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## USE NATURAL GIFT, REDUCE DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS - PROF AGUWA

By Abdullahi U. Danbakaba



**Prof. Aguwa delivering his lecture.**

Photo Credit: Elijah

**E**ngr. Prof. James Aguwa, Department of Civil Engineering, Federal University of Technology, Minna, has called for the use of locally available timber in the provision of infrastructural amenities as part of efforts to greatly improve local content and reduce dependence on costly imported construction materials thereby reducing overall cost of construction in the country.

He stated this while presenting the 97th inaugural lecture of the University, titled, "Establishing Reliability of the Nigerian Timber as a Structural Material: Boosting Local Content Based Economy"

on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at the University Auditorium, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

The Professor of Civil Engineering who enumerated corruption, lack of political will, lack of awareness, poor linkage between government, research institutions and construction industries and wrong notion about the quality of timber structures as the major factors responsible for the continuing dwindling attitude of the citizens in exploring the potential of our locally available structural materials further admitted that Nigeria is naturally endowed with various types of timber species that can be harnessed for structural purposes.

"The earlier we applied the law in harnessing our locally available structural materials, the better for us," he cautioned.

Prof. Aguwa advocated for the formulation and enforcement of government policies on the use of well researched locally available structural materials which can stop excessive foreign importation of such materials where there are available local alternatives, stressing that, synergy between the institutions of higher learning and relevant regulatory bodies such as the Council for the regulation of Engineering

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in Nigeria (COREN) and the Raw Material Research and Development Council (RMRDC) must be ensured in order to consolidate the use of this well researched local structural materials.

He further emphasised that there is urgent need for institutionalisation of code of ethics and practice for various engineering materials and practices with full reliability based calibration without copying any part from foreign codes. However, he stressed that

no country can successfully practice engineering without developing its locally based code of practice that is uniquely friendly to its environment.

"COREN should as a matter of urgency take the lead in the preparation of locally based code of practice for practice of engineering in Nigeria. It is the sole duty of COREN to assemble all experts to produce locally based and reliable code of practice."Engr. Aguwa further emphasised.

The don also called on government and relevant stakeholders to embark on a massive plantations of timber trees across all the 774 local government areas of the federation to take care of the heavy civil engineering structural materials which would not only generate chain of employment opportunities but also give rise to export, thereby increasing the economic base of the nation.

## NUC ACREDITATION: FUTMINNA RECEIVES ADDITIONAL APPLAUSE

By Aliyu Jidda Ibrahim



*Principal Officers of the University in a group photograph with the accreditation team.*

Photo Credit: Elijah Yisa

**T**wo accreditation teams from the National Universities Commission, have completed their assignment saying they are pleased with the management of the Federal University of Technology, Minna.

The teams which were in the

University from Wednesday, December 1 to Friday, December 3, 2021 to accredit the undergraduate programmes of the Departments of Architecture and Computer Science respectively, stated this during their exit meeting the University Manage-

ment at the Senate Chamber, Gidan Kwano.

Profs. Chukwuemeka Chukwali and Adesina Sodiya who led the accreditation panels for Architecture and Computer Science respectively,

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further commended the University for introducing innovative courses in the two programmes .

They commended the departments for strictly adhering to the admission guideline as only qualified students are admitted in to the programmes.

The teams also pointed out areas of for improvement.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, fsssn, who said, he was happy with the reports of the panels expressed his gratitude to them for carrying out a good

quality assessment of the University.

He therefore, assured that the institution would look into observations made by the panelists.

## PROF BALA MAKES CASE FOR PUBLICATION IN LEADING JOURNALS

• Honours Outstanding Researchers

By Ugboaja Stanley U.



*The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala presents a plaque to one of the awardees, Prof. Abiodun Musa Aibinu at the event.*

The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, fsssn, has called on faculty members of the institution to publish their research output in high impact peer-reviewed journals to boost the University’s global ranking and visibility.

Prof. Bala stated this during the maiden edition of the Vice-Chancellor’s Dinner/ Merit Awards Night with the theme:

Celebrating Excellence, Diligence and Hard Work, held at the Justice Idris Legbo Kutigi International Conference Centre, Minna, Niger State on Friday, December 3, 2021.

