of appointments of the heads of department, directors of centres, coordinators and other positions are worthy testimony of his leadership prowess as well as commitment in matching his words with action. It is remarkable to point out that, even those who never supported him are surprised that the VC has found them worthy to work with him.

In recent times, hostel

while also looking into the direction of the private sector through Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) arrangements to provide a conducive abode for the teeming students on campus. The PPP template of the Vice-Chancellor is unique because it is in conformity with international standards. One of Prof. Bala's dreams before the end of his tenure is to provide accommodation for at least 75 percent of the students on campus. This is premised on the desire to ensure that students are thoroughly exposed to the university culture for them to, not only pass through the university, but for the university to

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pass through them, thereby nurturing responsible and well-rounded human capital for the nation.

Having spent barely two months at the helm of affairs, the Vice-Chancellor's drive to improve **h o s t e l** accommodation for students is already yielding the much-needed result, with the VC having received about four firms who have indicated interest to build hostels on campus under different arrangements. It is imperative to state that the University Alumni is also working round the clock to build a hostel on campus for students. This represents one of the best ways of giving back to their Alma Mater.

At various fora, the Vice-chancellor has often reiterated the fact that no meaningful development can be achieved without peace. To this end, he has vowed to foster peaceful co-existence between the host communities and the University. Indeed, Prof. Bala must be applauded for walking the talk, as less than two months into his administration, community-university relations have improved significantly with constant engagements between both parties, even as previous communication gaps that existed earlier have all been bridged.

A couple of weeks ago, the VC flagged off a free Information and Technology Communication training for 400 selected secondary school students from eight schools within the Minna metropolis. This training would have accrued over N40 million into the University's coffers but the VC, in his magnanimity decided to make it free



Prof. Abdullahi Bala inspecting the University Bakery at the Bosso Campus

as a way of contributing to the development of these future leaders. He also donated three brand new laptops for the best students at the end of the training. The results of these timely engagements and support are visible as the host communities are excited about the improved relationship with the new VC and the university.

The Vice-Chancellor also aspires to make FUT Minna a research hub in Nigeria by re-directing the research focus of postgraduate students towards solving national problems capable of attracting research grants to the university, or even getting a patent that would lead to commercialisation. This and many more are the directions that the VC wants research to take in the university under his watch and the University Directorate of Research, Innovation and Development has keyed into his vision. In no distant time, we expect to start seeing more prototypes, products and quality research coming out from FUT Minna that will lead to spin-off companies, thereby actualising Prof. Bala's dream of a Science Park for the University.

In the words of the new helmsman: 'The Federal University of Technology,

Minna has witnessed tremendous growth and development especially in the last 15 years. Today, we have grown to a healthy staff and student population of about 24, 000; we have a very beautiful campus to be proud of; virtually all our academic programmes have full accreditation. We have every reason to celebrate and be proud of these achievements.'

Heart-warming words from the VC; an erudite scholar who under his sterling leadership and based on his knack for excellence and success, all stakeholders can be rest assured that the university will continue to attain greater heights, provided he gets the much needed support and cooperation.

If what Gail Devers says about dreams – 'to achieve anything in life and to live one's dream requires faith and belief in one's vision, hard work, determination and dedication' – is anything to go by, then we are optimistic that Prof. Bala's dreams and aspirations will come to pass because he has showed an unprecedented passion in the interest of the university since the early day of his appointment as a lecturer in FUT Minna. Indeed, dreams do come true for those who believe.

62 Bag First Class, As FUTMINNA Graduate 3, 741

Barring any last minutes change of plans, come February 1, 2018, the Federal University of Technology, Minna will be graduating 3, 741 students for the 2016/2017 academic session out of which 62 bagged first class honours.

This information was disclosed by the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala FSSSN yesterday during a press briefing ceremony to herald activities for the 27th convocation ceremony and 35th Founder's day of the institution held at the Senate Chamber, Main Campus.

Prof. Bala stated that 1, 006 students bagged Second Class Upper Division, 1, 526 finished with Second class lower division, 468 earned Third class degrees while the remaining 34 finished with Pass degrees.

He further revealed that out of the 3, 741

students that will be graduating, 3, 096 will receive first degrees, 426 will be awarded Master's degrees while 46 will bag PhDs. The remaining 173 will be awarded postgraduate diplomas.

The graduands are from the Schools of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology, Environmental Technology, Engineering and Engineering Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management Technology, Information and Communication Technology, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Science and Technology Education and two of our affiliate institutions; Federal College of Education (Technical), Akoka and Kaduna Polytechnic, Kaduna,' the VC stated.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the pressmen that the convocation activities would commence on Friday, January 26, 2018 with a special Jumma't service at both campuses by 1: 15pm, which will be followed by a special church service by 8: 30 am on Sunday, 28th January, 2018 at the Chapel of Grace.

He disclosed that the Convocation Lecture titled: Nigeria: 'The Travails of an Animal Kingdom' will be delivered by an eminent professor of Law, Prof. Sagay Itsejuwa Esanjumi, SAN, who is the Chairman, Presidential Advisory Committee Against Corruption at the Caverton Lecture Theatre, Main Campus by 3:00pm.

The don intimated the pressmen that the second phase of the School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology building will be flagged off by the Executive Secretary of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Dr. Abdullahi Bichi Baffa on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 by 9: 00 am at the Main Campus while the grand event which is the convocation ceremony would be on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at the Suleimanu Kumo Convocation Square where first degrees, higher degrees, postgraduate diplomas as well as award of prizes would be conferred on graduands.

He commended the journalists for their timely and accurate reportage of the University events while looking forward for more robust coverage of the convocation ceremony and other events of the institution.

Delivering the vote of thanks, the Chairman, University Ceremonies Committee who is also the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Yahaya Iyaka thanked the journalists for making out time to honour the University's invitation and solicited for their continuous support during and after the convocation ceremony.

The Chairman expressed appreciation to members of the University Ceremonies Committee and other University staff for their support.



Cross section of graduating students

FAMILIARISATION VISIT

CLOSE RANKS FOR FUTMINNA PROGRESS, PROF BALA URGES STAFF

In furtherance of his familiarisation tour, the new Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 visited the five Schools at the Gidan Kwano Campus of the institution where he reiterated his readiness to work with all members of the University community to move the institution to greater heights.

During the familiarisation visit which involved interactive sessions, Prof. Bala called on staff to close ranks and work for the good of the University just as he advised them to do their jobs honourably.

He noted that the issues of staffing and accommodation were common to all the Schools and would be addressed holistically.

Prof. Bala urged the academics to go the extra mile in their job and be alive to the task of generating, disseminating and knowledge applying, hinting that as the race to attain the peak of their career gets tougher, the University may start considering other criteria such as attraction of grants, patents, funding and community service.

At the School of Environmental Technology (SET), where the VC made his first stop, the Deputy Dean, Dr. Olurotimi Kemiki led staff to receive him. Prof. Bala promised to look into the issues of addressing manpower challenge through in-breeding and facility needs.

He however called for patience as Management tries to address the issues in line with available resources.

Dean, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET), Prof. Oladiran Abubakre who

welcomed the new VC to the School thanked him for creating time for the interface with staff of the School to understand their needs.

Prof. Abubakre and other staff of SEET

outlined the challenges facing the School.

The need to provide incentives to encourage production was also stressed.

In his response, Prof. Bala disclosed that part of his vision statement was to challenge each department to come up with one product.

He therefore challenged the academics



Prof. Bala

to harness postgraduate research to service the needs of society.

On the need for staff bus to ameliorate transportation challenge for staff, the University's new helmsman pointed out that in view of paucity of funds, Management is giving priority attention to addressing transportation needs of students.

When Prof. Bala came calling at the School of Entrepreneurship and Management Technology (SEMT), the Deputy Dean, Dr. Mathew Oluwole led staff of the School to receive him.

Dr. Oluwole thanked the VC for the visit, noting that it was indicative of Prof. Bala's desire to hit the ground running.

He also thanked the University Management for supporting staff development at SEMT.

Part of the challenges SEMT requested the new VC to address were the programmes delisted by the National Universities Commission (NUC); infrastructure and the need to engage them in relevant capacity building programmes instead of out-sourcing resource persons.

Responding, the VC assured that Management was addressing the issue of the delisted programmes.

He advised the School to formally inform Management the areas of training they can handle.

At the School of Information and Communication Technology (SICT), the Dean, Prof. Elizabeth Onwuka who welcomed the VC described him as very prepared for the job.

In response to the issue of office accommodation raised by SICT staff members, Prof. Bala said that Management would try to complete the Cyber Security Science building.

He urged the staff to work together to develop new programmes as SICT has come to stay in the University.

The School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT), the VC parent School was his last port of call.

There, he was received by visibly elated colleagues led by the Deputy Dean, Dr. Michael Ojo.

Some of the areas in which they sought intervention were provision of furniture and internet connectivity for the new SAAT complex, decaying infrastructure, security among others.

Prof. Bala called for patience, assuring that the challenges will be addressed. He thanked them for their support.

I Will Be Father To All – New VC

Desirous in view of the need to get first-hand information about some critical areas of the University that will help in accelerating its development, the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala FSSSN, has vowed to be father to every member of staff of the University, irrespective of tribe, religion or other primordial sentiments in the discharge of his duty.

The newly appointed Vice-Chancellor of the University stated this during a familiarisation tour and interactive session with staff of the institution at the Bosso Campus on Wednesday, December 7, 2017.

The first port of call by the Vice-Chancellor who was accompanied by other Principal Officers of the University was the Postgraduate School of the institution where he was received by the Dean PGS, Prof. Mathew G. M. Kolo. Prof. Bala stated that the PG School is the mother of the University, which accounted for why he decided to kick start his familiarisation tour from the School and commended the Dean for transforming the University's postgraduate programme.

He noted that the success recorded by the PG School was the outcome of the 2013 PG retreat.

"I am here to greet you and to assure you that I will give you all the necessary support to continue the good work that you are

doing," he disclosed.

The VC assured them that all their requests would be looked into in due course.

Speaking earlier during the visit, the Dean PG School, Prof. Kolo congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on his appointment and wished him God's wisdom to succeed in office.

He revealed that the University's PG School is one of the best in Nigeria and assured the Vice-Chancellor of the School's support in his drive to place FUT, Minna in the frontline of global institutions.

"This visit is historic and we are highly delighted because this is the first time we are receiving the University Management team in the PG School during my tenure," Prof. Kolo enthused.

He appealed to the Vice-Chancellor to assist the School in tackling the problem of office accommodation for its staff.

The next port of call for the VC and his team was at the FUT Minna

Microfinance Bank where they were warmly received by the Acting Managing Director of the Bank, Mallam Aminu Mohammed Ashafa.

Speaking at the bank, the Acting MD, Mallam Ashafa congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on his well-deserved appointment and commended the VC for including the bank as one of the places to visit during the tour.

The MD disclosed that the bank is financially healthy and discharging its duties in line with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) guidelines on operation of unit Microfinance Bank in the country.

He stated that the bank is working towards becoming a State Microfinance Bank and would soon commence the sales of shares to raise its capital base and solicited for the University's support in the bank's drive to become the best microfinance bank in Niger State.

Responding, Prof. Bala said the purpose of the visit was for him to introduce himself to the bank and to

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Prof. Bala explaining a point during an interactive session with staff of SSTE while the Dean, Prof. Atsumbe looked on

solicit for their support towards moving the University forward.

The VC expressed appreciation to the Acting MD of the bank for bringing the bank back to the path of profitability and assured them that he would liaise with the Bursar of the University to see how the University can improve the fortunes of the bank.

He commended the bank on its expansion drive and the idea of public issue of shares to raise capital and assured them of the University's support in their quest to become the best microfinance bank in the State.

The Vice-Chancellor also had an interactive session with staff of the School of Science and Technology Education (SSTE), School of Physical Sciences (SPS) and the School of Life Sciences (SLS) where he solicited for their support in the development of the University. He urged them to forget all the events of the past during the selection process of a new Vice-Chancellor for the University and advised them to work collectively for the good of the University.

Prof. Bala reiterated his administration's commitment to boost staff welfare and pleaded with them to do their work diligently in order for the University to achieve its vision and mission.

The Vice-Chancellor was also at the Centre for Preliminary and Extra-Mural Studies (CPES) where he interacted with staff of the Centre.

He described his visit to CPES as home coming after serving as the Centre's Director in 2010.

He commended the staff of the Centre for their good job and tasked the Director of the Centre to come up with modalities that will fast track the smooth take-off of the Suleja Study Centre donated to the University by the Suleja Emirate Council.

The final port of call was at the FUTMIN Ventures where the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullah Bala inspected the University buses, the bakery and facilities at the water factory. He expressed displeasure that FUTMIN is not generating profit as expected of a business venture and called for proper management of the Venture in order to be profitable in line with his drive to improve the University's internally generated revenue.

PROF BALA DECLARES FREE ICT TRAINING OPEN ...Donates 3 Laptops For Best Students



Principal Officers, some staff of the University and the participants in a group photograph after the opening ceremony

Desirous of deploying institutional expertise to the development of its host communities, the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, FSSSN has flagged off a one-week free Information and Communication Technology (ICT) training for some selected secondary schools in Minna with a charge to the students to take advantage of the training to enhance their computer proficiency.

The Vice-Chancellor gave the advice on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 while declaring the training open at the Centre for Preliminary and Extra-Mural Studies Hall, Bosso Campus.

Prof. Bala congratulated the students for being among the selected participants to undergo the training, adding that the training has the capacity to better their lives for good if only they would pay rapt attention to details.

"I want to advise you to take this training seriously. Some of you may not know the value of this training now, but much later in your life you will get to really appreciate what we are doing today," the VC declared.

The University helmsman stated that the training is going to be practical so that the students would know how to navigate through the computer, while disclosing that certificates would be presented to them at the end of the training.

"We are not interested in the numbers that are being trained; we are interested in the quality and we will do our best to make sure that you learn a lot within the period of this training. It is our hope that at the end of the training, you will go back and continue to practise what you have learnt as well as train others," Prof. Bala stated.

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FUTMinna Chancellor Commends Prof Odekunle-led Council



Members of FUT, Minna Council pose for a group snapshot with the Chancellor: Middle His Eminence, Eze Eberechi Dick flanked by the VC, Prof. Abdullahi Bala (r) and the Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Femi Odekunle (l)

The Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, His Eminence, Eze (Dr.) Eberechi N. Dick (JP), has commended the governing council of the institution for overseeing the most transparent and rancour-free selection process leading to the appointment of a new Vice-Chancellor for the University.

He gave this commendation yesterday when the Pro-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Femi Odekunle led some members of Council to his palace in Aba on a courtesy visit.

The Eze Udo 1 of Mgboko Ngwa Amaise Autonomous Community of Obingwa Local Government Area and Chairman, Abia State/South East Council of Traditional Rulers applauded Council for complying with due process in the appointment of a new Vice-Chancellor for the University, adding that the process is

a clear demonstration of the fact that FUT Minna has come of age and ready to take its rightful place among the comity of leading universities in Nigeria.

"I am excited that you passed your first litmus test by conducting the most transparent and rancour-free selection process leading to the appointment of a new Vice-Chancellor for the University. The seamless nature of the exercise has shown to the world that FUT Minna has come of age," the Chancellor declared.

The Royal father urged members of Council to bring their wealth of experience to bear in the running of the institution's affairs by providing the much-needed leadership and counselling to Management.

He also congratulated the new Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala FSSSN, on his well-

deserved appointment, even as he expressed optimism that the new helmsman will bring his over 27 years of scholarship experience as a tested academic to bear in advancing the fortunes of the University.

"I am glad that you are on a familiar terrain and we are optimistic that at the end of your tenure, we shall all have every reason to be happy with you."

While expressing delight with the sterling performance of FUT Minna among universities in Nigeria, the Chancellor urged members of Council to work harmoniously with the University Management, noting that this would go a long way in making FUT Minna a world class citadel of learning.

He also assured them of his constant support to the University at all times, while disclosing his "eagerness to see everyone at the forthcoming 35th

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FUTMinna Chancellor Commends Prof Odekunle-led Council

Founder's day and 27th Convocation Ceremony of the University.

"In his address, Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Prof. Odekunle stated that the purpose of the visit was to pay homage to the University Chancellor and also to intimate him of the appointments in the University, including that of a new Governing Council and Vice-Chancellor.

Prof. Odekunle disclosed that the Council conducted a very open and transparent selection process which culminated in the appointment of Prof. Bala as the 7th Vice-Chancellor of the University, noting that the credible nature of the exercise has made several universities in Nigeria to solicit for the FUT Minna model in appointing their own Vice-Chancellors.

The Chairman of Council stated that

the University is honoured to have His Eminence as its Chancellor and commended him for being a father to the University. He also thanked the royal father for the hospitality accorded the visiting party.

The don also used the occasion of the visit to officially present invitation cards to the Chancellor in respect of the forthcoming 35th Founder's day and 27th Convocation ceremony of the University.

Speaking earlier, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Bala expressed gratitude to the Chancellor for his fatherly advice to FUTMinna over the years and assured him of the University Management's support.

