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# CAMPUS NEWS

Federal University of Technology, Minna

## FG HANDS OVER 1.25 KM ROAD TO FUTMINNA

By Abdullahi U. Danbakaba



Rep. of the Hon. Minister of Works and Housing Engr. Samotu (4th from R) and the VC, Prof. Kuta (4th from L) with other POs and Officials from the Ministry as well as the University take a walk through the newly constructed road. **Photo Credit: Elijah Yisa**

As part of its ongoing intervention programmes on infrastructural development in the federal tertiary institutions, the Federal Government has handed over a 1.25km road which was constructed by the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to the Federal University of Technology Minna.

Speaking on Friday, January 27, 2023 during the brief after the hand over ceremony at the site, adjacent to the University's Sports Complex, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano, the Hon. Minister, Federal Ministry of Works and Housing, Mr. Babatunde Raji Fashola SAN, represented by the Federal Controller in the Ministry in charge of Niger State, Engr. Moshood Adekunle Samotu, disclosed that the Federal Government, through the Ministry, had embarked on the construction and reconstruction of a total of 83 internal roads in various federal tertiary institutions across the country over the last one year, among which 64 were successfully completed while works are currently ongoing in the remaining 19.

The Minister who described the development as a critical intervention to support education in the University, further emphasised that the

quality of infrastructure and learning environment is proportionate to the quality of education acquired by the students.

Mr. Fashola also expressed hope that the project would be judiciously utilised.

Earlier in his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta who expressed appreciation to the donor stressed that the importance of road networks in a University cannot be over emphasized, adding that the gesture would not only facilitate movements from one point to the other but also ease the governance of the system.

He thanked the Ministry for the intervention and called for more of such gesture.

The road links the University Sports Complex, Clinic, Students' Affairs Division, the School of Innovative Technology and the students' hostels amongst others.

# VC VISITS GK SCHOOLS

- .Stresses Staff Welfare
- . Tasks Professors on Mentorship

By Winifred Oritogun



The VC, Prof. Kuta, (M) other POs, Dean, SIPET, Prof. Zanish Osunde, HODs, Professors and other staff of SIPET pose for a snap shot immediately after the visit to the School.

**Photo Credit: Elijah Yisa**

**I**n continuation of his familiarisation visit to Schools, the Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology Minna, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta was on Thursday, 26 January 2023 at four Schools at the Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

The Schools visited were: School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology; School of Environmental Technology; School of Infrastructure, Process Engineering and Technology, as well as School of Electrical Engineering and Technology.

While appreciating the various schools for their warm reception the VC maintained that the essence of the visit was to let them know the focus and direction his administration.

Prof. Kuta stated that for a system to make meaningful progress it has to ensure that the welfare of the staff is key. He therefore assured that staff would be accorded their rights and privileges in line with the rules of the University.

The VC reiterated that there would be deployment of ICT in the governance of the institution as some courses will have to migrate immediately to e-teaching.

He also appealed to all professors in the schools to come on board to drive the University forward in the area of research as well as mentoring the

younger ones to be able to come up with publications in high impact journals, so that the system can grow.

The VC urged all the staff to continue to do the good work they have started and promised to address all the problems encountered by the schools. He said the management would continue to count on their support when the need arises.

"The VC is not a super human," Prof. Kuta said, stressing the need for everyone to be involved in moving the University forward.

Earlier in their welcome remarks, the Deans of the various schools expressed their delight to be part of the new administration, as they prayed God to preserve, guide and direct the new VC, just as they expressed hope of having a good working relationship with him.

# WB-AAU TEAM VISITS ACEMFS FOR VERIFICATION

By Dorothy Elaigu



VC, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta (7th from L) flanked by the Bursar, Mrs Hadiza Goje (L) and the Team Leader, Irene Dufie Addal (R) in a group photograph with other POs and members of the team as well as officials of ACEMFS, FUT, Minna.

*Photo Credit: Elijah Yisa*

A joint team from the World Bank, Association of African Universities (AAU) and the National Universities Commission (NUC) has visited the Africa Centre of Excellence for Mycotoxin and Food Safety (ACEMFS), Federal University of Technology, Minna for verification purpose.

The team paid a courtesy visit to the University Management on Friday, January 27, 2023 at the Council Chambers, Main Campus.

