

PROF. GANA DELIVERS 64TH INAUGURAL LECTURE

Prof. Andrew Saba Gana of the Department of Crop Production has stated that plants generally have defence mechanism that are based on prevention, tolerance or resistance.

Prof. Gana spoke yesterday when he presented the 64th Inaugural Lecture of the University titled: **Plants'**



Prof. Gana delivering his lecture

Coping Strategies: Nature's Gift for Sustainable and Safe Food Production, held at the Caverton Lecture Theatre, Main Campus.

"These defence mechanisms are activated in different ways, depending on the type of insect pest or disease attacking the plant," he explained.

The Professor of Crop Production mentioned that, plant disease and insect pests could be a threat to food sufficiency and security which could bring a nation to a standstill, thereby weakening its economy and security architecture.

The don further explained that to counter pest attack, plants produce specialised morphological structure or secondary metabolites and proteins that have toxic, repellent or anti-nutritional effects on the pest.

"Host plant resistance could be incorporated into other pest control strategies without adverse effect on the environment and human life. The drive for self-sufficiency could not be sustained for a long period if adequate measures are not taken to breed for resistant genes. This drive must be pursued against the backdrop of discouraging abuse and misuse of chemicals to control pest," he reiterated.

Highlighting his contribution to knowledge, Prof. Gana observed that landraces had higher percentage of resistance genes than both the farmers' and improved

varieties.

According to him, resistant genes when exploited could drive the nation towards sustainable self-sufficiency in food production and that genes for resistance to diseases and insect pest can rightfully be considered as one of the most important natural resources determining the survival of the human race.

He recommended the quantification of the economic impact of major plant diseases in Nigeria as this would enhance adequate planning for pest control, while calling for the distribution of free or subsidized resistant crop seed inputs to farmers.

"Continuous monitoring of border effect along the Nigerian borders in order to check pest and disease incidence in States that are along the Nigerian border," he said.

Food safety regulation, he said, especially on agricultural products should be taken seriously by the government and that there should be a regulatory body on agricultural commodities that specifically addresses safety issues.

In his address, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn*, thanked the lecturer for his well-researched lecture, stating that inaugural lecture is a presentation of Professors to both town and gown and that both sides were well represented at the lecture.

Prof. Bala appreciated dignitaries who attended the lecture and wished them journey mercies back to their respective destinations.

SABBATICAL

The Vice-Chancellor has approved Sabbatical for **Prof. S. O. E. Sadiku**, Department of Water Resources, Aquaculture and Fisheries Technology tenable at the Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University, Lapai for a period of one year, with effect from 2017/2018 Academic Session.

This publication supersedes earlier one published.

NATIONAL HOUSING FUND PERSONAL DATA UPDATE

This is to inform all staff of the University, who are contributors to National Housing Fund that they are to visit Office of the Bursar, FUT, Minna to update their current personal data.

CSSP PAYS VISIT TO VC

Members of the Community Safety Security Partnership (CSSP) have paid a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna.

Speaking during the visit, which took place on Monday, May 28, 2018 at the Vice-Chancellor's Conference



Prof. Bala (6th from left), Principal Officers and members of CSSP in a group photograph after the visit.

Room, Main Campus, the Chairman CSSP, Chief Toni Joseph said the aim of the visit was to officially welcome and congratulate the Vice-Chancellor on his appointment.

Chief Joseph solicited for Management assistance in tackling security challenges around the University, adding that the University community is a direct beneficiary of students presence.

The Chairman revealed that the Police vehicles have been out of use for sometimes and when the vehicle was in use members of CSSP used to contribute money to fuel the vehicle to carry out its operations.

He appealed to the Vice-Chancellor to look into the issue of amount being charged by the University for deferment, adding that many parents find it difficult to raise the money for their wards as a result of non-payment of salaries by some State governments.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fssn*, thanked them for their interest in the stability of the University.

Prof. Bala pointed out that the population of the University students is over twenty-two thousand and only about four thousand live in the school premises and it is the concern of Management to ensure that the students live in harmony with the members of the University community.

The VC said that discipline among the students is a major factor for peace and harmony and indiscipline leads to chaos, saying that the University has zero tolerance for indiscipline.

"The target of the Management is to have 70% of the student live in the school premises to enable them interact with one another," Prof. Bala disclosed.

On the issue of selective prosecution, the VC said that any student found wanting will be dealt with appropriately.

