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CAMPUS NEWS

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FUTMINNA 30TH CONVOCATION: FG TO ESTABLISH MORE UNIVERSITIES OF TECHNOLOGY

- ESTABLISH SPECIAL FUNDS FOR SPECIALIZED UNIVERSITIES, CHANCELLOR TELLS FG
- BE WORTHY AMBASSADORS, PRO-CHANCELLOR TELLS GRADUANDS
- NO STUDENT WOULD DROP OUT ON ACCOUNT OF FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES- VC

By Abdullahi U. Danbakaba



Hon. Minister of State for Education, Prof. Emeka Nwajiuba (middle), flanked by FUT, Minna Chancellor, His Imperial Majesty, Oba Aladetoyinbo Ogunlade Aladelusi and the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala.

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As part of efforts to promote science and technology for national development and address the issues of unemployment among the youths, the Federal Government is determined to establish more universities of technology with at least one in each of the six geo-political zones of the federation.

President Muhammadu Buhari, disclosed this while delivering his address at the 38th Founders' Day and 30th Convocation Ceremonies (Day I) of the Federal University of Technology, Minna on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at the Dr. Suleimanu Kumo Convocation Square, Main Campus.

Represented at the occasion by

the Honourable Minister of State for Education, Prof. Chukwuemeka Nwajiuba, the Visitor said that universities of technology are pivotal to the actualization of the Federal Government's National Development Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); noting that his administration is committed to upgrading the existing universities of technology to meet the original mandates set by the founding fathers.

President Buhari also assured that his administration would continue to be alive to its statutory responsibilities towards university education through dialogue with staff unions in order to amicably resolve differences and ensure peace and harmony in the educa-

tional institutions, stressing that efforts would continue to be geared towards improved infrastructural development and unimpeded funding for the universities.

"We shall continue to wrap up funding of education as our resources improve," he assured.

The Visitor who said that the Federal Government has no intention of relinquishing its responsibilities to higher educational institutions, stressed the need for all stakeholders to take another look at the "XY" model of absolute reliance on government for funding of education in the country, adding that government would continue to

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Best overall graduating student, Enebe Simon Adinoyi (Department of Quantity Surveying) receiving an award from the University Chancellor.

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shoulder the biggest role of placing our universities on a higher pedestal.

On unemployment, the President stated that apart from the long-term plans, government has been making to address the challenges of unemployment, millions of Nigerian youths and many vulnerable citizens were since 2016 engaged through various social intervention programmes.

"More than two million Nigerians, substantial number of them youths had benefited from the Enterprise Empowerment Programme which was established to upscale micro, small and medium enterprises," the Visitor emphasized.

At the convocation, His Imperial Majesty, Oba Aladetoyinbo Ogunlade Aladelusi (Odundun II), the Deji and Paramount Ruler of Akure Kingdom and Chairman, Ondo State Council of Obas was installed as the new Chancellor of the University by the Visitor.

A total of 3,892 graduands were also awarded various classes of degrees, out of which 53 bagged First Class, 904 Second Class Upper Division, 2,047 Second Class Lower Division and 801 Third Class while 38 graduated with Pass degrees.

Speaking shortly after his official installation, the new Chancellor of the University, stressed the need for the Federal Government to have special funds for specialized universities through the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) so that the universities can adequately champion the country's technological drive in line with the Federal Government's Digital-Economy initiatives.

The Chancellor, who acknowledged the challenges bedeviling the University, particularly shortage of befitting hostel accommodation, pledged to make concerted efforts with the Management to ensure that these challenges are addressed.

Also speaking, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council of the University, Prof. Olu Obafemi, NNOM, enjoined the graduands to be worthy ambassadors of the University, urging that they should keep in mind the twin problems of indiscipline and corruption which both obstruct progress and national development, and are the primary causes of the socio-economic challenges that have resulted in high youth unemployment in the country. "Therefore, resist all temptations to manifest indiscipline, moral turpitude and indulgence in

corrupt practices for the interest of your generation and the good of your fatherland, now and for the future," the Pro-Chancellor admonished.

