

Campus News

Federal University of Technology, Minna

No.676 Tel:+08037276484, 08036537032 Email: info@futminna.edu.ng Facebook: [Futminna InfoUnit](https://www.facebook.com/Futminna-InfoUnit) Twitter: [@infounitfutmx](https://twitter.com/infounitfutmx)

PROF MA'AJI PROFFERS SOLUTION TO UNEMPLOYMENT

The Nigerian economy is facing a huge rate of unemployment, large numbers of graduates coming out of the formal school system with no hope for employment, hence the need to strengthen Technology, Vocational Education and Training (TVET).

Prof Abdullahi Shehu Ma'aji, Department of Industrial



Prof. Ma'aji explaining a point while delivering his lecture

and Technology Education, School of Science and Technology Education (SSTE) made this assertion when he delivered the 52nd Inaugural Lecture of the University titled: **Technology, Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Providing Appropriate Workforce for Nigerian Economy: Blue or white, Where Lie The Challenges?** Yesterday at the Caverton Lecture Theatre, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology, Main Campus.

Prof. Ma'aji explained that Technology, Vocational Education and Training is the acquisition of the practical skills, knowledge and awareness that are required in order to be engaged in a certain occupation which would become a potential solution to overcome the fast growing unemployment rate because of its ability to provide appropriate skilled workforce to the labour market.

The don who is also the Director, FUTMIN Ventures noted that one of the main reasons for the high rate of unemployment in Nigeria is the mismatch in the educational system, saying that there is need to restructure the educational system to include technical and vocational training, which would take care of skill acquisition in various fields.

He stated that in addition to vocational skills, business and agricultural skills, it is essential to incorporate political and citizenship skills into the curriculum.

The erudite scholar who described white collar jobs as those formal jobs and blue collar jobs as non-formal jobs said Technical and Vocational Education (TVE) are positioned to train the entrepreneurial labour force that is needed in Nigeria to generate wealth and come out of poverty.

He noted that the youth, poor, vulnerable, less academically brilliant and school dropouts can benefit from TVE.

The Professor of Industrial and Technology Education recommended an assessment of the existing TVET system in the country, including budget utilization, strengths, weaknesses and deficiencies in order to effectively link the TVET strategy to other national policies in the area of education, training, employment and socio-economic development.

The Inaugural Lecturer said it is also necessary to link training to the needs of the labour market, adding that TVET must be demand-driven rather than supply-driven and should revolve around the skills demanded in the labour market.

He stressed the need for government to make efforts to train new technical teachers, retrain existing ones, empower TVET institutions to manufacture their own training tools and equipment as well as to also motivate them through equitable remuneration packages and incentives.

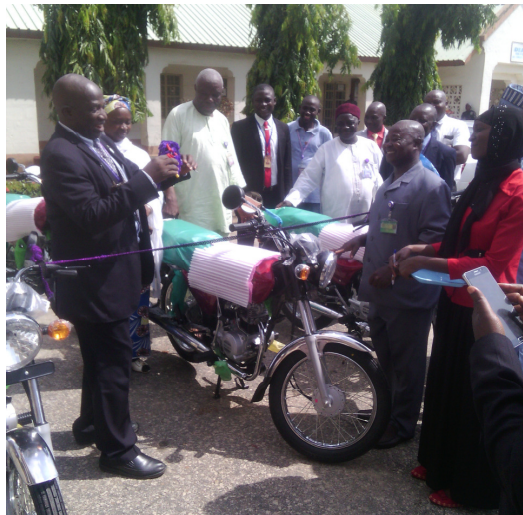
The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FAS, FNSBMB*, in his remark emphasized the importance of inaugural lecture in the life of a Professor saying that he was impressed at the large number of visitors who attended the event.

The VC also used the event to invite members of the University community and the general public to the 53rd Inaugural Lecture of the University slated for Thursday, August 10, 2017 at the same venue.

Prof. Akanji thanked everybody for attending, wishing them journey mercies back to their respective destinations.

MFB INTRODUCES TRICYCLE, MOTORCYCLE SCHEME ...VC Commends MFB Management

As part of efforts to address the problem of transportation in Minna metropolis and to ease students' movement, the Federal University of Technology, Minna Microfinance Bank Plc has launched a tricycle and motorcycle leasing scheme for its customers.



