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FUTMINNA AQUATRONICS EXCITES NIGERIANS AT TECHNOLOGY EXPO

Inventions and innovations from the Federal University of Technology, Minna has continued to generate interest among Nigerians. This time around, the Aquatronics, an auto-feeding-auto water recycling aquaculture system from the department of Water Resources Aquaculture and Fisheries Technology was the centre of attraction.



Minister of Science and Technology, Dr. Ogbonnaya Onu (3rd right) looks on with keen interest as Dr. Elizabeth Etherigho of the Department of Chemical Engineering explains some FUT, Minna products during the just concluded 2017 Technology and Innovation Expo last week in Abuja

It was at the Technology and Innovation Expo 2017 where the University was among the 56 tertiary institutions invited by the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology.

During the exhibition which held from Monday 3rd to Friday 7th April, 2017 at the Eagle Square, Abuja, government officials, investors, civil servants and journalists who visited FUT, Minna stand commended the project and indicated interest in acquiring same.

The Seamless Data and Voice Connection using Multiple Operators-Enabled Sim (MOES) Card from the department of Mechatronics Engineering also caught the attention of many Nigerians at the exhibition.

Biofuels, cosmetic products and insecticides from the department of Chemical engineering were also showcased amongst 27 inventions and innovations the University exhibited.

Deputy Director, Directorate of Research Innovations and Development, Dr. Moses Olutoye led the University delegation to the exhibition.

A total of 151 research institutes, tertiary institutions, technology entrepreneurs as well as Junior Engineers, Technologists and Scientists (JETS) participated in the EXPO.

EASTER BREAK

The Federal Government has declared Friday, April 14, and Monday, April 17, 2017 as public holidays to mark the celebration of Good Friday and Easter Monday respectively.

Management wishes staff, students and the entire University community a fruitful Easter celebration.

CAMPUS NEWS FACEBOOK PAGE

Members of the University community and the general public are hereby informed that the Information and Publications Unit now has a Facebook page. Interested members can visit our Facebook page **Futminna Infounit** for real time update on live events, details of upcoming activities on campus, exclusive pictures of events, and lots more. You can also follow us via our twitter handle **@infounitfutmx**.

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE

Management has noticed that some Heads of Department, Centre/Unit are in the habit of granting approval of Leave to their subordinates without routing such applications through the appropriate channels. This practice is inappropriate and will not be condoned henceforth.

The accepted practice is that application for leave, including Casual Leave should be addressed to the Registrar and must pass through all the appropriate channels of command, that is, through the various Heads of Department/Centre/Unit and Deans for their necessary actions.

Therefore, all staff are to take note of the information with a view of adhering to it to avoid rejection of such application.

FUTMINNA NASU HOSTS UNIVERSITIES TRADE GROUP COUNCIL MEETING

In view of the conducive atmosphere of the University which has necessitated the hosting of several national events in recent times, the Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU), Federal University of Technology, Minna Chapter has hosted the 2017 Universities Trade Group council meeting of the Union.

The 2-day event took place at the Centre for Preliminary and Extra-Mural Studies Hall, Bosso Campus from Tuesday 11th to Wednesday 12th April, 2017.



POs in a group photograph with national officers of NASU and other invited guests

Welcoming delegates to the event, NASU Chairman, FUT, Minna Chapter, Comrade Emmanuel Barde said the hosting right for the meeting was given to FUT, Minna based on the burning desire for change, adding that by hosting the event, the Chapter has demonstrated confidence in democratic succession as the preferred route to office.

Comrade Barde disclosed that the choice of the National Executive to approve the hosting mandate for FUT, Minna was deliberate to showcase the reward for hard work, transparency and fairness in all human endeavours.

The Chairman warned elected leaders of the Union not to betray the confidence reposed in them by members while noting that no matter the circumstances, loyalty, mutual respect and total commitment to the course of the Union must be kept sacrosanct.