The Vice-Chancellor disclosed that FUT Minna is lucky to have, as Pro-Chancellor, an erudite professor of

over four decades in the person of Prof. Odekunle whom he described as an incorruptible leader.

Prof. Bala further solicited the cooperation and advice of the University Chancellor and that of members of Council for an effective steering of FUT Minna ship in the next five years.

The visit which could be described as a perfect demonstration of a handshake across the Niger had in attendance the University Registrar, Mrs. Victoria Kolo, Hon. John Halims O. Agoda, Alh. Jubril Madigawa (external council members); Engr. Profs. Oladiran K. Abubakre, Elizabeth Onwuka (internal council members) and the Deputy Director, Information Unit, Mrs. Lydia Legbo.

PROF BALA DECLARES FREE ICT TRAINING OPEN

The don intimated the students that they can do a lot with the computer, most especially when it is connected to the Internet and urged them to always use computer for its educational purpose.

He disclosed that the training is an ideal platform for the students to learn how to use the computer judging from the fact that most examinations are now computer-based and that their success in such examinations depends on how proficient they are in handling the device.

Delighted by the level of enthusiasm shown by the students at the opening session, the Vice-Chancellor pledged to give three laptops to the best three students at the end of the training while hoping that the donation will be a sufficient motivation for the students to excel.

He expressed appreciation to the State Government for partnering with the University to organise the training and assured the State Government that the institution would do more for the State under his administration in the area of community service geared towards improving the livelihood of its citizens.

The VC also commended the University Information Technology Service (ITS) staff for organising the training despite the strike action embarked upon by the non-academic staff.

In his address, the representative of the Niger State Commissioner for Tertiary Education, Mal. Muhammed Isyaku congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on his appointment and assured him of the State Government's

support towards ensuring the success of his administration.

Mal. Isyaku said the Ministry is happy with the various services that the University is rendering to the State and tasked the students to pay serious attention to the training.

Speaking earlier, the Director, Information Technology Services (ITS), Dr. Muhammed Adamu said the training would be hands-on and urged the students to be attentive during the course of the training.

The Director thanked the University Management and the Niger State Government for their support.

Delivering the vote of thanks, the Registrar of the University, Mrs. Victoria Kolo applauded the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Bala and staff of ITS for organising the laudable programme while expressing hope that the training would further enhance mutual relationship between the State government and the University.

The Registrar appealed to the students to take the training serious, stating that computer is now the in-thing in the society.

The opening session had students from Army Day Secondary and Maryam Babangida Girls Science Secondary School, Minna in attendance.

The training will run for four weeks with 50 students selected from eight different secondary schools in Minna metropolis.

CDRM & DS Organises Competition For Secondary Schools



Principal Officers, University's staff, Representative of NEMA, NSEMA and participating schools in a group photograph after the programme

The Centre for Disaster Risk Management and Development Studies (CDRM&DS), Federal University of Technology, Minna, in conjunction with National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Niger State National Emergency Management Agency (NSEMA), and Niger State Ministry of Education has organised the 4th edition of the disaster risk reduction quiz and debate competition and award ceremony for secondary schools in Minna, Niger State.

The event took place on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at the Lecture Theatre, School of Environmental Technology, FUT, Minna, Main Campus.

The then Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, FNSBMB, FAS, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic Prof. Oluwole Morenikeji while congratulating all the participants at the competition noted that there is a need to continue to organize educational programmes to foster awareness and better understanding of our immediate environment.

He disclosed that the programme is an international activity and part of the global physical and child centre disaster risk reduction programme being promoted by United Nations (UN).

Prof. Akanji used the medium to encourage students to come to FUT, Minna after their secondary education because it is best among the specialised universities in Nigeria, 5th out of 154 universities in Nigeria and 45th out of over 3000 universities in Africa.

He charged them to continue to share the knowledge they have acquired which will save lives and properties.

The Director, CDRM&DS, Prof. Jehoshaphat Dukiya stated that the main idea of the programme is to create awareness on disaster risk reduction.

Prof. Dukiya, thanked the University Management, especially the outgoing VC, for the consistent support as well as NEMA and NSEMA for their collaboration.

He also appreciated the principals and teachers of the participating schools for honouring their invitation.

The Representative of Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Niger State, Tswako Muhammad; Representative of the Director General, NSEMA, Ibrahim Hussaini Audu and Isa Hussain, Head of Search and Rescue Unit, NEMA, Minna Operation Office who represented the Zonal Coordinator all commended the effort of the organisers of the programme in redefining strategies towards creation of awareness and sensitisation of the public to reduce disaster and risk in Niger State and the country as a whole and congratulated the students that participated in the competition.

The schools that participated include MYPA College, Minna; Federal Government College, Minna; Model Secondary School, FUT, Minna; Father O'Connell Secondary School, Minna and MAWO International School, Minna.

TRIBUTES GALORE AS COUNCIL ORGANISES SEND-OFF IN HONOUR OF PROF AKANJI

I Will Be A Worthy Ambassador of FUTMinna – Prof Akanji

It was an evening of tributes and camaraderie as Council members of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, deans, directors and other invited guests converged on the Pro-Chancellor's Lodge to celebrate the immediate-past Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof.

because not all professors would have opportunity to be Vice-Chancellor, adding that it is a day of joy for Council to honour him.

"You are lucky because you have finished two terms as Vice-Chancellor of a private and public universities

that greeted his appointment.

"We are happy with you because you are blessed. Congratulations are due only after a successful tenure," he reiterated.

The Pro-Chancellor disclosed that it is uncommon in Nigerian universities for



The Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Odekunle presenting gift to Prof. Akanji

Musbau Adewumi Akanji, FNSBMB, FAS amidst pomp and utmost gaiety in respect of his contributions to the development of the institution.

Speaking at the impressive ceremony, the Pro-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Femi Odekunle said the had reasons to be grateful to God

and you are still looking young," the Pro-Chancellor said.

Prof. Odekunle stated that the immediate past Vice-Chancellor of the University should be happy that people are congratulating him now because he worked for the good of the University despite the agitation

a new Vice-Chancellor to organise send-off party for his predecessor and commended Prof. Abdullahi Bala, FSSSN, for insisting that the immediate past VC should be honoured without any delay.

In his remarks at the event, the new Vice-Chancellor of the University,

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Prof. Bala applauded Prof. Akanji for thrusting the University into international recognition and for advancing the fortunes of the institution.

Extolling the sterling qualities of the immediate past Vice-Chancellor, the Dean, School of Science and Technology Education (SSTE), Prof. Ben Atsumbe described Prof. Akanji as a humble and purpose-driven leader who is always ready to provide counselling to people.

Prof. Atsumbe disclosed that Prof. Akanji's simple life style is worthy of emulation and thanked him for encouraging him and other professors to deliver their inaugural lectures.

He further stated that the entire University community would miss him and wished him well in his future endeavours.

On his part, the Dean, School of Life Sciences, Prof. Olumide Falusi said he has known Prof. Akanji right from his undergraduate days at the University of Ilorin and described him as a father and an embodiment of hard work, discipline and tenacity of purpose.

He stated that he was not surprised when Prof. Akanji was appointed as Vice-Chancellor of the University and commended him for impacting many lives.

The age-long saying that rest is indeed sweet after labour can aptly describe the mood of the immediate past VC of the University.

In his response, Prof. Akanji expressed appreciation to the University Council for honouring him, adding that he would forever be grateful to the University for allowing him to serve as Vice-Chancellor.

The immediate past VC said FUT, Minna is ahead of many universities in Nigeria in terms of administration and service delivery, noting that many issues that had been resolved in the University, some institutions are still battling with it.

The don stated that FUT, Minna is already on the path of greatness and admonished everybody to work for the good of the University.

"We are making tremendous progress here in FUT, Minna and I urge you all to continue to work for the development of the University.

You should support the new Vice-Chancellor to succeed in office by doing your duties and allowing him to do his own work also," Prof. Akanji advised.

"I must have made some errors during the course of my stewardship as Vice-Chancellor of the University, I regret such errors and I take responsibility for them.

They are not errors from my heart rather from my head," he enthused.

Prof. Akanji further stated that based on the achievements of the University in all facets, he has received delegations from many Universities who are pleading with him to assist

them to rejuvenate their international office and urged the University to sustain the tempo because many institutions are following the University's progress.

In his vote of thanks, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Oluwole Olakanmi Morenikeji thanked Council, Management and other staff of the University for gracing the occasion.

"We are grateful to God for this great day because Prof. Akanji came to FUT, Minna alive and we have returned him alive to his family after five years", he stated.

The DVC Academic wished the immediate past VC God's blessings in his future endeavours and wished guests safe trip back to their various destinations.

The highpoint of the event was the presentation of gift to Prof. Akanji by the Pro-Chancellor.

Prof Akanji Commends CODEL Staff For Developing Mobile App

The former Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji FNSBMB, FAS, had commended Mr. Emmanuel Abba, a staff of the University's Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning (CODEL) for developing a mobile app for the University Campus News.

According to a letter signed by former Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Akanji, expressed appreciation to Mr. Abba for his priceless contribution to the development of the University through the Mobile App designed for the University Campus News at no cost.

"This Mobile App will launch us further as a digital complaint



Mr. Emmanuel Abba

institution that we are known for". Prof. Akanji revealed.

He commended him for his selfless service while assuring him that the University would continue to count on him in its common bid and commitment towards building a world class University.

Prof Aibinu Calls For Change In Educational Agenda



Prof. Aibinu while delivering his lecture

Prof. Abiodun Musa Aibinu of the Department of Mechatronics Engineering has called for the adoption of Spiritual Intelligence Technology Engineering Artificial Intelligence Mathematics and Science (STEAMS) as educational agenda for Nigeria.

He made this call on Thursday, November 30, 2017 while delivering the 60th Inaugural Lecture of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, titled: Spiritual Intelligence: Beyond Mechatronics Engineering and Artificial Intelligence at the Caverton Lecture Theatre, Gidan Kwano Campus.

Aibinu who is the first Professor of Mechatronics Engineering in the University posited that the shift from Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) to STEAM would

held tame the issues of religious intolerance and technology decadence in the country and lead to the desired technological advancement.

He explained that spiritual intelligence (SI) involves inner knowing, deep intuition, oneness with nature and problem solving and identified capacity to transcend the physical and material; ability to invest everyday activities, vents and relationships with a sense of the sacred and the ability to utilize spiritual resources to solve problems, amongst others as part of the characteristics of the spiritually intelligent.

Spiritual intelligence (SI) he further explained is the application of the religious domain of knowledge to our day-to-day problem solving and well-

being, adding that the most important steps in developing it is the ability to find a sense of purpose and creating a vision.

On the relationship between spiritual intelligence and artificial intelligence, he explained that the latter, which involves transferring human intelligence to machines is not achievable if people are not in a good state of mind.

He disclosed that part of his future research focus will be on measuring spiritual intelligence in humans as there is presently no expert system to measure such.

In his remarks, the out-gone Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji FNSBMB, FAS, congratulated Prof. Aibinu for delivering the lecture, which was the last to be witnessed under his tenure.

PROF ATSUMBE CALLS FOR MORE AWARENESS ON TVET

The need for fresh re-orientation of Nigerians about the concepts of Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and concept of work from grassroots has been stressed.

Prof. Bernard Numgwo Atsumbe stressed this while presenting the 61st Inaugural Lecture of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, titled: "Implementing TVET Towards Employment Generation and Poverty Reduction in Nigeria: The Good and The Bad," on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at the Caverton Lecture Theatre, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology, Main Campus.

The Professor of Industrial and Technology Education and current Dean, School of Science and Technology Education (SSTE), explained that TVET refers to deliberate interventions to bring about learning which would make people more productive or simply adequately productive in designated areas such as economic sectors, occupations and specific workforce.

"TVET is a range of learning experiences which are relevant to the world of work," he stated.

The don also maintained that TVET drives employments, prosperity and social inclusion, embracing a commitment to environmental responsibility and best practices.

According to him, an effective TVET system in any country enables people, especially the youths, to fulfill their career aspiration while contributing to economic growth and social development.



Prof. Atsumbe

The major areas of TVET in Nigeria, he highlighted are agricultural education, business education, computer education, home economics education and industrial and technical education.

Highlighting his contributions to knowledge, Prof. Atsumbe found out among others, the need for vocational institutions to be properly mobilized financially to coordinate, supervise and ensure overall success of the programme.

The Professor also found that there is the need for more emphasis on functional, vocational skills that are in demand in the workplace.

The scholar also supervised some locally designed and fabricated functional projects in ITE Department such as: Solar panel, electrically operated foundry machine, Melon sheller and both manually and

electronically operated hydraulic press among others.

He recommended that there should be an urgent review of TVET curriculum at all levels of training from primary to tertiary education while calling for the establishment of TVET Resource Centres in all the six geopolitical zones of the country for the purpose of training unemployed youths.

Speaking at the event, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, FSSSN, thanked everyone for attending the lecture while acknowledging the presence of eminent personalities from both the town and gown.

The lecture is the last in the series of inaugural lecture for the year 2017 and the first to be chaired by the new Vice-Chancellor.

Prof Aibinu Urges PhD Students To Avoid Distraction



Engr. Prof. Abubakre presenting a customized T-Shirt to Dr. Nuhu while Prof. Aibinu watches with keen interest.

The Director, Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning (CODeL) of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abiodun Musa Aibinu has called on doctoral students to avoid distraction and be focused in order to conclude their programmes on schedule.

He gave this advice during a 2-day retreat organised by FUT, Minna Ph.D Clinic Research group held at the Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, Bosso Campus.

Prof. Aibinu stressed the need for Ph.D students and other researchers to remain committed, adding that quality work that would attract grants to the University should be their priority.

"The big target that you have set for yourselves should remain your utmost goal and do not be deceived by smaller ones that may come your way," he declared.

In his address at the retreat, the Dean, School of Infrastructure and Process Engineering Technology (SIPET), Engr. Prof. Oladiran Abubakre took participants down memory lane about the evolution of research in FUT, Minna as well as the modalities adopted by the University Management on academic staff promotion.

The retreat which could be termed a gathering of eminent researchers in FUT, Minna also had attendance the Director, Centre for Human Settlements and Urban Development of the University, Muhammed Nuhu who spoke on the importance of networking in research.

Dr. Nuhu urged the University researchers to build bridges of collaboration beyond the institution in order to get information on funding opportunities that would boost research.

"Nobody is an island on his own. We all need ourselves to grow in life. And as a matter of fact, it is only those who have the relevant information that can forge ahead in today's world," he disclosed.

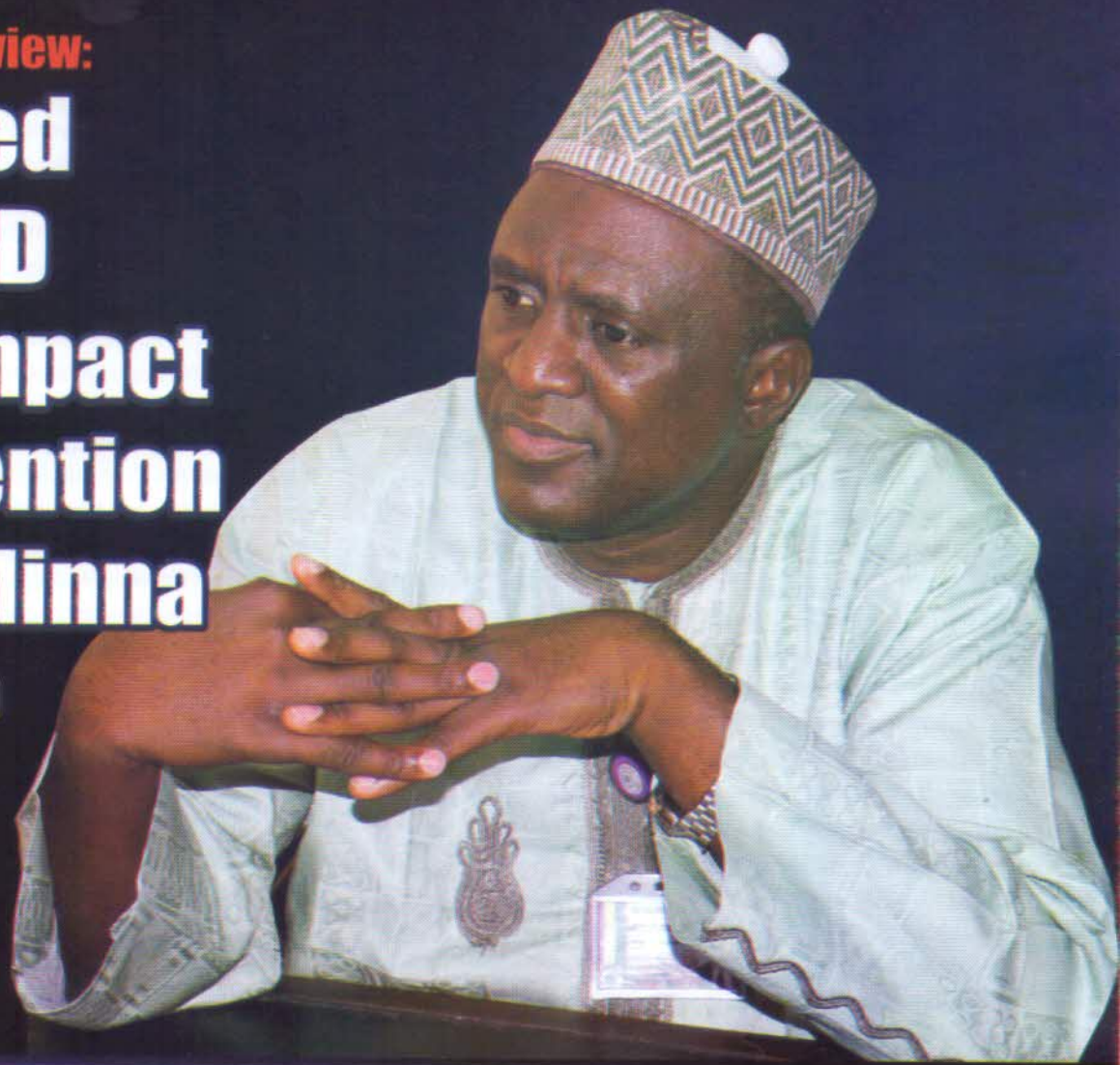
Other researchers that presented papers at the 2-day retreat were: Prof. Emmanuel Ogbadoyi, Drs. Muriel Aremu, Mikhail Olaniyi, Abdulkareem Ambali Sa'adu, Oluwatosin Kudirat Shittu and Olatomiwa Lanre.

