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26TH CONVOCATION CEREMONY

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, **FNSBMB, FAS**, on behalf of Council, Senate, Staff and students of the Federal University of Technology, Minna cordially invites the general public to the University's 34th Founder's Day and 26th Convocation Ceremony for the conferment of First Degrees, Post Graduate Diplomas, Higher and Honourary Degrees and Prizes to its graduands of 2015/2016 session on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at the Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
Thursday, January 26, 2017	Vice-Chancellor's Press Briefing	11:00 a.m.	Senate Chamber, Main Campus
Friday, January 27, 2017	Special Juma'at Prayer and Commissioning of Mosque, Main Campus.	1:15 p.m.	Central Mosque, Bosso Campus and Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.
Saturday, January 28, 2017	Novelty Basketball Match	4:00 p.m.	Basketball Court, Sports Complex, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano
Sunday, January 29, 2017	Special Interdenominational Service	8:30 a.m.	Chapel of Grace, Bosso Campus and Main Campus, Gidan Kwano
Monday, January 30, 2017	Exhibition	10:00 a.m.	Suleimanu Kumo Convocation Square, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano
Tuesday, January 31, 2017	Pre-Convocation Lecture: Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Ir Brice SinSin, Vice-Chancellor, University of Abomey-Calavi, Republic of Benin Topic: Science – Based Management Safeguards for Sustainable Use of Biodiversity Resources in Developing Countries.	11:00 a.m.	Caverton Lecture Theatre, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano
Wednesday, February 1, 2017	Commissioning of Projects Conferment of First Degrees, Post Graduate Diplomas, Higher and Honourary Degrees and Prizes	2:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m.	Project Sites, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano Suleimanu Kumo Convocation Square, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano

Information to Graduands

All graduands are required to note the following requirements/conditions for the convocation ceremony:

- Hiring of Academic Gowns - N1,500.00
- Alumni Registration - N2,000.00
- Order of Proceedings - N2,000.00

- Scroll - N 250.00
- Collection of Certificate - N4,000.00

Payment Process

- Log into: www.remita.net which will prompt you to Remita-receiving and making payment
- Then you click: Pay Federal Government Agency
- Next: Fill Federal University of Technology, Minna as name of MDA
- Select Project Payment that will lead to description of payment
- Then you type the purpose of payment
- Indicate the amount you are paying to Federal University of Technology, Minna
- Then write your name as Payer. Remember to put your phone number, email address or Matric No.
- You then key in some characters to be displayed
- Click on: "proceed to payment" which will take you to a page where R.R.R. number will be shown.
- Copy the number and go to a bank for payment or pay through other electronic means.
- Please print the transaction receipt for Federal University of Technology, Minna as evidence of payments.

Note: Please call 08035695897, 08034511899 – Institute REMITA Officer, if any difficulty is encountered in the process.

- Graduands must be physically present at the ceremony to receive their certificates and prizes as the case may be.
- Graduands are expected to fulfill the following conditions to enable them collect their certificates on the spot:
 - The original statement of results earlier issued to them by the University (if applicable)
 - Final year clearance form duly signed by all concerned
 - Final year identity card or letter of identification from Student Affairs Division
- The above listed items (a-c) need to be processed not later than two days to the date of the occasion.
- Issued Academic Gowns must be returned to the Academic Office through the School Secretaries immediately after the ceremony before the collection of original certificates.
- There will be a surcharge for any damaged Academic Gown and a charge of N2,000.00 per day for any delayed return of the gown.
- There is provision for purchase of academic gown after Convocation, interested students are to liaise with Academic Office.

Note:

No form of luggage or handbags will be allowed at the convocation venue. Graduands and guests are advised, without exception, to comply with this directive.

NO ONE, INCLUDING THE GRADUANDS AND THEIR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OR RELATIONS WILL BE ADMITTED INTO THE CONVOCATION SQUARE AFTER 9:30 A.M.

GRADUANDS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE CONVOCATION VENUE BEFORE THE END OF THE CEREMONY. THEY ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO COMPLY WITH THESE ARRANGEMENTS.

The original certificates of all convocating students will be ready for collection immediately after the occasion.

Invitation cards will be issued to the graduating students at the point of gown collection.

Graduands will be responsible for the transportation, accommodation and feeding of their guests.

While hoping for a successful and memorable occasion, we wish you safe journey throughout the ceremony.

