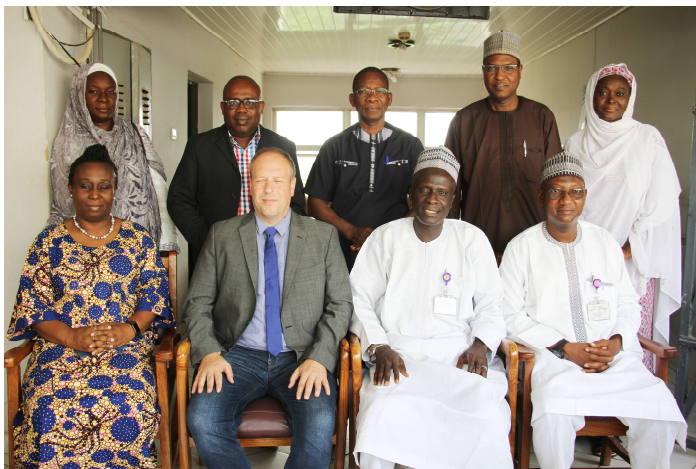


WE'LL SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS TO START PhD PROGRAMME, PROF BALA ASSURES WASCAL

The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn* has assured the West African Science Service Centre on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL CC & ALU) board members of the University's support in its efforts to start a PhD programme aimed at proffering solutions to the problem of climate change



VC Rep, Prof. Iyaka (3rd L); University Librarian, Dr. Alhassan (R) and WASCAL Board members posed for a snapshot after the visit

and other environmental related issues.

The VC gave the assurance yesterday when he received WASCAL board members who are in the University for its Annual International Board meeting at the Vice-Chancellor's Conference Room, Main Campus.

Prof. Bala who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Yahaya Iyaka commended WASCAL for its concerted efforts at addressing the numerous problems of climate change in the West African sub-region.

The VC maintained that the transformation of the WASCAL Master's programme to a Ph.D programme is long over due, adding that the University Management would provide all the necessary support needed to fast-track the timely commencement of the programme.

He expressed appreciation to WASCAL for all it has done for the University and wished them a fruitful deliberation.

"We are very grateful that WASCAL considered FUT, Minna as one of the universities where its programmes are located," he disclosed.

Speaking earlier, the Director, WASCAL, Prof. Appolonia Okhimamhe said the purpose of the visit was to intimate the Vice-Chancellor that WASCAL board members are in the institution for its annual meeting while disclosing that the main issue for the meeting was for members to deliberate on the possibility of

transforming the existing WASCAL Master's programme to a Ph.D programme.

Prof. Okhimamhe stated that the proposed Ph.D programme would be sponsored by WASCAL, noting that the proposed name of the Ph.D programme would be in tandem with the overall theme of WASCAL scope.

The Director thanked the University Management for the support and cooperation given to WASCAL.

SALLAH GREETINGS

The Federal Government has declared Friday 15th and Monday 18th June, 2018 public holiday to mark Eid-El-Fitr festival. Consequently, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn*, felicitates with the Muslim Ummah and the University community on the occasion and wishes everyone a wonderful celebration.

SALE OF ONLINE POSTGRADUATE APPLICATION FORMS

The general public is hereby informed that the sales of online postgraduate application forms for admission into the 2018/2019 academic session has commenced.

Requirements:

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

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.

Important Notice:

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.

PROF BALA URGES GOVERNMENT, PHILANTHROPISTS TO INVEST IN ICT FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn*, has called on the Niger State Government and stakeholders to invest in ICT for Secondary Schools in Niger State.



The VC, Prof. Abdullahi Bala presenting a Laptop to one of the beneficiaries at the event.

He made this call on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 during the Grand Finale of 2018 Information Technology Service day and award of prizes and certificates to 400 ICT trained Senior Secondary School students by the University.

Prof. Bala said that the three-fold mission of every university is teaching, research and community service and the institution, having attained 35 years of age, deems it fit to have a greater impact of its presence within the community by performing its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

“One thing we feel will impact on our youth is capacity building in ICT because there is hardly anything that is not driven by information and communication technology now so we have taken it upon ourselves to continue in the capacitation of our community,” Prof. Bala said.

The Vice-Chancellor maintained that a one-off training is not sufficient for the students and that he would have loved to organise the training annually so that the students are proficient in the area of computer by regularly practising but the University is constrained in the area of resources. He dwelled on the need for the State Government to put into effect a kind of ICT initiative where all the secondary schools in Niger State are provided with computer laboratories to enhance their computer skills and urged private individuals and philanthropist to show their support.

The helmsman congratulated the winners and other participants of the e-quiz competition for being among the best and urged them to continue to develop their computer skills adding that they would find the certificates useful later in life.

The VC who commended the staff of ITS for their initiative and commitment and pledged Management continued support. He also praised the authorities of the participating schools for preparing their students for the competition.