"There are committees set up to deal with students misconduct in the University and students discipline is always handled at the highest level. There can never be selective justice in dealing with students no matter where you come from," he stated.

On the issue of payment of school fees, the VC said students were given sufficient time and the Management bent backwards to accommodate them by extending the portal closure to allow more students to register.

"Some students collected money and spent it hoping to get another before payment," he revealed.

"Students should know that their first responsibility is to pay their fees, to do their registration. Students who are not able to pay their fees before the portal is closed are advised to apply for deferment because there is no way the portal can be opened. If you do that, the student will take it for granted," he said.

The VC assured members of CSSP that their request would be looked into by Management while noting that they are partners in progress.

SALES OF ONLINE POSTGRADUATE APPLICATION FORMS

The University community and the general public are hereby informed that the sales of Online Postgraduate application forms for admission into the 2018/2019 academic session has commenced.

Important Notice:

All applicants must possess the basic entry requirements in addition to five O' level credits, including English and Mathematics.

Interested applicants should visit the Federal University of Technology, Minna website: www.futminna.edu.ng for further details on entry requirements, purchase, filling and submission of the online forms.

Application Fee:

University charges an application fee of N10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Naira) only plus, N250.00 (Two Hundred and Fifty Naira) only Remita charges, making a total of N10,250.00 (Ten Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty Naira) only payable online via Remita platform with the use of Master or Verve card through the School portal.

Closing Date:

Completed application forms must be submitted online through the University portal latest Friday, August 31, 2018. All necessary instructions on filling of forms must be adhered to and failure to do so is sufficient ground to disqualify an applicant.

UHS GETS NHIS ACCREDITATION

Satisfied with the health care facilities on ground at the University Health Services (UHS), Federal University of Technology, Minna, the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) has approved the UHS accreditation as primary and secondary health care provider in the NHIS Social Health Insurance Scheme.

Presenting the accreditation letter to the Vice-



Prof. Bala (m) receiving the accreditation letter from State Coordinator, NHIS, Adamu Abdullahi while Director, UHS, Dr. Uthman looks on.

Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, fsssn, yesterday at the Council Chamber, Main Campus on behalf of the Executive Secretary, NHIS, the State Coordinator, NHIS, Adamu Abdullahi said the validity of the accreditation is for two years after which the clinic is expected to re-apply.

He advised the University to abide by the operating principles contained in the NHIS guidelines and that the scheme accredited Health Maintenance Organisations (HMOs) will contact the University for the signing of the agreements, while congratulating the University, he expressed hope for continued collaboration between the University and NHIS in providing accessible and qualitative health care services to not just staff and students of the institution but outsiders too.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Bala said the Management is satisfied by the new state of the University Health Services as an accredited health provider. "It is to the advantage of the institution to have this state because the University today is like a small town with a student population of about twenty-two thousand in addition to the staff population of four thousand," he reiterated.

He thanked NHIS for granting UHS accreditation and congratulated the Director, USH, Dr. Taofeek Uthman for his efforts in seeing that the clinic is accredited, while saying the next line of action is to sensitize the University community on the need for them to register with the Clinic as their health care provider.

EX-SUG HONOUR PRESIDENTS OUTGOING REGISTRAR

The Committee of Ex- Students Union Government Presidents, Federal University of Technology, Minna has presented Scroll of credence, outstanding and exemplary performance to the outgoing Registrar of the institution, Mrs. Victoria Nnawo Kolo.

Reading the valedictory speech on behalf of other Ex-SUG Presidents yesterday at the Council Chamber, Main Campus, Comrade Segun Shuaibu said the honour was in recognition of her contribution to the rapid development of the University during her stewardship.

" Mrs. Kolo's lifestyle and achievement has given us reasons to celebrate what a delectable personality she is, her uncommon contributions, intellectual disposition, administrative prudence, drive for top notch public service delivery, inspiring workers for productive dispensation, progressive partnership, motherly love and affection and her committed efforts in the actualization of the set down mission and vision of FUT, Minna, thus leaving indelible mark in the annals of FUT, Minna historical record and this has been attested to by innumerable personalities both within and outside the University community," he added.

He further enumerated some of her achievements to include punctuality of staff to work, propelling staff for



The Registrar, Mrs. Kolo (2nd from left) flanked by other POs in a group snapshot with the Scroll presented to the Registrar by the Ex-SUG Presidents.

professional excellence, progressive dispensation administrative prudence, timely issuance of transcript collection of certificate on convocation day and peaceful co-existence on campus and its environs.