FUTMINNA TO HONOUR ETSU NUPE, TWO OTHERS

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, has conveyed the University Senate's decision to honour Etsu Nupe and Chairman, Niger State Council of Traditional Rulers, HRH, Alh. (Dr.) Yahaya Abubakar CFR, during the forthcoming 34th Founders' Day and 26th Convocation Ceremony of the University scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

Prof. Akanji disclosed this when he led other Principal

Officers of the University to the Wadata Palace, Bida to present the letter to the Royal father today.

"We have come this morning to inform you that the University Senate, at its Special (414th) meeting held on Monday, January 9, 2017 approved the recommendation of the Honorary Degree Committee that you be awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree of Technology (*Honoris causa*) during the 26th Convocation Ceremony of the University." he revealed.

According to him, Etsu Nupe would be awarded alongside two other awardees namely: HRH Alhaji Abubakar Shehu - Abubakar, Modibbo Abubakar III, Emir of Gombe and Chairman, Gombe State Council of Emirs and Chiefs and Professor Akin L. Mabogunje, a renowned Professor of Planning.

Prof. Akanji also use the opportunity to condole with the Royal father over the death of the former Governor of Niger State, late Engr. Abdulkadir Kure and prayed for the repose of his soul.

Responding, HRH accepted the honour from the University and prayed for continued peace and progress in the entire system. He thanked the Vice-Chancellor, the Principal Officers and his entourage for the visit.



The Emir (3rd from right) flanked by the University Management and others in a group photograph.

PROF ABUBAKRE CALLS FOR SPEEDY IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION POLICY

Disturbed by the slow pace of development in the country, Prof. Oladiran Kamardeen Abubakre, department of Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET), Federal University of Technology, Minna has called on the federal government to ensure speedy implementation of the National Science, Technology and Innovation Policy to fast-track development.

The professor of Materials Engineering stated this yesterday when he delivered the 50th Inaugural Lecture of the University titled: **Repositioning Engineering Materials Research and Innovation for Sustainable Development** at the Caverton Lecture Theatre, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT), Main Campus.

Professor Abubakre who noted that the Policy has been in existence since 1986, called on the federal government to show clear commitment in the implementation of the policy in order to ensure sustainable national development in the country.

The Don stated that the National Science, Technology and Innovation Policy needed to be fine-tuned in line with present reality on ground, adding that government's commitment to appropriate one percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to the Policy should be implemented. He, however, urged government at various levels to prioritize research and innovation to drive sustainable development.

"It is noteworthy that Nigeria did not make the list of the 40 countries spending the most on research," the erudite scholar disclosed.

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Prof. Abubakre delivering his lecture yesterday

FUTMINNA HANDSOVER CONSTRUCTION OF WATER DAM SITE TO CONTRACTOR

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, has expressed appreciation to the federal government for approving through the NEEDs Assessment Programme of TETFund, the construction of a 500 million litres capacity Earth Dam capable of supplying one million litres of water per day to the University.



Prof. Sadiku handing over the project plan to the MD, Hussauni Engineering Services Nigeria Limited, Engr. Jamal at the project site.

The VC made this known while handing over the project site to the construction firm, Hassauni Engineering

Services Nigeria Limited on Monday, January 9, 2017.

He urged the contractor to abide by the terms, specification and the time frame of the contract and charged the University Security Services to provide adequate security for the project.

The Vice-Chancellor who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof Suleiman Sadiku, described the project as a mega legacy project which would provide a lasting and permanent solution to water problem in the Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Speaking on behalf of the design team, Prof. O. D. Jimoh expressed appreciation to the University Management for the opportunity given to design the drawing for the dam and expressed satisfaction that the project was not just another academic exercise that is dumped on the shelves.

“We have put up a design we can supervise from start to finish and will ensure that the project is a world class,” he added.

The Managing Director of Hassauni, Jamal Hassauni while receiving the project document, promised to deliver quality job and abide by the terms of the contract.

CDRM&DS PRESENTS REFERENCE MATERIALS TO VC

The Centre for Disaster Risk Management and Development Studies (CDRM&DS) has presented up-to-date reference materials on disaster management to the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*.



The VC, Prof. Akanji (left) receiving the items from former Director, CDRM&DS, Prof. Junaid (middle) supported by a staff of the Centre.

The presentation took place on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at the Vice-Chancellor’s Office, Main Campus, Gidan

Kwano.

Speaking during the presentation, the former Director of the Centre, Prof. Asimiyu Junaid said the donation by the Global Risk Forum (GRF), Davos, Switzerland was an outcome of the August 2016 renewed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between GRF and FUT, Minna CDRM&DS.

