



# Campus News

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## PROF OKUNADE TASKS FG ON ADEQUATE FUNDING OF EDUCATION



Prof. Okunade deliver his lecture

**P**rof. Shittu Kelani Okunade has called on the Federal Government of Nigeria to adequately fund education in order to become a reading nation.

The Professor of English made this call on Thursday, November 1, 2018 while delivering the 69th Inaugural Lecture of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, at the Caverton Lecture Theatre, Main Campus.

In the lecture titled: **"Reading Nations Are Leading Nations: Whither Nigeria."** Prof. Okunade disclosed that Nigeria is no where to be found on the league of reading nations, this he attributed to its poor reading culture.

He called on government at all levels and

philanthropists to massively fund education through the provision of well equipped libraries, educational facilities, book development centres, workshops to equip teachers at all levels and advocacy on reading should be included in school curriculum.

The don stated that government should place emphasis on primary education because, it is the foundation of formal education and where the foundation of life long reading culture is laid. However, there is the need for primary school teachers in particular to be well grounded in the methodology of teaching pupils how to read.

The lecturer who urged parents to provide reading materials for their wards, re-echoed that they have a major role to play in inculcating reading culture in their children.

According to him, with the joint efforts of the school, family, libraries, publishers, booksellers, mass media and government, the desired to improved reading habit in children and youth will be created which will enable Nigeria to engage in global competitiveness and join the league of leading nations.

In his address, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, **fssn**, congratulated the Lecturer for his beautiful presentation, adding that the message from the lecture was for all in their different ways to promote reading culture in their families and communities, which will go a long way in making them enlightened.

## DIRECT PAYMENT OF TUITION FEES TO FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS / TETFUND SCHOLARSHIP FOR ACADEMIC STAFF

**T**ertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has resolved to pay its oversea Scholars tuition fees directly into their institutions' bank accounts with effect from 2018 academic session for Master, Doctorate and Bench work Scholars.

In the same vein, the Fund has further stated that starting from the last quarter of 2018, submissions will no longer be considered from Academic staff Training without the financial details of the foreign institution of study.

Consequently, eligible applicants should ensure to include the following while making submission for their study fellowship:

- i. Foreign Beneficiary institution's name and full address;
- ii. Foreign Beneficiary institution's bank name;

- iii. Foreign Beneficiary institution's account number;
- iv. Foreign Beneficiary institution's bank swift code;
- v. Foreign Beneficiary institution's bank address,
- vi. Currency of Payment;
- vii. Full payment Details; and
- viii. Foreign Beneficiary institution's country code.

Any nomination for foreign Scholarship that does not include these information will be deemed incomplete and will not be processed for TETFund sponsorship.

In addition, Scholarship for Academic Staff Training (Foreign) will be processed by the Fund twice only within an intervention year i.e. **June and November only**. Therefore, eligible applicants should ensure that his/her application is considered by the Committee of Deans at least one (1) month before the due date.

# DEPT OF ENTPRENEURSHIP UNDERGOES NUC ACCREDITATION



Principal Officers and the accreditation panel pose for a group photograph. VC, Prof. Abdullahi Bala (5th R), Prof. Bayero Muhammed (6th R), DVC (Acad), Prof. Yahaya Iyaka

In a bid to ensure that universities comply with its benchmark in the running of undergraduate programmes in the country, the National Universities Commission (NUC) accreditation team has assessed the institution's Entrepreneurship and Business Studies programme.

Speaking on Monday, October 29, 2018 at the Main Campus, the Chairman of the team, Prof. Bayero Muhammed from Usmanu Danfodio University, Sokoto said they were in the institution to check the strength and weaknesses of the Entrepreneurship and Business Studies Department.

Prof. Muhammed disclosed that what the team requires is the minimum standard and once they have been met, full accreditation would be given.

## ACCREDITATION TEAM HAILS FUTMINNA FOR PROVISION OF FACILITIES

The National Universities Commission (NUC) accreditation panel has commended the Management of the Federal University of Technology, Minna for providing facilities to run the Information and Management Technology (IMT) programme.