The Ph.D clinic is a forum where top-notch researchers from different fields within the University meet to discuss, plan and brainstorm about research ideas as well as offer professional counselling to postgraduate students.

Special Interview:

We Need TETFUND High Impact Intervention in FUTMinna

– Prof. Bala



Prof. Abdullahi Bala, FSSSN, is the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna. He is a renowned researcher with over 27 years of scholarship experience. In this exclusive interview with FUTMinna Newsletter, the professor of Soil Science shared his dreams, aspirations and vision for the University. He also speaks on plans to boost the University's Internally Generated Revenue. Excerpts:

FUTMINNA Newsletter: Once more congratulations Prof. on your well-deserved appointment as the Vice-Chancellor of FUT, Minna. How has it been spearheading the affairs of the University in the last one month?

It has been very interesting. My first day in office, I had to contend with Union issues, payment of earned allowance. Then, the non-teaching staff comprising of the three Unions under the auspices of Joint Action Committee (JAC) declared a strike. Thereafter, I had to contend with the issue of admission and returning students that were to resume for the new academic session. And interestingly, within my second day in office, I had to go to the Federal Character Commission to explain the composition of the University staff and then, I had to receive staff from the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation and Auditor General of the Federation. Then, we had to start preparing for budget defense at the

House of Representative and the Senate. So, we have been running up and down. Really, I have not had time for any honeymoon. It has been work, work and work. It has been fine, so far, so good.

FUTMINNA Newsletter: Let's talk about your appointment, how does it feel being the best among the 16 eminently qualified professors that vied for the position of Vice-Chancellor of this University?

I am filled with a sense of gratitude to God that God found me worthy to head this University at this point in time. To me, I think it is just the grace of God. All of those professors are also qualified to be Vice-Chancellor of this University. It is a special privilege that I am the one chosen to be the Vice-Chancellor.

FUTMINNA Newsletter: At different fora, people have often referred to you as the best man for the job in

terms of your experience and charisma. Looking back in your life, was there ever a time that you envisaged that you would be the Vice-Chancellor of this University or any other university?

Not at all. Being the vice-chancellor of any university had never been in my plans in life. Right from the day that I chose to be a university lecturer, all that I have wanted to become was to become a professor and then to be head of my department. That has always been my decision and not to become a vice-chancellor. All through life, all the things that I was doing was not because I was trying to become a vice-chancellor. The things I did were things that every other university lecturer should do, making sure that you have all the necessary degrees, making sure that you attend conferences, both local and international, making sure that you have your publications, attracting funds to the University either through research grants or through consultancy or using your personal influence to make sure that you attract some funds to the University since you are working within that environment or working harmoniously with my colleagues, with students getting awards. All of these things are anything extraordinary; they are things that a lecturer should be seen to be doing. I think the exceptional things there are that outside of one's control, are the appointments of being the head of department, director, dean, or being a deputy vice-chancellor. Those things are things that come as a result of perhaps, your hard work, but not only your hard work, not only the integrity, not only the fact that you have all the necessary qualifications but, also by the grace of God that the power that be see you as worthy of occupying those positions. I think that is just the difference. Every other thing is within your control. You just have to do it because; it is just what is expected of you as a lecturer. Those are the things that will ultimately make you to prepare for any other position, not just vice-chancellor, but any other position in life. People will look at what you have done in the past, what are your achievements, competence and skills? And those are the things that will determine whether you are appointed for one thing or the other.

FUTMINNA Newsletter: Prof. let's look at the selection process that led to your emergence as the Vice-Chancellor of this University. A lot has been said about the FUT, Minna model. Some universities in Nigeria are now trying to emulate such. Coming on board in a seamless nature without rancour or protest, how does

it make you feel?

We thank God. I believe that things are only done by the grace of God but God uses people. It is gratifying to see that the process leading to my appointment as Vice-Chancellor was peaceful. What happened cannot be ascribed to any single individual. It is a team work, starting from the generality of the University community, the students, the staff, the congregation, the Senate and the Council. People conducted themselves well. People did not allow themselves to be used to cause any crisis. And then of course the process was seen to be very, very transparent. So, again, we thank the Council, the selection team that conducted the process, the process was seen to be very transparent. But you know in Nigeria, no matter how transparent a process is, it is very difficult for people to always accept, especially if they are not on

the winning side but the mere fact that the other applicants accepted the outcome of the exercise in good faith, their supporters accepted it also in good faith, the University community and the local community are all happy with the outcome of the process. I think it is that acceptance generally that makes the process peaceful. The fact that people, the various stakeholders, really were interested in peace, as a result of that, we have a peaceful process because at any point in time, some people or group of people could have caused one kind of crisis. Mind you, it

was not as if some people didn't attempt to protest but the mere fact that for once the University community have taken it upon themselves to say, no, we must have a process devoid of any rancour. I think that is what makes it to be very gratifying. The University community really wanted it to be so and that was why it happened.

FUTMINNA Newsletter: Does it mean that the acceptance of your appointment by the larger population of the University and the host community accounted for your decision to have an inclusive administration towards taking the University to the next level?

Not necessarily so. I mean a leader should be father to all. Once there is a contest and a leader emerges, it is incumbent upon that leader to become a father to all and should be able to rise above any petty sentiments, religious, gender or race. A good leader should be able to accommodate everybody. You are now a father to all irrespective of whether that person supported you or not, irrespective of whether that person took up arms against you or not. The contest has been completed and you are

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now the leader. It is your responsibility to make sure that you are inclusive and of course lack of inclusiveness itself brings all kinds of destructions and distractions which may not allow you as a leader to function well. So, it is just a responsibility as a leader that you must be inclusive. So, irrespective of the fact that my appointment was accepted generally or not, as a leader, you must be inclusive.

FUTMINNA Newsletter: How was your upbringing like, would you be kind enough to share some fond memories of your early days with us?

I grew up with my grandparents and then my grandparents on both sides, maternal and paternal were strict disciplinarians. There was no room for me to be playing pranks. I must go to school, I must do my chores. I must do my homework; I must do all the kind of things expected of me to do. As a child also, they were very loving to me. I was free to also play with other children. So, I actually lived a normal life as it was that time. I went to the bush to pick some fruits with friends but at the same time at the home front, you must do your work; you must show some elements of responsibility. It is important to let you know that integrity, discipline and hard work were inculcated in us at that early stage, but otherwise, it was a happy and normal childhood experience. There was nothing special and I was not a spoilt child. The family was a very big family. My grandfather's house, especially during the school holidays, was fun and we always had about 40-50 people in the house. So, it was a very big house but very loving and accommodating.

FUTMINNA Newsletter: Were you born with a silver spoon?

My family could not be said to be a poor family, to be honest with you. My grandfather was as at that time the Alkali that is more or less like the judge. He was highly placed in the society. My father was a civil servant; he rose to the position of a Permanent Secretary. So, we were not poor and we were not rich. It was

just an average family, a normal family.

FUTMINNA Newsletter: Talking about your grandparents and parents being disciplinarians, does that account for your sterling academic performance in school?

Yes, my family has a background of education and intellectualism starting from Arabic education. My grandfather was an Islamic intellectual and that accounted for him being the Judge at that time under the native authority system. As a child, there was an Islamic school in our house. My grandfather was teaching children Islamic education. My father also was an intellectual and he could have been a judge if he was not a civil servant. At some point actually in life, my grandfather was the Judge and my father was appointed to be his Registrar in the court. Both of them were in charge of the court. So, that element of intellectualism has always been there. Then of course given the nature of the house, that discipline that integrity also contributed to our parents showing us that the best thing they could give us is education. You must have education, both Islamic and western education. So, they were strict on that. They do not relent in making sure that all of us were given both the Islamic and western education, both boys and girls. There was no any differentiation as a child. In fact, by the time, we were going to school, there were so many people in my family who were much older than us who were in school because everybody ahead of us was either in school or they have finished. So, it was just a normal thing, I think it



Prof. Bala

had to do with the intellectual background of our grandfather and father.

FUTMINNA Newsletter: Prof., holding a first class certificate from the prestigious Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria and the two distinctions that followed suit from your Master's and Ph.D. degrees in UK. How does that make you feel in life?

To be honest with you, I never felt anything other than normal. Perhaps again because I had always known that it was my responsibility to study hard and to learn. When I was in the University, I was doing everything other students were doing but I also know that I had to learn, do my homework. So, getting good grades became a normal thing for me. First class, yes, there was a sense of fulfillment that I have been able to achieve what I wanted to achieve in life. Other than that, there is nothing really special that I felt about it and I think that is also the same way I feel about other things like the Master's and PhD degrees. You just feel that this is where I want to go to, these are my targets, and you work towards achieving the targets. When you achieve your targets, there is that sense of fulfillment. It energizes you, it inspires you. Also, it increases your confidence that if you put your mind to do something, you can do it, just be focused and you will get it. So, all it does is that it increases your confidence in life, knowing fully that you as a person have set a target for yourself and you have met the target. So, over time, you know that it is no longer a big deal for you to say that you are setting target but you know that these are the things you must do to meet the targets.

FUTMINNA Newsletter: In your inaugural speech, you said you will work hard in navigating the University along the trajectory of progressiveness and development already charted by your predecessors. How do you intend to do that?

Well, there is already a foundation. So, what we are trying to do is to climb on the shoulders of our predecessors. In the last 15 years, the University has been making progress. And, do not forget that I have always been part of that administration for quite some time now as the Head of department, Director, DVC Administration and Academic. So, I have worked with three Vice-Chancellors. I have seen how they work and I have learnt a lot from them. I know that there is a vision and it is that vision that has been shared by my predecessors which I have also keyed into. We know that the University is doing well. We also know that we cannot rest on our oars; we have to continue improving on what has been achieved so far. So, that progress means that all the various sectors in the

University, whether in terms of quality of life, quality of living of the students on the campus, the quality of the curriculum, the provision of the necessary facilities for the students and staff to be able to do their work in a conducive environment, meeting all the accreditation requirements for the University to be able to have its courses fully accredited. The development of new programmes that will help in meeting the aspiration for national development. So, there are things that we will continue to do in trying to improve on the quality of service delivery and also in terms of the name of the University and its status globally.

FUTMINNA Newsletter: Sir, still talking about your inaugural speech, you also said that your administration will be guided by three Gs namely; guided by statutes of the University and laws of the land, good governance and global best practices. Please can you throw more light on this?

Well, first of all, the University was established based on a set of laws. So, we have laws governing the University that had defined the mandate for the University. There are aims and objectives for setting up that university, there are the necessary organs and how these organs are supposed to interact and the committees. You know that the University operates on a committee system. We have to be guided by laws and then of course, the laws are also very clear about the fact that whatever we are going to do, the decision of the Vice-Chancellor or Management are subordinated to those of Senate; that is on academic matters, those of Council in the general matter and principles of the University. And in addition to that, occasionally we are going to have some other laws emanating from the President of the country, our Visitor through the organs of either the Federal Ministry of Education or the National Universities Commission (NUC). We have to also be guided by that. Also, we have to be guided by the laws of the country, the Constitution; we cannot be above the constitution of the country. So, that is what we mean by being guided by laws. Then of course, good governance demands that when you are in a position of authority there are certain things, these are not just something that are necessarily the just laws. Yes, obeying the laws, being guided by the laws are part of good governance. But also, your interpersonal relationship, how you relate, govern and coordinate the various organs and offices in the University are also very important. Earlier you asked of inclusiveness, you must make sure that you are not guided by partisan sentiments. If you want to achieve, you must make sure

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that you get the best brains and hands to do the work. It is not enough for me to say that this is my brother; I am going to give him responsibility when I know that he cannot do that responsibility. This person does not support me but I know that he can do the job, as a leader, I should be able to give him the job. That is good governance. And of course, global best practices are things that are expected generally not only a University but an institution. Looking at timeliness, we expect that the University at any point in time to be predictable. If we say, we are going to start convocation by 10:00 o'clock, we are going to start at 10:00 o'clock, irrespective of whether top government officials are present or not. If the University says this is the academic calendar, that we are going to start lecture so and so time, we are going to do our exams at this time, it is expected that the University should be guided by those things. Of course, it goes beyond that, global best practices also looks at what you called internationalisation. The composition of staff and students in terms of foreigners, international staff and students. What is the percentage of your faculty members that are foreign? What is the percentage of your students that are not Nigerian? Things like that are what we should work towards. Also, we should



Prof. Bala stressing a point

ask ourselves that these things that we are doing, how competitive are our students? The alumni for example, because your alumni should be able to go anywhere and then based on the knowledge given by the University, should be able to perform well whether in terms of academic and work. So, these are the things that we have to continue striving to make sure that we get them well. So, when we talk of laws, good governance and global best practices, they are inter-related and these are things that provide the ingredients for a successful Vice-Chancellor and a successful University.

FUTMINNA Newsletter: What kind of relationship are you hoping to have with the various unions on campus?

The Unions are critical stakeholders in the University. The University considers them as partners in progress and all of the things that we do, we are always conscious of the fact that the Unions are there to help us in achieving our aims and objectives. I will give you a good example. If you look at today, most capital projects in Nigerian tertiary institutions are funded by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund). TETFund is a creation of the Academic Staff union of Universities (ASUU). As a result of that struggle, today TETFund has become a major financier of projects in Nigerian universities and other tertiary institutions of higher learning. So, looking at that, you can see that we have to work with the unions in order to make sure that we have a conducive environment to do our work and also for the kind of service delivery that is expected of us. Remember that I told you that the very first day that I came into office, the Unions went on strike but even though they are on strike, they have also been in constant touch with us so that areas of need do not suffer. They are working very closely with us to make sure that the University does not breakdown. I always tell them that think globally but act locally, that at the end of the strike, we will always come back to the University. So, we cannot be seen to shoot ourselves in the foot. So, the unions have been working with us very closely and cooperatively.

FUTMINNA Newsletter: Prof., there has been mutual suspicion between the host communities and higher institutions in Nigeria, based on your

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Exclusive Pictures taken during the 60th and 61st Inaugural Lectures of the University delivered by Prof Abiodun Musa Aibinu and Prof. Ben Atsumbe



Prof. Aibinu delivering the 60th Inaugural Lecture of the University



Prof. Aibinu presenting a copy of his lecture booklet to the then VC, Prof. Akanji



The former VC, Prof. M. A. Akanji presenting a plaque to Prof. Aibinu in company of his family members



The University Pos in a group snapshot with the Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Abiodun Musa Aibinu



The VC, Prof. Bala introducing the Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Ben Atsumbe



Prof. Ben Atsumbe delivering the University's 61st Inaugural Lecture



The VC, Prof. Bala presenting a plaque to Prof. Atsumbe in company of his family members



The University Pos in a group photograph with the Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Ben Atsumbe

Exclusive Pictures taken during the Inauguration Ceremony of Prof. Abdullahi Bala as the 7th Vice-Chancellor of the University.



