

ACCOLADES AS FUTMINNA, NIGCOMSAT SIGN MOU

Desirous of bringing cutting edge scientific and technological solutions and products for mutual and national benefit, the Federal University of Technology, Minna and the Nigerian Communications Satellite Ltd. (NIGCOMSAT) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU).

The signing took place on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at NIGCOMSAT Ground Control Centre, Abuja.



Prof. Bala (seated left) and NIGCOMSAT MD, Abimbola Alale (seated right) signing the MoU

Speaking during the event, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn*, said that the collaboration would not only be of benefit to staff and students of FUT, Minna, but also enhance the University's capacity to deliver quality service to Nigeria.

The Vice-Chancellor stated that the University was determined to maximally utilise the opportunity the collaboration presents.

Prof. Bala said FUT, Minna is a pacesetter when it comes to producing high quality graduates and that the collaboration was in continuation of the University's aspiration to continue to lead in view of its impressive ranking as the best specialised university in the country and 7th overall best among all Nigerian universities.

In her remarks, the Managing Director of NIGCOMSAT, Abimbola Alale, disclosed that they are proud of FUT, Minna as graduates of the University are heading strategic units in the company.

She said that the collaboration is aimed at bridging the gap between industry and the academia.

Also speaking, the University's Director of Collaboration, Affiliation and Linkages (DCAL), Prof. Emmanuel Udensi expressed hope that the collaboration would be expanded to cover physical and geo-physical sciences.

On his part, Director, Research Innovation and

Development, Prof. Hussein Makun enthused that FUT, Minna would be one of the universities Nigeria will rely on, should the country decide to indigenise technology.

The MoU covers the following general areas: exchange of staff for further scientific and scholarly cooperation in teaching, research and product development; organisation and execution of joint research activities, which may be supported by the exchange of scientists, scholars and technical staff; joint conferences, seminars, symposia, special short term academic programmes, vacation, cultural, tourism programmes and joint usage of facilities, among other things.

It also involves exploring and developing the following specific areas e-Learning, broadband and video conferencing, assets monitoring and tracking, Staff Attendance Access Control System (SAACS) for e-library Attendance, staff and student records, shifts, leave, access control and guest/visitor management system.

Included are specialised training and development for staff and students on CubeSat, satellite engineering, spacecraft systems; research and application of artificial intelligence in satellite communication and satellite communication and national security network, among others.

Prof. Bala endorsed the document for the University, while Alale did same for NIGCOMSAT.

The Registrar, Mrs. Victoria Kolo and the Director, DCAL, Prof. Emmanuel Udensi signed as witnesses for the University, while Executive Director, Engineering Services, Engr. Raji Kolawole and the Assistant General Manager, Engineering Services, Engr. Dr. Lawal Salami did same for NIGCOMSAT.



MD, NIGCOMSAT, Abimbola Alale presenting a souvenir to the VC

AT NIGCOMSAT, FUTMINNA ALUMNI HONOUR PROF BALA

As a mark of appreciation for their alma mater, alumni of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, working at the Nigerian Communications Satellite (NIGCOMSAT), Abuja have presented a giant greeting card and a portrait to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn*.

They made the presentation in Abuja on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 after the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between



Prof. Bala (middle, front row) and other FUT, Minna staff pose for a group photograph with FUT, Minna alumni in NIGCOMSAT

the University and NIGCOMSAT.

Addressing the alumni in an interactive session, Prof. Bala likened the relationship between a University and its alumni to people tied together by an umbilical cord.

He therefore maintained that alumni are the owners of the University, while members of staff are like caretakers just as he urged them to always be interested in the progress of the University.

The VC assured that Management would continue to put in its best so that the University continues on the path of excellence.

He assured that the University would continue to remain cosmopolitan, a situation that has been found to be helpful as it accommodates people from different parts. He, however explained that hostel accommodation remains a major challenge, which the Management is trying to solve.

He disclosed that efforts are on, with the approval from TETFund, to move the School of Life Sciences from Bosso to Gidan Kwano

While appealing to them to continue to associate with and support the University, he assured that the University would continue to support its alumni so that they would have Exco in all the states to facilitate mobilisation.

Speaking on behalf of the alumni, Senior Manager, Innovation and Development, Maureen Nzekwe, lauded the collaboration between the University and NIGCOMSAT, pointing out that it would be useful to students of FUT, Minna as future leaders.

