

CAMPUS NEWS

Federal University of Technology, Minna

SERVICOM HONOURS VC, 36 STAFF LAUNCHES SERVICE CHARTER

By Mustapha Alhassan/Winifred Oritogun



L-R: The Provost, Prof. Auna presenting award to the VC, Prof. Bala.

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The SERVICOM Unit of the Federal University of Technology, Minna has held its 2021 Service and Productivity Awards, in addition to the launch of the second edition of University Service Charter.

The event took place on Thursday, November 24, 2022, at the University Auditorium, Gidan Kwano, where a total of 37 members of staff, received different categories of awards.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof Abdullahi Bala, fsssn recalled that the event did not hold last year due to disruptions.

SERVICOM award, he said, is meant to recognize members of staff who have added value to the mandate of the University, noting that the fact that some have received the award multiple times attests to their value to the system.

Prof. Bala acknowledged that at different stages of his life in the University, he had worked with some of the awardees, hence,

there was no surprise that they were given the awards.

The VC who was also honoured with the Grand Award of Excellence for exemplary leadership, project execution and excellence at the event thanked the Focal Officer and staff of SERVICOM Unit for going through the rigorous process of selecting the awardees, maintaining that the system has a way of bringing out those that are adding value to it.

The VC charged the awardees not to regress but rather put in more effort at maintaining high performance, high professionalism and high efficiency, as they have been brought out as models, adding that there is nothing that is self satisfying and self fulfilling than doing their work to the best of their ability and getting the system to appreciate it.

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In his address, the SERVICOM Focal Officer, Prof. Adamu Yusuf Kabiru said the ceremony was organized to publicly recognize and appreciate members of staff of the University who by virtue of their selfless and diligent services have distinguished themselves to the admiration of the institution and beyond.

Prof Kabiru noted that the SERVICOM Unit, based on its mandate, monitors the compliance of staff with the University work ethics, which is the basis for the social contract between the University and its staff, students, parents, alumni and other stakeholders.

He added that the vision of SERVICOM Unit is to make FUT, Minna Nigeria's leading University recognized for excellence in capacity and service delivery.

He further congratulated the awardees for being on the list and said that the assessment process was based on some identified exceptional accomplishments.

The late Dr. Mercy Bankole of the Department of Chemistry was awarded posthumous.

The Lecturer of the Year category had one awardee per school as follows: School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology - Dr Agatha Itohan Osaghale; School of Electrical Engineering and Technology, Engr. Dr. U. S. Dauda; School of Environmental Technology, Dr. Ajayi Oluibukun Gbenga; School of Innovative Technology, Dr Umaru Mustapha Zubairu; School of Information and Communication Technology; Dr Oluwaseun Adeniyi Ojerinde and School of Infrastructure Process Engineering and Technology, Engr. Prof. Oluwafemi Ayodeji Olugboji.

Dr Oladipupo Yusuf Dauda, Dr Samuel Abu Somma and Dr. Oluwole Caleb Falode were the recipients from the School of Life Sciences, School of Physical Sciences and School of Science and Technology Education respectively.

Security Staff of the year: Ibrahim Yusuf, Station manager of the year: Kingsley Ojonugwa Oguche, Information Unit staff of the year- Yisa Elijah, Quality Assurance officer of the year: Zubairu Umar Anderson, SERVICOM Unit staff of the year Otaru Ayo

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SERVICOM Ambassadors of the year are - Prof. Uno Essang Uno, Prof Abdulmojeed Tunji Ijaiya, Dr Jimoh Oladejo Tijani and Prof. Remi Ebenezer Olagunju.

Prof Onamayin David Jimoh of Department of Civil Engineering won the researcher of the year award while former Focal Officer of SERVICOM, Prof Solomon B. Oyeleke received meritorious service award.

Others are CPES staff of the year - Amenah Okeremute Victory; Postgraduates School staff of the year - Esther O. Umogbai; Registry staff of the year - Isah Abubakar; Bursary staff of the year: Bala Ahmed Maikunkele; Library staff of the year - Mrs. Tamar J.M Tarachi and Clinic staff of the year - Dr Rakiya Gambo Musa.

The award for Legal officer of the year went to Barr. Kassim Salihu Agbonika while Segun Samuel emerged best class teacher of the year.

From the Students Affairs Division, Usman Nma Emishaba received the staff of the year award, whereas Abdulkadir Baba Usman clinched teacher of the year award from the University Staff School and Bala Alfa emerged Vice-Chancellor's office staff of the year.

MC of the year award went to Ugboaja Stanley Uzoamaka of the Information and Publications Unit. Committees of the year awards were won by the Senate Examination Results Scrutiny Committee, University Seminar and Colloquiums Committee as well as the Committee for Monitoring and Quality Teaching. Banker of the year was awarded to FUT Minna Microfinance Bank.