Delivering a goodwill message, the Emir of Minna, Alhaji (Dr.) Umar Farouq Bahago, represented by the Vice-Chancellor, Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University, Lapai, Prof. Mohammad Nasir Maiturare commended the

University for embarking on a very significant milestone by training the secondary school students on ICT, not only for examination purpose but for their educational development.

“I am glad that FUT, Minna is carrying out its own community engagement and has selected a very topical and relevant project,” the Emir said.

His Royal Highness noted that the world has become digitalized and IT is now the gateway to the world. He stressed that computer proficiency comes with practice and encouraged parents and schools to support ICT for their wards to compete favourably locally and nationally.

Niger State Commissioner for Basic Education, Hajiya Fatimah Madugu commended the effort of the University for coming up with the laudable project. She urged them to sustain it and spread it to all public schools across the State.

The Commissioner congratulated the winners and enjoined them to regard the achievement as a stepping stone to many good things to come. She stressed the need for the beneficiaries to regard themselves as lucky.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Acting Director, ITS, Dr. Adamu Mohammed disclosed that as part of the CSR of the institution to its immediate community it organised free hands-on computer fundamental and e-exams workshop for 400 students in eight public secondary schools selected from Chanchaga and Bosso Local Government Areas in Niger State.

Dr. Mohammed said the aim of the workshop was to sensitise and equip the students in the use of computer as a result of noticeable poor performance of students in computer based examinations.

The grand finale of the competition was held in the full glare of all dignitaries with the first position going to Father O’Conel Secondary School, Minna with 85 points over a hundred at a record time of 6 minutes 53 seconds; second position went to Army Day Secondary School with 75 points at 8 minutes 4 seconds and third position went to Hill Top Model Secondary School with 75 points at 8 minutes 51 seconds. The first position was presented a brand new Laptop /Free CISCO Get Connected Training, second position got a brand new Laptop/USB Flash Drive and third position won a brand new Laptop.

The Vice-Chancellor made the presentation to the best three students while the other participating students were presented certificates.

The participating secondary schools at the training were Maryam Babangida Girls Science College, Minna, Government Technical School, Chanchaga, Day Secondary School, Bosso, Army Day Secondary School, Minna, Day Secondary School, Tunga and Sir Ahmadu Bahago Memorial Secondary School, Minna.

At the end of the programme, thirty five students distinguished themselves coming first to third positions in their respective schools, while 19 contestants participated in the final quiz competition.

CYBER SECURITY: ALUMNI DONATES IOT DEVICES TO FUTMINNA

- Wants Collaboration With University of Pretoria
- FUTMINNA Students To Represent Nigeria In Cyber Security Contest

In a bid to enhance digital security in Nigeria, an alumnus of the Federal University Technology, Minna, Dr. Ikuesan Richard Adeyemi has donated some Internet Of Things (IOT) devices, to the Department of Cyber Security Science.



Dr. Adeyemi hands over some of the IOT devices to the Vice-Chancellor

Dr. Adeyemi, who now works at the University of Pretoria, South Africa made the donation on Monday, June 11, 2018 at the Office of the Vice-Chancellor, Main Campus.

The alumnus who is presently carrying out a research on digital forensics for digital disclosed that his urge to do something for Nigeria led to the procurement of the IOT devices. He said that he would want to collaborate with the Department of Cyber Security Science to be able to establish IOT Forensics in the Department, adding that he is also working on a proposal for digital policing in developing nations.

Dr. Adeyemi who graduated from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering in 2008 added that there will be need to have an MoU between the University of Pretoria and FUT, Minna as part of his desire is to establish a digital policing centre in each of the institutions. The whole idea, he said, is for the institution to train the Police, develop software for the Police and help perform some research activities for them with a possibility of expanding the scope beyond the Police.

The benefit of the digital policing centre, he explained, will be in training the Police and other security agencies, just as students will have the opportunity to have hands-on training, which can enable them do their SIWES programmes in the University, thereby producing graduates who are fit, not only for the labour market, but also to be job creators, and as such, it will be of benefit to the Nigerian Police, South Africa Police, FUT, Minna and University of Pretoria.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fssn*, expressed his excitement and thanked him for coming. He assured that the necessary support will be given to the proposal.

Prof. Bala commended him for the kind gesture and urged alumni to always come back to see what they can

do for the University.

The VC further said that most times, it is not all about the money, but other benefits that can be gotten from a collaboration. He noted that if the collaboration is established, it will bring the name of the University further into limelight as students will not need to go out for SIWES because all of the opportunities are here for them and it is also an opportunity for them to be gainfully employed.

