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## NAHS HOLDS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN FUT, MINNA

**T**he Nigerian Association of Hydrological Science has held its 7th International Conference at the Chemical Engineering Complex, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Niger State.



*Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Water Resources, Mrs. Rabi Jimeta (R) in a chat with the VC, Prof. Akanji when she paid him a courtesy visit after the opening ceremony of NAHS International Conference.*

The conference which was a 3 day event held from the 18th – 21st October, 2016 with the theme **"Water Resources and Sustainable Development"** had in attendance dignitaries and attendees from all over the country.

The Honorable Minister of Water Resources, Engr. Suleiman Adamu, *FNSE* who was represented by the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Water Resources, Mrs. Rabi Jimeta stated that the theme of the conference was apt and in conformity with Goal No. 6 of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which is on clean water and sanitation.

He further reiterated that the Federal Executive Council (FEC) recently approved the draft National Water Bill, National Water Policy and the National Irrigation Policy which will not only establish effective water sector governance for the nation but also engender stable and attractive environment for investors and development partners, adding that once the bill is passed, it will guarantee efficient management of the river basins nationwide.

The Ministry, he explained, is in the process of establishing a hydrological modelling centre, which will be able to conduct quality control of data, develop and maintain appropriate archival system for hydrological and meteorological data at basin level and also develop training tools for the Ministry and commence capacity

building in modelling.

The former Vice-Chancellor, Modibbo Adama University, Yola, Prof. Salihu Mustapha who chaired the event said the focus of the conference was to look into many critical water related issues and environmental problem facing the country which will enable stakeholders whether hydrologists, hydrogeologists, water engineers and scientists, or environmental scientists to learn from the research works of one another.

Prof. Mustapha commended the effort of the organising committee in making the conference a success despite obvious difficulties caused by the current economic situation.

Earlier in his speech at the opening ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, who was represented by the DVC (Academic), Prof. Oluwole Morenikeji appreciated the Association of Hydrological Sciences for holding a well organised international conference in the University.

Prof. Akanji encouraged all participants to contribute meaningfully to the deliberations and hoped that appropriate measures to revive the nation's water sector would be realised at the end of the conference.

The lead paper of the day was taken by Engr. Sanusi Abdullahi, the Executive Secretary, Lake Chad Basin Commission and Engr. Mohammed Dan'asabe Bila.

The speakers who spoke extensively on the importance of water said water is vital for global sustainable development and also plays a major role in our physical life by replenishing freshwater resources, recharging wetland and groundwater aquifer systems while supporting agriculture and fisheries which in turn makes flood plains preferred areas for human settlement and other various socio-economic activities.

The speakers noted that Nigeria is blessed with abundant surface and groundwater resources, which if properly harnessed and managed can meet the population demands for drinking, farming, industries and other water use, noting that the sole objective of the National Association of Hydrological Sciences is the promotion of the science and practice of hydrology at the national and international levels, networking and dissemination of scientific knowledge and research results. **Contd on Pg 2.**

# PROF AKANJI INAUGURATES SUG EXCO, SRA

**T**he Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, has inaugurated the newly elected officials of the Students Union Government (SUG), urging them to shun any act of indiscipline within and outside the University.

Speaking during the inauguration on Friday, October 14, 2016 at the Senate Chamber, Main Campus, Prof. Akanji congratulated the new executives and implored them to work together for the development of the University.



*The University Legal Adviser, Barr. (Mrs.) Hussaini administering the oath of office on the new excos*

He commended the students for their orderly conduct during and after the election while expressing satisfaction with the unity shown between the losers and winners of the election.

He noted that the University is a specialised institution highly sought after as a total of 18,000 applicants chose it for the 2016/2017 session. He said that 15,990 applicants appeared for screening exercise, out of which only 4,771 would be offered admission into the various degree programmes.

The VC who maintained that his administration runs an open door policy and as part of its policies publishes on Campus News the University income and expenditure, pointed out that the University calendar would be harmonized as from 2016 - 2017 academic session and shall run from October - July every year.

Prof. Akanji further reiterated that the incidences of examination malpractices has drastically reduced in the institution as any student caught cheating in the exam hall is expelled from the University. He promised to organize a leadership training programme for the newly elected officials.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman, Students Union Independent Electoral Committee (SUIEC), Engr. Prof. Salawu Sadiku represented by the Dean, School of Environmental Technology (SET), Prof. Asimiyu Junaid thanked the students for their maturity and cooperation during the election and commended the University

Management for their support.

In his inaugural speech, the SUG President, Comrade Hamzat Lateef thanked the students for the great opportunity given to them to serve the University and assured them that they will not betray the confidence reposed in them.

The president assured the University Management that the new executives would continue to maintain the peaceful co-existence between Management and the student body.

He appealed to the Vice-Chancellor to organize an e-test orientation programme for the fresh students.