Cross section of Principal Officers with the Pro-Chancellor, Prof. 'Femi Odekunle



The VC exchanging pleasantries with the University's former VCs



The Pro-Chancellor Prof. 'Femi Odekunle in a tete-a-tete with Prof. M.A. Akanji and Prof. Abdullahu Bala



The University Registrar, Mrs Victoria Kolo reading the Vc's citation during the Inauguration Ceremony



The University Legal Officer, Barr. Evelyn Makun administering Oath of Office on the VC, Prof. Abdullahi Bala



The VC, Prof. Abdullahi Bala being roped by the Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Odekunle with support from FUTMinna former VCs, Prof. Jonathan Ndagi and Prof. M.A. Akanji



L-R: Pioneer VC, Profs. Ndagi, Bala, Odekunle, Akanji and the University Registrar, Mrs Victoria N. Kolo in a group photograph at the Inauguration Ceremony



Cross section of the University's Council Members; Hon. Halims J. Agoda OFR, Barr. Gafar, Alh. Madagiwa and Mal. Alfa Abdulrahman



The Pro-Chancellor, Prof. 'Femi Odekunle delivering his address during the Inauguration Ceremony



The Pro-Chancellor, Prof. 'Femi Odekunle presents the University Key to the new VC, Prof. Abdullahi Bala



The Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Odekunle congratulating the new VC, Prof. Bala while Barr. Gafar looked on with keen interest



The new VC, Prof. Bala displaying the University's Key



Cross section of guests at the event



The new VC, Prof. Bala opening the University gate with the symbolic key handed over to him by the Pro-Chancellor Prof. 'Femi Odekunle

The new Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala on assumption of the duty embarked on a familiarisation tour of both Campuses. Here are some exciting pictures taken during the tour.



The VC, Prof. Abdullahi Bala with other POs, dean and deputy dean of PG School when the VC visited the School.



The Deputy Dean, SAAT, Dr. Ojo briefing Pos during the Vc's tour of the School



The new VC, Prof. Abdullahi Bala speaking during his familiarization to the University Microfinance Bank



The Acting MD of the bank, Mallam Muhammed Ashafa briefing the VC and his team during the visit.



Cross Section of faculty members of the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET) when the VC, Prof. Bala visited the School



The new VC, Prof. Bala (m) flanked by other Pos and Staff of the School of Science and Education Technology during the tour



Prof. Abdullahi Bala being welcomed by the Dean, SEET during a familiarization visit to the School.



The VC, Prof. Abdullahi Bala in company of other Pos while inspecting buses at the University Bus Park, Bosso Campus

Recently the Pro-Chancellor of the University, Prof 'Femi Odekunle led the University Council Members on a courtesy visit to the University Chancellor, His Eminence Eze (Dr) Eberechi N. Dick in his palace in Aba. FUTMinna Newsletter crew was there to cover the event.



L:R: The Pro-Chancellor, Prof. 'Femi Odekunle, the Chancellor, His Eminence, Eze (Dr.) Eberechi N. Dick (JP) and the VC, Prof. Abdullahi Bala during a courtesy visit to the University Chancellor in Aba



The University Registrar, Mrs. Victoria N. Kolo paying homage to the University Chancellor



The Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Odekunle making a remark



The University Chancellor, His Eminence, Eze (Dr.) Eberechi N. Dick (JP) speaking during the visit



The University Chancellor, His Eminence, Eze (Dr.) Eberechi N. Dick (JP) in a private chat with the VC, Prof. Abdullahi Bala



The University Chancellor, His Eminence, Eze (Dr.) Eberechi N. Dick (JP) signing his address before presenting it to the Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Odekunle



The VC, Prof. Abdullahi Bala in a private chat with the University Chancellor's Wife, Lolo Ugoeze Dick.



Cross Section of some Council Members, the University Registrar and other Staff of the University during the visit.



The University Chancellor, His Eminence, Eze (Dr.) Eberechi N. Dick (JP) with the VC, Prof. Abdullahi Bala



L-R: Pro-Chancellor, Prof. 'Femi Odekunle with the University Chancellor, His Eminence, Eze (Dr.) Eberechi N. Dick (JP)



The Chancellor and the Pro-Chancellor



The Chancellor and the VC, Prof. Bala



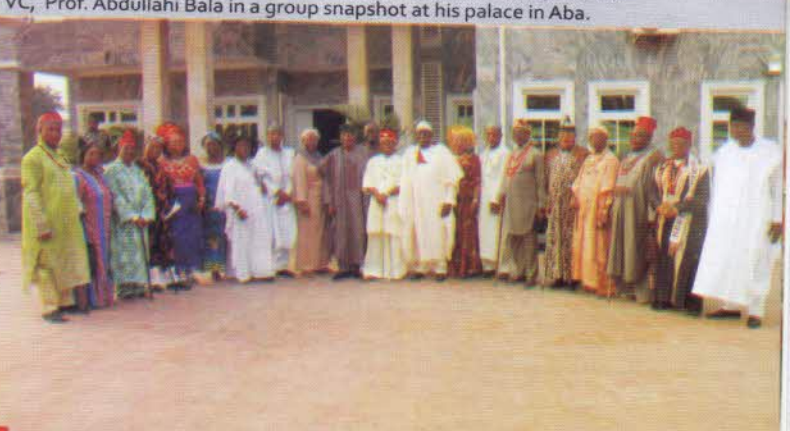
The Pro-Chancellor, Prof. 'Femi Odekunle, the Chancellor, His Eminence, Eze (Dr.) Eberechi N. Dick (JP) and the VC, Prof. Abdullahi Bala in a group snapshot at his palace in Aba.



L-R: The Registrar, Mrs. Victoria N. Kolo, the Pro-Chancellor, Prof. 'Femi Odekunle, the Chancellor, His Eminence, Eze (Dr.) Eberechi N. Dick (JP) and the VC, Prof. Abdullahi Bala in a group snapshot at his palace in Aba.



The University Chancellor, His Eminence, Eze (Dr.) Eberechi N. Dick JP (middle) flanked by the University's Council Members.



The University Chancellor, His Eminence, Eze (Dr.) Eberechi N. Dick JP (middle) flanked by other Royal Fathers, Council members and other guests in a group photograph.

FUTMinna Microfinance Bank Honours Prof Akanji



R-L: The Bank's MD, Mallam Aminu presenting gift to the former VC of the University, Prof. Akanji

The Management, Federal University of Technology, Minna Microfinance Bank (FUTMinna MFB) has honoured the former Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji FNSBMB, FAS in respect of his support to the development of the bank.

The brief ceremony took place on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at the Bank premises, Bosso Campus.

Speaking at the event, the Acting Managing Director of the bank, Mallam Aminu Mohammed Ashafa applauded the former Vice-Chancellor of the institution for his well-

documented contributions towards the development of the bank despite the daunting challenges that they faced in 2015, adding that Management decision to increase the University's funds in the bank also contributed to the present healthy state of the bank.

"This gift is a token of our appreciate to you for reviving the bank on the path of profitability and for believing in the bank despite the well pronounced problems that the bank went through in 2015", he disclosed

The Ag. MD further thanked Prof. Akanji for supporting the bank in its strategic drive to become one of the best microfinance banks in Niger State.

"The bank is healthy now because we have settled all debts including charges levied on the bank by the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) and as at September 2017, we have a net profit of N31m", Mallam Aminu stated.

Responding, Prof. Akanji expressed appreciation to the Management of the Bank for honouring him, adding that all the support given to the bank during his tenure was due to the fact that the University Management had faith in the new leadership of the bank to reposition the fortunes of the bank.

"I am happy that the bank is doing well now because we want the bank to be at the same par with other first generation Universities microfinance banks in Nigeria", he echoed.

The former VC commended the acting MD of the bank for placing the bank on proper perspective based on global best practices and urged the bank Management to look into the welfare of its staff.

Us Embassy To Assist 1st Class Graduates

The United States (US) Embassy in Nigeria under the aegis of Education USA Advising Centre, Abuja has called on the Federal University of Technology, Minna to help in identifying first class graduates of the institution who have no funding opportunities for further studies in the US.

The call was made by the leader of the delegation, Mr. Joseph Schaller during a courtesy visit to the University on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at the VC's Conference Room, Main Campus.

Mr. Schaller stated that the centre assists high-achieving low income students access funding opportunities which will help cover the upfront costs of applying to graduate school in the US.

Depending on the institution and the programme of choice, he said, tuition and fees range between \$20,000 and \$70,000.

Speaking on the financial aid, the diplomat highlighted that financial aid in the US is limited, highly competitive and usually merit-based, and that there is more funding at graduate level than at the undergraduate level. To compete favorably for financial aid, he advised, a student should have



Representative of VC, Prof. Morenikeji (4th left), Mr. Schaller (4th right) in a group photograph with official of the University and the US Embassy

at least 6 -7 A's in WAEC or Second Class Upper Division, while the financial aid is largely determined by the field of study.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala FSSSN who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Oluwole Morenikeji thanked them for the visit while assuring them of the University's shift from Asian schools to European and American schools for graduate studies.

The VC also maintained that staff of the institution would be encouraged to attend US schools for their higher degrees, especially with funding opportunities from the country.

PROF BALA COMMENDS FUTMINNA CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

...I Will Be Fair, Just

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala FSSN has commended members of the University Christian community for promoting peace on campus and for their contributions to the development of the institution.

The Vice-Chancellor gave this

process, saying that the University has the capacity in terms of human resources, cooperation among staff and the prevailing peace in the University.

The University helmsman said he will be fair and just in the discharge of his duties as the Vice-Chancellor of the University without recourse to race, ethnicity,

intention of shortchanging anybody", the VC enthused.

He further assured them of the University Management support towards ensuring that they have places of worship worthy of the Christian community and the University.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman, FUT, Minna, Chapel of Grace, Dr. Mathew Kolo said the Christian community in FUT, Minna work within the vision of the University and that of the present administration to mould lives that would become instrument of growth and development in the society.

Dr. Kolo expressed appreciation to the University Management for supporting the various religious bodies on campus, particularly in the construction of worship places and solicited for further financial support.

Earlier in his address, the Chairman, St. Malachy's Chaplaincy, FUT, Minna, Prof. Hussein Anthony Makun congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on his appointment and urged him to be fair and just in the discharge of his duties.

The highpoint of the visit was the presentation of the Holy Bible by Rev. Dr. Michael Onimole to the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

The Reverend read Second Chronicle chapter 1: 6-12 and the book of Jeremiah chapter 9; verse 23-24 to the VC before presenting the Holy Bible to him. He urged the Vice-Chancellor to make out time to read the Holy book so that he can gain more wisdom and knowledge on how to move the University to greater heights.



Rev. Dr. Onimole presenting a copy of the Holy Bible to Prof. Bala while the Registrar looked on with smile

commendation when the University Christian community paid him a courtesy visit to felicitate with him on his well-deserved appointment as the new helmsman of the University at the VC's Conference Room, Main Campus.

Prof. Bala stated that members of the University Christian community have made substantial contribution to the progress and development of the University, adding that the University would not have been where it is today if not for their cooperation and support.

The Vice-Chancellor thanked the University Christian community for praying and fasting for peaceful transition in the University.

"Many members of this community prayed and fasted that we should have somebody from within to be the Vice-Chancellor and God has granted us that wish. We have to make best use of this opportunity to tell the world that the University has come of age and that we do not need people from outside to come and be superintending over us," Prof. Bala disclosed.

He reiterated the need for the University to begin to have an orderly transition

religion, political differences or tribe.

"In terms of fairness and justice, only God can be perfect but I know that I shall try my best to be as inclusive as it is practically possible. I don't intend to be bias in favour or against any segment or community".

"I will be father to everybody within the University because I have taken that solemn oath and I intend to abide by that oath. Not that I will not make mistake, I am human but God sees my heart and God knows that I have no



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Bala (m) flanked by member of the University Christian Community in a group snapshot

antecedents, what are you bringing on board towards establishing a harmonious relationship between the University and its host community?

We are going to work with the host community. In fact, before I assumed office, I set-up some transitional committees to advise me on some issues and one of those committees is to advise me on the University-Campus-Community relations and what are those things that we need to put in place in order to make sure that there is a harmonious co-existence. They are our host, they are our neighbours, and we interact with them day-in, day-out. The vast majority of our students are living within the community. So, we have to engage them. I think the major component of that engagement will allow for effective communication between the two parties. We should not allow gaps in communication. Because very often, some of the suspicion you alluded to are as a result of gaps in communication. Ignorant people that are not properly informed have ways of peddling rumours. We expect this, this is our rights but the University also must be guided by laws. We have to continue to engage them by letting them know when the University is taking some certain steps and decisions. We also expect the community to tell us that these are what we want. I have already started that engagement and I have been getting a lot of feedback from the community. Many of them expect the University to do in terms of corporate social responsibility. And tell them yes that we have a responsibility but then whatever we are going to do will be within the limited resources available. There

are many things we can do because as a University, one of our core mandates is community service and have been explaining to them because community service can come in different forms but it is largely for us to use the range of expertise within the University to help in some developmental activities. We may not have money to build schools and sink boreholes but we also have expertise that can be used to do that for the community. Just day before yesterday, we opened a training programme for secondary school students within Minna metropolis. Eight secondary school with 50 pupils from each school, we are training them on computer appreciation and this is something we feel will add value to whatever they are doing as they go through life. Such things we can do.

We are doing this training free of charge which would have cost us N20 million but we are doing it free of charge because we feel that we have a responsibility to contribute to what the community is doing. We will go beyond that because the community expects us to make available

medical services, in terms of enlightenment when it comes to public health issues. We should be able to do things like that to engage with them and we intend engage them more especially during our Founder's Day Celebration, for example having some kind of medical outreach services, sport activities between the University and the host community. We will begin to infuse things like that into the general framework of the engagement that we are going to have with the community.

FUTMINNA Newsletter: In FUTMinna, students accommodation on campus is still a big problem despite the efforts put in place by your predecessors, VC Sir, what template are you bringing on board to address this issue?

The accommodation thing is a very challenging issue. Today, we have over 15,000 students and we have less than 4,000 beds spaces for students. We know that for student to really appreciate the University life, the University must go through them. So, we need to have a large number of our students to be resident on Campus.

This we have not been able to do, largely because in the past, there was an embargo by government for the use of public funds to build hostels. We have now chosen to go through the direction of Public Private Partnership (PPP). We have been reaching out to private investors. Since I came onboard, I have had four different groups making offers to build hostels of different sizes and models and we will continue working towards that. We

want to have as many possible. Our target is to have at least 70 - 75 percent of our students resident on campus. It is a major problem in terms of getting the funds to do that. In FUT, Minna, the Gidan Kwano Campus also has its own peculiar problem because we don't have any river that is going the University land, so we have to start thinking on what to do in terms of supply-using the Needs Assessment Funds, we have allocated some money for the development of an earth dam about 10km away from the core area of the campus. That will require a lot of money in term of development, construction of the dam and we have to spend money also on transportation of water, spend money again on treatment plants. This will require money and we still require the support of well-meaning individuals and friends of the University. We will work hard to ensure that we progressively increase the proportion of students that are resident on campus.

FUTMINNA Newsletter: In your inaugural speech, you said you will work to enhance the revenue base of the

‘ We have now chosen to go through the direction of Public Private Partnership (PPP). We have been reaching out to private investors. ’

University, what strategies are you putting in place to boost the University's Internally Generated Revenue?

Again, the transitional committees that I had earlier alluded to, one of those committees looked at areas where the University can enhance its revenue generation. They have submitted their report and we are looking at it. But, the issue of revenue generation is virtually in three folds: the first fold is making sure that the existing sources of funds are maintained so that we do not have this losing out from the existing sources of funds and then seeing how we can now improve in terms of getting new areas of funding. And of course, also making sure that we work towards reducing revenue leakage.

We need to see how we can conserve funds. We need to see that the existing sources of funds, like the TETFund, PTFDF that, we will continue to get the requisite fund so that we can continue to do the kind of things we want to do as a University. Then, also looking at other areas, especially in terms of internally generated revenue. What are those things we have to do to enhance our IGR. Sometimes it may not just be money; it may be scholarship from some other organisations, government and non-governmental, in terms of synergizing to attract funds, projects and source other things in kind like training, that may not require us to spend some money. So, all of those things, we will see how we can mobilise such funds and of course we have to continue working on the goodwill of friends and stakeholders, especially the

Alumni. So, we are looking at different sources to see how we can improve the sources of funds. We do not want to rely on just charges from students because that is not a sustainable source of funding. We have improved the revenue base of the University.