Prof. Junaid further stated that the impressive performance of the activities of CDRM&DS, FUT, Minna facilitated the renewal of the existing MoU with GRF who then promised to donate up-to-date reference materials on disaster management that would aid learning, teaching and research at the Centre.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Akanji, after receiving the materials said he was happy at the progress of the relationship between GRF/FUT and hoped that the reference materials would be put to good use by the Centre.

He urged the Centre to deposit copies of the materials in the University Library for easy accessibility to users and thanked GRF for the donation.

FUTMINNA RESEARCH GROUP TOURS INDUSTRIES, UNIVERSITIES

...Seeks Collaboration With Nokia, LAUTECH, Others

In view of the need to bridge the existing gap between universities and industries operating in the country, one of the research groups of the Federal University of Technology, Minna known as the Advanced Engineering Innovation Research Group (AEIRG) led by the Director, Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning and Head, department of Mechatronics Engineering, Prof. Abiodun Musa Aibinu has successfully concluded tour of some multi-national industries and universities in Nigeria.



Prof. Aibinu (5th from right) flanked by other members of the group at Nokia office during the tour

The research group embarked on the tour recently and were received at the Nokia Office by the company's Human Resources Manager, Mrs. Adebimpe Ayo-Elias who expressed satisfaction with the group's presentation and prototypes exhibited, adding that Nokia is committed to the support of quality and entrepreneurial oriented research that would help fast-track development in the country.

"Nokia is an innovation leader in the technology industry with the aim of connecting lives. We create products as well as solutions that help people thrive", she revealed.

Mrs. Ayo-Elias said the organization is desirous to collaborate with the Federal University of Technology, Minna based on the impeccable milestone that the

university has achieved in the area of cutting-edge research. She said that Nokia would look at areas of assisting the university through its corporate social responsibility programme.

Speaking earlier, the leader of the group, Prof. Abiodun Musa Aibinu said the purpose of the visit was to establish contact with the industry on areas of research collaboration which he noted was part of the National Universities Commission (NUC) benchmark for the accreditation of the department of Mechatronics Engineering.

Prof. Aibinu stated that the collaboration would provide internship placement for students, job opportunity for graduates of the university and technical support by the university staff geared at solving the organization's technical problems.

"FUT, Minna has invested massively in research since inception and is now a place where the industries can come and get solution to their problems", Prof. Aibinu stated.

The research group also visited the University of Lagos (Unilag) and Ladoké Akintola University of Science and Technology (LAUTECH), Ogbomoshó, where they met with some faculty members in the departments of Electrical/Electronics Engineering and Chemical Engineering at Unilag. The group visited Electrical/Electronic Engineering and the Nanotechnology Research Group at LAUTECH.

Speaking during the visits at Unilag and LAUTECH, Prof. Aibinu reiterated the group's commitment towards inter-university research collaborations with the aim of conducting researches that would provide solutions to societal problems.

Other industries visited by the group in Lagos were: Susej, Citiserve Group Nigeria Limited, Andela Nigeria, Siemens Nigeria and Kudi.ai.

DEAN SLS INAUGURATES NALISS NEW EXECUTIVES

The Dean, School of Life Sciences, Federal University of Technology, Minna has inaugurated the new executive members of the Nigerian



Prof. Falusi (seated 5th from left), in a group photograph with the newly inaugurated NALISS Executives and other staff

Association of Life Sciences Students (NALISS), for the 2016/2017 academic session.

Speaking at the event which was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at the School Boardroom, Bosso Campus, Prof. Falusi charged the new executives to execute student oriented projects and programmes that would cut across various departments in the School and to be prudent with the association's resources.

"Lead with the fear of God, be disciplined, responsible and responsive to the needs of the students, he reiterated.

The Dean who congratulated them warned them to desist from social vices, such as examination malpractices, cultism, drug abuse and forgery of results.

Responding on behalf of the executive members, the President of NALISS, Comrade Nwankpa Jasper Chibuzor, thanked the students of the School for the confidence reposed in them and promised to carry everybody along in order to bring tremendous development. He added that his administration would promote academic activities by organizing tutorials on different courses.