Speaking earlier, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, fsssn assured that the Students' Support will continue to enjoy frontline attention by the University adding that his administration had in the recent times initiated and launched the Students' Benevolent Fund aimed at providing financial support to every bright but indigent student so that no student of the University would drop out of the University on account of financial difficulties.

Prof. Bala applauded the Federal Government for its apt funding through the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Needs Assessment Fund for the Revitalisation of Public Universities, National Communications Commission (NCC) and the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) which enabled the University within four years of his stewardship to achieve scores of marvelous infrastructural development.

GEN ABUBAKAR, ADESINA, KYARI BAG DEGREES AS FUTMINNA CONVOKES 1,157 PG STUDENTS

By Aliyu Ibrahim Jidda



VC Prof. Abdullahi Bala in a warm handshake with one of the exceptional graduands.

Photo Credit: Elijah Yisa

Former Head of State of Nigeria, Gen. Abdulsalami Alhaji Abubakar (Rtd) GCFR; President of the African Development Bank and former Minister of Agriculture Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, CON and the Group Managing Director, Nigeria National Petroleum, Company Ltd, Malam Mele Kolo Kyari have received Doctor of Technology Degrees (Honoris Causa) at Federal University of Technology, Minna.

They were conferred with the honorary degrees at the 30th Convocation Ceremony (Day II) held on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at the Dr. Suleiman Kumo Convocation Square, Main Campus. The award is in recognition of their contributions to National Development.

A total of One Thousand One Hundred and Fifty-Seven (1,157) Postgraduate students also graduated at the occasion. Out of which 200 are for Post-Graduate Diplomas, 836 for Master's degrees and 121 for Doctorate degrees.

Speaking at the event, the Chancellor of the University, His Imperial Majesty, Oba Aladetoyinbo Ogunlade Aladelusi (Odundun II), the Deji and Paramount Ruler of Akure Kingdom and Chairman, Ondo State Council of Obas applauded the graduands for the new certificates they have received from the university and informed them that the certificate a license for them to go forth and change the world.

The Chancellor also congratulated the Honorary awardees for the recognition. "To me, it is a well-deserved honour," Chancellor added.

In his speech, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Prof. Olu Obafemi, FNAL, NNOM, stated that his colleagues in the Governing Council of the University are determined to focus on and support the appeal to keep the University on a higher pedestal in our common ambition to realize the University's Vision and Mission.

He also expressed gratitude to

staff and student unions in ensuring smooth operation of the institution and the tranquility on both campuses.

On his part, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, fsssn, observed that through a dint of hard work and strict adherence to sound University culture, governance principles and work ethics guided by global best practices, the University has continued to develop in leaps and bounds and stands tall among its peers.

"The University is in a sound and better shape than it was when I assumed office four years ago," he said.

He further stated that the University, in line with its vision, has continued to be a leading Nigerian university recognized for its excellence in service delivery and capacity building.

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The University according to him has consistently been ranked among the top ten Nigerian and top one hundred African Universities, adding that students and alumni of the University are excelling and are world beaters anywhere they are found. This feat, Prof. Bala attributed largely

to the massive support his administration continues to receive from Council and all segments of the University as well as other stakeholders.

Niger State Governor, Alh. Abubakar Sani Bello; the Sultan of Sokoto, His Eminence, Alh. Muhammadu Saad Abubakar III;

the Etsu NUPE HRH, Alh. (Dr) Yahaya Abubakar, CFR; former Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Chief Olu Falae and other prominent Nigerians attended the event.

FUTMINNA 30TH CONVOCATION LECTURE: KYARI ASSURES NIGERIANS, OTHERS OF CONTINUOUS OIL RELEVANCE IN GLOBAL ECONOMY

By Aliyu Ibrahim Jidda



GMD NNPC, Mal. Mele Kolo Kyari answering questions shortly after delivering the 30th Convocation Lecture as VC, Prof. Abdullahi Bala listens with keen interest.