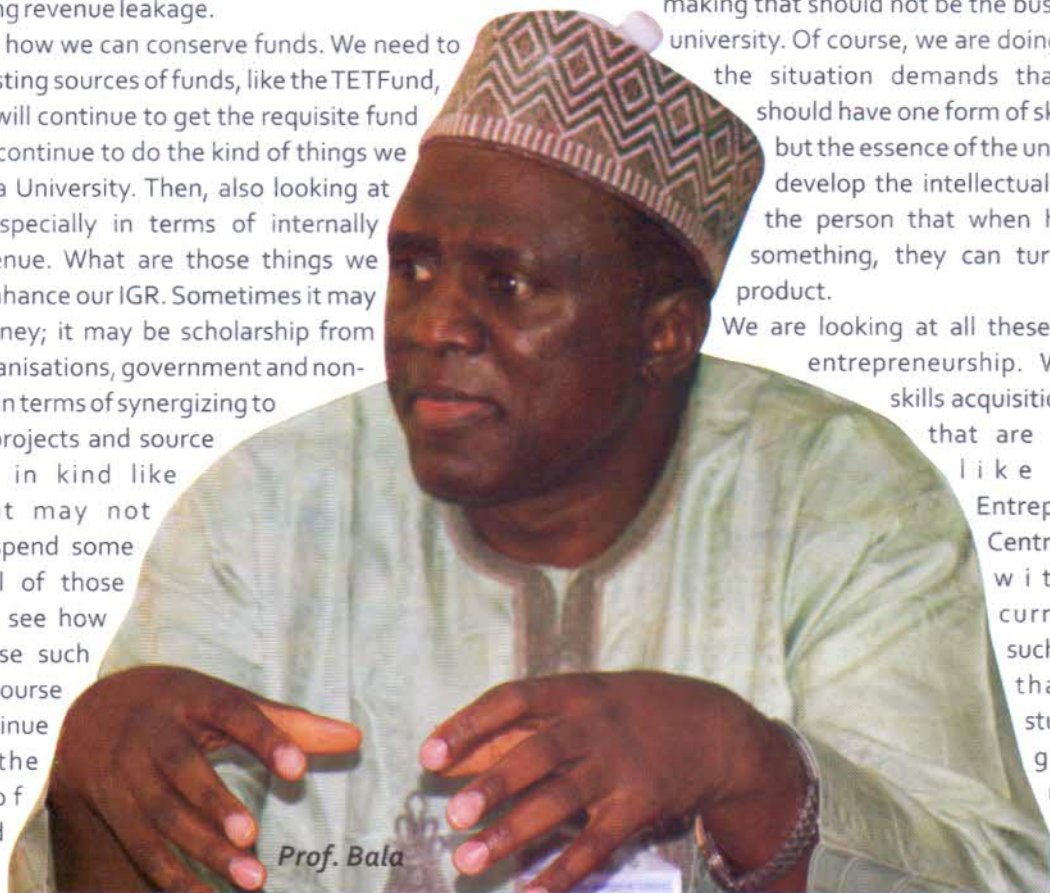
FUTMinna Newsletter: Inadequate funding has been the bane of Nigerian tertiary institutions in recent times. Some experts have called for an entrepreneurial system of university in Nigeria. What is your take on this Sir?

Well, entrepreneurship is part and parcel of the social system. There is no community, no nation that can develop without entrepreneurship and of course, entrepreneurship comes in different forms. So that is

given but there must be entrepreneurship. What is happening of recent is people looking at the University as a place that must use entrepreneurship in preparing the graduates for employment after education. The universities ab initio are not places that are supposed to prepared people per se for this. The core goal of the university is in the area of preparation in intellectual achievement of the individual so that the individual when he/she comes out from the university is able to deploy his knowledge and skills to be able to do all kinds of things. But now, people look at entrepreneurship and they want the university to be training students in shoe making, hair making that should not be the business of the university. Of course, we are doing it because the situation demands that students should have one form of skills or other but the essence of the university is to develop the intellectual acumen of the person that when he/she sees something, they can turn it into a product.

We are looking at all these aspects of entrepreneurship. We will do skills acquisition for those that are interested, like an Entrepreneurship Centre, joggling with our curriculum in such a manner that all our students that go through us for example as an engineerin

g student, you should be able to have some skills or training that allows you to say I am now an engineer, how can I use my skills to begin to make products? I have read Agriculture, what are those things that I can do so as to become a successful farmer? So those are the kind of intellectual development we feel is necessary for university graduates beyond the other extra - curricular activities trying to see how they can make bags for those of them who want to do that they will be given that opportunity. But by studying a particular programme that will make you a professional in an area, we want to say as a professional how do you use the knowledge generated in the University to become a successful person in that field? To us, those are the entrepreneurship things. Then, added to that, this is a university of technology, so we need to



also expose them to technology management. So that when you develop the technology, how you get it to be commercialized to make money out of such things. So, these are the kind of things that we will continue working on. It is unfortunate that of recent, the National Universities Commission (NUC) decided to bar some universities from admitting into management courses. We have a School of Entrepreneurship but NUC in his own reason felt that a university of technology has no business with a school of entrepreneurship. I can't understand it because a university of technology, we must also teach our products management of technology. So, how you begin to say that management is incongruent of technology, I can't understand that but we will continue to engage NUC as well as to make them understand that we know what we are doing and that our programmes are consistent with our aspiration to further national development. That the University's products must be competitive and complete.

For us, products of university of technology programmes must also be able to understand how to manage technology. Not just to develop the technology, how do you manage the technology so that at the other end you are able to make money out of it.

FUTMinna Newsletter: Prof. Sir, at the Abuja retreat, the University entrepreneurial template in US was extensively dwelt on, are you thinking of introducing such method in FUT, Minna towards boosting the University's revenue base?

We are looking at it right from the proposal stage of postgraduate students. The proposal and then the thesis itself, we want to see that beyond just saying you have contributed to knowledge, how does the knowledge generated present opportunity for you to turn it into products that will be useful to the society. So, there will be issue of public display of projects telling us about the projects can be used for or can be transform into something else that will lead to the issue of patenting and then the issue of commercialization. Already, the



Prof. Bala

University has upgraded the Board of Research to a Directorate of Research innovation and Development, so, it is not just the research, beyond the research, we want to develop the ideas into physical products or into methodologies and processes that will generate money both for the students and also for the University.

FUTMINNA Newsletter: Is the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) living up to its mandate in Nigeria and what would your administration do in ensuring that FUT, Minna attracts projects and funds from TETFund?

I said earlier that without TETFund, the Universities would not be doing well in terms of capital projects. TETFund has been doing well, not just for universities alone, but for the tertiary institutions in terms of provision of funds for capital projects. We are doing well. We wish TETFund would give us more because there is always one thing or the other that is lacking. The University has a peculiar problem that we feel that the high impact intervention by TETFund will assist us in addition to other interventions they give us. Every year, TETFund is supposed to select one university, one polytechnic, one college of education in each of the geo-political zones for high impact.

High impact in terms of giving additional money for specific projects to be done in the University. When the idea of high impact intervention started, the selection is supposed to be based on the age of the university, so they started with first generation, second generation of course, we belong to the third generation universities. Third generation universities in the North - Central Zone



Prof. Bala with a staff of the Information Unit, Ugboaja Stanley during the interview

have seen high impact funds except FUT, Minna. So FUT, Minna deserved to be considered in terms of high impact funds. We will engage TETFund to make sure that we get that and that will help in enhancing the development of the University in terms of infrastructure.

FUTMINNA Newsletter: Accessing TETFund funds has been a big problem for universities in Nigeria and what would you do differently towards ensuring that FUT, Minna gets its allocations as and when due?

There are many components to it because accessing TETFund money is guided by certain laws and rules. So, TETFund will allocate the money. You know that the money is there, but you must meet certain requirements for you to be able to access the funds. One of the requirements is that when you have an existing project being funded by TETFund, it must reach a certain level of completion for you to be able to qualify in accessing further release of funds. So long as you have not been able to meet that, you cannot access the funds and even in the other matters of graduates training, library development, you must retire the money. You must show that you have used the money well before you can get another money from TETFund. You must live by the rules for you to be able to access the money. Beyond that, there is also the issue of capacity. Sometimes the people responsible may not be able to have good appreciation of what needs to be done for the University to be able to access these funds. So, these are things that we will be looking at. Already, we have started asking questions to see what are those things that we need to do to get funds, but it also depends on the capacity. It is not just TETFUND problem because it takes two to tangle.

FUTMINNA Newsletter: The University has retinue of collaborations both local and international, what would you do differently to establish new collaborations and how do you intend to revive the dormant Memoranda of Understanding?

Well, universities live on such collaborations. There has to be exchange of ideas, exchange of knowledge. Many of these collaborations are contingent upon staff and students exchange programme or some kind of development or technical

support with universities or other organisations. Some of the MoUs have been dormant, largely because the two parties have not been assertive in following these, sometimes because the circumstances that led to such partnership may no longer subsist but the University is going to work hard in making sure that the University continue to work, new partnerships are formed, some of those dormant partnerships that can be re-activated will be re-activated for the benefit of both parties.

FUTMINNA Newsletter: Do you feel that there is a disconnect between universities and industries in Nigeria. If yes, how can this problem be addressed sir?

First of all, the universities have the requisite manpower to be able to meet the needs of industries. The question you should ask yourself is that, does Nigeria really have a private sector per se? Because we don't have much of a private sector that can go into supporting the kind of research and development activities that need to be forged between industries and universities. Government also has a problem. I was trained in Europe. I know that governments have all kinds of research agencies in charge of research such as: Food and Agriculture for example, Engineering, Biotechnology. So, government in the first place, has the task of challenging the universities on national issues they want to be addressed and it is through the Research Councils that people get the competitive grants that will fund research endeavours. And then over time, you can have industries now knowing that the universities have these and that you can forge that partnership. As I told you, we have a Directorate now in charge of research and development. Sometimes universities may not wait for the industry, when you know

that you have a product that works, perhaps some of the things we may have to start looking at is having some kind of Science Park, where you can have some kinds of spin-off by showing that these things work and over time you will be able to have those that are interested. But, so long as you are going to wait for industries in Nigeria to come and meet you, I am afraid it may not work. There have been partnerships that have really worked. Some of the things that we should do is that each of our departments should identify a particular industry partner where there can be functional exchange of staff and students so that staff of the industry can come for a period of time to teach, for example or to present lecture and our own staff can also go to the industry perhaps either on sabbatical or some kind of secondment for a period of time for them to be able to do some things that will showcase to the industry what they are doing. I think by the time we start to have close intercourse of ideas in that aspect, that brings to the knowledge of the industry what the university can do in that aspect. If we can have any department having at least one industry partner where we can have this functional exchange, not just some memorandum of understanding that remain on paper. We want to see that it is functional such that you are able to get staff of the university going to work within that particular industry and staff of the industry also coming to the university. Over time, we will be able to have an understanding of the industry needs and the industries will also have an understanding of what the potentials and some challenges within the University and over time that will help in improving industries and universities relationship.

ard to that with a lot of excitement. It is going to be the first for me and also the first for the Pro-Chancellor of the University, Prof. 'Femi Odekunle. We look forward to it with a lot of excitement and we are preparing vigorously well towards that aspect. We believe and hope that it will be a very good convocation.

FUTMINNA Newsletter: Prof. Sir, what is your message to the graduands, students and staff of the University?

For the graduands, we have tried to inculcate in them a sense of responsibility. They should be able to be good ambassadors of the University. We have done a lot to make them gain some skills, they should use it well. For staff and students, we are together, we are partners in progress and we should continue to do what is expected of us. By the time each side does his own work that enhances the synergy and will boost the development of the University.

FUTMINNA Newsletter: Let's look at the forthcoming 27th convocation and the 35th Founder's day celebration of the University; it will be your first as the Vice-Chancellor of this institution.

What is the feeling like for you and what kind of convocation are you expecting?

Well, we are looking for



Prof. Bala explaining a point

PROF. MOSES OLUTOYE

Professor Moses Olutoye was born on May 29, 1964 in Erio Ekiti. He hails from Ekiti West Local Government Area of Ekiti State.

He had his early education at Saint Paul's Primary School, Idi



Araba, Lagos, St Charles Grammer School, Oshogbo, Osun State. He attended Oyo State College of Arts and Science, Ile-Ife before proceeding to Federal University of Technology, Minna from 1986-1991 for his B.Eng in Chemical Engineering.

He obtained his Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Lagos, Akoka and his Ph.D in Chemical

Engineering from Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang in 2012.

Prof. Olutoye joined the services of the Federal University of Technology, Minna in 1992 as Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Chemical Engineering and rose steadily through the ranks to become an Associate Professor in 2013 and in October, 2016 he was promoted to the rank of Professor of Chemical Engineering.

Prof. Olutoye has held several administrative position in the University, which include: Departmental Level Adviser (100–400 levels), 1992 - 2000; Sub-Dean, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology, (2003 - 2005); Deputy Director, Directorate for Research, Innovation and Development (DRID), 2015 - to date and other numerous community services within and outside the University.

He won the following National/International awards: Best graduating student, Chemical Engineering Award, FUT, Minna; Best graduating student, Nigerian Society of Engineers Award (Niger State Chapter) 1992; Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSChE Student Chapter, FUT, Minna) Certificate of Honor, 2005 and Award of Excellence 2006, Kepada Kecana Sanggur Sanjur, Publication Category, Institute of Postgraduate Studies, Universiti Sains Malaysia, December 2010 - 2013 and Best Ph.D Thesis Award, School of Chemical Engineering, Universiti Sains Malaysia, 2013.

The Scholar is widely published in journal articles, conference papers both local and international and has supervised many students project work at B.Tech, PGD, M.Tech and Ph.D levels.

He is a member of Nigerian Society of Chemical Engineers (AMNSChE), Nigerian Society of Engineers (MNSE), Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) and American Chemical Society (ACS).

He is happily married with children.

PROF. AYUBA BALAMI

Professor Ayuba Balami was born on August 13, 1964 in Shaffa, Hawul Local Government Area of Borno State.

Prof. Balami had his early education in Shaffa Central Primary School between 1972 – 1978 and attended Yerwa Science School, Maiduguri between 1978 - 1983 and proceeded to Ramat Polytechnic, Maiduguri between 1983 - 1986 where he obtained his National Diploma in Agric Mechanization.

He obtained his M.Sc in Engineering from Belorussian Agro-Technical University, Minsk in 1995 and proceeded to Russian State Agrarian University, Moscow where he

bagged his Ph.D in Engineering (Farm Power and Machinery) in 2007.



Prof. Balami began his working career in 1987 as an instructor, Borno State Ministry of Education; Technical Officer, Borno State ADP 1988; Lecturer I, University of Maiduguri, Department of Mechanical

Engineering, 1996.

He joined the services of the Federal University of Technology, Minna in 2003 as Lecturer I where he rose to become an Associate Professor in 2010 and was promoted to the rank of a Professor in 2016.

The erudite professor has held several administrative position in the University these include; Student Adviser, Seminar Co-ordinator, Department of Agric Engineering, Ag. Head of Department of Agricultural and Bioresources Engineering 2009 - 2011.

His accomplishments include several journal articles and conference papers written at local and international level. He has supervised many students projects at B. Tech, PGD, M.Eng and Ph.D levels.

He is a member of the Nigerian Institute of Agricultural Engineers (NIAE), Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) and American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE).

He is happily married with children.

Prof. Eli Kolo was born on November 4, 1953 in Mokwa, he hail from Doko in Lavun Local Government Area of Niger State Prof. Kolo had his early education at United Missionary Demonstration Primary School, Mokwa between 1959 - 1966, Government College, Bida (1967 - 1971), College of Irrigation Agronomy, Division of Agriculture and Livestock Training, Bakura, ABU, Zaria (1974 - 1975). He obtained his B.Sc.in Crop Production Alabama Agriculture and Mechanical University, Normal, Huntsville, USA in 1979 and M.Sc. in Plant and Soil Science in 1981 from the same University. He proceeded to Cranfield University, Sllsoe College, Sllsoe, Bedford, UK for his Ph.D. in Postharvest Physiology of Root Crops between 1987–1992.



After his NYSC in 1982, he worked as an Agricultural Liaison Officer with the Niger State Government between 1982 - 1984.

Prof. Kolo got employed into the Federal University of Technology, Minna as an Assistant Lecturer 1984 and rose steadily to the rank of Associate Professor of Crop Production in 2013. Prof. Kolo was promoted to the rank of Professor of Crop Production on October 1, 2016.

The erudite professor has held administrative positions in the University these include: Chairman, Technical Taskforce on Centre for Research and Development in Information Technology (CREDIT) 2007, Senate Representative on Students Disciplinary Committee (2007), Head of Crop Production Department (2008 - 2011); Chairman, University Loans Committee (2012 - 2015).

Prof. Kolo is widely published in journal articles, conference papers, both local and international and has supervised many students project work at PGD, B.Tech, M.Tech and Ph.D levels.

He is a member of Horticultural Society of Nigeria (HORTSON), Biotechnology Society of Nigeria (BSN), Weed Science Society of Nigeria (WSSN) and Agricultural Society of Nigeria (ASN).

He is happily married with children.

Professor Audu Isah was born on January 25, 1964 in Bida. He hails from Bida Local Government Area of Niger State. Prof. Isah had his early education at North Primary School, Bida, attended Government Teachers' College, Kainji and College of Education, Minna before proceeding to Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria for his B.Sc. (ED) in Mathematics (1989).



He obtained a Master's Degree in Statistics (1995) and Ph.D. in Statistics (2008) from University of Ilorin, Kwara State.

Prof. Isah began his working career in 1990 as Lecturer II in the Department of Mathematics, Niger State College of Education, Minna.

He joined the services of the Federal University of Technology, Minna in 1995 as an Assistant Lecturer and was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor of Mathematics/Statistics in October 2013.

Prof. Isah was promoted to the rank of Professor of Mathematics/Statistics on 1st October, 2016.

The don of Statistics has held administrative positions in the University. These include: Co-ordinator, Extra Mural Programme, CPES 2004/2005, 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 Academic Session; Head of Statistics Department, 2015 - 2017; Deputy Director, CPES 2008 - 2010; Director, CPES 2009/2010, 2012/2013.

Professor Isah is widely published in journal articles, conference papers both local and international and has supervised many students project work at PGD, B.Tech, M.Tech and Ph.D levels.

He is a member of International Biometric Society Group Nigeria (IBSGNi), Nigerian Statistical Association (NSA), Nigerian Mathematical Society (NMS) and Mathematical Association of Nigeria (MAN).