Technical Assistant to the Project Manager of ACE Impact project, Irene Dufie Addai, who led the team said they were in the University to verify the installed advanced digital infrastructure recently provided to the University by the Nigeria Research and Education Network (NgREN).

Ms Addai said the digital infrastructure has been provided under the Disbursement Linked Indicator DLI 7.6 to enhance advance research and sharing across the regions.

The Center Leader ACEMFS, Prof. Hussaini Makun while giving a brief introduction disclosed that the centre has brought to the University 1 Gigabyte Internet bandwidth which will improve internet quality, 10

Interactive flat panel displays, e-library access to MATLAB, Anti-plagiarism and high performance computing systems which the team had come to verify.

The Vice-Chancellor, FUT, Minna, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta welcomed and thanked the team for their visit. He assured of Managements continuous support to the project, especially as it has internationalised the University

Prof. Kuta assured that all the observations made by the experts would be taken seriously with noticeable improvements in a short time.

The VC expressed hope that at the end of the project, there would be continuity or the establishment of a similar one in the University.

Earlier, the team visited the University's server room where the 1Gigabyte bandwidth is terminated for distribution across the institution

The team thereafter inspected the University's e- Library and where they accessed PROQUEST, one of the platforms of e-resources which allows students to have access to reference materials.





Chapel of Grace  
FUT, Minna

# 35<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

*Theme*  
**HOLDING FIRM OUR CONFESSION  
IN THE FAITHFUL GOD**

**6th - 12th February 2023**

 Chapel of Grace Auditorium,  
Bosso Campus

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 Chapel of Grace, Federal University of  
Technology Minna

## QUALITY ASSURANCE AND PRODUCTIVITY (QAP) CORNER

### Reasons why African Universities are not well ranked

There are several reasons why African Universities are poorly ranked in global league tables. Some of these are:

- Low investment in the research enterprise
- Research capacity deficits-institutional and human
- Inefficiencies in the system
- Sharp practices in research
- Weak attraction of international staff and students
- Low ICT use in promoting visibility
- Poor data collection and management capabilities

### Ways for improving global ranking of African Universities

Some of the ways of improving the standing of African Universities on global league tables are:

- ◆ Familiarity with the most-recent ranking indicators
- ◆ Encouraging national ranking of Universities so as to prepare the local for the global
- ◆ Improving investment in research that will strengthen institutional and human research capacities
- ◆ Attracting international staff and students
- ◆ Steering programme delivery towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- ◆ Massive national, regional and global publicity use social media
- ◆ Providing learner-friendly infrastructure

## COUNSELLING TIPS

Are you downcast and overwhelmed with issues of life? You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending. A little courage, a little patience with perseverance and you shall be celebrated. Quitters don't win and winners don't quit.

Guidance and Counselling Unit,  
Students' Affairs Division.

## CONDOLENCE

The Registrar on behalf of the Council, Management, Senate, Staff, Students and the entire University Community condoled the University Bursar, Mrs. Hadiza Goje over the death of her beloved Mother which occurred on Wednesday, 4th January, 2023.

### MONEY MATTER

#### Weekly Financial Digest for 16th January - 22nd January 2023

N/S	RECEIPTS	N
1	ACCEPTANCE FEES	6,940,000.00
2	TRANSCRIPT	1,033,034.00
3	POST UTME	51,000.00
4	CERTIFICATE (UNDER GRADUATE )	487,000.00
5	CERTIFICATE (POST GRADUATE )	96,000.00
6	CLEARANCE FEES	171,000.00
7	SALES OF FORMS PRE-DEGREE	175,000.00
8	POST GRADUATE SCHOOL FEES	5,154,500.00
9	REGISTRATION FEES PRE-DEGREE	1,556,250.00
10	SEMESTERIAL RESULT	500.00
11	TURNITIN PG	55,000.00
12	CODEL ACCEPTANCE	50,000.00
13	CODEL REGISTRATION	75,275.00
14	UNDERGRADUATE FEES	79,800.00
15	PREPAID METER	38,000.00
16	REPLACEMENT OF I.D.CARD	2,000.00
17	COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES SHOP	1,000.00
18	TENDER FEES	50,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,015,359.00</b>
19	<b>(i) Staff</b>	
	(a) Refund	9,664,662.02
	(b) Advance	678,000.00
	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>10,342,662.02</b>