Photo Credit: Elijah

The Group Managing Director (GMD), Nigeria National Petroleum Company (NNPC) Ltd, Mal. Mele Kolo Kyari has given Nigerians and other oil rich nations the assurance that crude oil shall continue to play the role of global energy solution till 2060 and beyond.

The Group Managing Director gave this assurance on Monday January 31, 2022 when he delivered the University's 30th Convocation lecture titled: **"Energy Transition and Energy Accessibility - The New Paradigm,"** at the University Auditorium, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano, Minna.

Mal. Kyari observed that "rising global population, especially in Asia and Africa, where young people account for almost half of the population, will significantly push energy demand upward where renewable energy sources cannot be met by 2050".

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He argued that putting every country in the same transition speed could therefore result to unanticipated collateral damage that can spark energy crises and deny developing countries access to available and cheaper energy for growth, the consequences of which would create negative impact with profound economic, political and security implications for the global economy.

“Oil will remain very much relevant in the global energy mix of today and the future,” Mal. Kyari said, even as he admonished that “as transition to cleaner energy gains momentum, especially across the developed countries, oil companies must continuously improve operational efficiency and reduce their costs to remain on the playground.”

The Convocation Lecturer suggested that inclusive policy actions have become the necessary ingredients required to achieve net zero carbon economy as well as Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG7), which seeks to address energy poverty,

especially amongst the least developed countries.

He highlighted that transition to low-carbon economy has, at this point, become necessary and as a National Oil Company, NNPC is determined to achieve carbon neutrality using Nigeria’s abundant natural gas resources as a low carbon alternative that will help improve access to energy to power the country’s economy.

He said the NNPC welcomes beneficial relationship with the academics and industry experts who demonstrate capacity for productive research and innovation in the energy sector.

In his speech at the event, the Pro-Chancellor of the University Prof. Olu Obafemi NNOM, commended the Group Managing Director for the apt delivery. ‘The University is happy to have GMD of NNPC around and for presenting the University’s 30th Convocation Lecture with a brief but brilliant approach’. He described him as accountable, simple, humble and a man of his words.

He equally appreciated other guests who came from far and near to grace the occasion.

Earlier in his opening remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala fsss, who appreciated the guest speaker and his entourage for making it to the event, itemized some salient issues of concern in the downstream petroleum sector and appealed to the GMD to throw more light on them.

Vote of thanks, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration) and Chairman, University Ceremonies Committee, Prof. Emmanuel Emeka Udensi, fnip, on behalf of the Governing Council, Senate, Staff and Students thanked Mal. Mele Kolo Kyari for assembling the top echelon of the Corporation at the programme.

The highlights of the event were the question and answer session and presentation of the University plaque to the Guest Lecturer.

APPRECIATION



Prof. Abdullahi Bala.

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The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, FSSSN has on behalf of the Management expressed appreciation to the Chancellor, University Governing Council, Senate, Staff, Students, Convocants and particularly our esteemed guests who came from different parts of the Country for their high measure of under-

standing and support that led to the hitch free ,38th Founders' Day and 30th Convocation Ceremonies of our institution.

He also thanked the University's Ceremonies Committee chaired by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Emmanuel E. Udensi for the team spirit, hard

work, loyalty and personal sacrifices demonstrated in making the ceremonies a huge success.

'We are indeed grateful and proud of you all for being part of this successful and historic Convocation Ceremony', Prof. Bala said.

FUTMINNA DONATES MOBILE TEACHING AID TO SCHOOLS



ENGR. DR. SADIQ TRAINING THE BENEFICIARIES

As part of efforts in fostering town and gown relationship, the Federal University of Technology, Minna has donated five units of Home-Grown Multifunctional Mobile Teaching Aid and Intervention Laboratories valued at Two Million, Five Hundred Thousand Naira (₦2,500,000.00) to three schools in Minna.

The event took place on Monday, January 31, 2022 at the

Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Office (IPTTO), FUTMinna, Main Campus.