Leader of the panel of assessors, Prof. Justice Emuoyibofarhe gave this commendation during an exit visit to the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn*, on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at the Bosso Campus of the University.

Prof. Emuoyibofarhe also gave the University the thumb up for its staff development programme and also made observations on the need for improvement in some areas.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor thanked the accreditation team for the visit and expressed happiness over the observations, saying that the University considers accreditation exercises as avenues to improve on its performance assured that the observations raised would be addressed speedily.

The accreditation exercise involved assessment of the library, studios, laboratories, classrooms as well as an

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn*, while receiving the team said Management is very committed in ensuring they had a hitch free assessment.

Presenting the team's preliminary report, Prof. Muhammed expressed satisfaction with the curriculum, staffing, physical facilities and financing. He advised the department of the need to have a well-equipped on-campus skills acquisition centre while acknowledging their compliance with NUC guidelines.

A member of the team, Prof. Ellis Idemobi from Anambra State University, Uli in his observation noted that the staff of the department are concerned about the delisting of the School and advised that a lot of advocacy should be carried out to ensure that government does not press on with the policy.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Bala commended the team for a through assignment within 24 hours.

He thanked them for their observations, adding that they would be looked into.

Prof. Bala disclosed that the department has not admitted students in the last two years because of the federal government policy on specialised universities not running management courses.

According to the VC, the issue of delisting has been of great concern to them and they are addressing the issue.

interaction with staff of the department.

Other members of the accreditation team were: Prof. Kazeem Gbolagade, Kwara State University; Prof. Rufai Yauri, Kebbi State University and Zainab Sani from the NUC.

Principal Officers, the Dean, School of Information and Media Technology, Prof. Nicholas Iwokwagh; Head of Department and staff of IMT Department were at the event.



Principal Officers and the accreditation panel pose for a group photograph (m) VC, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, (4th L) Prof. Justice Emuoyibofarhe, (3rd R) DVC (Admin), Prof. Emmanuel Udensi



# DR AMINA ABUBAKAR FLAGS OFF SCIENCE MOBILE TEACHING AID



*Prof. Olutoye explaining a point to Her Excellency, Dr. Amina Abubakar during the flag off ceremony*

In view of the need to address the problems of science laboratory equipment, the wife of the State Governor, Dr. Amina Abubakar Bello has flagged off the distribution of science mobile teaching equipment and essential learning materials for secondary schools within the state.

The event took place on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at Maryam Babangida Girls Science College, Minna.

Speaking during the flag off ceremony, Dr. Bello commended the State government and the Ministry of Education for the laudable project, adding that it was heartwarming, when she found that the funds for the project came solely from the Ministry's savings and Internally Generated Revenue (IGR).

She called on other Ministries, Departments and Agencies to address some of the serious challenges in all the sectors of the State, particularly within the educational and medical sectors.

Dr. Amina noted that public primary schools in the State would soon be renovated by the State government, under the Whole School Approach Development Renovation (WSADR).

Speaking earlier, the Honourable Commissioner for Education, Hajiya Fatima Madugu, commended the administration of Niger State Government for spending more than 3.2 billion naira for the renovation and upgrading of nine secondary schools under its WSADR across the three senatorial zones, including Teacher Professional Development Institute (TPDI), located at Mararaban Dandaudu.

Mrs. Madugu urged the beneficiaries to properly utilize and maintain the items distributed to them.

Giving his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, **fssn**, who was represented by the Deputy Director, Directorate for Research Innovation and Development and Coordinator, Intellectual Policy Technology and Transfer Office, Prof. Moses Olutoye, said the University established has three mandates, namely: research, teaching and community service, because, it was as a result of the teaching effort that brought about the research of the mobile teaching equipment.

He explained that the teaching equipment has gone through so many stages, including patenting, that no one can get it anywhere, without contacting the inventor.

Prof. Bala noted that the project was part of the research mandate, which would help all the secondary schools students to understand science.