In his vote of thanks, the Dean, Student Affairs Division, Prof. Saidu Abubakar Ndaman, expressed appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor, students and the electoral body for their support and co-operation which led to the successful conduct of the election.

The newly inaugurated SUG executive members are: President, Hamzat Lateef; Vice-President I, Sikiru Armaya'u; Vice-President II, Shehu Mariyama; Gen Secretary, Aroyehun Babatunde Muritala; Asst. Gen Sec. Olaoye Muftau; Financial Secretary, Nwachukwu Benedicta; Treasurer, Afolabi Farouk Olabisi; Public Relation Officer, Baba Isah Suleiman; Welfare Officer I, Maja Aishat Temitope; Welfare Officer II, Kasali Saheed Sunkanmi; Director of Socials, Adeyemi Philip; Director of Sports, Ani Augustine and thirty seven (37) Students Representative Assembly members.

The oath of office was administered by the University Legal Officer, Barr. (Mrs.) Evelyn Hussaini.

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They also pointed out need for an improvement of hydrology practice in Nigeria and better hydrological, data management, in line with best practices which is absolutely necessary for effective and efficient water resources management and development as well as mitigation of hydrological extremes in the country.

They noted that on many occasions failure in some of our dams or other water resources infrastructure can be blamed on faulty design.

The Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee, Prof. David Jimoh while giving the vote of thanks, appreciated everybody present at the event and hoped that reasonable solutions to the deliberations would be reached at the end of the conference.

# RCE PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO VC

The Coordinator of the Regional Centre of Expertise on Education (RCE) Minna and President, African RCE's, Dr. Abdul Husaini and his team have paid a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at the VC's Conference Room.

Dr. Hussaini disclosed that they were in the institution to strengthen the already established relationship that has seen FUT, Minna as a critical stakeholder in championing Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in Nigeria as the host institution of the Regional Centre of Expertise (RCE), Minna.

According to him, RCE, Minna was founded to contribute to the effort of mobilizing formal, non-formal sectors to deliver ESD to the people and to support the realization of reorienting existing education at all levels to address sustainable development issues amongst others.

The Coordinator noted that it has been organizing series of programmes and activities that border on addressing local and regional sustainable development challenges through research, community services and celebration of major events like World Environment Day and building capacities of youths.

He added that in the area of youth empowerment, RCE Minna has continued to empower youth to focus their thinking towards sustainable development and enhance their leadership capacity.

Dr. Husaini said students of FUT, Minna have continued to benefit from the programmes and activities of RCE at home and abroad among them was the Youth Unite for Voluntary Action (YVA) organized annually by RCE New Delhi, India.

He noted that one of major changes being proposed for repositioning RCE is to identify each of their major regions with specific specialisation such as urbanization/climate change, lifelong learning and TVET, traditional knowledge and community –engaged research among others. In all



VC, Prof. Akanji (m), Dr. Husaini (3rd from left), PO's and other officials from RCE in a group photograph shortly after the visit

of these, he said it is expected that the host institutions would bring to bear their expertise in solving local sustainable development challenges that would be shared with other RCEs worldwide.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, commended the role RCE, Minna is playing in sustainable development and nation building.

"One of the greatest things I have seen is the engagement of the youth and that will ensure longevity of the project. Our youths are entrepreneurial and eager to contribute," Prof. Akanji echoed.

Prof. Akanji said through RCE, FUT, Minna is being projected globally. He assured them of the institutions support, collaboration and encouraged them to keep up the good work.

He congratulated the Coordinator of RCE, Minna for his appointment as President, Africa RCE adding that a contact person will be selected from one of FUT, Minna representatives amongst them to serve as an interface between the University and RCE, Minna

## APPOINTMENTS

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of contract appointment of the following:

1. Dr. Abdulfattah Adelani Aboaba, Department of Computer Engineering, for a period of one year with effect from December 1, 2016 .
2. Musa Usman, Works and Maintenance Service for a period of one year, with effect from October 9, 2016 .
3. Chado Mohammed Kuta, University Security Services, for a period of two years with effect from October 17, 2016.
4. Zacheous Jiya, University Security Services, for a period of two years with effect from October 27, 2016 .

## COUNSELLING TIP

Do you want to be counted wise and to build a reputation for wisdom? Here is what you do: Live well, live wisely and live humbly. It is the way you live not the way you talk that counts.

**Guidance and Counselling Unit,  
Students' Affairs Division.**

# NECO CONDUCTS STAFF PROMOTION EXAMS

**I**n a bid to ensure staff excellence and rectitude, Management of the National Examination Council (NECO) conducted promotion examination for its staff on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Main Campus.

This unprecedented development according to the Council's Registrar/Chief Executive, Prof. Charles Nwakwe, would not only be a morale booster but also a great call for rededication to duty.

