

FUTMINNA TAKES OVER CYBER SECURITY BUILDING

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VC PROF. ABDULLAHI BALA, FSSN (L) RECEIVING HANDOVER DOCUMENTS AND KEYS FROM PROJECT MANAGER, GANIYU MALIK OF MALCOLM ASSOCIATE.

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The Management of Federal University of Technology, Minna has taken possession of the newly completed building of Cyber Security Science Department, School of Information and Communication Technology (SICT) from the Project Manager, MalcolM Associates

The handing and taking over ceremony was performed on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at the Science Laboratory of the building.

Speaking at the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, fssn, enthused that the event was a celebration of foresight, perseverance, endurance, collaboration and trust, which are the values that contributed to completion of the project.

He recalled that the project which was awarded in 2011 went through the tenures of

three consecutive Vice-Chancellors and three Directors of Physical Planning and Development Unit.

Prof. Bala explained further that he had resolved to ensure that the project was completed during his tenure.

He commended the project manager and contractor for commitment to the completion of the project, noting that they did not seek variation of the project all through its 11 years duration, despite the unfavourable economic situation in recent times.

The Vice-Chancellor further acknowledged the additional facilities they included in the building at no extra cost to the University.

"Though, the initial plan did not make provision for air condition, overhead tank,

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electricity transformer and borehole, the contractor had provided for them. The transformer could power the entire SICT," he remarked.

He therefore, thanked the Project Manager, Mr. Ganiyu Malik and the Contractor, Mr. Neil STJohn for their efforts.

The Vice Chancellor used the avenue to appreciate his predecessors for initiating and sustaining the project. He congratulated SICT for having dual Cyber Security building.

Earlier, the Project Manager, Mr Ganiyu Malik explained that the contract which was initially awarded in December 2011 with a 52-week time frame, took 11 years to complete due to paucity of funds.

Mr. Malik praised the contractor for bringing to bear his experience in cost reduction. "Cost reduction was considered without compromising standard or alteration," he added.

The Consultant later took the University Management on a tour of the facility.

The Ag. Director, Physical Planning and Development, Dr. Mohammad Isah Bala pointed out that it was a rare privilege to be associated with such a project. He then congratulated the University for the feat achieved so far.

.The building have a science laboratory, lecture rooms, departmental library, boardroom, four professorial suits and eight Associate Professors' offices among other things.

Present at the event were VC- Designate/ Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Emmanuel Emeka Udensi, fnip and Bursar, Mrs Hadiza Goje, fcna, fcti, while Mr. Eli Gbadafu and Dr. Mohammed Bitagi represented the Registrar and University Librarian respectively.

APPOINTMENTS

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of Prof. Nicholas S. Iwokwash, Ag. Dean, School of Information and Communication Technology as the Director, International Centre for Emerging Technology (ICET) for a period of two (2) years effective from 24th October, 2022 and Dr. Taliha A. Folorunso, Department of Mechatronics Engineering SIPET as Deputy Director, ICET for a period of one (1) year effective from 24th October, 2022.

Also, Prof Micheal A. Ojo, Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management SAAT has been appointed Deputy Dean Post Graduate School for a period of two (2) years effective from 24th October, 2022.

SABBATICAL

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Abdullahi Bala, FSSS. Has approved for the underlisted one (1) year sabbatical:

Name	Department	Tenure	Effective Date
Dr. Mohammed Isah Kimpa	Physics	Raw Material Research and Development Council Federal ministry of Science and Technology Abuja.	9th September,2022
Alh. Muhammad Babajiya Bida	Registry	Newgate University Minna.	1st November,2022
Engr. (Dr) S. A. Lawal	Mechanical Engineering	University of Mines and Technology, Tarkwa Ghana.	16th January,2023

RENEWAL OF CONTRACT APPOINTMENT

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of contract appointment of the underlisted for a period of two (2) years.

Name	Department	Effective Date
Mohammed Isa (RTD)	University Security Services	1st January 2023
Musa Saidu	"	"
Audu Jiya	"	"
Mahmudu Mallam	"	"
Kasimu Mohammad	"	"
Musa N.H Mohammed	"	"
Musa Saidu	"	"


SECONDMENT

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the request of Dr. Mohammad Liman Muhammad, Department of Plant Biology for secondment of his appointment to the National Cereals Research Institute, Baddegi with effect from 1st January, 2023.

MANDATORY RETIREMENT

The University Management has approved the mandatory retirement of Nma Mohammed, Registry Department from the University services with effect from 24th January, 2023.

CONDOLENCE



The Registrar has on behalf of the Council, Management, Senate, Staff and Students and the entire university community condoled Mr Joseph A. Otashu of the University Security Services over the death of his wife which occurred on Tuesday, 20th October, 2022. May God grant her eternal life. Amen.