The VC, Prof. Akanji flanked by the Chairman, MFB Board, Mrs. Abdullahi and others while flagging off the motorcycle scheme in front of the bank premises.

The well attended flagging off ceremony took place at the Bosso Campus Car Park on Monday, July 31, 2017.

Speaking at the event, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof.

Musbau Adewumi Akanji **FAS, FNSBMB**, who was accompanied by other Principal Officers of the institution, commended the management of the bank for introducing the scheme, adding that the scheme would not only provide additional means of transportation for people but would also reduce the State's unemployment rate.

Prof. Akanji said moving from one place to another is usually problematic while stating that tricycle transportation is safe and cheap. He expressed optimism that most of the beneficiaries would use the tricycles inside the Main Campus of the University to ease transportation problem.

The VC advised the beneficiaries to drive with caution and to pay back the loan on schedule so that other customers can benefit from the scheme.

He further applauded the acting Managing Director of the bank, Mallam Muhammed Aminu Ashafa, for resuscitating the bank through strategic business policies that have made the bank one of the active microfinance banks in the State.

In her address, the Chairman, MFB Board who is also the Bursar of the University, Mrs. Hajara Kuso Abdullahi said the scheme is one of the ways through which the bank is supporting its customers and to thank them for their patronage.

Mrs. Abdullahi urged the beneficiaries to utilize the tricycles and motorcycles for commercial purposes so that they can generate money from it in order to offset the loan on time. She added that prompt repayment of

the loan would enable the bank to launch the second phase of the scheme so that the bank can continue to empower its customers.

The Bursar expressed appreciation to the University Management for supporting the bank in all its programmes.

In his remark, the Acting Managing Director of the Bank, Mal. Ashafa said the scheme is geared at catering for the transportation need of members of the public and the students of the University.

The Acting MD disclosed that over 100 applications were received from customers of the bank out of which 27 customers were selected as beneficiaries of the pilot phase of the scheme, adding that the scheme would complement the State government's effort aimed at providing employment for its teeming youths.



Some of the tricycles on display at the event.

Mal. Ashafa disclosed that the beneficiaries got the tricycles and motorcycles at an affordable rate while revealing that the loan repayment would last for one year from the date of collection.

"I want to urge you all to adhere strictly to the terms and conditions of the scheme so that together we can empower more customers," he stated.

He noted that the bank has done all the necessary registration for the tricycles and motorcycles including comprehensive insurance cover. The Acting MD, further disclosed that the bank also signed a 3-month servicing agreement with the supplier of the tricycles, noting that the supplier's engineers would remain in Minna for three months to address any technical or mechanical complaints from the beneficiaries.

A total of 27 tricycles and six motorcycles were handed over to the beneficiaries after the ceremony. FUT, Minna Microfinance Bank is one of the leading MFB bank in the State and started operation in 2012.

FUTMINNA STAFF SCHOOL HOLDS SPEECH, PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY

The Federal University of Technology Minna Staff School on Saturday 29, July 2017 held its 2017 speech and prize giving ceremony at the school premises, Bosso Campus.

In his speech, Chairman of the occasion and Dean, School of Science and Technology Education (SSTE)



The Speaker Niger State House of Assembly, Hon. Ahmed Marafa presenting prize to Alfa Salma (3rd position primary 3 pupil)

Prof. Atsumbe Benard, praised the parents and primary school teachers for their tireless efforts to educate and inculcate the best moral values in children.

The don said it is the duty of parents, teachers and every adult to inculcate good behavior and sound character in the children because children are the leaders of tomorrow.

Prof. Atsumbe also spoke about examination malpractice and its effects. He further urged parents to ensure their children understand that it is an illegal act and a crime that can lead someone to jail.

The Head Teacher of the School, Mrs. Elizabeth Sode-Shinni, congratulated the graduating pupils and charged them to be good ambassadors of the school where ever they find themselves in the future.

Mrs. Sode-Shinni also encouraged the rest of the pupils to work harder in the next session. She thanked the teachers for imparting knowledge and moral values in the pupils.

Mrs. Sode-Shinni expressed gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, and his Management team for all their support, especially for putting the school bus in good shape.

The event witnessed numerous performances by the pupils such as cultural display (Gbagyi and Nupe) by primary and nursery pupils, special songs, talk shows and news casting, rendition of poems and phonics.

