



Campus News

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FUTMINNA CHANCELLOR COMMENDS PROF ODEKUNLE-LED COUNCIL

The Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, His Eminence, Eze (Dr.) Eberechi N. Dick (JP), has commended the governing council of the institution for overseeing the most

fortunes of the University.

"I am glad that you are on a familiar terrain and we are optimistic that at the end of your tenure, we shall all have every reason to be happy with you."

While expressing delight with the sterling performance of FUT Minna among universities in Nigeria, the Chancellor urged members of Council to work harmoniously with the University Management, noting that this would go a long way in making FUT Minna a world class citadel of learning.

He also assured them of his constant support to the University at all times, while disclosing his "eagerness to see everyone at the forthcoming 35th Founder's day and 27th Convocation Ceremony of our dear University."

In his address, Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Prof. Odekunle stated that the purpose of the visit was to pay homage to the University Chancellor and also to intimate him of the appointments in the University, including that of a new Governing Council and Vice-Chancellor.

Prof. Odekunle disclosed that the Council conducted a very open and transparent selection process which culminated in the appointment of Prof. Bala as the 7th Vice-Chancellor of the University, noting that the credible nature of the exercise has made several universities in Nigeria to solicit for the FUT Minna model in appointing their own Vice-Chancellors.

The Chairman of Council stated that the University is honoured to have His Eminence as its Chancellor and commended him for being a father to the University. He also thanked the royal father for the hospitality accorded the visiting party.

The don also used the occasion of the visit to officially present invitation cards to the Chancellor in respect of the forthcoming 35th Founder's day and 27th Convocation ceremony of the University.

Speaking earlier, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Bala expressed gratitude to the Chancellor for his fatherly advice to FUT Minna over the years and assured him of the University Management's support.

The Vice-Chancellor disclosed that FUT Minna is lucky to have, as Pro-Chancellor, an erudite professor of over four decades in the person of Prof. Odekunle whom he described as an incorruptible leader.

Prof. Bala further solicited the cooperation and advice of the University Chancellor and that of members of Council for an effective steering of FUT Minna ship in the next five years.

The visit which could be described as a perfect demonstration of a handshake across the Niger had in attendance the University Registrar, Mrs. Victoria Kolo, Hon. John Halims O. Agoda, Alh. Jubril Madigawa (external council members); Engr. Profs. Oladiran K. Abubakre, Elizabeth Onwuka (internal council members) and the Deputy Director, Information Unit, Mrs. Lydia Legbo.



Members of FUT, Minna Council pose for a group snapshot with the Chancellor: Middle His Eminence, Eze Eberechi Dick flanked by the VC, Prof. Abdullahi Bala (r) and the Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Femi Odekunle (l).

transparent and rancour-free selection process leading to the appointment of a new Vice-Chancellor for the University.

He gave this commendation yesterday when the Pro-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Femi Odekunle led some members of Council to his palace in Aba on a courtesy visit.

The Eze Udo 1 of Mgboko Ngwa Amaise Autonomous Community of Obingwa Local Government Area and Chairman, Abia State/South East Council of Traditional Rulers applauded Council for complying with due process in the appointment of a new Vice-Chancellor for the University, adding that the process is a clear demonstration of the fact that FUT Minna has come of age and ready to take its rightful place among the comity of leading universities in Nigeria.

"I am excited that you passed your first litmus test by conducting the most transparent and rancour-free selection process leading to the appointment of a new Vice-Chancellor for the University. The seamless nature of the exercise has shown to the world that FUT Minna has come of age," the Chancellor declared.

The Royal father urged members of Council to bring their wealth of experience to bear in the running of the institution's affairs by providing the much-needed leadership and counselling to Management.

He also congratulated the new Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala *FSSM*, on his well-deserved appointment, even as he expressed optimism that the new helmsman will bring his over 27 years of scholarship experience as a tested academic to bear in advancing the

US EMBASSY TO ASSIST 1ST CLASS GRADUATES

The United States (US) Embassy in Nigeria under the aegis of EducationUSA Advising Centre, Abuja has called on the Federal University of Technology, Minna to help in identifying first class graduates of the institution who have no funding opportunities for further studies in the US.



Representative of VC, Prof. Morenikeji (4th left), Mr. Schaller (4th right) in a group photograph with official of the University and the US Embassy.

The call was made by the leader of the delegation, Mr. Joseph Schaller during a courtesy visit to the University on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at the VC's Conference Room, Main Campus.

Mr. Schaller stated that the centre assists high-achieving low income students access funding opportunities which will help cover the upfront costs of applying to graduate school in the US.

Depending on the institution and the programme of choice, he said, tuition and fees range between \$20,000 and \$70,000.

Speaking on the financial aid, the diplomat highlighted that financial aid in the US is limited, highly competitive and usually merit-based, and that there is more funding at graduate level than at the undergraduate level. To compete favorably for financial aid, he advised, a student should have at least 6-7 A's in WAEC or Second Class Upper Division, while the financial aid is largely determined by the field of study.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala *FSSN* who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Oluwole Morenikeji thanked them for the visit while assuring them of the University's shift from Asian schools to European and American schools for graduate studies.

The VC also maintained that staff of the institution would be encouraged to attend US schools for their higher degrees, especially with funding opportunities from the country.

NAMING CEREMONY

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Olawuyi Bukola Ademola, (Secretary, Yoruba Forum, FUT, Minna Chapter) of the Electrical Electronics Engineering Department cordially invites the University community and the general public to the naming ceremony of their baby girl, which will by God's grace take place as follows:

Date: Saturday, January 13, 2018

Time: 4:00pm prompt

Venue: Along St. Mary Catholic Church, By Celestial Church of Christ, Back of Nice Travel, Kpakungu, Minna, Niger State.

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, December 18, – Friday, December 29, 2017)

SN	RECEIPTS	₦
1	Clearance Fees	48,000.00
2	Collection of Certificate	113,500.00
3	Academic Transcript Fees	65,000.00
4	Turnintin	58,000.00
5	Statement of Result	10,000.00
6	Personnel Allocation From	308,217,220.90
7	Overhead Allocation From	8,217,694.75
8	Inter University Transfer Fees	41,500.00
9	Undergraduate Fees	55,296,700.00
10	Acceptance Fees	44,300,000.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	416,367,615.65
	PAYMENT	
11	Staff	
	December, 2017 Salary	330,843,408.43
	TOTAL PAYMENT	330,843,408.43

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Tuesday, January 2, – Friday, January 5, 2018)

S N	RECEIPTS	₦
1	Clearance Fees	3,000.00
2	Collection of Certificate	12,000.00
3	Academic Transcript Fees	25,000.00
4	Verification/Confirmation of Certificate	2,000.00
5	Turnitin	8,000.00
6	Undergraduate Fees	65,417,850.00
7	Postgraduate Fees	1,550,750.00
8	Acceptance Fees	3,380,000.00
9	Pre-Degree Fees	1,550,750.00
10	Hostel Fees	7,161,500.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	79,110,850.00
	PAYMENTS	
11	Contractors/Suppliers	
	(i) Staff	
	(a) Advance	28,000,000.00
	(b) Refund	1,436,729.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Dashnamark Const. Ltd. - Supply	25,567,160.09
	(b) Lummy Nig. Ltd. - Supply	10,347,750.00
	TOTAL PAYMENT	65,351,639.09