



Campus News

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FUTMINNA SENATE BIDS PROF BABA FAREWELL

It was encomium galore on Wednesday, August 15, 2017 as the Senate of the Federal University of Technology, Minna paid glowing tributes to the first Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Jacob Mundi Baba who died on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at the age of 75.

The valedictory session was held during the 424th Special Senate meeting of the institution held at the Senate Chamber, Main Campus.



The VC, Prof. Akanji addressing the University Senate during the valedictory session in honour of late Prof. Baba with some of his family members in attendance

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FAS, FNSBMB*, led the tributes to the doyen of Geography in Nigeria, saying that the story of the University will be incomplete without cognisant reference to Prof. Baba whom he described as an academic icon.

Prof. Akanji disclosed that Prof. Baba had contributed immensely to the development of the University, adding that even in his old age, the deceased was always available at all University functions, giving counsel on how to address issues.

"The demise of Prof. Baba is a personal loss to me because he belonged to the category of old men who are working tirelessly for the University to progress. His humility is rare and he will be greatly missed," he stated.

The VC said the demise of Prof. Baba is not just a loss to his immediate family members but to the nation based on his well-documented contributions to the development of education in the State and the nation at large.

He thanked the bereaved family members for being part of the Special Senate meeting to honour Prof. Baba and prayed that God would grant them the fortitude to bear the loss.

The Dean, School of Physical Sciences, Prof. Abubakar Ahmed Sadauki described late Prof. Baba as an encyclopedia of knowledge and first among equals based on his achievements as an academic.

"He was a role model to us, religious and highly disciplined. He

was a fantastic lecturer, he was always punctual and his lecture delivery was impeccable. He has a good command of English language," Prof. Sadauki enthused.

Prof. Sadauki disclosed that Prof. Baba lived an exemplary and fulfilled life devoid of misdemeanor and urged the family members to be strong.

The Head, Department of Geography, Dr. (Mrs.) Aisha Abdulkadir, described Prof. Baba as a perfect gentleman to the core, saying that the late scholar spent all his entire life in capacity building for the future.

Dr. Abdulkadir who almost betrayed emotion while paying tribute to Prof. Baba, informed the University Senate that late Prof. Baba at a time donated all his personal books to the Department during NUC accreditation, stating that his contributions were highly commendable.

"Prof. Baba wrote two books, edited seven books and delivered 21 keynote lectures at various conferences. He will be missed by all," the HOD stated.

In his emotion-laden tribute, Prof. Obinna Nsofor described the late Prof. Baba as one of the foremost geographers in Nigeria while disclosing that he had trained many professors who in turn trained professors.

"I was surprised that even on his sick bed, Prof. Baba was still reading a Ph.D. thesis. He said he wanted to go home because there are many theses to read. He was a giant and a jolly good fellow," he disclosed.

The Director, West African Science Service Centre on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL), Dr. Appolonia Okhimamhe said Prof. Baba's oratorical skill, knowledge and the desire to impact the knowledge to students made him the toast of all students, saying that Prof. Baba's love for education attracted her to academics.

"He was very dedicated, he humbles you because of his humility," the Director reiterated.

The Dean, Postgraduate School, Prof. Mathew Kolo later prayed for the repose of the soul of Prof. Baba.

Late Prof. Baba bagged his B. A (Hons), M. A. and PhD in Geography from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. He became a Professor in 1985 and transferred his services to the Federal University of Technology, Minna on October 1, 1988. He was appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor from 1989-1993. He retired on December 3, 2007 having attained the then official age of Sixty-Five (65) years. He was then given a contract appointment in the Department, a position he held till his death. He is survived by his wife, three children and many grandchildren.

A commendation service will be held today in honour of the deceased at the St. Peter's Anglican Church, Minna by 3pm.

His remains will be buried tomorrow in his country home, Gusadi, Gbako Local Government Area of Niger State.

ADOPT PRIVATE SECTOR TECHNIQUES

- EX - OAU REGISTRAR URGES VARSITY ADMINISTRATORS

To stem the tide of misconceptions about the Registry in Nigerian universities, administrators in the ivory towers will have to utilise management techniques that have impacted positively on the success of private sector organisations.

Former Registrar of the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Osun State, Mr. Ayorinde Ogunraku (JP) stated this yesterday when he delivered the second Annual Registry Lecture of the Federal University of Technology, Minna at



Mr. Ayorinde Ogunraku delivering the 2nd Annual Registry Lecture

the Caverton Lecture Hall, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT), Main Campus.

The occasion also featured the unveiling of **ANUPA Horizon** magazine, a publication the Association of Nigerian Universities Professional Administrators (ANUPA) FUTMinna Branch by a former Registrar of the University, Mrs. Larai S. Ahmed as well as presentation of awards to all the former Registrars of the institution (two posthumous and two living) for their meritorious service.

In the lecture titled: "**Stemming The Increasing Tide Of Misconceptions About Registry In Nigerian Universities,**" Mr. Ogunraku maintained that the traditional model of university administration of the past, which he described as reactive, has become untenable in the face of emerging global trends, hence the need for paradigm shift.