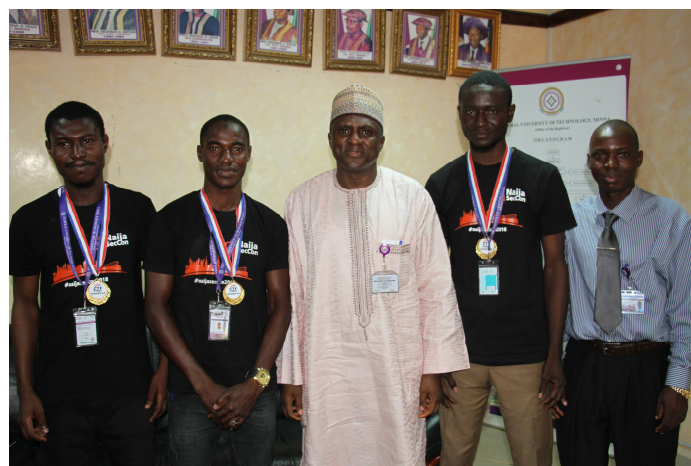
He observed that the fact that the University of Pretoria is ready to collaborate with FUT, Minna means there will always be other opportunities ahead and it is a very wonderful initiative which he fully endorses.

Part of the event was the introduction of FUT, Minna students from Cyber Security Science Department who took part in a Cyber Security competition on hacking (Cyberlympics). The students came first during the online competition among Nigerian universities and emerged second best out of the 10 universities selected for the finals which held in Lagos.

The Head of Department, Dr. John Alhassan said that both the first and second position winners will be representing Nigeria for the Africa competition. He also added that the student will need support to enable them prepare well for the Africa competition which will take place online in August.

Isah Idris, 500 Level, who spoke on behalf of the students said that the task of the competition comprised web hacking, digital forensics, reverse engineering, mobile hacking and forensics, cryptography, steganography and binary exploitation.

Prof. Bala congratulated the students nothing that despite the challenges they had during the competition,



Participating students with VC, Prof. Bala (m) and HOD, Cyber Security Science, Dr. Alhassan (R).

they were still able to come second place in the country. He urged them not to be discouraged because the University will do its best to support them as they go along the other competitions.

The other students who represented the University in the contest are: Abubakar Sadiq Lafiagi, Abdullahi Sani, Raji Abdulgafar and Kaka Sheidu.

CAMPUS NEWS LAUNCHES MOBILE APP

This is to inform our esteemed readers that FUT, Minna Campus News has launched its Mobile App.

Interested persons can visit the android play store, search "Futminna Campus News" to download the App.

You can also follow us via our twitter handle **@infounitfutmx** and 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.

NOTICE! NOTICE!! NOTICE!!!

This is to inform our esteemed readers that the Unit as from Friday, October 5, 2018 will stop the production and distribution of hardcopy version of the University Weekly Campus News.

Consequently, we advise our readers who are not on our e-mail data base to forward their e-mail address to any of the following: info@futminna.edu.ng, ayo.olubiyi@futminna.edu.ng and ayoyemifavour@gmail.com or any of these phone numbers: **08037276484**, **08036537032** or **08060893490**.

Help us in our commitment to serve you better.

COUNSELLING TIP

For harmonious and effective productivity, let the leader be less forceful, less authoritative but be explicit and firm with his rules and regulations.

Let the subordinates operate by the rules to avoid repercussions that may tarnish the image of any or both parties and the organisation.

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

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, June 4, – Friday, June 8, 2018)

N/S	RECEIPTS	₦
1	Collection of Certificate	422,000.00
2	Transcript	350,000.00
3	Clearance Fees	6,000.00
4	Turnitin	8,000.00
5	Statement of Result	2,000.00
6	Proficiency in English	6,000.00
7	Verification/Confirmation	88,000.00
8	Farm Land	1,000.00
9	Purchase of Academic Gown	30,000.00
10	Campus Radio	44,500.00
11	Defferment of Admission	20,000.00
14	Hostel Fees	32,875.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,010,375.00
	PAYMENTS	
15	Contractors/Suppliers	
	(i) Staff	
	(a) Refund	9,543,537.00
	(b) Advance	5,367,090.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Leah Eyagi Yisa - Cost of Refreshment	590,100.00
	(b) O. Oladejo - Newspapers Supplied	4,600.00
	(c) Capital Express Assurance Ltd - Capitation	7,314,000.00
	(d) O. Oladejo - Newspapers Supplied	54,200.00
	(e) " "	47,950.00
	(f) " "	55,350.00
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	22,976,827.00

DIAMOND BANK CONSUMER LOANS

This is to inform the University community that they can access loans from Diamond Bank Plc. The consumer loans are as follows:

1. Personal Loan: Which allows any staff to access a loan of N500,000.00 (Five Hundred Thousand Naira) and above.
2. Auto Loan: Staff can access auto loan and pay over a period of four years for purchase of brand new cars from their (Bank) authorized vendors.
3. Mortgage Facility: Staff depending on their salary grades, can access mortgages for the purchase of complete homes and can pay back for a period of 10 years.
4. Leases: Staff can conveniently purchase through

Diamond Leases Household Equipment like; Generator, Electronics, Inverters, Washing machines, etc. and can pay back over a long period without much stress.

5. Credit Cards: Staff are also entitled to get credit card which can allow them hold funds in their cards for emergency situations like urgent hospital bills etc.
6. And so many other benefits.

To be able to access these loans please contact: Herbert Mgbahurike, Branch Manager (08094642632) and Michael Ogunyankin, Product Officer (08065915566).