He is happily married with children.

PROF. KASIM ISAH

Professor Kasim Isah was born in Bida, Niger State on September 11, 1965. He started his educational pursuit at St. John's Primary School, Bida between 1975 to 1977; Government Secondary School, Minna between 1978 and 1982 and ZUCAS, Zungeru between 1983 to 1984.

He obtained his B.Sc in Physics from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria in 1987. In 1996, Prof. Isah obtained his M.Tech (Solid State Physics) from the Federal University of Technology, Minna in 1996 while he bagged his Ph.D in Physics from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria in 2008.

Prof. Isah started his working carrier in College of Education, Minna as an Assistant Lecturer from 1988 - 1991.

He joined the services of the Federal University of Technology, Minna on January 7, 1991 as Graduate Assistant in the Department of Physics and rose steadily to the rank of Associate Professor of Physics in October, 2013.



Prof. Isah was promoted to the rank of Professor of Physics in October 2016

The don of Physics has held administrative positions in the University these include: Level Adviser (1992 - 1998), Head of Department (2010 -

2014), Member, Governing Council, FUT, Minna 2013.

Prof. Isah has written several journal articles and presented workshop papers, conference papers at local and international levels.

He has supervised many student project work at PGD, B.Tech, M.Tech and Ph.D levels.

He is a member of Nigerian Institute of Physics (NIP), National Association of Teachers of Technology (NATT).

He is happily married with children.

PROF. OKUNADE KELANI SHITTU

Prof. Okunade Kelani Shittu is a thoroughbred educationist who has traversed different geo-political zones of Nigeria, both as a student and as a teacher.



An indigene of Ogbomoso, Oyo State, he was born in Mokwa, Niger State on March 15, 1953. He obtained his Teachers' Grade II Certificate in 1972 at the St. Andrews College, Oyo; National Certificate in Education (NCE) at Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo State, 1977 and a Bachelor of Arts degree

(Education) in English (Second Class Upper), University of Ilorin, 1987.

In 1992, he bagged a Master of Arts in Literature from the University of Ilorin, which he capped with a PhD in English from Bayero University, Kano in 2002.

Prof. Shittu's working career began at the Oyo State Central Schools Board where he was a teacher from 1973 to 1978. From 1979 to 1993, he worked as a teacher with the Niger State Ministry of Education after which he took up appointment as a lecturer at the Federal College of Education, Kano (December, 1993 - October, 2005). In November, 2005, he joined the services of the Federal University of Technology, Minna as a senior lecturer and rose to the rank of Professor in 2016.

At FUT, Minna, he has held many positions of responsibility which include Examination Officer, Department of General Studies (2006 - 2008); Head of Department, Mass Communication (2010); Deputy Dean, School of Science and Science Education (2008 - 2009); Deputy Dean, School of Information and Communication Technology (2010 - 2011); Editor-in-Chief, Journal of General Studies (2008/2009) and Reviewer, Journal of Science and Technology Education (2014 to date), among others.

In addition to serving on different committees in the University, he has also been an external examiner at several institutions in Nigeria.

He has taught many courses at the undergraduate level, just as he has supervised postgraduate students. He has to his credit publications in many local and international journals, book chapters and conference papers and technical reports.

He is married and blessed with children.

Prof. Akogu Abalaka was born on May 23, 1960 in Ajiolo Aboko-Ode. He hails from Dekina Local Government Area of Kogi State.

He had his earlier education in Government Secondary School, Makarfi, Kaduna State between 1972 – 1974 and Government College, Kaduna (1974 - 1977). He obtained his B.Sc in Building from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria in 1982 and from the same University, he obtained his M.Sc (Construction Technology) in 1987 and Ph.D in Construction Technology in 2012.

He won the Federal Government Merit Award for academic excellence, Building Department, ABU, Zaria from 1980 - 1982.

Prof. Abalaka started his working career in the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Department of Civil Engineering as a Graduate Assistant in 1983 and rose to Lecturer II in 1994.

He joined the services of the Federal University of Technology, Minna in 1994 as Lecturer II in the Department of Building and rose to become an Associate Professor in 2013 and in October, 2016 he was promoted to the rank of Professor of Building.

Prof. Abalaka has held several positions of responsibility in the University among which are: Head of Department of Building 2013 - 2014, Postgraduate Coordinator, Department of Building, FUT, Minna 2010 - 2011, Departmental Seminar Coordinator, 2012, Department of Building Representative, SET Postgraduate Committee SET, 2013.

Prof. Abalaka is a member of the following professional bodies: The Nigerian Institute of Building ((NIB), Council of Registered Builders of Nigeria (CORBON), American Concrete Institute (ACI).

Prof. Okhimamhe Appollonia Aimiosino is a scholar of international repute with over 24 years of scholarship experience. Born on the 21st of July, 1969 at Kaduna State but originally from Etsakor Local Government Area of Edo State, she had her primary education at the famous Muhammadu Bankanu Primary School, Sokoto 1975-1979.

Between 1980 -1985, she was at the Federal Government Girl's College, Abuloma, Rivers State for her secondary school education which she rounded off with good grades.

Thereafter, she proceeded to the Federal University of Technology, Minna where she bagged her first degree in Geography (Meteorology option) with a Second Class Upper Division in 1990. She holds a Master's and Ph.D. degrees in Remote Sensing Applications from the same institution in 1994 and 1998 respectively.

Inspired by many of her lecturers in the department, particularly, the late Prof. Jacob Baba, Prof. Okhimamhe took up an appointment with the University in 1994 as an Assistant Lecturer. Through unprecedented passion and hard work, she rose through the ranks to become a professor of Geography in 2016.



Based on her antecedents as a tested and trusted academic, the University has found her worthy to hold critical administrative positions at various points in time. She was at one time the Director, Centre for Climate Change and Freshwater Resources (2008-2012); Head, Department of Geography (2012-2014) and presently, the Director, West African Science Service Centre on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCALCC & ALU).

Her research interest cuts across different fields of Geography with special focus in meteorology, GIS in geographical sciences, remote sensing applications and climate change.

Aside from her academic qualifications, her participation in various training activities organized by the United Nations Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development in Nairobi, Kenya (1992); University of Stockholm, Sweden (1994); Harare, Zimbabwe (1995) and European Space Research Institute in Frascati, Italy (1997, 1998) had prepared her professionally for her career. Additionally, in 2000, she secured a 6-month fellowship-traineeship for herself and a colleague in the Department at the European Space Research Institute in Frascati, Italy.

Based on the sterling track records in her field of study, Prof. Okhimamhe was appointed by the Federal Government in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 as a Technical Delegate at the UNFCCC COP in Cancun, Mexico, Durban, South Africa, Doha, Qatar and Warsaw, Poland.

She has attracted many research grants to the University and she is a recipient of many national and international awards. The erudite scholar is well published in high impact journals and has supervised many students at B. Tech, M. Tech and Ph. D levels.

She is a member of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS) and Nigeria Meteorological Society (NMS), among many others.

Prof. Oyero, Johnson Olusegun can aptly be described as a thoroughbred academic who has contributed immensely to the growth of his profession based on the plethora of researches he has conducted and for nurturing students through the rudiments of Water, Resources, Aquaculture and Fisheries at different levels.

Prof. Oyero was born on September 26th, 1963 in the ancient city of Ibadan but hails from Abeokuta South Local Government Area of Ogun State.

He had his primary education at the Ebenezer African Church Primary School, Oke Ado, Ibadan from 1969-1973. He rounded off his secondary education at the famous Ibadan Grammar School, Ibadan, in 1979. He was also at the School of Basic Studies Polytechnic, Ibadan for his GCE/A-Level before proceeding to the premier University of Ibadan where he earned his first degree and a Master's degree in Fisheries Management in 1986 and 1988 respectively. His passion for further studies took him to the Federal University of Technology, Minna where he bagged his Ph.D degree (Fish Post- Harvest Technology) in 2006.



Having distinguished himself in his educational pursuit, Prof. Oyero was poached by the Federal University of Technology, Minna in 1991 as an Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Water Resources Aquaculture and Fisheries Technology, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT). Through sheer scholarship and dint of hard work, he rose through the ranks to become a professor of Fisheries and Aquaculture in 2016.

His dedication to duty and painstaking research over the past 27 years has culminated in his significant contributions in the areas of fisheries management, fish post-harvest loss technology, fish utilization cum marketing. Prof. Oyero's well-documented contributions in these areas of research are outstanding and have immensely helped in simplifying the understanding of some rather complex phenomena and courses in his field of studies.

He has held several positions of responsibility in the University such as; members, University Governing Council 2009 -2013, Ceremonies Committee, FUT, Minna Sports Committee and later Chairman between 2007-2012. He is presently the Chairman, Campus Radio Management Committee. In the area of community services, the academic czar has deployed his expertise in advancing the fortunes of the University host communities, his home town and the country at large.

He is one of the most sought after scholars in his field based on his antecedents as a consummate researcher of repute. He is a visiting lecturer to the Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State. He is also a consultant to many international organisations and State governments in Nigeria. He has supervised several students at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

The erudite scholar has attended several conferences, seminars, workshops and other educational gathering of intellectuals within and outside the country. He is well published and cited in reputable high impact journals. He is a member, Fisheries Society of Nigeria, World Aquaculture Society, Association of Nigerian Fisheries Scientist. Above all, Prof. Oyero is happily married.



Prof. George Akpan was born on May 29, 1964 in Eka Uruk Eshiet, Abak. He is from Akwa-Ibom State, Etim-Ekpo Local Government Area of the State.

Prof. Akpan had his early education at Church of Jesus Christ Comprehensive Secondary School, Abak, Akwa-Ibom State (1978 - 1982), College of Advanced Studies, Zaria (1983 - 1985), he proceeded to Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria for his B.Eng. Chemical Engineering between 1985 - 1989 and obtained an M.Sc in Chemical Engineering in 1996 from the same University.

He bagged his Ph.D in Chemical Engineering from Universiti Sains, Malaysia in 2011.

Prof. Akpan began his working career in 1990 as an Instructor, S.G.R.S, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Assistant Lecturer, Chemical Engineering department, ABU, Zaria, 1994 - 1995.

He joined the services of the Federal University of Technology, Minna in 1997 as Lecturer II in the Chemical Engineering Department where he rose to become an Associate Professor in 2013. He was promoted to the rank of Professor of Chemical Engineering in October 2015.

The erudite professor has held several administrative positions in the University these include: School Assistant Examination Officer (2001/2002) session, School Assistant SIWES Co-Ordinator 2005/2006 session, Deputy Dean, Postgraduate School (2013 - 2015).

Prof. Akpan is widely published in journal articles, conference papers both local and international and has supervised many students project work at B.Tech. PGD, M.Tech and Ph.D levels. He is a Member of Nigerian Society of Chemical Engineers (NSCHE), Council for the Regulation of engineering in Nigeria (COREN).

He is happily married with children.

Professor (Mrs.) Caroline Nsofo was born on May 5, 1959 in Awkuzu. She hails from Ekusogo Local Government Area of Anambra State.

She had her early education at St. John's Primary School, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State 1973, Girls Secondary School, Ogidi, Anambra State 1978, Holy Rösary Teachers College, Enugu 1979 (Teacher Grade II Certificate) and proceeded to University of Calabar where she obtained her B.Sc (Edu) in Biology in 1983. She obtained her M.Ed in Science Education from University of Jos, Plateau State and proceeded to the Federal University of Technology, Minna where she bagged her Ph.D in Educational Technology in 2010.



Prof. Nsofor began her working career in 1984 as an Education Officer in Girls Secondary School, Nteje; Senior Education Officer 1986; Bosso Secondary School, Minna and Principal Education Officer, 1989 in Girls Secondary School, Old Airport, Minna.

She joined the services of the Federal University of Technology, Minna in 1995 as an Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Science Education where she rose to become an Associate Professor in 2013. She was promoted to the rank of Professor in October 2016.

Prof. (Mrs.) Nsofor has held several administrative position in the University these include: Registration Officer, Department of Science Education (1995 - 1998), Examination Officer (2006 - 2008), Member, University Ceremonies Committee (Congregation Re) and Examination Misconduct Committee (2007 - 2012), Head of Department, Science Education Department (2010 - 2012); Member Staff School Management Board (Senate Rep) 2010 - 2013) and other numerous community services within and outside the University.

The scholar is widely published in journal articles, conference papers both local and international and has supervised many students project work at PGD, B.Ed, M.Ed and Ph.D levels.

She is a member of the following professional body: Nigerian Union of Teachers (NUT), Science Teachers Association of Nigeria (STAN), Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria (TRCN), Nigerian Association of Teachers of Technology (NATT), national Association of Women Academics (NAWACS), Nigeria Association for Educational Media and Technology.

She is happily married with children.



Professor Mark Nwohu was born on October 5, 1959 in Idiaraba, Lagos State. He hails from Umuahia South Local Government Area of Abia State.

Prof. Nwohu had is early education at Umutowe Community School, Olokoro, Umuahia (1969 - 1975), Olokoro High School, Umuahia (1975 -

1980). He obtained his B.Eng (Hons.) in Electrical/Electronic (Power System) Engineering from Federal University of Technology, Owerri (1988).

He obtained a Master's Degree in Electrical/Electronic Engineering (Power and Machine) from University of Benin (1994) and proceeded to Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi for his Ph.D in Electrical Power Systems Engineering in 2007.

Prof. Nwohu began his working career as Lecturer II in Nigeria Defence Academy, Kaduna (1994 to 1999).

He hoined the services of the Federal University of Technology, Minna in 1999 as Lecturer I and was promoted to therank of Associate Professor in 2012. In October 2016, he was promoted to the rank of professor of Electrical Engineering in 2016

The don has held administrative position in the University these include: Member, School Examination Malpractice Committee - 1999, 2004; Acting Head of Department, Electrical/Electronics Engineering - 2002/2003 session; Head of Department, Computer Engineering 2010/2011 session; Chairman, Committee on Curricular Review of both Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programmes 2013/2014 session.

Prof. Nwohu has written several journal articles and presented workshop papers, conference papers at local and international levels.

He also has to his credit a textbook called Computational Mathematics for Electrical Engineers.

Prof. Nwohu has supervised many students projects work at PGD, B.Eng., M.Eng. and Ph.D. levels.

He is a member of Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), Institution of Electrical Engineering and Technologist, London (IET) and International Society for Development and Sustainability.

He his happily married with children.

PROF. EVANS CHIDI EGWIM

Prof. Evans Chidi Egwim was born on October 28, 1964 in PortHarcourt, Rivers State. He hails from Ehime Mbano Local Government Area of Imo State. Prof. Evans has his early education at African School I. A. Ajegunle, Apapa, Lagos in 1978, Okigwe National Secondary School, Okigwe, Imo State in 1983. He obtained his B.Sc. in Biochemistry from University of Lagos, Akoka, Lagos in 1994 and M.Sc. Biochemistry in 1999 from University of Ilorin, Kwara State. He proceeded to the same University and obtained his Ph.D. in Biochemistry in 2016.

Prof. Evans first appointment was with the Federal Polytechnic, Bida, as an Assistant Lecturer 1995/1999.



The don got employed with the Federal University of Technology, Minna as Lecturer in 2007 and rose steadily to the ranks to become an

Associate Professor of Biochemistry in 2013. Prof. Evans was promoted to the rank of Professor of Biochemistry on October 1, 2016.

The erudite professor has held many administrative positions in the University these include: Chairman, School's Environmental Committee 2007, Sub-Dean, School of Science and Science Education 2010/2011, Chairman School of Life Science seminar Committee 2014 to date, School Representative in Directorate of Research and Innovation Development 2014 to date and Sub-Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies 2012/2013.

He is a member of Nigerian Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology 1999 to date, Chemical Society of Nigeria 2003 to date and Nigerian Society for Experimental Biology 2009 to date.

Prof. Evans is widely published in journal articles, conference papers, both local and international and has supervised many students project work of PGD, B.Tech, M.Tech and Ph.D. levels.

He is happily married with children.

PROF. ADAMU KABIR YUSUF

Yusuf Adamu Kabiru, Professor of Biochemistry, is a man whose quest for knowledge has taken him to different parts of Nigeria. Born August 6, 1963 in Zungeru, Wushishi Local Government Area of Niger State, he had his primary education at L.E.A. Primary School, Zungeru between 1969 and 1976 and moved to Dendo Secondary School, Agaie where he did his GCE O'Level in 1981. He was



admitted to study Biochemistry in 1981 at University of Sokoto (now Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto), where he graduated in 1986 with a Second Class Upper degree. He studied for a Master's degree in Biochemistry at the University of Benin, Edo State (1991 – 1993) and capped it with a Ph.D in the same field at the Federal University of Technology, Minna in 2010.

Prof. Kabiru began his working career in 1988 as an Education Officer at the Niger State Ministry of Education, from where he moved, in 1993, to the Niger State College of Education as Lecturer II. He joined the employ of the Federal University of Technology, Minna as an Assistant Lecturer in 1994, progressed through the ranks and became a Professor of Biochemistry with effect from October 1, 2016.