The newly inaugurated executive were: President, Nwankpa Jasper Chibuzor; Vice President, Amina Arinola Fatima; General Secretary, Oyeronbi Abraham; PRO I, Lawal Farouq; Director of Socials, Attah Olabode; Director of Sports, Zulu Adekunle Yusuf; Asst. Secretary General, Omede James Achimugu; Financial Secretary, Tijani Ibrahim Akinwande; Treasurer, Adediran Abiodun Taiwo and Justina Akaragha as Director of Welfare of the association.

EXHIBITION! EXHIBITION!! CALL FOR MEMORANDUM

This is to inform the University community and the general public that as part of activities marking the University's 34th Founder's Day and the 26th Convocation Ceremony there will be an Exhibition of Technological Products and Services developed by the various Schools in the University.

Presentations from Schools will be opened to competition and prizes will be given to the first three winners.

Schools are to liaise with their representatives for more details:

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| 1. Dr. Daniel N. Tsado | SAAT |
| 2. Dr. O. M. Olaniyi | SEET |
| 3. Dr. Shittu Abdulateef Adewale | SET |
| 4. Nwaogbe Obioma R. | SEMT |
| 5. Hussaini A. Zubairu | SICT |
| 6. Muhammad Liman Muhammad | SLS |
| 7. Dr. Adewuyi Abdulwaheed Rafiu | SPS |
| 8. Dr. I. Y. Umar | SSTE |
| 9. Kariim Isaq | CGEB |

The Exhibition, which will commence on Monday, January 31 - Wednesday, February 1, 2017 is open to auctioning and sponsorship from individuals and corporate bodies.

The Joint Council/Senate Adhoc Committee on Observation of Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), FUT, Minna Branch calls for memorandum from all trade Unions of this University and interested members of staff as it relates to the followings to enable the Committee carry out its assignment.

1. Whether or not academic staff who acquired degrees from different disciplines that are unrelated to the Departments in which they teach can be accessed and considered for career progression.
2. If Non-Teaching staff of the rank of Principal Assistant Registrar (PAR) or its equivalent who earns promotion during study fellowship and returns to the University on successful completion of the programme can qualify for next promotion without serving the mandatory waiting period on the post and
3. How many years will guidelines for promotion be in use before it is reviewed?

Your submission should reach the Committee on or before Wednesday, January 25, 2017 and should be addressed to: The Chairman, Council/Senate Committee on Observation Raised by ASUU, C/o Registrar, FUT, Minna.

9TH TURNITIN OPEN TRAINING / ACADEMIC INTEGRITY WORKSHOP

This is to invite the University community and the general public to the **"9th Turnitin Open Training and Academic Integrity Workshop"** scheduled to hold on Monday, January 16, 2017 at the School of Environmental Lecture Theater, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

The Workshop Sessions are as follows:

Session 1 (Video Conference) 9:30am

Topic: Writing to Learn: Originality, Feedback and Risk Mitigation

Presenter: Daniel Skelding, (Turnitin Channel Manager, Sub-Saharan Territory)

Session 2 10:30am

Training: Plagiarism Grading and Similarity Index

Facilitator: Iyk Ekwelibe (Manager, Technical Operations Oraco TSL and Turnitin Lead, Nigeria)

Session 3 12:00pm

Topic: Starting Out Case Study – Federal University of Technology, Minna

Presenter: Prof. Oluwole Morenikeji (DVC Academic, Federal University of Technology, Minna and Turnitin Awardee 2014 Global Innovation Award for Academic Integrity)

Session 4 1:00pm

Topic: Starting Out Case Study – University of Calabar

Presenter: Mr Princewill Odum (Winner, 2016 Turnitin Global Innovation Award and winner, 2016 Academic Integrity Award for Africa and the Middle East).

The training is to:

1. keep existing customers abreast with new and exciting developments with regards to Turnitin/ iThenticate
2. create an open forum for educators and academic enthusiasts to share ideas towards creating a uniform standard for academic integrity in Nigeria
3. afford prospective clients a deep insight and sense of value for the Turnitin product that would best suite their institution.

This event invites over 60 attendees from more than 30 different institutions in Nigeria giving delegates the opportunity to learn from each other as well as benefit from the training and success case studies.

You are encouraged to attend as it would present you with a detailed demonstration of Turnitin Feedback Studio. You will also be part of a Video Conferencing Session with our partners in the UK and "hear from the horses mouth".

A certificate of participation would be issued to attendees. Kindly confirm that you would be attending by clicking Yes (I'm going) in the Google Calendar invite.