The Provost, Niger State College of Education, Minna, Prof. Yakubu Mohammed Auna, fsssn was the special guest of honour at the event, which was attended by other principal officers of the University as well as Deans, Directors, members of staff and students.

FUT MINNA ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE COMMISSIONS PRODUCTS, AWARDS VC

By Aliyu Ibrahim Jidda.



The VC, Prof. Bala (M) in a group snapshot with other POs and Entrepreneurship Team.

PHOTO BY: ELIJAH YISA

The Entrepreneurship Centre of Federal University of Technology, Minna has commissioned some of its new products and had awarded the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala fssn for his proactive leadership style and contribution to the development of the Centre.

The event was performed on Friday 25th November, 2022 at the premises of the Centre, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Speaking during the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor of the University specifically recognised the trainee team that came from Bida, highlighting that the University was celebrating because the Entrepreneurship Centre had a strong score card.

He pointed out that the occasion was not just because of the achievement but the enabling environment occasioned by the zeal of the Director and her team.

According to him, the effort of the Director and her team was able to reach out to other parts of the state and the world in general.

The Vice Chancellor noted further that the commitment of the Centre is very important to

the Community and the University. "The Director has assisted in projecting the image of the University and the University shall continue to support the Centre", he assured.

Prof. Bala added that the Management was very appreciative of the Director and her team.

He particularly acknowledged some personalities like Hajiya Ladi Shambo (MFR) the Chief Executive Officer of DIJMEDs Ventures Limited for her passion in entrepreneurship and for leading the Shea Hub training.

Other Entrepreneurs that received the VCs accolade were Comrade Dauda Usman who led the Fidausi Women Corporative Multi-Purpose Society Limited Bida and the Corps Commander Magana Nma Alhaji of Nagya Driving School among other entrepreneurs.

Speaking earlier, the Director of the Centre Engr. Dr. Caroline O. Alenoghena noted that it was with a mix feeling and sense of accomplishment that she was welcoming guests to such an auspicious occasion. She alerted that the Centre was celebrating an icon, a quintessential, motivating, goal getting and achieving leader who is in person of the Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdullahi Bala fssn.

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That she and her team struggled for beffing words to express their gratitude for the VCs unprecedented support, simplicity and devotion to the betterment of FUTMITES and humanity in general.

The Director added that as the Centre progresses in its various activities, their dream of turning the University in to an entrepreneur haven gets closer everyday.

She therefore thanked all the Incubates of FUTEC Hub for their passion and zeal and employ them to keep it up and make the Vice Chancellor and indeed the University proud. She then admonished all her trainees to "break every barrier through innovation".

The Director also presented a breakdown of her major achievements within the period of October, 2021 which she tagged as Score Card.

As a prelude to the products commissioning, the Director of the Centre Engr. Dr. Caroline O.

Alenoghena presented the Entrepreneur ship award to the Vice-Chancellor. While other students trainee presented various material gifts to him to showcase the efficiency of the training and the quality of their products.

In the interim, Prof. Bala presented Certificates of participation to three groups of trainees namely: Fidausi Women Corporative Multi-purpose Society Limited, Bida, Students Trainees that received palliative and Women Entrepreneurship Society. The Vice Chancellor also led the commissioning of FUTEC water production Hub, FUTEC Shea Hub and FUTEC Driving school among other functions.

VC TASKS VARSITY ON COMMUNITY SERVICES

By Abdullahi U. Danbakaba



The VC, Prof. Bala (M) cutting the tape to commission the workshop while other looked on.

PHOTO BY: ELIJAH YISA

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala fsssn has charged all departments in the University to produce a product that will be available for use in the society in line with his administration's policy, of "One Programme, One Product".

He made the charge on Thursday, November 24, 2022 during the launch of a workshop set up by

the Department of Physics at the Physics Laboratory, Bosso Campus.

Prof. Bala said that the policy was meant to bridge the vacuum which had been created as a result of the neglect of one of the basic functions of a University, noting that, though FUT, Minna had quiet a lot of achievements and strides in research and had performed

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marvellously in teaching, producing thousands of graduates and the institution is rated among the top four universities in the country in terms of employability of its products, it seems to have forgotten community service as fundamental mandate.

"The University must wake up and begin to do things that the community will see; tangible products that the University will be associated with. And that is essence of One Programme, One Product policy," the Vice-Chancellor emphasized.

He also stressed the need for effective utilization of knowledge generated through research in order to improve standard of living of the community.

Prof. Bala also enjoined the students to seize the opportunity of having the workshop to acquire skills, stressing that setting up of the workshop and imparting of skills on the students would go a long way in inculcating in them the culture of

entrepreneurship as well as the culture of community development.

The Vice-Chancellor while applauding physics department for breaking the ice in ensuring compliance to the one programme one product policy, also expressed his hope that the students, before leaving the university, would have a product to leave behind as a legacy for the younger generations to see and appreciate.