The highpoint of the event was the presentation of

awards and prizes to students who have distinguished themselves during the period of their studentship. The best graduating pupil prize went to Usman Esther Aminci Sako of class six. Other outstanding pupils and teachers also received prizes.

53RD INAUGURAL LECTURE

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, cordially invites the University community and the general public to the **53rd Inaugural Lecture of the University** slated as follows:

Theme: "Catalytic Hydrocarbon Conversions For Transportation and Domestic Fuels Upgrade"

Lecturer: Prof. Folorunsho Aberuagba, B. Eng'g (ABU) M.Phil, Ph.D (UNILAG), M.N.S.Ch.E., R.Engr. (COREN). Professor of Chemical Engineering

Chairman: Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, FNSBMB, FAS, Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna.

Date: Thursday, August 10, 2017.

Time: 2:30pm prompt.

Venue: Caverton Lecture Theatre, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology, Main Campus.



The VC, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji flanked by the Acting Rector, Kadpoly, Dr. (Mrs.) Cathering E. Uloko (5th & 4th from left), POs, other staff of the University and Officials of Kadpoly in a group photograph after signing the renewal of MoU

APPOINTMENT

(i) Renewal

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of Visiting appointment of **Emmanuel Ifeanyiichukwu Igwe**, Department of Entrepreneurship and Business Studies for a period of one (1) year, with effect from July 19, 2017.

SSANU SALE OF SALLAH RAMS

This is to inform members and University community that Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) has Sallah rams for sale.

The price range of the rams are as follows:

N20,000.00, N25,000.00, N30,000.00, N35,000.00 and N40,000.00 and more base on special request.

Interested persons are to collect and return forms on or before Friday, August 18, 2017 with their pay slip and phone number from **Mal. Aminu Ibrahim 08060395240 (GK) and Mal. Usman Abubakar Degri 08036657700 (Bosso)**.

Repayment shall be in four (4) monthly installments and it shall attract 10% profit.

AL-HALAL SALE OF SALLAH RAMS

This is to inform members and non-members of Al-Halal Cooperative Multi-Purpose Society that Sallah rams will soon be available for sale.

The price range of the rams are as follows:

N20,000.00, N25,000.00, N30,000.00, N35,000.00 and N40,000.00.

Interested members of the University staff should apply with their current payslip at Al-Halal Secretariat, Bosso Campus.

Deadline for submission of applications is Monday, August 21, 2017.

FITNESS! FITNESS!!

The University Sports Committee weekly special dance and aerobics exercise for both campuses will hold as follows:

Date: Saturday, August 5, 2017

Time: 6:30 a.m. prompt

Venue: Bitrus Sawa Sports Complex, Bosso Campus and School Gym, Main Campus.

For details, please call 08035966255 or 08033733709.

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, July 24 - Friday, July 28, 2017)

N/S	RECEIPTS	N
1	Collection of Certificates	446,250.00
2	Academic Transcript Fees	370,000.00
3	Clearance Fees	9,000.00
4	Verification/Confirmation of	18,000.00
5	Turnitin	14,000.00
6	Semesterial Result	1,400.00
7	Add & Drop	10,000.00
8	Campus Radio	64,200.00
9	Loss of I.D. Card	5,500.00
10	Commercial Activities	87,400.00
11	Renewal of Association	5,000.00
12	English Proficiency	4,000.00
13	Academic Gown	30,000.00
	TOTAL	1,064,750.00
14	Personnel Grant from Abuja	283,982,404.18
	TOTAL PAYMENT	285,047,154.18
	PAYMENTS	
15	(i) Staff	
	(a) Refund	12,333,544.00
	(b) Advances	4,305,850.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) High Level Resort Ltd -	123,545.50
	(b) Doko Int'l Nig. Ltd. - Hotel	383,465.00
	(c) " "	15,480.00
	(d) Tondaves & Co Ltd. -	11,959,704.73
	(e) Cymbauta Inter Ltd. -	3,798,802.31
	(f) Cymbauta Inter Ltd.-	155,519.52
	(g) Nigeria Postal Service -	99,540.00
	(h) Niger State Water Board -	200,000.00
	(i) Niger State Water Board -	225,400.00
	(j) Abuja Electricity Distribution	3,871,208.74
	TOTAL PAYMENT	37,472,059.80