On his achievements as NASU Chairman in the last two years, he said that the Union negotiated for the refund of 10% over deduction of earned allowance, promotions and change of cadre for its members, sales of NASU abandoned vehicle, review of 1983 conditions of services of junior staff and scheme of service. Others include; promotion of the rights and privileges of its members in various disciplinary committees and sales of consumables to members on loan at subsidized rate during fasting.

He commended the University Management for being union friendly and providing free accommodation for its

National Officers during the meeting.

In his address, the Deputy President and Chairman UTG, Comrade Godfrey Okeke Ugwu congratulated FUT, Minna for hosting the event and expressed delight with the University Management for extending hands of fellowship to the University Chapter of the Union.

On the state of the economy, he urged the Central Bank of Nigeria to rescue the naira and called for prompt commencement of operation of the Nigerian Universities Pension Company (NUPENCO).

The Deputy President commended the Federal Government for inaugurating the renegotiation Committee on the 2009 FGN/NASU agreement. He expressed hope that the Committee would address the ailing critical infrastructure in the Nigerian universities.

Speaking at the event, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS* said FUT, Minna is a home of responsible and responsive unions, adding that the University Management believed that through effective unionism the issue of check and balances would be achieved.

The VC who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration) of the institution, Prof. Suleiman Sadiku stated that Management has been working closely with all the unions in the University.

“We have produced National President for different unions and most unions prefer FUT, Minna as a place for their meetings”, the VC revealed.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, the Registrar, Mrs. Victoria Nnawo Kolo, the University Librarian, Dr. Jubril Attahiru Alhassan, the Bursar, Mrs. Hajara Abdullahi Kuso and other stalwarts of the Union were given awards at the plenary session in honour of their contributions and support to the Union.

WEDDING CEREMONY

Prof. Job Nmadu, Department of Agric Econs and Extension Technology cordially invites the University community and the general public to the Solemnization of Holy Matrimony of his daughter, **Yaka Wusa with Oluwafemi Gbolahan**, which will by the Grace of God take place as follows:

Date: Saturday, April 29, 2017

Time: 9:00am prompt

Venue: St. Perter's Anglican Church, Patishabakolo, Lavun Local Government Area, Niger State.

Reception: follows immediately at Shani-Baa Arena, Doko Road, Bida, Niger State.

WE ARE POISED TO WIN MEDALS AT NUGA- PROF IJAIYA

Prof. Abdulmojeed Tunji Ijaiya is best described as a round peg in a round hole, he is the Chairman, University Sports Committee. In this special interview with Campus News, the former Nigerian international speaks on Team FUT, Minna performance at the just concluded Pre-NUGA games held at the Federal University Dutse, the University's medals hope ahead of the 25th edition of the Nigerian Universities Games Association (NUGA), the team's preparations and other key issues, excerpt:

Prof., how would you rate the performance of Team FUT, Minna at the just concluded Pre-NUGA Championship?

The performance of the athletes at the games was unprecedented. I wasn't surprised because I knew that the athletes had all it takes to represent the University. Judging from our level of preparations for the games, nobody would have expected such an impressive outing from the athletes. We didn't expect the superb performance showed by our athletes at the games because we had the students' unrest that almost disrupted our training arrangements for the games. We had little time to train but the students were determined to make the University proud and justify their presence at the games. We had some students who trained on their own during the period of the students' unrest. It may interest you to know that out of the 19 universities in the zone, we had the highest qualification slots for NUGA. I was highly impressed because I saw total commitment from the athletes. The students played as if the Pre-NUGA was a world cup or Olympic Games. They showed the real FUT, Minna spirit of resilience. Some of the students went for games knowing full well that examination was just around the corner. Some of them returned to Minna just two days to the start of their examinations. I was marveled by their show of commitment, dedication and patriotism to the University. Thank God that they qualified, at least their efforts were not in vein. After the exams, they will be at the NUGA games. It was an impressive outing. I am proud of what the students achieved at the games.

Let's talk about the conduct of our athletes at the games, how



Prof. Ijaiya making a point during the interview

would you describe their conduct at the games, did they adhere to camp rules?