She said it would afford the students opportunity of mentorship when they meet with the University alumni who are accomplished professionals in their field.

Also speaking on behalf of the alumni, Assistant General Manager, Engineering Services, Dr. Lawal Salami, hailed the partnership, expressing appreciation to the University.

FUT, Minna alumni constitute about 10 percent of NIGCOMSAT staff, the highest representation from any single Nigerian university in that organisation.

CORPS MEMBER RENOVATES HEALTH CENTRE, TOILETS

* Gov's Wife Donates Delivery Bed, Mattresses

In view of the need to complement government's effort in the area of primary health care, a corps member, Victoria Itiku with registration number NG/17A/3092 serving with the Federal University of Technology, Minna has renovated and reconstructed the abandoned Primary Health Care Centre and two toilets located at Jatapi Village, Gidan Kwano.

The flag off ceremony took place on Tuesday, May 16, 2018 at the Clinic Premises, Jatapi, Gidan Kwano.

Speaking before flagging off the project, the Wife of the Executive Governor, Niger State, Dr. Amina Abubakar Bello commended the corps member for contributing to the health needs of her host community through the project, adding that the project would provide the much needed medical assistance to pregnant women, nursing mothers and other members of the community.

The Governor's wife who was represented by the wife of the Bosso Local Government Chairman, Mrs. Lovina Isah reiterated her commitment to projects and programmes aimed at addressing the health challenges of the State while disclosing that her pet project, the Raise Foundation is open to collaboration with individuals and other corporate bodies towards having functional health care delivery centres in the State.

She expressed gratitude to the officials of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) for inculcating the spirit of its community development services in corps members and advised corps members to contribute to the development of their host communities through the different platforms of the Scheme's community development service.



The representative of the Gov's wife, Mrs. Lovina Isah (4th from left) cutting the tape to flag off the newly renovated Health Centre, supported by the corps member and other dignitaries.

"I am proud of what Victoria Itiku has done for this community and I am supporting this project with one delivery bed and two mattresses," the Governor's wife stated.

Delivering the address of the Emir of Minna, Alh. (Dr.) Umar Faruq Bahago, represented by the Dagacin Gidan Kwano, Alh. Abdulmalik Mohammed thanked the corps member for taking up the project as part of her community development service despite her lean financial resources,

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saying that the community would forever be grateful to her for making the health centre functional again.

"It is pertinent to mention here that health service is an important aspect of human endeavours. I wish to request both the State and Bosso Local Government not to relent in their efforts to provide affordable health services to its populace," the Emir enthused.

The Royal Father said the health centre is presently overstretched due to increase in population of the community as well as the presence of FUT, Minna and urged the State government to upgrade it to a secondary health centre.

"Considering the importance of health to mankind, its provision cannot be left for government alone. Individuals and corporate organisations are encouraged to join hands in providing health care delivery. What the Corps member has done is to touch the life of the community where she is serving which is well commendable," he disclosed.

Speaking at the event, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala fsssn, said the University would continue to support all projects that would have direct impact on the lives of the institution's host community and thanked the corps member for embarking on the project.

The Vice-Chancellor who was represented at the event by the University Librarian, Dr. Jibril Attahiru Alhassan appealed to the State and Local Government to come to the aid of Gidan Kwano community through the provision of some critical social amenities and reiterated the commitment of the University to the well-being of the community.

"We will soon roll out our skills acquisition programme for the youths of Gidan Kwano community through our Entrepreneurship Centre," the VC revealed.

In her address at the event, the NYSC Niger State Coordinator, Mrs. Theresa Ibukun Arokoyo stated that the corps member intervention in the renovation and reconstruction of the health care and toilet facilities has further shown that NYSC has not only sustained its mandate of mobilizing graduate youths but has also encouraged nationalistic tendencies in the youths by being their brother's keepers.

The NYSC State Coordinator who was represented by the Assistant Director, Community Development Service, Mrs. Chinwe Ime-Ibanga said the corps member's intervention in the health centre would positively affect the well-being of the community and applauded the corps member for championing the project.

"I also wish to commend and appreciate other donors and collaborators who worked hard to see the completion of this project. May God reward you abundantly. May I also appeal to well-meaning Nigerlites to assist corps members who wish to embark on community development projects such as this," she stated.