The Vice-Chancellor disclosed that the era of researchers publishing their research works in predated journals is over, adding that publications in top-notch indexed journals would further enhance FUT, Minna’s local and global ranking among the comity

of universities. Prof. Bala stated that the purpose of the awards ceremony was to recognize researchers and staff of the University who have contributed in enhancing the profile of the institution between 2017 and 2020, in terms of scholarly publication in high impact journals, community service and attraction of grants to the University, while also serving as an avenue for encouraging others to follow suit.

He commended the awardees for bringing honour to the University through their various research efforts and community service to the institution's host communities and the nation at large, while assuring them of the University management's support.

The FUT, Minna helmsman also commended the Committee on

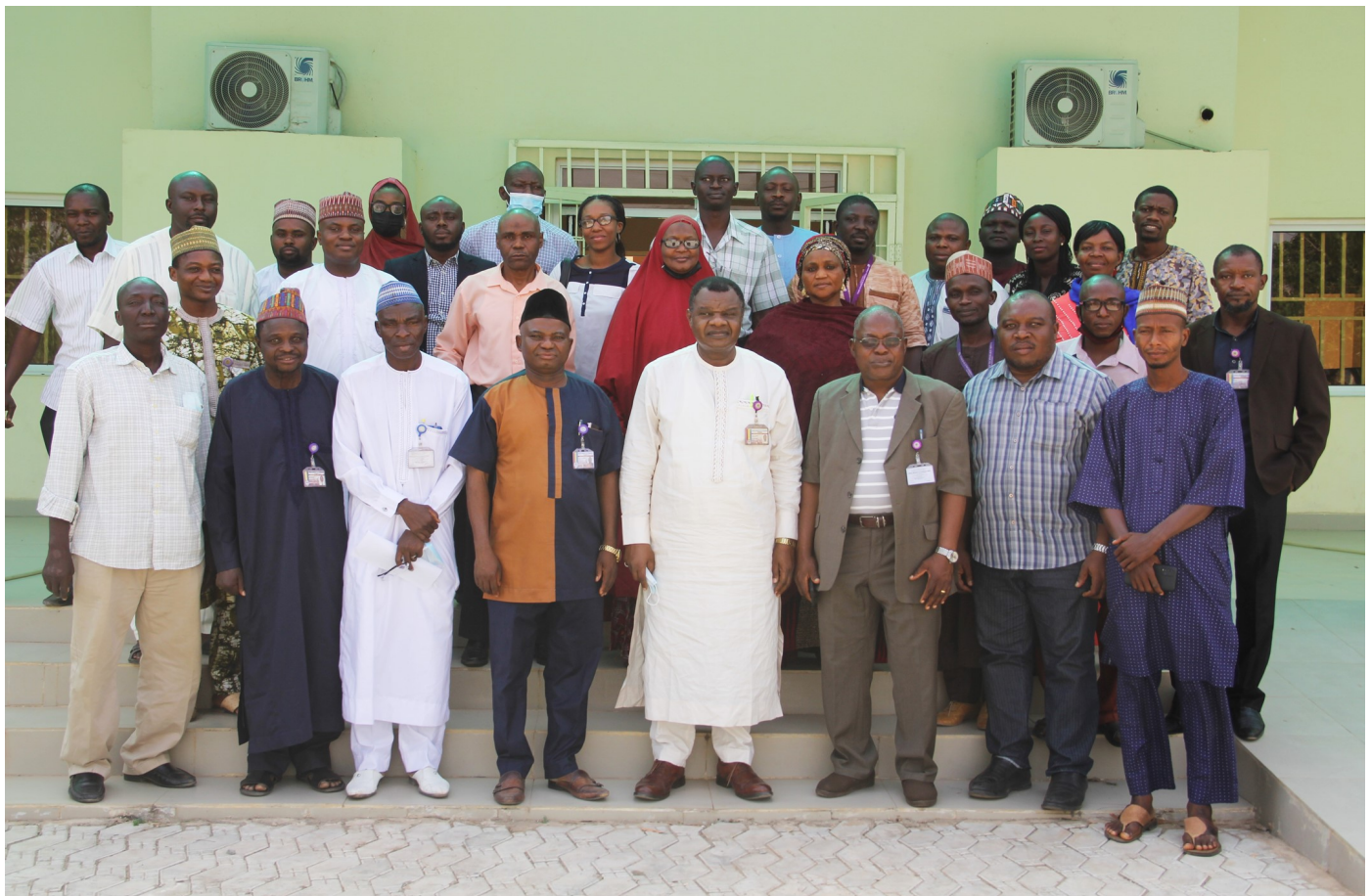
Performance Evaluation, Documentation and Publication chaired by Barr. Kassim Agbonika for doing an exceptional job of evaluating his stewardship as the Vice-Chancellor of the University, even as he hailed the recommendations made by the Committee on how to further reposition the