He therefore enjoined the Registry of Nigerian universities to uphold accountability and high ethical standard in the performance of their duties and adopt practices that will change the perception of stakeholders who hold such misconceptions.

The former Registrar who captured the misconceptions in four broad areas - architecture of the registry, its functions and functionalities, the process of performing its mandates and the personnel engaged to carry out its functions - noted that misconceptions derived from the experiences of the public and the customers the administrators deal with, a situation that necessitates striving to change such views to admiration which the entire university enterprise will benefit from.

He pointed out that administrators are essential to the performance of university business and posited that only quality staff with good academic backgrounds be recruited into the administrative cadre to ensure effective and efficient service delivery as the academia and the stakeholders they deal with are peculiar people with great expectations.

Mr. Ogunraku frowned at the confrontational postures between administrators and academics and stressed the need for training to enable them understand their roles in the university systems.

"There must be constant positive engagements between the duo for the actualisation of the university mandates. Complementarity, rather than competition is the game for advancement," he added.

Earlier in his speech, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji **FAS, FNSBMB**, disclosed that there has been a remarkable improvement in service delivery since the first in the Registry lecture series held last year, adding that the impact of such lectures on staff members is everlasting.

Describing a university as an organisational system comprising groups performing inter-dependent and inseparable functions, Prof. Akanji said while each group should be cohesive, all groups should have unmixed trust in order to achieve its mandate.

He expressed appreciation to successive Registrars of the University for laying the solid foundation that has manifested in the robust functionality of the administrative machinery of the institution.

Prof. Akanji urged other non-teaching units to see the Annual Registry Lecture as a challenge.

In her welcome address, the Registrar of the University, Mrs. Victoria Nnawo Kolo said the lecture would help stakeholders understand misgivings relating to the operations of the Registry in the universities.

She thanked the Registry staff for their support, adding that there is noticeable improvement in the discharge of their statutory duties.

The Registrar disclosed that the University was honouring the past Registrars because of their contributions for which the institution remains indebted.

The former Registrars honoured were: Late Dr. Bitrus P. Sawa (1st Registrar, 1983-1986); Mrs. Larai S. Ahmed (2nd Registrar, 1988 - 1993); Late Alhaji Umaru Abubakar Sadiq (Acted 1986-1988 & 1993-1998; 3rd Registrar, 1998 - 2003); and Mal. Muhammad Dattijo Usman (Acted 2003 - 2007; 4th Registrar, 2007 - 2012).

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION INTO PRELIMINARY DEGREE 2017/2018 AND INTERIM JOINT MATRICULATION BOARD (IJMB) PROGRAMME FOR 2018/2019 SESSION

Applications are invited from qualified candidates for admission into the One-year Preliminary Degree programme for 2017/2018 session and Interim Joint Matriculation Board (IJMB) programme for 2018/2019 academic session of the Federal University of Technology, Minna. The University runs various Science and Technology based degree programmes in the following Schools: **(1) Agriculture and Agricultural Technology; (2) Engineering and Engineering Technology; (3) Environmental Technology; (4) Entrepreneurship & Management Technology. (5) Information & Communication Technology (6) Life Sciences (7) Physical Sciences (8) Science and Technology Education.**

Entry Requirements

To qualify for admission, a candidate must have at least five (5) credits to include **English Language, Mathematics** and any three of the following subjects: **Physics, Chemistry, Economics, Biology/Agricultural Science/Health Science and Geography at SSCE, GCE**

RE: CUSTOMERS' FORUM

This is to inform all Leadway Pension contributors that the interactive session with their PFA, scheduled to hold on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 as being postpone due to ASUU strike. Duly sorry for the inconveniences as the new date will be communicate later.

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.

O' Level, NECO and NABTEB. The results obtained should not be at more than two sittings. For IJMB programme **Agricultural Science and Health Science** are not acceptable.

Method of Application

Candidates are to log on to F.U.T., Minna website (www.futminna.edu.ng) to obtain instructions for the purchase of application forms.

The application form costs five thousand Naira (**N5,000.00**) only, excluding bank charges.

Duration of Sales

- a. Pre-degree - 15th August –15thSeptember, 2017
- b. IJMB - 15th August - 15thNovember, 2017

Classes for successful Pre-degree candidates start on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, and for IJMB Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

Please note that the Centre is not liable to give reason(s) for rejecting any application, nor will it enter into correspondence on the subject matter with any applicant.

APPOINTMENTS

(i) Sabbatical

The Vice-Chancellor has approved Sabbatical for **Dr. Joseph B. Agboola**, Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering, tenable at the University of Lagos, Akoka, Lagos State for a period of one year, with effect from October 1, 2017.

(ii) Retirement

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the voluntary retirement of **Mrs. Falusi Funmilayo Mary**, Department of Water, Aquaculture and Fisheries Technology from the services of the University with effect from December 31, 2018.

