

## WORLD BANK, AAU, NUC VISIT FUTMINNA CENTRE

By Dorothy Elaigu



VC PROF. ABDULLAHI BALA, FSSSN (6TH FROM R) IN A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH WITH WORLD BANK TEAM.

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Officials of the World Bank, Association of African Universities and National Universities Commission have paid a two-day visit to the Africa Centre of Excellence for Mycotoxin and Food Safety in the Federal University of Technology, Minna.

The Team Lead and World Bank Expert Prof. Janis Tupesis during a courtesy visit to the University Management on Monday, October 31, 2022 at the Senate Chamber, Main Campus, said the purpose of the visit was to evaluate the activities, achievements and challenges of the centre after the disbursement of funds to it.

Prof. Tupesis commended the University Management for their support to the centre, adding that he was impressed with the quality of student programmes being run by the Centre as they were on ground to see the level of progress of the

centre via the Disbursement Link Indicators (DLIs) which is a result-based financing model by which the centre is being evaluated.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor, FUT, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala fsssn welcomed the team to the university.

He stressed the importance of stock taking on ascertaining level of progress, pointing out that there were some challenges at the beginning of the project but the centre has been able to wade through them and has made some substantial progress.

Prof. Bala pledged Management continuous commitment to the implementation and success of the project.

The team thereafter, had interactions with the core officers of the centre and the seven DLIs were examined to ascertain

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the areas of maximum scores and areas of flaws which were pointed out. The team also had interactions with the faculty, staff and students of the centre.

The team lead further said they were impressed with ACEMFS for using the online teaching method to conduct lectures for its students at the critical period of the COVID-19 and post COVID.

The representative of the AAU, Yvette Quashi said they were quite impressed with the performance of the centre and having gone through the DLI indicators with the centre, they realized that the centre is doing well especially in the DLI's that are challenging. She charged the centre to follow all

due process and remain focused in achieving all the DLIs to get maximum scores before 2024 when the project is expected to end.

The Centre Leader, Prof. Hussaini Makun on his part, pointed out that the World Bank would be sending a feedback and the areas that needs improvement will be worked on for the success of the project. "This is what we have always wanted, that they put us on track and we make maximum use of the funds that have been disbursed, he said.

Other members of the team are Prof. Fatima Kyari, NUC Country Expert, Mr. Matthew Ihayere, Project Internal Auditor, NUC and Amuche Ekwueme, Project Procurement Officer, NUC.

## PTA EMBARKS ON CSR

By Haruna Job



MEN AT WORK.

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**A**s part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), the Parents Teachers Association (PTA) of Model Secondary School, Federal University of Technology Minna has rehabilitated the road leading to the School at Bosso Campus of the University.

The rehabilitation took place on Wednesday, November 2, 2022.

Speaking at the event, the PTA Chairman of the School, Dr. Shakirudeen Yusuf, who said that the association embarked on the project to alleviate the suffering of those plying the road for school runs emphasised that little efforts by individuals and corporate groups or organisations is what is needed to check and reverse decays in public and

community infrastructure instead of waiting for government or management.

He therefore, on behalf of the association called on other good spirited groups/individuals to emulate the good gesture of the association to rehabilitate other portions of road on campus to ease movement within the campus.

Other officials of the association present at the work site were the Secretary, Mr. Simon Ayoola, the Treasurer, Mr. Segun Samuel and the Auditor, Mr. Munir Muhammed.

# 100<sup>TH</sup> INAUGURAL LECTURE

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, fssn cordially invites the University community and the general public to the 100th Inaugural Lecture of the University scheduled as follows:

**Theme: *Road Map to Elimination of African Trypanosomiasis (Sleeping Sickness): Doing my Part***

**Lecturer: Prof. Adamu Yusuf Kabiru**

B.sc (UDUSOK); M.sc (UNIBEN); PhD (FUTMINNA)

**Professor of Biochemistry**

Chairman: **Prof. Abdullahi Bala, fssn**

Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna

Date: **Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2022**

Time: **2:30pm**

Venue: **1000 Seater Capacity Auditorium, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano**

## CONDOLENCE

The Registrar has on behalf of the Council, Management, Senate, Staff, Students and the entire University community condoled Mrs. Aisha S. Dattijo Usman, Deputy Registrar, Academic Office over the death of her Mother and Cousin which occurred on Thursday, 27th October, 2022. May God grant them eternal life. Amen.