I must confess to you that our students comported themselves in a matured manner. Even at the point of provocation during matches, they maintained their cool. The athletes exhibited high level of discipline and understanding. In fact, the Chaperone told us that the present crop of female athletes were the best she had ever worked with since she has been with the team. I want to thank the students for their cooperation with the staff and officials during the games. The conduct of the athletes were in order, compared to what students from other universities were doing at the games. It translates that the officials were also disciplined and that the university is a disciplined institution. In summary, the athletes actually represented the university well.

Prof., for the very first time, the University presented a female basketball team for pre-NUGA, though the team didn't qualify for the main NUGA, what is your impression about the lasses performance at the games?

I saw raw talents and potentials. The Pre-NUGA was their first competitive

outing. They played against two formidable sides in the zone namely; Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria and Bayero University, Kano. They played against some state, national and professional players. It was a good start for the team knowing full

well that, that was the first time they were playing at that competitive level. The good thing about the team is that majority of the players are in 100, 200 and 300 levels. So, they are still in the University and the coaches have been directed to continue training with the team immediately after exams so that they will be well prepared for any championship or the next Pre-NUGA. We hope that at the next outing, they will do better than they did at the Pre-NUGA. There is a lot of awareness about sports in the University. We are hoping that we will get more female players to beef-up the team. I am optimistic that they will do better in their next outing because they have gained experience and exposure for playing at the Pre-NUGA against some professional players. Their performance against ABU, Zaria was superb and the margin was closed.

Prof., is there any programme in place to keep the female basketball team together ahead of the next NUGA games?

We have developmental programme in place in the University aimed at discovering talents and keeping them together. Irrespective of NUGA, their training will continue. There is awareness about sports in the

We want to encourage other students to join one sport. Like I said earlier, I have directed that all sports should train every Wednesday based on the University's Senate approval for lectures to end by 2pm. The coaches and students are also free to

most of the facilities that they didn't have free of charge. The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Fatima Muhtar even made accommodation arrangements for all the zonal executive members for free. Despite the young age of the



Chairman, University sports committee, Prof. Ijaiya (1st from right standing) in a group photograph with FUT, Minna football team before a match at the just concluded Pre-NUGA games.

fix training on any day that will be convenient for them.

The football and basketball (male) teams were the toast of fans at the pre-NUGA, were you disappointed that they didn't qualify for the main NUGA?

Not at all, as someone that played professional football, I wasn't disappointed because in sports you win or lose. It was quite unfortunate that the lads will not have the opportunity to showcase their talents at the main NUGA. They weren't disgraced, they loss gallantly because they played well. It was just luck that was against them. We appreciate God for their performances and the outcome of the games.

What do you think of the host University-Federal University Dutse, Jigawa State?

FUD is a University that was established in 2011. The information we had prior to the games was that they weren't ready. But based on the way the games were organized, it showed that they were more than ready. They did well because they had the support of some big universities in the zone. Like Bayero University, Kano who borrowed them

University, they tried. They have set a pace in the zone and is a challenge for any university that will host the next pre-NUGA. They created a conducive environment for athletes to perform and the whole Dutse town was a beehive of activities during the games.

Prof., what are the plans on ground for the new games that the university will compete for at the main NUGA?

We have informed the coaches and coordinators in charge of those games to prepare their athletes. You will recall that they got automatic qualification for events like Pole Vault, hockey, scramble and High Jump. In fact, training have started. By NUGA time table, we only have a week to train because by Wednesday next week, we will be off to Makurdi for the 25th edition of the NUGA games. We have athletes in Pole Vault and High jump. They will go to Makurdi to compete with the hope of winning medals for the University. When it comes to NUGA, it is not a do or die affair, it is all about participation.

Prof., can you put us up to speed with the University preparations for the main NUGA?

There will be no closed camp because of paucity of time and judging from the fact that most of our athletes have started examination. That is not visible because of the exams and the staggered order of resumption. We

want to discuss with the University Management in respect of our programme for the games. Based on the present situation we found ourselves, I think we will manage the same way we did during Pre-NUGA.

What are your expectations ahead of the NUGA games holding at the Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi?