Speaking earlier in his welcome address, the Head of the Department, Dr. U. Ahmadu said that the workshop is adequately equipped avail students as well as other members of the society the opportunity to acquire skills in electrical/electronic appliances testing and installation, laboratory equipment maintenance, diagnosis and repair, solar PV power installation and other Electronic devices

He also thanked the Vice-Chancellor for his support and cooperation in ensuring the realization of the project.

STUDENTS CHARGED TO EMBRACE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

By Abubakar Mohammed/Zainab Lawal



L-R: The VC, Prof. Bala presenting plaque to the CEO, New Horizons Nigeria, Mr. Akano PHOTO BY: ELIJAH YISA

Students of the Federal University of Technology, Minna have been charged to tailor their thought towards entrepreneurship development driven by creativity and technology.

The Chief Executive Officer, New Horizons Nigeria, Mr. Tim Akano made this charge during his presentation at the Students' Union, Leadership and Economic Summit titled, *Technology: Before, Now and Tomorrow*, held on Wednesday November 23, 2022 at the Caverton Lecture Hall, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano. The Guest Speaker noted that the future of the

students is in entrepreneurship. Hence, he urged them to create new business idea, which he pledged to support with a cash prize of N500,000.00 to be presented during the next convocation ceremony to student with the best business idea.

Technology, he said, has always been the decisive variable in human development and civilization and that lack of super technology made Africa lose out to the Europeans and Arabians during the slave trade, industrial revolution and colonisation.

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"Today, Africa's development has been forestalled for a combination of reasons, with the most salient being lack of a strong technology industry, working to transform the continent to a 21st century success." He said.

The Guest Speaker also pointed out that, the 21st century is the fourth industrial revolution, which has ushered in a new wave of technology that has disrupted the present and the future.

Mr. Akano further stated that within the next 30 years, human beings would be competing with super intelligent machines, engineered bodies and algorithms that can manipulate human emotions with embarrassing accuracy.

In his speech, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, fsssn expressed his delight over the presentation. Adding that the University is indeed honoured by his presence and advised the students to put whatever they learnt into practice.

Earlier, in his Goodwill message, the Chairman Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), FUT, Minna branch, Prof. Gbolahan Bolarin

Akintayo congratulated the students for organising the programme while apologising for the long ASUU strike. He also expressed optimism over the benefits, students would derive from the lecture.

Also speaking, the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Manase Auta said, he is happy and encouraged by the students' effort in putting up such an event. He reminded them of their potentials, which needed to be harnessed. Pointing out the need to be problem solvers by identifying a problem and proffering solution.

He thanked the SUG for organising the event and urged them to extend the lesson learnt to other students that were not opportune to attend.

In his words the President of SUG, Amb. Ishaq Yahaya thanked the Speaker, Vice-Chancellor and his Management team for their support and words of encouragement and for being with the students throughout the programme.

FUTMINNA TASJ PARTNER ON MECHANIZED FARMING

By Abdullahi U. Danbakaba



VC PROF. ABDULLAHI BALA, FSSSN COMMISSIONING THE FARM PROJECT.

PHOTO BY: OSHINDARE LEKAN

In a move to actualise the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Federal University of Technology, Minna and TASJ Concepts Investment Ltd, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, fsssn has commissioned an all-year-round farm project with a view to enhancing productivity and complementing the Federal Government efforts in ensuring food security for the Nation.

The project which is geared towards promoting research and development, students' industrial

training and practical experience as well as boosting internally generated revenue was officially flagged off on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at the Farm Site, kilometre 1, Minna - Bida Road, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Unveiling the project, Prof. Bala enthused that the ceremony was a song of joy, adding that the event brought about self-fulfilment in what the parties had been pursuing in the last three years.

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The Vice-Chancellor who disclosed that the University would be celebrating 40 years of its corporate existence by 1st February, next year, stressed the need for maintaining some significant impact especially on the lives of the immediate communities.

"Coming to Minna, you wonder whether there is a university; because, by the time you intermingle with the locals, you hardly find one product that they are using or deploying which emanated from research and development in the University," Prof. Bala lamented.

Stressing the need for a swift step towards correcting the wrongs, the Vice-Chancellor noted that agriculture is one of the quickest ways through which the University can affect the lives of the people in a positive direction by deploying the products of its researches and other technological apparatus which will make farming easier and increase productivity.

While identifying limited resources as the major stumbling block responsible for the non provision of the necessary agricultural equipment, Prof. Bala said that it is logical that we utilize the nationally available infrastructure, both human and material, in order to mobilize resources to achieve mutual benefit of the MoU.

He added that the actualisation of the project will remain a win-win situation not only for the University and its partners but also the community in general.