LIST OF NEW ARRIVAL OF BOOKS FOR THE WEEK

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, August 7 – Friday, August 11, 2017)

SN	AUTHOR	TITLE
1	WAWONG, C	Introduction to Mathematical Physics: Methods and Concepts
2	MUNIER JOLAIN	Physiology of The Pea Crop
3	CHEN, T.J.	Multivariate Bonferroni – Type Inequalities: - Theory and Application
4	PIASECK, I, L.	Classification of Lipschitz Mappings
5	JAIN, S.K. (ed)	Geomicrobiology
6	ALMUDEVAR, A.	Approximate Iterative Algorithms
7	SHARMA, V.K.	Introduction to Process Geomorphology
8	ALAM, M.A.	Textbook of Insect Physiology and Morphology
9	DESCHAMPS, E. (ed)	Arseni: Natural and Anthropogenic
10.	EDWARDS, D. (ed)	Genetics, Genomics and Breeding of Oil Seed Brassicas
11	TEW, K.D. (ed)	Advances in Cancer Research: The Role of Sphingolipids In Cancer Development And Therapy
12.	ALEJANDRA, M. (ed)	International Business, Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility
13.	GHABIAL, S.A. (ed)	Advances in Virus Research Mycoviruses. Vol. 86
14.	KUMAR, U.	Microbiology
15.	RAI, M. (ed)	Ethnomedicinal Plants: Revitalisation of Traditional
16	DOUC, R. (ed)	Nonlinear Time Series: Theory, Methods and Applications with R Examples
17.	KATZ, J.	Introduction to Modern Cryptography 2 nd ed.
18.	CHARLES, D.D.	Air Transportation in Nigeria: Strategies for 21 st Century. 1 st ed.
19.	TANDAN, N.	Cell and Molecular Biology
20.	RILEY, D.D.	Computational Thinking The Modern Problem Solver
21.	SANDOWSKI, J. (ed)	Genetics, Genomics and Breeding of Vegetable Brassicas
22.	READ, J. (ed)	Guidelines for Open Pit Slope Design
23	DIPIETRO, J.	Landscape Evolution in the United States: An Introduction to the Geography, Geology and Natural History
24.	MORRIS, J.G. (ed)	Foodborne Infections and Intoxications 4 th ed.
25.	DELEON, A.R. (ed)	Analysis of Mixed Data Methods and Applications
26.	McCREA, R.S.	Analysis of Capture- Recapture Data
27	MORRIS, M.C. (ed)	Progress in Molecular Biology and Translational Science. Vol-113
28.	AIROLDI, E.M. (ed)	Handbook of Mixed Membership Models And Their Applications
29	ALBERSHEIM, P.	Plant Cell Walls From Chemistry to Biology
30.	HSU, H.P.	Probability, Random Variables and Random Processes 3 rd ed.
31.	LUNN, D.	The Bugs Books: A Practical Introduction to Bayesian Analysis
32.	CARTER, M	Designing Science Presentation
33.	TSOKOS, C.P.	Probability for Engineering, Mathematics and Science
34.	LIPSCHUTZ, S.	Linear Algebra 4 th ed.
35.	LIPSCHUTZ, S.	Linear Algebra 5 th ed.
36.	STARR, C.	Human Biology 8 th ed.
37.	VALLERO, D.A.	Environmental Biotechnology: A Biosystems Approach
38.	ALLAN, E.	Agricultural Communication and Sustainable Development

N	RECEIPTS	N
1	Collection of Certificates	256,500.00
2	Academic Transcript Fees	330,000.00
3	Turnitin	58,500.00
4	Clearance Fees	162,000.00
5	Semesterial Result	4,800.00
6	SUG Form	52,000.00
7	Add & Drop	10,000.00
8	Campus Radio	36,000.00
9	English Proficiency	6,000.00
10	Loss of I.D. Card	11,000.00
11	Verification of Result	16,000.00
12	Commercial Activities	44,800.00
13	Hiring of University Property	250,000.00
14	Renewal of Association	5,000.00
15	Reference Letter	2,000.00
16	Inter University Transfer Form	10,000.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,254,600.00
PAYMENTS		
17	(i) Staff	
	(a) Refund	4,231,352.68
	(b) Advance	9,576,560.00
	(c) Staff Training	3,400,000.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Elnita Nig. Ltd.	15,056,331.37
	TOTAL PAYMENT	32,264,244.05

APPRECIATION

Mrs. Blessing Dumni Adebayo of the University Staff School, has on behalf of her family expressed appreciation to the Management, Staff and Students of the Federal University of Technology, Minna and the general public for their support both in kind, cash, visit, attendance and in prayer at the wedding of her son, **Tolulade Iyanuoluwa and Grace Omobolanle**, which took place on Saturday, August 12, 2017. She prays that God Almighty will reward them all.

COUNSELLING TIP

Learn to control your anger. The most powerful person on earth is not an army general, a warrior nor the richest person but he/she that can control him/herself, his/her utterances, attitude and action in the face of provocation. Ask for God's grace to be one of such.

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

CONDOLENCE

The Registrar has on behalf of Management, Staff and Students of the Federal University of Technology, Minna condoled Deborah Kolo L. (Mrs.), Dean's Office, School of Agricultural and Agricultural Technology over the death of her husband, which sad event occurred on Sunday, August 13, 2017.

May his gentle soul rest in peace.