University.

The highlight of the event was the presentation of plaques by the Vice-Chancellor to over 31 staff of the University who were recommended by the Committee on Performance Evaluation, Documentation, and Publication.

## **ITS TRAINS PG COORDINATORS, EXAM OFFICERS ON E-RESULT SOFTWARE**

By Abdullahi U. Danbakaba



**Five from left (front row) representative of VC, Prof. Udensi in a group photograph with the participants and ITS staff after the opening ceremony**  
Photo Credit: Elijah Yisa

The Information Technology Services (ITS) of Federal University of Technology, Minna has organised a two day training programme for Post-graduate Coordinators and Examination Officers from all Academic Departments of the University on the effective use and application of its newly launched contingent version III of the stand-alone E-result soft-

ware, designed to address challenges faced in the process of students result computation and scrutiny as well as ensuring efficiency in service delivery.

Declaring the training open on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at the NITDA Hub, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala fsssn, said that the

University attaches great importance to result management adding that, it is the most important aspect of its responsibilities.

Prof. Bala who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration) Prof. Emmanuel Emeka Udensi called on the organizers

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to ensure diligence in carrying out the training and enjoined the participants to take judicious advantage of the training as poor result management always leads to computation errors and undue degrading of a student which may in return lead to legal issues against the University.

The Vice-Chancellor further applauded ITS for organising the training.

Speaking earlier, the Director, ITS, Prof. Adamu Mohammed disclosed that the software is an updated package of the old versions currently in use stressing that, a user manual has been developed to ease its applications.

Prof. Mohammed further thanked the Management for its supports in the actualization of the

training

It may be recalled that following the official flagged off of the software on October 18, 2021, the Vice-Chancellor approved the in house training.

## **SUBMISSION OF NYSC DISCHARGE/EXEMPTION/EXCLUSION CERTIFICATE BY STAFF RELEASED FOR STUDY FELLOWSHIP**

Management at its 287<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 considered the report of the Committee that investigated a case of abscondment from duty by a staff. Management observed with displeasure that some study fellows are in the habit of breaching the study fellowship regulations especially by refusing to return to their duty post after completion of their studies.

Consequently, Management approved that henceforth, staff proceeding on Study Fellowship in addition to completion of Study Fellowship Bond must deposit original of their National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Discharge/Exemption/Exclusion Certificate with the Registrar before leaving for the fellowship.

Management also directed that henceforth, each study fellow is required to provide to the Registrar, within three months of the commencement of their fellowship the contact details (including phone numbers and e-mail addresses) of the Registrar of the institution in which the fellowship is tenured, as well as the contact details of their main/major supervisor.

Deans, Directors and Heads of Department/Units are requested to bring this to the notice of their staff for strict compliance, please.

## **EXTENSION OF REGISTRATION/ENROLLMENT OF STAFF OF FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, MINNA NOT ENROLLED INTO THE NATIONAL HOUSING FUND (NHF) SCHEME TO DECEMBER, 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2021**

This is to inform staff of the University that the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria has extended the period for enrollment of all remaining staff of the Institution that have not been captured into the National Housing Fund (NHF) Scheme.

It was observed that the NHF registration of some staff of this Institution failed due to incomplete information required by the system template provided. Because of the importance of the enrollment, the Bank has therefore extended the period of completion of the registration exercise to **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021** so as to allow for corrections for those with errors in SMS alerts sent to them and to also create NHF account for those who are yet to be registered.