PROF ABUBAKRE CALLS FOR SPEEDY IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL SCIENCE, Contd. from Pg.2

Speaking on steel development and developmental indices, the Inaugural Lecturer who is also the Dean of SEET, said the decline per-capital consumption and production of steel in developed economies as noticed in recent years is an affirmation of the end of steel era.

The Dean, however, disclosed that few African countries featured in the list of World Steel producers while the per capital consumption is less than 50kg and urged the Continent to stimulate the growth in both steel production and consumption following the trend of development in economies like Asia and South America.

Prof. Abubakre revealed that nanomaterials have revolutionized various aspect of human endeavour such as; energy, water purification, health care delivering and diagnosis, mining, defence and other aspects of human lives.

In his address at the event, the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji FNSBMB, FAS, congratulated the Inaugural lecturer for delivering another rich inaugural lecture to the people which he noted was an epochal event and another good way for the University to start 2017.

"The array of visitors here today has justified what an inaugural lecture should be", the VC enthused.

The Vice-Chancellor commended the students for being faithful to all the university's programme and used the event to admonish the students to desist from moving around in town at night because of its inherent risks. He assured them that the Management of the university are doing everything possible to ensure security of lives and property.

He further urged them to have the university's emergency phone numbers off-hand so that they can call it whenever they are in danger.

The Inaugural Lecturer and his guests were later hosted to a cocktail party by the University Management.

UNIVERSITY CUSTOMIZED FABRIC

The University has produced limited number of specially customized fabric to be used at the University's special occasions/events. The fabric is to be sold to members of the University community at a subsidized rate of N3,500.00 (Three Thousand, Five Hundred Naira) only per unit (6 yards).

Interested persons are to contact Cash Office, Bursary Department, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Note: That all Senate members, Deans, Directors, HODs & Units, School/Centres Secretaries are advised to show leadership by buying the fabric.



Picture of the University's customized fabric

GENERAL NOTICE

This is to inform the University community, most especially our esteemed readers, that due to the activities of internet hackers our e-mail database has been filtered and this has led to many e-mail addresses being deleted, resulting into loss of many e-mails.

For you to continue to receive the e-version of the Campus News and our other News Publications, we request that you forward your e-mail address to avo.olubiyi@futminna.edu.ng or the following telephone numbers: 08037276484; 08036537032 and 08060893490 please.

All inconveniencies are regretted even as we request that you help us spread this information to others.

COUNSELLING TIP

Welcome to 2017 as you settle down for the year be creative and positive in your ideas. Be optimistic to pursue your ideas to realisation

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

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Tuesday, January 3 – Friday, January 6, 2017)

N	RECEIPTS	N
1	Collection of Certificate	173,250.00
2	Academic Transcript Fees	200,000.00
3	Change of Course Form	10,000.00
4	Verification/Confirmation of Result	26,000.00
5	Semesterial Result	700.00
6	Lost of I.D Card	1,000.00
7	Turnitin	20,000.00
8	Inter University Transfer Fees	41,500.00
9	Campus Radio	25,500.00
10	Clearance Fees	36,000.00
11	Add & Drop	1,000.00
12	JAMB Admission Letter	3,000.00
13	Farm Land	3,000.00
14	Renewal of Association	5,000.00
15	Post Graduate School Matric Gowns	870,000.00
16	Hostel Fees	63,000.00
17	SIWES Fees	25,000.00
18	Acceptance Fees	100,000.00
19	Post Graduate School Fees	3,340,150.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	4,944,100.00
	PAYMENTS	
20	(i) Staff	
	(a) Refund	9,462,502.00
	(b) Advances	7,887,100.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Leah Eyagi Yisa -	663,400.00
	(b) " "	539,850.00
	(c) Abu Yahaya Nig. Ltd. - Supply	3,410,000.00
	(d) Nigeria Postal Service - Courier Service	129,239.50
	(e) Doko Hotel Ltd. - Hotel Bill	1,261,525.00
	(f) Leah Eyagi Yisa - Refreshment	378,410.00
	(g) Lafiya Jika Chemist - Supply of Drugs	3,206,801.91
	(h) Nabeel Global Concept - "	3,209,023.00
	(i) Niger Postal Service - Courier Service	332,010.00
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	30,479,861.41

CONDOLENCE

The Registrar has on behalf of Council, Senate, Staff and Students of the Federal University of Technology, Minna condoled Mr. Usman Eli Gbadafu, Deputy Registrar, Staff Training Division over the death of his father, which sad event occurred on Thursday, January 12, 2017.

May his gentle soul rest in peace.