He thanked the Niger State Ministry of Education for bringing the product to the community.

Speaking during the ceremony, the Chairman, Niger State House of Assembly Committee on Education, Hon. Bako Alpha, thanked the Hon. Commissioner for proper utilization of IGR in the Ministry to purchased relevant learning materials for schools in the State.

He reiterated that if the same initiative was extended to other ministries, the main organs of government would have less work to do.

Demonstrating the use of the science mobile teaching aid at the event, the inventor, Engr. Lawal Sadiq, a lecturer in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, FUT, Minna explained that the science mobile equipment, aid teaching of science and technology, including mathematics and can also be used at basic and senior levels.

He further revealed that the use of the equipment in teaching help to increase students interest in science subjects and reduce massive failure in examination. He further stated that government spend less in the purchase of equipment.

In his goodwill message, the Chairperson, TPDI, Hajiya Dije Bala, represented by the former Registrar, FUT, Minna, Mal. Muhammad Dattijo Usman said that they came to identify with the very good course of education.

She applauded the effort of the governor for bringing about a turn around in the revitalizing of education with the establishment of Niger State Teachers Professional Development Institute, which is the only body in the country.

During the event, vehicles were also distributed to four girls secondary schools, namely: Maryam Babangida Girls Science College, Minna; Government Girls Science College, Kontagora (Unity); Government Science College, Bida; and Government Secondary School, Tegna.

In his vote of thanks, the permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Yahaiya Garba, commended the governor's wife for gracing the occasion.

# ELECTION OF DEAN

The Management has directed that election into the Office of Dean, School of Physical Sciences (SPS) be conducted by the Senate Secretariat while the election of other School Officers (including the Deputy Dean) shall be conducted by the School Board Secretariat accordingly.

The Deanship election is therefore slated for Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

**Time:** 10.00am

**Venue:** Lecture Theatre II, Bosso Campus

**Procedure:** The election procedures are as follows:

## 1. Eligibility:

- i) All Academic Staff in the School are qualified to vote during the election.
- ii) All Professors in the School are qualified to contest for Deanship of the School (SPS).

## 2. Nomination Forms:

- iii. Nomination form is free of charge.
- iv. Interested candidates are advised to collect nomination forms from the Office of the Registrar, Senate Building, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano as from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.
- v. Each contestant's nomination shall be duly seconded by two (2) members not below the rank of Senior Lecturer from the School Academic Board.

- vi. All completed nomination forms must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar on or before 4.00pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.

## 3. Guidelines for Deanship Election

### 1. Election:

- vii. The names of contestants will be displayed at the School Notice Board and Dean's office on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2018.
- viii. The election shall be conducted by secret ballot.
- ix. The accreditation of voters will start at 10.00am on the day of election. All eligible voters are expected to be at the venue of the election before that time. All staff are required to present their ID cards for accreditation.
- x. In the event of a tie between two or more contestants who score the highest number of votes, there shall be a run-off election.

### 2. Election Result:

- xi. The election results shall be announced by the Registrar as the Returning Officer.
- xii. The counting of votes cast shall be done in the presence of School Board Members (the electorates).
- xiii. The candidate with the highest number of votes shall be declared winner, returned elected and therefore assume office a day after the date of end of tenure of the out-going Dean.

# 1ST INTERNATIONAL CIVIL ENGINEERING CONFERENCE

Department of Civil Engineering, Federal University of Technology, Minna, cordially invites the University community and the general public to its 1st International Civil Engineering Conference (ICEC) as follows:

**Theme:** *"Infrastructure Development In The Context Of Contemporary Economic Challenges."*

### Chief Host:

**Prof. Abdullahi Bala, PhD, fsssn,**  
Vice-Chancellor,  
Federal University of Technology, Minna  
Niger State, Nigeria.