In addition to teaching many courses at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels, he has also supervised many B.Tech, M.Tech and Ph.D projects.

Prof. Kabiru who was recently appointed the University's SERVICOM Focal Officer, has held many positions of responsibility in the University, which include: Head of Department, Biochemistry (2012 – 2016); SIWES Coordinato, School of Natural and Applied Sciences, (2010 – 2012); Departmental Examination Officer (2004 – 2008); Chairman, Departmental STEP-B Committee; Member, Library and Publications Committee, amongst others.

Some other posts he has held are: Assistant Chief Imam, FUT, Minna Central Mosque (2010 to date); President, Alhalal Cooperative Multipurpose Society, FUT, Minna (2016 to date); Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) Returning Officer for Munya Local Government, Niger State (2011) and Chairman, Board of Trustees, Firdaus International Islamic Schools, Minna (2000 to date).

He has also been an external examiner at Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto (2011 – 2016) and Department of Biochemistry, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria (2016 – 2017).

A reviewer of *International Journal of Applied Biological Research* (2013 – 2016) and *Nigerian Journal of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology* (2016 – 2017), Prof. Kabiru has to his credit many self-sponsored completed post-doctoral research.

In addition to attending many local and international conferences, he has more than 50 publications to his credit.

He is a member of Nigerian Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, West African Society for Pharmacology and Nigerian Society of Parasitology.

Prof. Kabiru is happily married and blessed with children.

2017 SENIOR STAFF PROMOTION AND CONFIRMATION EXERCISE

University Governing Council at its 126th meeting held on Thursday, November 2, 2017 has approved the Promotions, Confirmation of Appointments and Change of Cadres of the following Senior Staff.

All promotions with double asterisks are with effect from October 1, 2015. Those with single asterisk are with effect from October 1, 2016, while the ones without asterisks are with effect from October 1, 2017.

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S/N	NAME	OLD RANK	NEW RANK
SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY (SAAT) Department of Crop Production			
1*	TSADO, Eli Kolo	Associate Professor	Professor
Department of Water Resources, Aquaculture and Fisheries Technology			
2*	OYERO, Johnson Olusegun	Associate Professor	Professor
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY (SEET) Department of Agricultural and Bioresources Engineering			
3**	BALAMI, Ayuba Audu	Associate Professor	Professor
Department of Chemical Engineering			
4**	AKPAN, Uduak George	Associate Professor	Professor
5*	OLUTOYE, Moses Aderemi	Associate Professor	Professor
Department of Electrical/Electronics Engineering			
6*	MARK, Ndubuka Nwohu	Associate Professor	Professor
SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY (SET) Department of Building			
7*	ABALAKA, Akogu Elijah	Associate Professor	Professor
SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES (SLS) Department of Biochemistry			
8*	ADAMU, Yusuf Kabir	Associate Professor	Professor
9*	EGWIM, Evans Chidi	Associate Professor	Professor
Department of Microbiology			
10*	DAMISA, Duro	Associate Professor	Professor

SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES (SPS) Department of Geography			
11*	OKHIMAMHE, Appolonia Aimosino	Associate Professor	Professor
Department of Physics			
12*	ISAH, Kasim Uthman	Associate Professor	Professor
Department of Statistics			
13*	ISAH, Audu	Associate Professor	Professor
SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION (SSTE) Department of Educational Technology			
14*	NSOFOR, Caroline Chinna	Associate Professor	Professor
Department of Science Education			
15*	SHITTU, Kelani Okunade	Associate Professor	Professor

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY (SAAT) Department of Animal Production			
16**	JIYA, Elisha Zhiri	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY (SEET) Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering			
17**	TSADO, Jacob	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension Technology			
18*	JIRGI, Abigail John	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
19*	TSADO, Jacob Haruna	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
20*	OJO, Michael Akindele	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
Department of Water Resources, Aquaculture and Fisheries Technology			
21*	ORIRE, Abdullahi Muhammad	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
22*	BAKE, Gabriel Gana	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
23*	YISA, Ananias Tswana	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY (SEET)			
Department of Agricultural and Bioresources Engineering			
24 *	OTACHE, Martins Yusuf	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
Department of Chemical Engineering			
25 *	AZEEZ, Oluwatoyin Sarafa	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
Department of Mechanical Engineering			
26 *	NASIR, Abdulkarim	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
27 *	MUSA, Nicholas Akhaze	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
Department of Materials and Metallurgical Engineering			
28 *	SALAWU, Abdulrahman Asipita	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor

SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY (SET)			
Department of Estate Management and Valuation			
29 *	KEMIKI, Olurotimi Adebowale	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
Department of Urban and Regional Planning			
30 *	SHUAIBU, Saliu Ikhazuagbe	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
31 *	SULYMAN, Aremu Olanrewaju	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
SCHOOL OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (SICT)			
Department of Library and Information Technology			
32 *	ALHASSAN, Jibril Attahiru	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES (SLS)			
Department of Biological Sciences			
33 *	OMALU, Innocent Chukwuemeka James	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
34 *	EJIMA, Isa Abutu Achatu	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor

Department of Microbiology			
35 *	ABIOYE, Olabisi Peter	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES (SPS)			
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY			
36 *	MUHAMMED, Muhammed Ndanitso	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
37 *	JACOB, John Olusanya	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
Department of Geography			
38 *	MUSA, Jibril	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
39 *	ABDULKADIR, Aishatu	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
Department of Geology			
40 *	IDRIS-NDA, Abdullahi	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
Department of Mathematics			
41 *	NDANUSA, Abdulrahman	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
42 *	MOHAMMED, Adamu Alhaji	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
43 *	OLAYIWOLA, Rasaq Oyeyemi	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION (SSTE)			
Department of Educational Technology			
44 *	UMEH, Ann Ebele Okonkwo	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
45 *	ALABI, Thomas Omotayo	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor
SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY (SAAT)			
Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension Technology			
46	SALIHU, Ibrahim Tyabo	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
47	ADEBAYO, Cornelius Owoniyi	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
48	BAKO, Ramatu Usman	Lecturer II	Lecturer I
49	OJO, Alaba Olanike	Lecturer II	Lecturer I

Department of Animal Production			
50	IBRAHIM, Momhan Jimoh	Lecturer II	Lecturer I
Department of Crop Production			
51	DANIYA, Emmanuel	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
52	MAMUDU, Amina Yusuf	Lecturer II	Lecturer I
53	OYEWALE, Rasheed Olakitan	Assistant Lecturer	Lecturer II
54	TOLORUNSE, Kehinde Dele	Assistant Lecturer	Lecturer II
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY (SEET)			
Department of Agricultural and Bioresources Engineering			
55	ADEOYE, Peter Aderemi	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
56	ANIMASHAUN Iyanda Murtala	Assistant Lecturer	Lecturer II
Department of Chemical Engineering			
57	YAHYA, Muibat Diekola	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
58	AFOLABI, Eyitayo Amos	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
Department of Civil Engineering			
59	MUSA, Alhassan	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
60	SAIDU, Mohammed	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
61	KOLO, Stephen Sunday	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
62	ADEJUMO, Taiye Waheed	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
63	GBADEBO, Anthonia Olukemi	Lecturer II	Lecturer I
Department of Computer Engineering			
64	MALIKI, Danlami	Assistant Lecturer	Lecturer II

Department of Electrical/Electronics Engineering			
65	MOHAMMED, Abubakar Sadiq	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
66	AJIBOYE, Johnson Adegbenga	Lecturer II	Lecturer I
Department of Mechatronics Engineering			
67	ALKALI, Babawuya	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
Department of Mechanical Engineering			
68	MUHAMMADU Masin Muhammadu	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
69	LAWAL, Sadiq Sius	Assistant Lecturer	Lecturer II
Department of Telecommunication Engineering			
70	ALENOGHENA Caroline Omoanitse	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
71	ABOLARINWA, Joshua Adegboyega	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
72	DAVID, Michael	Lecturer II	Lecturer I
73	ZUBAIR, Suleiman	Lecturer II	Lecturer I
74	SALIHU, Bala Alhaji	Lecturer II	Lecturer I
75	SAIDU, Muslim	Assistant Lecturer	Lecturer II
76	AUDU, Waheed Moses	Assistant Lecturer	Lecturer II
77	ABDULLAHI, Umar	Assistant Lecturer	Lecturer II
78	OKWORI, Michael	Assistant Lecturer	Lecturer II

SCHOOL OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY (SEMT)			
Department Entrepreneurship & Business Studies			
79	IJAIYA, Mukaila Adebisi	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
80	SAKARIYAU, Olalekan Busra	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
81	ZUBAIRU, Umar Mustapha	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY (SET)			
Department of Architecture			
82	ISAH, Abubakar Danladi	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
83	MUHAMMAD, Isah Bala	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
Department of Building			
84	HASSAN, Ibrahim Ogiri	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
85	APEH, Joseph Aba	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
86	AYEGBA, Calistus Ugbede	Lecturer II	Lecturer I
87	AKA, Adefemi	Lecturer II	Lecturer I
88	OLUBAJO, Oluseun Olukemi	Asst. Lecturer	Lecturer II
Department of Estate Management			
89	LIMAN, Hassan Shuaibu	Assistant Lecturer	Lecturer II
Department of Quantity Surveying			
90	OYEWObI, Luqman Oyekunle	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
91	ANIFOWOSE, Maroof Opeyemi	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
92	SHITTU, Abdullateef Adewale	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer

93	ADAMU, Dzikwi Anita	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
94	YAKUBU, Dan Asabe Mohammed	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
Department of Urban and Regional Planning			
95	KAWU, Aliyu Mohammed	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
96	UMARU, Tanko Emmanuel	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
97	SANNI, Lekan Mohammed	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
98	MOHAMMED, Bala Banki	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
SCHOOL OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (SICT)			
Department of Computer Science			
99	FALAYE, Adeyinka Adesuyi	Assistant Lecturer	Lecturer II
100	AMINU, Enesi Femi	Assistant Lecturer	Lecturer II
Department of Cyber Security Science			
101	ABDULHAMID Shafii Muhammad	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
102	ISMAILA, Idris	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
103	ADEBAYO, Olawale Surajudeen	Lecturer II	Lecturer I
104	BABA, Meshach	Assistant Lecturer	Lecturer II
105	YISA, Victor Legbo	Assistant Lecturer	Lecturer II
Department of Information and Media Technology			
106	ALHASSAN, Mohammed Enagi	Lecturer II	Lecturer I
Department of Library and Information Technology			
107	ABDULDAYAN, Fatimah Jibril	Assistant Lecturer	Lecturer II

SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES (SLS)			
Department of Biological Sciences			
108	DANGANA, Mohammed Chata	Assistant Lecturer	Lecturer II
109	ABDULSALAMI Halimat	Assistant Lecturer	Lecturer II
Department of Microbiology			
110	BALA, Jeremiah David	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
111	OYEWOLE, Oluwafemi Adebayo	Lecturer II	Lecturer I
112	ABDULSALAM, Ramatu	Assistant Lecturer	Lecturer II
SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES (SPS)			
Department of Chemistry			
113	IBIKUNLE, Gabriel Femi	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
114	LAFIA-ARAGA, Ruth Anayimi	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
115	TIJANI, Jimoh Oladejo	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
116	SHABA, Elijah Yanda	Assistant Lecturer	Lecturer II
Department of Geography			
117	ODEKUNLE, Mary Oluwatobi	Assistant Lecturer	Lecturer II
Department of Geology			
118	ALIYU, Isah Goro	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
119	WAZIRI, Nuhu Musa	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
120	AKO, Thomas Agbor	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer

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121	WAZIRI, Salome Hephzibah	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
122	SALIHU, Haruna Dantata	Lecturer II	Lecturer I
123	ABDULFATAI, Ibrahim Asema	Assistant Lecturer	Lecturer II
Department of Mathematics			
124	MOHAMMED, Umaru	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
125	NYOR, Ngutor	Lecturer II	Lecturer I
126	YUSUF, Abdulhakeem	Assistant Lecturer	Lecturer II
Department of Physics			
127	KOLO, Mathew Tikpangi	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
128	ADETONA, Adebayo Abbas	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
129	RAFIU, Abdulwaheed Adewuyi	Lecturer I 1 st Oct., 2009	Senior Lecturer 1 st Oct. 2017
130	USMAN, Defyan Alhassan	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
131	DADA, Oluwaseun Michael	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
Department of Statistics			
132	YAKUBU, Yisa	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
133	USMAN, Abubakar	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
134	BELLO, Oyedele Adeshina	Assistant Lecturer	Lecturer II

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION (SSTE)			
Department of Educational Technology			
135	ZUBAIRU, Adamu Evuti	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
136	ANIAH, Anthony	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
137	TUKURA, Saidu Charles	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
Department of Industrial and Technology Education			
138	AUDU, Rufai	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
139	SABA, Tswana Moses	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
140	ABDULKADIR, Mohammed	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
141	HASSAN, Abdullahi Muhammed	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
142	OWODUNNI, Ayanda Samuel	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
Department of Science Education			
143	BELLO, Muhammad Rabiu	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
144	UMAR, Idris Sarkin Bauchi	Lecturer II	Lecturer I
145	USMAN, Bashir Ahmed	Assistant Lecturer	Lecturer II
Department of General Studies			
146	CHIKE-OKOLI, Felicia Chibuogwu	Lecturer I	Senior Lecturer
UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SERVICES			
147	GARBA, Salimatu Kashi	Librarian I	Senior Librarian
148	MUSA, Hussaini	Librarian II	Librarian I

NON-TEACHING STAFF			
UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES (UHS)			
1 *	Dr. SULEIMAN Fatima Mama	Senior Medical Officer	Principal Medical Officer I
2 *	ARAGA, Joseph Lafia	Assistant Chief Medical Laboratory Scientist	Chief Medical Laboratory Scientist
LEGAL UNIT			
3	ABDULMALEEQ, Rufayi	Principal Legal Officer	Chief Legal Officer
REGISTRY DEPARTMENT			
4	ABUBAKAR, Mahmoud Muhammad	Principal Assistant Registrar	Deputy Registrar
5	YUSUF, Shakirudeen Ishola	Principal Assistant Registrar	Deputy Registrar
6	KOLO, Zaccheaus	Principal Assistant Registrar	Deputy Registrar
7	NDAGI, Yahaya	Senior Assistant Registrar	Principal Assistant Registrar
8	NDAYAKO, Muhammad Kudu	Senior Assistant Registrar	Principal Assistant Registrar
UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES (UHS)			
9	DR. UTHMAN, Taofeek Adegoke	Principal Medical Off. I	Chief Medical Officer
10	DR. ABDULLAHI, Salam Fatahi	Principal Medical Officer II	Principal Medical Officer I
SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY Dean's Office, SAAT			
11	ZUBAIRU, Yakubu	Assistant Chief Technologist	Chief Technologist

Department of Food Science and Technology			
12	ALIYU, Hauwa Mohammed	Chief Executive Officer	Chief Technologist
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY (SEET)			
Department of Agricultural and Bioresources Engineering			
13	ZEGI, Saidu	Assistant Chief Technologist	Chief Technologist
SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY SET)			
Department of Architecture			
14	YUSUF, Ibrahim	Assistant Chief Technologist	Chief Technologist
WORKS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES			
15	PHILIP, Gana Thomas	Assistant Chief Technical Officer	Chief Technical Officer
ACADEMIC PLANNING UNIT			
16	ADAMU, Ramatu	Senior Academic Planning Officer	Principal Academic Planning Officer
17	JUNAID, Ganiyat	Senior Academic Planning Officer	Principal Academic Planning Officer
BURSARY DEPARTMENT			
18	MAIGIDA, Christopher	Senior Executive Officer (Accounts)	Principal Executive Officer II (Accounts)
19	ADAMU, Aishetu Abdullahi	Executive Officer (Accounts)	Higher Executive Officer (Accounts)
20	YUSUF, Alhaji Muhammad	Senior Stores and Supplies Officer 1 st Oct., 2013	Principal Stores and Supplies Officer II 1 st Oct., 2017

CENTRE FOR PRELIMINARY AND EXTRA MURAL STUDIES (CPES)			
21	AMENAH, Okeremute Victory	Senior. Master I 1 st Oct., 2014	Principal Master II 1 st Oct., 2017
22	JIMADA, Ahmed Umar	Master I	Senior Master II
23	MUHAMMED, Hadiza	Master I	Senior Master II
CENTRAL TEACHING LABORATORY			
24	DADA, Bamidele Abayomi	Senior Engineer	Principal Engineer
INFORMATION AND PUBLICATIONS UNIT			
25	ABDULLAHI, Yusuf Zurmi	Senior Information Officer	Principal Information Officer
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES (ITS)			
26	ISAH, Abdulkadir Onivehu	Principal Hard Ware Specialist II	Principal Systems Engineer
27	OLANIYI, Olayinka Jubril	Systems Analyst II	Systems Analyst I
28	TWAKI, Abraham Saidu	Systems Analyst II	Systems Analyst I
29	MOHAMMED, Ndako Ndabida	Senior Data Processing Officer	Principal Data Processing Officer
30	MOHAMMED, Audu	Chief Computer Operator	Assistant Operation Manager
INTERNAL AUDIT			
31	SULE, Shafiu Ozovehe	Senior Internal Auditor	Principal Internal Auditor
32	BELLO, Ilyas Inda	Higher Executive Officer (Audit)	Senior Executive Officer (Audit)