Speaking earlier at the ceremony, the Managing Director/ Chief Executive Officer of the company, represented by a Consultant, Mr. Tony Oyewole, expressed the company's determination to bring mechanization to the doorstep of the University community and other neighbouring communities.

Mr. Oyewole who pointed out that some of the challenges the company encountered in its effort to kick off operations in the site allocated include hostility and trespasses by some members of the local community, also appealed to the community heads to sensitize their members on the need to stay away from illegal cultivation and allow the legitimate owners of the land to use it and avert prosecution.

He also assured the readiness of the company in employing the indigenes of the vicinity to work on the farm.

"We are committed to transforming the lives of the University community and the locals who are our neighbours and ensure that our coming to this environment will translate to knowledge, wealth and peace," the MD/CEO assured.

At end of the ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor and his Management team comprising the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Emmanuel Emeka Udensi' fnp; Registrar, Mr. Amos Nmadu Kolo; Bursar, Mrs. Hadiza Goje' fcn, fcti and the Librarian, Dr. Katamba Abubakar Saka among other dignitaries were led round by the Consultant to inspect some of the equipment already deployed in farm for the kick off of operations.

The equipment were tow Boom sprayers, four double burket planters, a heavy duty plough among others.

It may be recalled that the University and the company signed a MoU in 2019 which provides that while the University would allocate 3,000 hectares of farm land to TASJ, the company on the other hand would ensure the deployment of the needed equipment and man power for the actualization of the project.

The Vice-Chancellor
Prof. Abdullahi Bala fsss
 on behalf of Council, Senate, Staff and Students of the
FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, MINNA
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 of
PROF. FARUK ADAMU KUTA
 as the
8th
SUBSTANTIVE VICE-CHANCELLOR
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FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, MINNA

DATE: Friday, December 2, 2022. | **TIME:** 10:00am prompt
VENUE: Suleimanu Kumo Convocation Square,
 Main Campus, Gidan Kwano

R. S. V. P.
Mr. Amos N. Kolo
 Registrar

Professor Faruk Adamu Kuta
 In-coming Vice-Chancellor

Professor Abdullahi Bala, fsss
 Out-going Vice-Chancellor



The Vice-Chancellor
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101ST INAUGURAL LECTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY

Theme:

**TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION:
ROADMAP TO A HUNGER-FREE NATION**

to be delivered by

PROFESSOR TSADO JACOB HARUNA

B.Sc. (Ed) (Benin), M.Sc. (Morin), PhD (FUTM)

PROFESSOR OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION & RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Date: Wednesday, 30th November, 2022

Time: 2.30pm

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

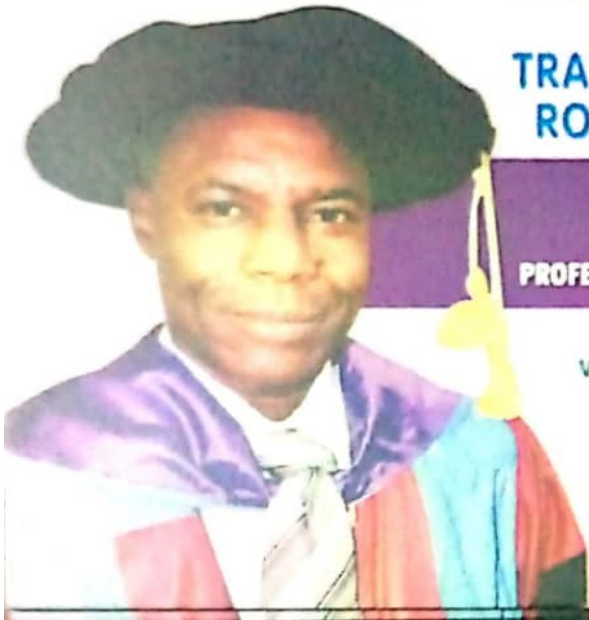
Chairman of the Occasion

Prof. Abdullahi Bala, PhD, FASSN

Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna

Mr. Amos N. Kolo
Registrar

Prof. Bisi Ayanwale
Chairman, University Seminar
and Colloquium Committee



UNIVERSITY SPORTS COMMITTEE

The University Sports Committee invites the University Community and the general public to the following football events in honour of the outgoing and incoming Vice-Chancellors of FUT Minna.

University Senate Team 'Vs' FUT Female Team

University staff team 'Vs' FUT Transformers Team

Date: **Thursday, 1st December, 2022**

Time: **3:45pm Prompt**

Venue: **University Football Field, Gidan Kwano Campus**

COUNSELLING TIPS

BE A GOOD LISTENER TO BUILD GOOD RELATIONSHIP III

In building good relationship, avoid rushing to conclusions, listen without judging. If what they say doesn't add up, keep listening. When you hear more it may make sense.

Guidance and Counselling Unit,
Students' Affairs Division.