**Date:** Wednesday, November 7 - Friday, November 9, 2018.

**Time:** 9:00am daily.

**Venue:**PTDF (Chemical Engineering) Complex, Main Campus, FUT, Minna.

# APPOINTMENTS

## (i) Dean

Senate at its 439th meeting held on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 considered and ratified the election of **Prof. Emmanuel Olofu Ogbadoyi**, Department of Biochemistry, as the Dean, School of Life Sciences (SLS), for a period of two years with effect from November 11, 2018.

## (ii) Visiting Lecturer

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of **Ikuesan Richard Adeyemi**, as a Visiting Researcher to the Department of Cyber Security Science, School of Information and Communication Technology (SICT), for a period of one year, **at no cost to the University**, effective from the date of resumption.

## (iii) Withdrawal

The Vice-Chancellor has considered the withdrawal of appointment of **Salihu Yakubu Danladi**, Department of Electrical Electronics Engineering, with effect from October 1, 2018.

## LIST OF NEW BOOKS

S N	TITLE	AUTHOR/EDITOR	PUBLISHER	YEAR
1	System Architecture	Burd, S.D	U.S.A	2011
2	Engineering design	Dieter, G.E	McGraw Hill	2009
3	Advanced mechatronics	Jablonski, R.	Springer	2016
4	Intelligent Integrated System Devices, Technology, and Architecture	Deleonibus, S.	Pan Stanford	2014
5	Open Systems Dependability Engineering For Ever-Changing Systems	Tokoro, M.	CRC Press	2013
6	Getting Started With SQL: A Hands On Approach For Beginners	Nield, T.	O'reilly Media	2016
7	Managing Information Security	Vacca, J.R	Elsevier	2014
8	Automatic Mechatronics: Operational and Practical Issues	Fijalkowski, B.T	Springer	2011
9	Advanced Mechatronics Monitoring and Control of Specially Distributed System	Necsulescu, D	World Scientific	2009
10	Just Ordinary Robots Automation From Love to War	Royakkers, L	CRC Press	2016

## SABBATICAL

The Vice-Chancellor has approved sabbaticals for **Dr. I. M. Tyolumun and Dr. O. S. Olanrewaju** to the Department of Statistics, School of Physical Sciences (SPS), for a period of one year each, during the 2018/2019 Academic Session.

The Vice-Chancellor has also approved Sabbatical for **Dr. John Y. Adama**, Department of Animal Production, tenable at the University of Abuja, for a period of one year, with effect from January 3, 2019.

## ANUPA CORNER

If money is your hope for independence you will never have it. The only real security that a man will have in this world is a reserve of knowledge, experience and ability.

## COUNSELLING TIP

Discover and analyze the reason why you feel inferior to someone or others and be ready to put the past behind you.

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

## UNIVERSITY SECURITY GETS NEW UNIFORM



The VC, Prof. Bala (3rd from left) in a group snapshot with some of the University's Security personnel at the Senate Building on Monday.

## WEDDING CEREMONIES

**Dr. Isaac Ayodele Olatunji** of the Estate Management and Valuation Department, cordially invites the University community and the general public to the Solemnization of Holy Matrimony of his daughter, **Olajumoke Victoria Olatunji** with **Babatunde Elijah Kelani**, which will by the grace of God take place as follows:

### Engagement

**Date:** Friday, November 9, 2018

**Time:** 2:00pm prompt

**Venue:** Sanda Model School, Talba Estate, Along Bida Road, Minna, Niger State.

### Church Wedding

**Date:** Saturday, November 10, 2018

**Time:** 10:00am prompt

**Venue:** Independent Baptist Church, Off NITECO Road, Tunga, Minna, Niger State.

**Reception** follows immediately at St. Michael's Multipurpose Hall, Bosso Road, Minna, Niger State.

## CONDOLENCE

The Registrar has, on behalf of Management, Staff and Students of the Federal University of Technology, Minna condole the following:

1. **Aisha Binta Aliyu**, No. 7, Nelson Mandela Street, Asokoro, Abuja, over the death of her late father, Justice Idris Legbo Kutigi, which occurred on Saturday, October 20, 2018.
2. **Abdulmalik Mohammed**, Dagacin Gidan Kwano, Gidan Kwano Village, Minna, over the death of his late

father, Mal. Mohammed Karma, which occurred on Thursday, October 18, 2018

May their gentle souls rest in peace.