33	BABA, Nma Baba	Executive Officer (Audit)	Higher Executive Officer (Audit)
34	SANI, Momoh Jimoh	Executive Officer (Audit)	Higher Executive Officer (Audit)

PHYSICAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT UNIT

35	SULEIMAN, Racheal Teni	Senior Architect	Principal Architect
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QUALITY ASSURANCE AND PRODUCTIVITY UNIT

36	ZUBAIR, Umar Anderson	Senior Planning Officer	Principal Planning Officer
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REGISTRY DEPARTMENT

37	ABDULKADIR, Fatimah	Assistant Registrar 1 st Oct., 2014	Senior Assistant Reg 1 st Oct., 2017
38	LAMAI- ODEPIDAN, Ruth	Assistant Registrar	Senior Assistant Registrar
39	AHMED, Kabiru	Assistant Registrar	Senior Assistant Registrar
40	KOLO, Grace Kashi	Assistant Registrar	Senior Assistant Registrar
42	MAHMUD, Fatima Asabe	Administrative Officer	Assistant Registrar
43	YAHAYA, Rahmat Asabe	Administrative Officer	Assistant Registrar

44	MUSA, Yusuf	Administrative Assistant	Admin Officer
46	YAKUBU, Abdulrasheed	Administrative Assistant	Admin. Officer
47	JIYA, Lydia	Principal Executive Officer I (Admin)	Assistant Chief Exe Off (Admin)
48	USMAN, Umar Alkali	Principal Executive Officer (PEO) II	Principal Executive Off (PEO) I
49	DANGANA, Mohammed	Higher Executive Officer (Admin)	Senior Executive Officer (Admin)
50	AUDU, Habiba Byada	Executive Officer (Admin)	Higher Executive Officer (Admin)
51	TSADO, Ahmed	Executive Officer (Admin)	Higher Executive Officer (Admin)
52	MOHAMMED, Ahmed Kolo	Executive Officer (Admin)	Higher Executive Officer (Admin)
53	SALIHU, Aliyu	Executive Officer (Admin)	Higher Executive Off (Admin)
54	ABDULAZEEZ, Suleiman Oyenyi	Executive Officer (Admin)	Higher Executive Off (Admin)
55	ABDULLAHI, Mohammed	Executive Officer (Admin)	Higher Executive Officer (Admin)
56	ABBAS, Alhaji Shehu	Executive Officer (Admin)	Higher Executive Off (Admin)
57	BARDE, Leo	Executive Officer (Admin)	Higher Executive Off (Admin)

58	BABA, Ndako	Executive Officer (Admin)	Higher Executive Off (Admin)
59	ALHAJI, Umar Mohammed	Executive Officer (Admin)	Higher Executive Off (Admin)
60	ABDULLAHI, Alhassan	Executive Officer (Admin)	Higher Executive Off (Admin)
61	YAHAYA, Ohunene Hassana	Executive Officer (Admin)	Higher Executive Officer (Admin)
62	OYALUNA, Justina Ekaniyere	Senior Personal Secretary	Principal Personal Secretary
63	ARUKUSI, Evelyn Toritsedu-Ede	Personal Secretary I	Senior Personal Secretary
64	NWOGWUGWU, Georgina	Personal Secretary I	Senior Personal Secretary
65	SABA, Christiana	Assistant Operations Manager	Operations Manager
66	FARUK, Fati Abdullahi	Chief Computer Operator	Assistant Operations Manager
67	AKANDE, Taiwo Bimbola	Chief Computer Operator	Assistant Operations Manager
68	ANGO, Umaru	Chief Computer Operator	Assistant Operations Manager
69	ABDULKARIM Mohammed Sani	Chief Computer Operator	Assistant Operations Manager
70	ABUBAKAR, Hassana Garba	Confidential Secretary II	Confidential Secretary I

71	ANAGO, Emily Ojone	Confidential Secretary II	Confidential Secretary I
72	MUHAMMAD, Maishera Liman	Confidential Secretary II	Confidential Secretary I
73	SAIDU, Amina	Assistant Chief Computer Operator	Chief Computer Operator

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74	HAMMAN, Usman	Information Officer II	Information Officer I
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UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES (UHS)

75	ABDULRAHMAN, Garba Talatu	Principal Nursing Superint. II	Principal Nursing Superint. I
76	AIYESIMI, Tola Grace	Principal Nursing Superint II	Principal Nursing Superint I
77	MOHAMMED, Falilat Kailani	Principal Nursing Superin II	Principal Nursing Superint I
78	EHIAKWINA, Patience Mary	Principal Nursing Superint II	Principal Nursing Superint I
79	SHAIBU, Rabi Okeji	Senior Medical Laboratory Technician	Principal Medical Laboratory Technician II
80	BIJIM, Habila Silas	Principal Health Superint II	Principal Health Superint I
81	LAMAI, Solomon Rebekah	Senior Pharmacist	Principal Pharmacist
82	SAMBO, Amina	Principal Health Assistant	Higher Environmental Health Superint

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SERVICES

83	JIYA, Uriah Saba	Senior Library Off	Principal Library Officer
84	MUHAMMAD, Alhaji Baba	Senior Bindery Off	Principal Bindery Off II
85	SHEHU, Umar	Senior Bindery Off	Principal Bindery Off II

86	SAIDU, Safiya	Chief Library Assistant	Higher Library Officer
WORKS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES			
87	ADAM, Dahiru Enesi	Senior Quantity Surveyor	Principal Quantity Surveyor
88	ADAMU, Hanafi	Building Officer I	Senior Building Officer
89	SALIHU, Abdulmumin Usman	Engineer I (Mechanical)	Senior Engineer (Mechanical)
ACADEMIC PLANNING UNIT (APU)			
90	MOHAMMED, Babawanchiko	Principal Technical Officer II	Principal Technical Officer I
CENTRAL TEACHING LABORATORY UNIT			
91	SALEH, Isiyaku	Senior Technologist	Principal Technologist
92	ASINDI, Abinbola Emmanuel	Senior Technologist	Principal Technologist
93	ALIYU, Umar Kabir	Senior Technologist	Principal Technologist
94	OMALE, Helen Ele-ojo	Senior Technologist	Principal Technologist
INFORMATION AND PUBLICATIONS UNIT			
95	MUSA, Mohammed	Higher Technical Off	Senior Technical Off
PHYSICAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT UNIT (PPDU)			
96	YUSUF, Isah	Principal Tech Off II	Principal Tech Off I
SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY Department of Animal Production			
97	OLATUNJI, Adijat Olayinka	Senior Technologist	Principal Technologist

Department of Crop Production			
98	IBRAHIM, Rasaq Otaru	Senior Technologist	Principal Technologist
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY (SEET)			
Central Workshop (Dean's Office)			
99	SALIHU, Abdul-azeez Arisekola	Principal Technologist	Assistant Chief Technologist
Department of Chemical Engineering			
100	SHEHU, Ahmed	Senior Technologist	Principal Technologist
101	YUSUF, Ibrahim	Senior Technologist	Principal Technologist
102	DIRISU, Abraham Danjuma	Senior Technologist	Principal Technologist
103	AHMED, Ndagi Alhaji	Senior Technologist	Principal Technologist
Department of Civil Engineering			
104	ILIYASU, Sani Mohammed	Principal Technologist	Assistant Chief Technologist
Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering			
105	MOHAMMED, Kudu	Senior Technologist	Principal Technologist
106	SALIHU, Yakubu Danladi	Technologist I	Senior Technologist
SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY (SET)			
Department of Urban and Regional Planning			
107	MOHAMMED, Ndana	Senior Technologist	Principal Technologist
108	ANOZIE, Regina Nkechi	Senior Technologist	Principal Technologist
Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics			
109	ADENIYI, Gbenga	Senior Technologist	Principal Technologist

SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES (SLS) Department of Biological Sciences			
110	OLUWAFEMI, Oghenekevwe Juliana	Senior Technologist	Principal Technologist

Department of Microbiology			
111	ALFA, Mohammed	Principal Technologist	Assistant Chief Technologist

SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES (SPS) Department of Physics			
112	TAIWO, Abigail	Senior Technologist	Principal Technologist

WORKS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES			
113	SHUAIBU, Sulaiman	Principal Technical Officer I	Assistant Chief Technical Officer
114	BABAWACHIKO, Abdul-Yamma,	Principal Tech Off II	Principal Technical Off I
115	SULE, Muktar Adinoyi	Principal Tech Officer II	Principal Tech Officer I

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS

S/N	NAME	DATE OF FIRST APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE OF CONFIRMATION
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SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension			
1	SALAWU, Halima	2 nd July, 2012	16 th Oct., 2016

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY Department of Computer Engineering			
2	ABDULLAHI, Ibrahim Mohammed	31 st Jan., 2012	1 st Oct., 2016

Department of Civil Engineering			
3	ABDULLAHI, Aliyu	25 th Jan., 2012	5 th Aug., 2017
4	ABUBAKAR, Mahmud	30 th Jan., 2012	30 th Sept., 2017
5	YUSUF, Abdulazeez	12 th Feb., 2013	28 th Aug., 2017

SCHOOL OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (SICT) Department of Library and Information Technology			
6	IMAVAH, Shaka Apodoghe	4 th Feb., 2013	3 rd Sept., 2017

Department of Information and Media Technology			
7	OYEFOLAHAN Ishaq Oyebisi	11 th Sept., 2015	11 th Sept., 2017

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SERVICES			
8	ABBA, Fati	13 th June 2012	25 th May, 2017

UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES			
9	MUSA, Rakiya Gambo	1 st Sept. 2015	1 st Sept. 2017

CHANGE OF CADRE

S/N	NAME	PRESENT DEPT.	PROPOSED DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY			
Department of Building			
2	Isiyaku, Saleh	Central Teaching Laboratory	Electrical & Electronics Engineering
3	Erunkulu, Olanipekun Oluwafemi	ITS	Computer Engineering
WORKS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES			
4	Bechila Emmanuel	Works and Maintenance	Civil Engineering
REGISTRY DEPARTMENT			
5	IBRAHIM Audu	Chief Clerical Officer (Admin.)	Executive Officer 1 st October, 2017
6	GANNA, Hannah	Chief Clerical Officer (Admin.)	Executive Officer 1 st October, 2017
7	MOHAMMED, A. Abubakar	Chief Clerical Officer (Admin.)	Executive Officer 1 st October, 2017
8	Kailani Ibrahim	Chief Clerical Officer (Admin.)	Executive Officer 1 st October, 2017
9	MOHAMMED, Abbas Auta	Chief Clerical Officer (Admin.)	Executive Officer 1 st October, 2017
10	MUHAMMAD, Abdulazeez	Chief Clerical Officer (Admin.)	Executive Officer 1 st October, 2017

11	JIYA, Alice	Word Processing Manage	Principal Data Processing Offices 1 st October, 2017
12	Manuga, Usman Amina	Principal Personal Secretary	Assistant Registrar
13	Usman, Umar Alkali	PEO II (Admin)	Assistant Registrar
14	Abdullahi, Mohammed Danladi	SEO II (Admin)	Administrative Officer
15	Dangana, Mohammed	HEO (Admin)	Admin. Asst.
16	Audu, Habiba Byada	EO (Admin)	Admin. Asst.
17	Saliyu, Aliyu	EO (Admin)	Admin. Asst.
18	Yahaya, Aliyu Saidu	CCO (Admin)	Admin. Asst.
19	Garba, Danladi Damidami	CCO (Admin)	Admin. Asst.
20	Abba, Nmanda Alhaji	CCO (Admin)	Admin. Asst.
21	Aminu, Suleiman Alhaji	CCO (Admin)	Admin. Asst.
22	Abubakar, Mohammed Danlami	CCO (Admin)	Admin. Asst.

Novelty Match: Team Akanji, Team Bala end in Stalemate

It was a mix of soccer skills and fun as the Novelty match organized by the University Sport Committee in honour of the former Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, FNSBMB, FAS, went under way on Wednesday, November 29, 2017.

In the match played at the football pitch of the University Sports Arena, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano, the teams named after the out-going VC and his successor as Team Akanji and Team Bala respectively with a mixture of teaching and non-teaching staff

each, appeared to be initialising sizing up each other.

However, Maroof Aliyu of the Registrar's Office rattled the Team Akanji defence for the most part of the first half, showing good pace and dribbling his way around.

His efforts paid off in the second half when goal keeper Abiodun Faborode from the Bursary could not stop his shot.

The most dramatic miss came from Dr. Ayodeji Olugboji who got a long pass from Dean, Students Affairs Division, Prof. Abdulmojeed Ijaiya and failed to find the back of the net with only the goalkeeper to beat.

But super-sub Ijaiya who had replaced the only female on the pitch, Mrs. Eucharika Ezenwadiugwu, levelled the score three minutes before stoppage time when he curled a free-kick into the top-left to beat goalkeeper Sabo Lawal of Team Bala.



Profs. Bala and Akanji (3rd & 4th from right) in a group photograph with other Principal Officers after the match

FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, MINNA

(Office of the Registrar)



24th October, 2017

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APPROVED ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2017/2018 SESSION

FIRST SEMESTER: MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 2017 TO SATURDAY 19TH MAY, 2018, 24 WEEKS (ONLINE REGISTRATION 3 WKS, LECTURES 12 WKS, e-TEST 3WKS, e-Exam 3 WKS AND LARGE CLASSES EXAM 2 WKS)

Monday, 4 th December, 2017 – Saturday 16 th December, 2017	-	Online registration for New Students (2 weeks)
Monday, 11 th December, 2017 – Friday 15 th December, 2017	-	Arrival and Documentation for New students (1 week)
Monday, 11 th December, 2017 – Saturday, 16 th December, 2017	-	Online registration for Returning students
Monday, 18 th December, 2017	-	Lectures begin for all students
Wednesday, 3 rd January, 2018	-	Lectures continue for all students
Thursday, 11 th January, 2018	-	Matriculation ceremony for New students (2017/2018 session)
Tuesday, 30 th January, 2018 – Thursday 1 st February, 2018	-	Convocation Week
Monday, 19 th February, 2018 – Saturday 3 rd March, 2018	-	e- Test & Mid- Semester C.A. (2 weeks)
Monday, 5 th March, 2018	-	Lecture continues for all students
Monday, 9 th April, 2018 – Saturday 28 th April, 2018	-	e-Exam 100 Level Students & Large classes (3weeks)
Monday, 30 th April, 2018 – Saturday 19 th May, 2018	-	First Semester Examination (3 weeks)
Monday, 21 st May, 2018 – Tuesday 22 nd May, 2018	-	SIWES orientation for 400 Level students
Tuesday, 22 nd May, 2018 – Saturday, 2 nd June, 2018	-	First Semester Break (2 weeks)
Wednesday, 28 th May, 2018 – Saturday 17 th November, 2018	-	SIWES for all Schools with exception of SAAT & SSTE students (24 weeks)
Wednesday, 13 th June, 2018	-	School Board to consider First Semester Results
Wednesday, 27 th June, 2018	-	Senate to consider First Semester Results

SECOND SEMESTER, 2017/2018- MONDAY, 4TH JUNE, 2018 – SATURDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 2018, 22 WEEKS (LECTURES 12 WKS, e-TEST 3 WKS, MID-SEMESTER BREAK 1WK , e-Exam 3 WKS AND EXAMS 3WKS)

Monday, 4 th June, 2018	-	Second Semester begins/Lectures commence for all students
Monday, 16 th July, 2018 – Saturday 4 th August, 2018	-	e- Test & Mid – Semester C.A. (3 weeks)
Monday, 6 th August, 2018 – Saturday 11 th August, 2018	-	Mid – Semester break/Sports week-Lecture free (1 week)
Monday, 13 th August, 2018	-	Lectures continue for all students
Monday, 17 th September, 2018 – Saturday 6 th October, 2018	-	e-Exam for 100 Level Students and Large classes (3 weeks)
Monday, 8 th October, 2018 – Saturday, 27 th October, 2018	-	Second Semester Examination (3 weeks) except 400 level
Monday, 29 th October, 2018 – Friday 30 th November, 2018	-	SWEP/Field Trip (6 weeks)
Monday, 29 th October, 2018 – Saturday 8 th December, 2018	-	Second Semester Break (6 weeks)
Wednesday, 21 st November, 2018	-	School Boards to consider Second semester Results
Wednesday, 5 th December, 2018	-	Special Senate to consider Second Semester Results
Monday, 3 rd December, 2018	-	New Session 2018/2019 begins

Every Saturday has been declared for staff fitness exercise as from 6.30am – exercise). Every Wednesday of the week, Lectures to end by 2:00pm for Sporting activities for all students.

V. N. KOLO (MRS)
REGISTRAR

*NOTE: *Senate reserves the right to amend this Calendar without prior notice.*