Laugh! Our expectations are very high. If you look at our records during the qualifiers, you will see that in all the games that we qualified for, we were either first or second. So, it is a thing of joy that we are going to the NUGA games with the bragging rights as zonal champions in some games. Based on our achievements at the pre-NUGA, we are hoping that we will compete favourably at the NUGA. We have high hopes, do not forget that we are not a conventional university but we compete well against the so-called conventional universities. I think the University Management and the Sports Committee members deserved appreciation for writing the name of FUT, Minna on the map of sports in Nigeria. I have a strong believe that my optimism and that of the athletes will translate to medals in NUGA. With the performance of our athletes at the Pre-NUGA, we are sure that we will surpass our record at the last NUGA games hosted by OAU.

Prof. Pre-NUGA is gone, the much awaited NUGA is fast approaching, what next after these events for the university in terms of sports?

It is a continuous process. In some of the games, most of the students are in 100, 200 and 300 levels. We have started identifying some new athletes to be drafted into the various teams. Immediately after the NUGA games, we will embark on talents hunt to fill the vacuum that will be left behind by the final year students. Though, because of examination, **Contd. on next page**

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some of our best athletes may not participate in the NUGA games but the present crop of athletes that we have are hungry for success. We are ready to support them towards achieving their goals at the NUGA games. So, after the NUGA, talents will be spotted and harnessed to start preparations for the next NUGA games in 2018. This year's NUGA ought to have been hosted by Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi since 2015. So, those in 400 level can still participate in the next NUGA games. But our focus will be on those in 100, 200 and 300 levels so that we can have good representation in the next NUGA games.

Prof., what do you think about the massive upgrading of supporting facilities in the University?

The upgrading of our sporting facilities has assisted us in creating awareness for students and staff participation in

sports. When you come here (the gymnasium), you will see students and staff training with the best of facilities provided by the University Management. The presence of these facilities has assisted us to poach more talents for different games. It has also helped us to enhance students' participation in sports.

How would you describe the level of support that the sports unit has enjoyed from the University Management?

The support has been amazing. We have never been starved of funds for any reason by the University Management. The present administration under Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji has taken sports to the next level in FUT, Minna. We are grateful to the Management for their well-documented support to the development of sports in FUT, Minna.

FUTMINNA HANDBALL TEAM SHINES AT PRE-NUGA GAMES

The Federal University of Technology, Minna male handball team were the toast of fans at the just concluded Zone A NUGA preliminaries held at the Federal University Dutse, Jigawa State.



FUT, Minna Handball Coordinator, Dr. Alabi

The team left many fans agape with their scintillating performance, team work, goal scoring prowess and tactical formation during the zonal preliminaries.

The handball team defeated the Zone's

Champions - Bayero University, Kano 18-17 in their first match to send fear through the spines of other opponents at the games. The team came from behind in the first half to take full control of the match and restricted BUK's late onslaught to snatch a point from the match.

The second match of the group saw FUT, Minna making a statement of intent about their determination to take over the zonal title from the holders, as they took Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria to the cleaners with an emphatic win to the delight of fans at the Handball Court.

The University's handball team dominated the match from the blast of the whistle to end ABU, Zaria hopes of participating at the main NUGA. The explosive encounter ended 18-9 in favour of FUT, Minna.

In an exclusive chat with Campus News, the Technical Adviser/Coordinator of the team, Dr. Omotayo Alabi, HOD, Educational Technology, expressed satisfaction with the performance of the team at the games and commended the players for playing according to instructions.

The Technical Adviser stated that the team is still work in progress, adding that more players would be poached to beef-up the team ahead of the NUGA games slated for Makurdi.

He disclosed that intense training would commence immediately after the pre-NUGA while expressing optimism that the team will win a medal at the main NUGA.

FUT, Minna handball team will be looking to surpass their quarter-final ouster at the last edition of the NUGA games in OAU where they loss 22-17 to the University of Nigeria, Nigeria. The female team will also represent the University in Makurdi.

FUT, Minna and BUK will represent the zone at the 25th edition of the Nigerian Universities Games Association (NUGA) to be hosted by the Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi, Benue State from 19th—30th April, 2017.