He stated this during a courtesy visit on the Vice-Chancellor at VC's Conference Room, Main Campus shortly before the commencement of the examination. The Registrar/C.E. expressed gratitude to the Management of the University for making the institution's facilities available for the conduct of the exam.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, who later conducted NECO Management team round the various venues for the exercise commended NECO for its high ethical standard. He assured the Council of the University's willingness to assist in order to enhance the quality of its examinations.

Prof. Akanji also described hard work and diligence as key in the attainment of success in life.

The Registrar was accompanied by the Director, Human Resources Management, Alhaji Audu Inuwa Fuka; Special Assistant, Human Resources Management, Dr. John Tumba and Ibrahim Agabi, Human Resources Management, .

The venues allocated to them for the exercise were: Caverton Lecture Theatre, First Bank Lecture Theatre and SICT Lecture Theatre.

Earlier, in a related development, the Nigerian Association of Teachers of Technology (NATT) paid a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor at the VC's Conference Room, Main Campus on Monday, October 17, 2016.

The group was led by its National President Dr. Mathew Ukpogson, who recalled their visit to the University during the Association's Annual General Meeting/Conference held in 2002.

He commended the Vice-Chancellor for his effort in encouraging staff of the University in the areas of training and research, while pointing out the need to harness our local content and diversify as too much dependence on oil has killed our



*VC, Prof. Akanji (L) and the Registrar/CE., NECO, Prof. Nwakwe during the visit*

economy.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, expressed appreciation for the visit and reiterated the tremendous contributions of members of the association in the University especially the recent interlocking and repairs of road at Bosso Campus, which is of high quality that would stand the test of time.

"Management will support the activities of the association. We are your friends as we engage your members for the physical development of our campuses. Projects handled by your members are not only beneficial to the University but also to the teachers and students as they will gain experience from such assignments," he explained.

## APPRECIATION

**T**he Chairman, Muslim Ummah, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Shehu Abdullahi Ma'aji has expresses his appreciation to the entire members of the Muslim Ummah as well as good spirited individuals who have contributed towards the Mosque Building Project in Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

He prayed that the Almighty Allah (SWT) accept the good work and reward each and everyone abundantly.

## SALE OF CHICKENS

**T**his is to inform the University community and the general public that the University Commercial Farm has Chickens for sale at the Animal Production Teaching and Research Farm, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano at the rate of N1,300:00 for cash and carry, while paying through salary is N1,400:00

Interested members of staff should come with their ID Card.

For details, contact the number below:

07035612185

## VC COMMISSIONS ANIMAL HOUSE

In view of the need to improve on quality of research, the Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, has commissioned a newly completed Animal House for the School of Life Sciences. The event took place on Monday, October 17, 2016 at Bosso Campus.

Speaking during the commissioning, the Vice-Chancellor, represented by the Dean, School of Life Sciences, Prof. Falusi Olamide said that it is a building that symbolises unity in the School.



Prof. Falusi (2nd from right) assisted by other members of staff cutting the tape

Prof. Akanji who encouraged all the HODs' to work as a team and take good care of the building so that it can serve the purpose for which it was made congratulated the Dean and Head of Departments for their contributions.

Earlier, the Dean, Prof. Falusi thanked the Management for the support and promised that the Animal House would be used for research activities in the University.

The Dean commended the effort of HOD, Biochemistry, Dr. Kabir Yusuf whose effort and sacrifice brought about a successful completion of the project.

The Animal House is a place for keeping animals for research.

## NAMING CEREMONY

Ahmad A. Ibrahim of the University Library Service (ULS) cordially invites the University community and the general public to the naming ceremony of his newly baby girl holds as follow:

Date: Wednesday, October 26, 2016

Time: 7:30am prompt

Venue: House No 4, Goggo Mai Lalle Street, Old A. T. C., Off Bosso Road, Close to Peugeot Company, Bosso Road, Minna.

## WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY CONFERENCE

Weed Science Society of Nigeria (WSSN), Local Organizing Committee (MINNA 2016) cordially invites the University community and the general public to its **44TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE** slated as follows:

**Theme:** "Agriculture - An Alternative To Oil-Dependent Nigeria: The Role of WEED Management"

**Date:** Sunday, 6th - Wednesday, 9th November, 2016

**Venue:** School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT) Complex, Federal University of Technology, Minna.

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## CONDOLENCE

The Registrar has on behalf of Council, Senate, Staff and Students of the Federal University of Technology, Minna condoled the following:

1. Musa Mohammed Dantsoho, Information and Publications Unit over the death of his mother, which sad event occurred on Sunday, October 2, 2016
2. Dr. T. Y. Tsado, Department of Civil Engineering over the death of his wife (Agnes Bodi Sode-Shinni Tsado), which sad event occurred on Tuesday, October 4, 2016.
3. Mrs. E. A. Sode-Shinni of the University Staff School over the death of her daughter (Agnes Bodi Sode-Shinni Tsado), which sad event occurred on Tuesday, October 4, 2016.
4. May their gentle souls rest in peace.