In view of the above, all concerned staff are hereby advised to take advantage of this window to update their records with the scheme.

## SABBATICAL

The Vice-Chancellor has approved sabbatical for Dr. Adedipe Oyewole, Department of Mechanical Engineering, tenable at Baze University, Abuja, for a period of one year, with effect from 1st February, 2022 to 31st January, 2023.

## RETIREMENT

The University Governing Council has approved the compulsory retirement of Engr. Ibrahim B. Musa, Works and Maintenance Services, from the service of the University with immediate effect.

## TERMINATION

The University Governing Council has approved the termination of appointment of Audu Muhammad Murtala of the Works and Maintenance Services from the service of the University with immediate effect.

## DISMISSAL

The University Management has approved the dismissal from service of Danlami Danlami Alhaji, Entrepreneurship Centre, and Yunusa A. G. Pina, Works and Maintenance Services. While Alhaji's dismissal is effective from 12th October, 2021 that of Pina is with immediate effect.

## DEDICATION & THANKSGIVING

The family of Engr. & Mrs Alexander Tsado of Information Technology Services (ITS) invites the entire university community to the dedication and thanksgiving service of their children Godson, Godwin and Godswill on **19th December, 2021** at Nupe Kalvari Church, Tunga Branch, behind Central Bank Quarters, Minna. Time: **8:00am**.

## CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

The Christian Community, Federal University of Technology, Minna, invites all University Community to its Annual FUT Minna Christian Community Christmas Carol 2021 theme: **THE PRINCE OF PEACE**.

Scheduled as follows:

**Date:** Sunday, 12th December, 2021

**Venue:** Chapel of Grace Auditorium, Bosso Campus

**Time:** 4:00pm.

## COUNSELLING TIPS

Your set goals should be specific, measurable and realistic. That is to say, that you should specify the actual task you can undertake within a time limit on daily basis.

Guidance and Counselling Unit,  
Students' Affairs Division.

## MONEY MATTER

### Weekly Financial Digest for Monday 29th November - Friday 5th December, 2021

N/S	RECEIPTS	N
1	Transcript	1,064,100.00
2	Collection of Certificate	275,000.00
3	Verification /Proficiency in English	10,000.00
4	Motorcycle registration	26,000.00
5	Turnitin Undergraduate	3,500.00
6	University Wrapper	3,500.00
7	Purchase of Academic Gown	152,000.00
8	Clearance Fees	111,000.00
9	Prepaid Meter	78,500.00
10	Acceptance Fees	40,000.00
11	Registration Fees Pre-degree	1,959,750.00
12	Post Graduate School Fees	7,782,000.00
13	Undergraduate School Fees	2,618,800.00
14	Sales of forms pre-degree	130,000.00
15	Hostel Accommodation Fees	180,000.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>14,434,150.00</b>
16	<b>Contractors/Suppliers</b>	
	<b>(i) Staff</b>	
	(a) Advance	3,774,933.58
	(b) Refund /Payment to Staff	7,905,234.69
	<b>(ii) Contractors/Suppliers</b>	
	(a) Habeeb Catering & Rental Services - Bill	585,000.00
	(b) Niger State Water Board - Water Bill	67,500.00
	(c) A E D C - Electricity Bill	20,922,002.21
	(d) Lubabint Composit Recourses LTD - Supply	17,333,255.00
	(e) Leah Eyagi Yisa - Refreshment	1,243,110.00
	(f) Tis & P Dynamic Solutions - Supply	8,443,007.00
	(g) Mars Oil - Supply	4,759,562.50
	(h) Tobel Global Concept - Supply	364,215.38
	(i) Dona Hills & Coy. - Supply	989,000.00
	(j) Princess Az-zahra Lodge - Hotel Bill	37,950.00
	(k) Dogon Koli Hotels - Hotel Bill	10,000.00
	(l) DHL INT Nig Ltd. - Courier Service	661,508.77
	(m) Summit Legal Consultancy Services - Services	280,000.00
	(n) Mill & Bill Nig Ltd. - Supply	1,773,400.00
	(o) Niger State Water Board - Water Bill	82,500.00
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>65,457,245.55</b>