In her remarks, the outgoing Registrar, Mrs. Kolo thanked them for the honour and that whatever she has achieved as the Registrar of the institution was a collective efforts as staff and students were involved.

LIST OF NEW ARRIVALS (BOOKS)

S / N	Author/ Editors	Title	Publisher	Year of Publication	ISBN
1	John, V	Network and System Security	Elsevier	2014	978-1-59749-998-9
2	Rao, D.K	Channel Coding Techniques For Wireless Communications	Springer	2015	978-81-322-2291-0
3	Joao, F	Mobile Positioning And Tracking From Conventional To Cooperative Techniques	Wiley	2016	978-0-470-69451-0
4	Olsson, A.	Understanding Changing Telecommunications Building A Successful Telecom Business	Wiley	2016	0-470-86851-1
5	Benjamin, B.	Audiovisual Quality Assessment And Prediction For Video Telephony	Springer	2015	978-3-319-14165-9
6	Anna, M.V	Cognitive Vehicular Networks	CRC Press	2016	978-1-4987-2192-9
7	Bang, W	Coverage Control In Sensor Networks	Springer	2016	978-1-84996-058-8
8	Laszlo, L.	Introduction to Queueing Systems With Telecommunication Applications	Springer	2013	978-1-4614-5316-1
9	Silva, C. W	Mechatronics Fundamentals and Applications	CRC Press	2016	978-1-4822-3932-4
10	Marie, P.	Abstract Domains In Constraint Programming	Elsevier	2015	978-1-78548-010-2

COUNSELLING TIP

For happy people, time is filled and planned. For unhappy people, time is unfilled, open and uncommitted. They postpone things and are inefficient.

Join the team of happy people by planning and making good use of the time, because the days are evil.

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

SALES OF FUT, MINNA MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE LOAN FORMS

This is to inform members of the above named Cooperative Society that the sale of loan forms will commence on Friday, June 1, 2018 to Thursday, June 7, 2018. Interested members can obtain the loan form from the following under listed staff between the hours of 10:00 am – 4:00 pm every day at the rate of N500.00 (Five Hundred Naira) only:

1. Mal. Mohammed M. Kodo, Establishment Unit, Senate Building, Gidan Kwano.
2. Mrs. Fati Musa Kolo, Room FF 13, New Agric Complex, SAAT, Gidan Kwano.
3. Mal. Hamidu Abdullahi, Microbiology Laboratory, Bosso Campus.
4. Mal. Mohammed Aliyu, Co-Operative Office, Bosso Campus.

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, May 21, – Friday, May 25, 2018)

N/S	RECEIPTS	₦
1	Clearance Fees	6,000.00
2	Collection of Certificate	218,000.00
3	Academic Transcript Fees	300,000.00
4	Semesterial Result	1,100.00
5	Turnintin	26,000.00
6	Statement of Result	2,000.00
7	Deferment of Admission	10,000.00
8	SIWES Log Book	45,600.00
9	Verification/Confirmation of Certificate	18,000.00
10	Farm Land	14,250.00
11	Replacement of I.D Card	1,000.00
12	Personnel Allocation from Abuja	331,583,867.85
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	332,225,817.85
	PAYMENTS	
13	Contractors/Suppliers	
	(i) Staff	
	(a) Salary	351,070,916.78
	(b) Refund	13,533,986.20
	(c) Advances	9,021,013.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) A.G Office Equipment Services - Supply	2,835,560.00
	(b) NIPOST Niger - Courier Services	206,333.20
	(c) Niger State Water Board - Water Bill	461,200.00
	(d) AEDC - Electricity Bill	8,435,356.61
	(e) DHL Intl. Nig. Ltd. - Courier Services	758,613.02
	TOTAL PAYMENT	386,322,978.81

CONDOLENCE

The Registrar has, on behalf of Management, Staff and Students of the Federal University of Technology, Minna condoled **Mr. Philip Y. Tsado** Gbaiko Village, Minna, Niger State over the death of his wife, Mrs. Hannah Macinna Tsado, which sad event occurred on Saturday, May 26, 2018. **Mrs. Hannah Tsado**, until her death was a staff of the University in the Staff Training and Tenders Unit of the Registry Department

Also condoled **Mr. Ajide Murtala Olawale Adeleke**, Internal Control/Audit, FUTMinna Microfinance Bank Ltd over the death of his wife, which sad event occurred on Wednesday, May 23, 2018.

May their gentle souls rest in peace.