She advised corps members to embark on laudable community development projects that would be

beneficial to their host communities while stating that such programmes should be done in line with the laid down rules as stipulated by NYSC.

The initiator of the project, Corps member, Victoria Itiku thanked the Management of the Federal University of Technology, Minna for giving her the opportunity to serve in the University which enabled her live in Gidan Kwano community and to see the deplorable nature of the health centre.

She thanked the Dagacin (Village Head, Gidan Kwano) and all other donors who supported the project and urged the community to protect the project.

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.

APPOINTMENT

Renewal

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of contract appointment for **Joel J. Kolo** of the University Library Service for a period of one year with effect from May 19, 2018.

LIST OF NEW BOOKS

S / N	Author/Editors	Title	Publisher	Year of Publication	ISBN
1	Elliot J.R	Introductory Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics 2 nd ed	Pearson Education	2014	978-93-325-2404-0
2	Asmatulu R.	Nanotechnology safety	Elsevier	2013	978-0-444-59438
3	Dyke, K. V	Fundamentals of Petroleum	PEP	2013	0-88698-162-X
4	Yahya S.M	Fundamentals of Compressible Flow with Aircraft and Rocket Propulsion 4 th ed	New Age International Ltd	2014	978-81-224-2668-7
5	Esposito A.	Fluid Power Applications	Pearson	2015	978-93-325-1854-4
6	Pandey, A	Hydraulics and Hydraulic Machines	Katson	2014	978-93-5014-401-5
7	Fontana, M.G	Corrosion Engineering 3 rd ed	McGraw Hill	2014	978-0-07-060744-6
8	Badger, W.L	Introduction to Chemical Engineering	McGraw Hill	2015	978-0-07-463050-1
9	Perkins, D.	Mineralogy 3 rd ed	Pearson	2015	978-93-325-5042-1
10	Prasad, B.B	Advanced Soil Dynamics and Earthquake Engineering	PHI	2014	978-81-203-4039-8

SALE OF ADMISSION FORM

This is to inform the University community and the general public that the sale of admission forms into the nursery and primary one of FUT, Minna Staff School will commence on Monday, May 14, 2018 at the rate of Two Thousand Naira (N2,000:00) only.

Payment should be made at FUT, Minna Microfinance Bank.

COUNSELLING TIP

Do not rush into conclusion to judge or exonerate anyone based on what you are told of him or her. Take time to find out the detail, else you'll be blame for what you did out of good motive.

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

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, May 7, – Friday, May 11, 2018)

S/N	RECEIPTS	₦
1	Clearance Fees	6,000.00
2	Collection of Certificate	772,500.00
3	Academic Transcript Fees	540,000.00
4	Semesterial Result	800.00
5	Turnitin	40,000.00
6	Penalty Fees of Late Submission of Gown	1,000.00
7	Proficiency in English	6,000.00
8	SIWES Log Book	330,000.00
9	Verification/Confirmation of Result	26,000.00
10	Hostel Fees	89,250.00
11	Farm Land	14,500.00
12	Replacement of I.D Card	500.00
13	Purchase of Academic Gown	90,000.00
14	Commercial Activities	9,000.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,925,550.00
	PAYMENTS	
15	Contractors/Suppliers	
	(i) Staff	
	(a) Refund	3,915,721.45
	(c) Advance	8,288,364.19
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Nipost Niger - Courier Service	72,685.00
	(b) Sarkin Pawa - Repairs	212,000.00
	(c) A. G. Office Equipment Services - Supply	391,780.00
	(d) Obilkedu Automobile - Repairs	67,000.00
	(e) Doko International Hotel Ltd. - Hotel Bill	173,650.00
	(f) " " "	315,240.00
	(g) " " "	87,515.00
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	13,523,955.64

CONDOLENCE

The Registrar has, on behalf of Management, Staff and Students of the Federal University of Technology, Minna condoned **Ohuoba Elizabeth Ugbede**, Department of Food Science and Technology, over the death of her husband, which sad event occurred recently. She has also condoned **Usman N. Mohammed**, behind Peugeot, Bosso Road, Minna, over the death of his wife, Usman Tassalla, who until her death was a staff of the University Health Service. She died on Monday, May 7, 2018.

May their gentle souls rest in peace.