

# Campus News

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## PROF BALA ASSUMES DUTY, TOURS BOSSO CAMPUS ... I WILL BE FATHER TO ALL – NEW VC

**D**esirous 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 familiarization 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



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

at 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 familiarization 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 historical 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 FUTMinna 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 Aminu 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 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.

In a related development, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Bala 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.

# FUTMINNA MICROFINANCE BANK HONOURS 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.



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

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.

## Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, November 20 – Thursday, November 30, 2017)

N/S	RECEIPTS	₦
1	Clearance Fees	966,000.00
2	Collection of Certificate	777,000.00
3	Academic Transcript Fees	820,000.00
4	Verification/Confirmation of Certificate	24,000.00
5	Turnitin	504,000.00
6	Statement of Result	56,000.00
7	Proficiency in English	14,000.00
8	Verification of Transcript	2,000.00
9	Replacement of I.D. Card	500.00
10	Teaching Practice	120,000.00
11	Purchase of Academic Gown	60,000.00
12	Semesterial Result	400.00
13	Inter University Transfer Form	124,500.00
14	Renewal/Registration of Ass.	5,000.00
15	CEPCE Result	400.00
16	Acceptance Fees	15,920,000.00
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>19,393,800.00</b>
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
17	<b>Contractors/Suppliers</b>	
	<b>(i) Staff</b>	
	(a) Refund	1,894,500.00
	(b) Advance	13,748,265.00
	<b>(ii) Contractors/Suppliers</b>	
	(a) Ajiboye Printer Ltd., Supply	332,500.00
	(b) World Health Origination Registration fees	546,000.00
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>16,521,265.00</b>

## 61ST INAUGURAL LECTURE

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, **FSSSN**, cordially invites the University community and the general public to the **61st Inaugural Lecture of the University** slated as follows:

**Theme:** *"Implementing TVET Towards Employment Generation and Poverty Reduction in Nigeria: The Good and The Bad."*

**Lecturer:** **Prof. Atsumbe Bernard Numgwo**,  
*B.Ed (Tech) (ABU), M.Ed, Ph.D (UNN)*  
**Professor of Industrial and Technology Education**

**Chairman:** **Prof. Abdullahi Bala**, **FSSSN**,  
Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna.

**Date:** Thursday, December 14, 2017.

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

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

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

**Dr. Jude Kur** of the Department of Information and Media Technology cordially invites the University community and the general public to the Golden Jubilee wedding anniversary of his parents **Cecilia Mbavekom (Nee Iber) and Lawrence Guda Iyolnyion Kur**, which will by

the grace of God take place as follows:

**Date:** Saturday, December 9, 2017

**Time:** 10:00am prompt

**Venue:** St. Peter's Catholic Church, Mkar, Gboko LGA, Benue State.