APPOINTMENT

(i) Deputy Dean

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the re-appointment of **Dr. Samuel M. Auta** as Deputy Dean, Students

Affairs Division for a period of one year, effective from October 1, 2016.

LIT DEPT PAYS TRIBUTE TO DR NASIR BELLO

On the night of Thursday, March 30, 2017, the Department of Library and Information Technology (LIT) received the sad news of the passing away of our Father and Founder, Dr. Nasir Bello.

Dr. Nasir Bello was one-time University Librarian, Federal University of Technology, Minna. Towards the end of his tenure as University Librarian of this great University, he set a move to establish Department of Library and Information Technology.

Dr. Bello struggled towards this direction and thus he was instrumental to the establishment of LIT Department. He is often called the founder and father of the Department.

Most of the staff employed in LIT Department today (Associate Professors and Senior Lecturers) were recommended by Late Dr. Bello.

He was a man of principles and high integrity who believed in:



Late Dr. Bello

- Truth/Honesty and not lie
- Punctuality to duty and Not Lateness
- Dedication/Commitment to duty and Not Laziness
- Giver subordinate(s) what they deserved.

Above all, he doesn't take decisions based on tribal, religious or regional sentiments. He gave staff what they deserved.

The late Dr. Bello believed in due process in terms of approving applications for training programme, annual and casual leaves. He played the role of supervisor and monitoring officer in such a way that staff apart from being punctual and available in the department, always sought his permission before leaving their duty post. The reality of his principles came into play after he left the position of Coordinator of LIT department and his eventual retirement from active service. The Department usually went to him for his wise counsel, guidance and way forward whenever the need arose. Late Dr. Bello has left a legacy.

Dr. Bello was a Mentor, Father, Counsellor, Mediator and Conflict Resolver to LIT Department. We love Dr. Bello but God Loves him most.

We pray to Almighty creator to forgive him of his sins. May his soul rest in peace and may Allah grant him Paradise. May Almighty Allah grant his family the fortitude to bear the loss. May the vacuum created as a result of Dr. Bello's demise be filled by a member or the entire family. We also pray for sustainability and stability of his legacy-LIT department.

The tribute to late Dr. Bello was written by the Department of Library and Information Technology, FUT, Minna.

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, April 3 - Friday, April 7, 2017)

N	RECEIPTS	N
1	Collection of Certificate	706,500.00
2	Academic Transcript Fees	90,000.00
3	Clearance	18,500.00
4	Purchase of Academic Gown	90,000.00
5	Replacement of I.D. Card	2,000.00
6	Turnitin	14,000.00
7	Semesterial Result	2,200.00
8	Remarking of Script	10,000.00
9	Farm Land	41,000.00
10	Commercial Activities	1,000.00
11	Confirmation/Verification of Certificate	10,000.00
12	Campus Radio	157,900.00
13	Illegal Transit with Cow on Campus	10,000.00
14	Correction of name on the Certificate	3,500.00
15	Proficiency in English	8,000.00
16	Overhead Grant from AGF Abuja	2,631,563.60
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	3,796,163.60
	PAYMENTS	
17	(i) Staff	
	(a) Refund	14,567,940.00
	(b) Advances	4,204,470.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Police Community Relation - Annual Due	50,000.00
	(b) Leah Eyegi Yisa - Refreshment	671,550.00
	(c) FUTMin Venture - Overhead March 2017	886,800.00
	(d) Niger State Water Board - Water Bill	168,400.00
	(e) Niger State Science & Technology - Financial Assist.	100,000.00
	(f) Fatima Old Students Association - "	100,000.00
	(g) Niger State Water Board - Water Bill	175,000.00
	(i) Mrs. O. Oladejo - Supply of News Paper	42,200.00
	(j) Abuja Electricity Company Plc - Bill	63,832.85
	(k) J. A. Lasco Furniture & Carpentry - Supply	157,000.00
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	21,187,192.85

FITNESS! FITNESS!!

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

Date: Saturday, April 15, 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.