The beneficiaries of the donation, which is the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala's, special intervention to support and improve learning and teaching in the schools were Federal Government College, Minna and Centre for Preliminary and Extra-Mural Studies (CPES) FUT, Minna

with two units each as well as the Supreme International School, Chanchaga, Minna that received a unit of the Mobile Teaching Aid.

Presenting the items on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor to the recipients, the Dean, School of Infrastructure, Process and Engineering Technology (SIPET) Engr. Prof. Zinash Osunde said that the equipment, apart

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from being multifunctional in its usage, will make studying of science fun for both the teachers and students. She admonished the schools to make judicious use of the equipment to actualize the Vice-Chancellor's intention of the donations.

Also speaking at the event the Head of Department of the Mechanical Engineering Department Engr. Dr. Sunday Lawal, while congratulating the schools thanked the Vice-Chancellor for

his insights in donating such equipment to some selected schools.

Earlier in his remark, inventor of the teaching aid, Engr. Dr. Sadiq Lawal of the Mechanical Engineering Department while stating that the Vice-Chancellor graciously approved the donation to the schools to improve their educational and technological lots, noted that the invention is a game changer in the conduct of practical science classes

leading to improve quality of delivery, enhanced students' performance and value for money.

A training workshop was also organized for the teachers on how to mount and use the facility. The Teachers while thanking the University Management for the kind gesture expressed satisfaction over the outputs of the equipment.

COUNSELLING TIPS

Avoid taking an undue advantage of someone's kindness. Cheating a good person is like throwing away a diamond and picking up a stone.

Guidance and Counselling Unit,
Students' Affairs Division.

MONEY MATTER

Weekly Financial Digest for 24th January - 30th January 2022

S/N	RECEIPTS	₦
1	Transcript	1,006,400.00
2	Certificate (Under-graduate)	20,448,000.00
3	Certificate (Post-graduate)	2,717,000.00
4	Clearance Fees	327,000.00
5	Semesterial Result	800.00
6	Purchase of Academic Gown	153,000.00
7	Prepaid Meter	39,500.00
8	I.T.S diploma certificate	7,000.00
9	Verification of Result	70,000.00
10	Replacement of I.D. Card	2,500.00
11	Motorcycle (Registration Fees)	176,500.00
12	SWEP	20,000.00
13	Commercial Activities Shop	17,000.00
14	Transcript (Students Copy)	124,000.00
15	Registration Fees-Pre-degree	1,409,750.00
16	Post-graduate School Fees	4,291,500.00
17	Sales of Forms-Pre-degree	60,000.00
18	Under-graduate School Fees	39,900.00
19	Post UTME Fees	80,000.00
	TOTAL	30,989,850.00

20	Contractors/Suppliers	
	(i) Staff	
	(a) Advance	6,097,500.00
	(b) Refund /Payment to Staff	6,306,350.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Kamsaf Fast Food - Refreshment	70,750.00
	(b) Princess Az-zahra Lodge - Hotel Bill	21,950.00
	(c) NGIRS - Service	600,000.00
	(d) Chelsea Hotel - Hotel Bill	179,775.00
	(e) Chelsea Hotel - Hotel Bill	118,675.00
	(f) Channels Incorporated Ltd. - Service	10,750,000.00
	(g) A E D C - Electricity Bill	19,928,877.26
	(h) P3 Consulting Ltd. - Supply	12,776,082.75
	(i) DHL INT. Ltd. - Courier Service	936,917.38
	(j) FUTMIN Ventures Ltd. - Service	886,800.30
	(k) Nipost Niger Ltd. - Courier Service	961,975.00
	(l) Brizelane Konzept Ltd. - Printing	10,536,750.00
	(m) Leah Eyagi Yisa - Refreshment	500,000.00
	(n) Maidal Global Service Ltd. - Construction	32,297,752.28
	(o) Mcesta Ventures Ltd. - Construction	12,672,545.00
	(p) Mahadi Services & Resources Ltd. - Construction	32,405,958.83
	(q) Tecture Crew Ltd. - Construction	2,158,400.00
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	150,207,058.80