# FUNERAL

The Oladejo and Alonge families cordially invite the University community and the general public to the funeral ceremony of **Deaconess Maria Olufunmilayo Ajoke Oladejo (Nee Alonge)**, (University's Newspaper Vendor), who slept in the Lord on Thursday, September 20, 2018, aged 63:

## WAKE KEEP/TESTIMONY NIGHT

**Date:** Friday, November 2, 2018

**Time:** 4:00pm

**Venue:** Her Residence, Angwan Tsohi, Behind St. Mary Catholic Church, Kpakungu, Minna, Niger State.

## LYING-IN-STATE

**Date:** Saturday, November 3, 2018

**Time:** 7:30am

**Venue:** Her Residence, Angwan Tsohi, Behind St. Mary Catholic Church, Kpakungu, Minna, Niger State.

## BURIAL SERVICE

**Date:** Saturday, November 3, 2018

**Time:** 9:30am

**Venue:** At the Cemetery.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE

**Date:** Saturday, November 3, 2018

**Time:** 11:30am

**Venue:** Christ Apostolic Church (CAC), Kuta Road, Minna, Niger State.

**Reception** follows immediately.

# OBITUARY



**Late Ibrahim Saba Magana**

With gratitude and total submission to the will of Almighty Allah, we announce the death of Mal. Ibrahim Saba Magana, Deputy Registrar, Registry Department.

He died on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 after a brief illness and he has since been buried according to Islamic rites.

Late Mal. Magana joined the services of the University in 1995 as an Administrative Officer. Through dent of hard work and dedication to duty, he rose through the ranks to become a Deputy Registrar.

The deceased will greatly be missed by many but we take solace in the fact that he lived an exemplary life to the service of God and humanity in general.

May his gentle soul rest in peace and may Almighty Allah grant the family the fortitude to bear the sad loss.

# Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, October 22, - Friday, October 26, 2018)

NS	RECEIPTS	N
1	Clearance Fees	9,000.00
2	Collectionn of Certificate	331,000.00
3	Transcript	335,000.00
4	Turnitin	219,000.00
5	Semesterial Result	1,400.00
6	Verification of Transcript	8,000.00
7	Verification/Confirmation of Certificate	26,000.00
8	Replacement of I.D Cards	3,500.00
9	Proficiency in English	4,000.00
10	Inter University Transfer Form	20,000.00
11	Sale of SIWES Logo Book	70,300.00
12	Entrepreneure Training	6,000.00
13	Tender Fees	40,000.00
14	Confirmation of Certificate	2,000.00
15	Diplomal Certificate	10,500.00
16	Acceptance Fees	29,480,000.00
17	Post Graduate School Fees	8,061,500.00
18	Pre Degree Forms	215,250.00
19	Post UTME Scratch Card	14,000.00
20	Post UTME Fees	15,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38,871,450.00</b>
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
19	<b>Contractors/Suppliers</b>	
	<b>(i) Staff</b>	
	(a) Advance	4,745,957.00
	(b) Refund	7,513,778.00
	<b>(ii) Contractors/Suppliers</b>	
	(a) Pioneer Int / Service Ltd - Service	187,000.00
	(b) Leah Eyagi Yisa - Refreshment	831,000.00
	(c) Creative Edge Innovation Ltd. - Supply	5,310,900.00
	(d) Princess Az-Zahra Lodge - Hotel Bill	46,600.00
	(e) Doko International Hotel Ltd - Hotel Bill	369,905.00
	(f) Mcwndo Ventures - Renovation	1,174,740.00
	(g) Traveleantain Ltd - Flight Ticket	4,533,455.00
	(h) Niger State Water Board - Water Bill	176,800.00
	(i) Nipost - Courier Services	283,125.00
	(j) External Examiners - Honorarium	1,889,823.00
	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>27,063,083.00</b>