

## NCC CoE: SELECTION C'TTEE IN FUTMINNA FOR VERIFICATION EXERCISE

By: Mohammed Abubakar



Seated from L: Registrar, Mr. Amos N. Kolo; DVC, Admin, Prof. Uno E. Uno; VC, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta; Team Lead, Alh. Ismail Adedigba; Bursar, Mrs. Hadiza Goje, Mrs. Grace Ojougboh and Engr. Ismaila Giwa in a group photograph with other officials at Senate Chamber. **Photo Credit: Elijah Yisa**

**I**n a bid to establish the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Telecommunications, Federal University of Technology Minna the Selection Committee from the Commission has visited the University for physical verification and facilities assessment as well as to evaluate performances of the University's CoEs,

In his presentations to Management, the team lead Alh. Ismail Adedigba pointed out that the main objective of the visit is to gain comprehensive understanding of the infrastructural facilities and overall potential

of the proposed project sites.

The team lead noted that they particularly want to know whether the University is hosting up to 5 CoEs and how well they are being managed.

According to him, this is vital in order to ensure that the claims made in the proposal by the University, earlier submitted to NCC aligned with the reality on ground. The verification is also to ascertain whether FUT, Minna possesses the necessary capacity to support the efficient operations of the CoE.

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Alh. Adedigba expressed satisfaction with the reception accorded them, as he said, they were allowed access to the relevant facilities and appropriate personnel were available for discussions and presentations, adding that the University is actually projected in good light.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor, expressed optimism about the capabilities of the University noting that it is not just good in presentations but equally good in content.

"If given the opportunity we have the facilities, infrastructure and building that will house the Centre. He reiterated.

Other members of the NCC CoE selection team are Engr. Victor Adoga, Opeolu Oyebanji, Mal. Usman Kukah, Mrs. Grace

Ojougboh, Engr, Ismaila Giwa and Dr. Nasir Noma as Secretary.

The University's CoEs, are:

African Centre of Excellence for Mycotoxin and Food Safety (ACEMFS); West African Service Centre for Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL); Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (CGEB), Centre for Disaster Risk Management & Development Studies (CDRM&DS); Centre for Human Settlements and Urban development (CHSUD); Entrepreneurship Centre; and Centre for Nigerian Content Development Management.

## V-C DECLARES WORKSHOP OPEN

By Yusuf A. Zurmi



Chairperson, NLA, Niger State Chapter, Dr. Fatimah Jibrin Abduldayan and DVC, Admin. Prof Uno E. Uno (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> from L) with other Officials pose for a snap shot after declaring the workshop open.

*Photo Credit: Elijah Yisa*

The Nigerian Library Association (NLA), Niger State, Chapter, in collaboration with Library Services, Federal University of Technology, Minna recently organized a one day Annual Capacity Building Programme 2023 for members of staff of the University's Library.

The workshop with the theme: "Entrepreneurship in Library and Information Science",

sponsored by the Nigerian Library Association, Niger state, Chapter, took place at the American Corner. Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida Library Complex, Main Campus, FUT, Minna.

In his opening remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta, represented by Deputy Vice-chancellor, (Administration), Prof Uno E. Uno, while commending the efforts of the Association for organizing the workshop described the library as the warehouse of the University. 'good teaching and research starts and ends in the library, the workshop is timely and good for the University', he reiterated.

Prof. Kuta further stated that the aspect of having printing and binding process is another source of generating income for the library services.

He encouraged the beneficiaries to participate actively as the training is not to only get the certificate, but to explore the aspect of library science and showcase it for the benefit of the society.

In her welcoming address, the

Chairperson of the Association, Dr. Fatimah Jibril Abduldayan, said that the workshop was born out of the need assessment survey which was done sometimes in February to identify areas of need of members, and at the end of their analysis, they concluded to demonstrate what the entrepreneurship means, to library information science.

She noted that one of the beauty of the training is to exposed students of library information science to entrepreneurship skills.

She also sought the permission of the Management to allow participants at the end of the training to visit the University Academic Publishing Centre, to see for themselves the practical aspects of the training.

Speaking earlier, the University Librarian, Dr Saka Katamba, represented by the Deputy Librarian, Dr. Abubakar Mohammed Bitagi, thanked the University Management for providing them with enabling environment for the development of the library staff.

He added that the workshop was organized to train staff on binding and printing Technology.

Participants were drawn from Minna, Bida, Abuja, Suleja, Zungeru, Kontagora and Lapai.

# FUTMINNA STUDENTS EXCEL AT 2023 NIESV NATIONAL QUIZ COMPETITION



Dean, SET, Prof. Kemiki Olurotimi presenting trophy to VC, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta (M).

*Photo Credit: Elijah Yisa*

Two 500 – Level Students of the Department of Estate Management and Valuation, Federal University of Technology, Minna; Victor Omolaye and Adigun Temitope has made the University proud by clutching second position at the 2023 Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers (NIESV) National Quiz Competition held during the just concluded 53<sup>rd</sup> annual conference of the Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers at the Banquet Hall opposite Kwara State Government House, Ahmadu Bello Way, Ilorin, Kwara State.

The Dean of the School of Environmental Technology who is also a national officer of NIESV, Prof Kemiki Olurotimi accompanied by the HOD, Estate Management and Valuation Dr Mrs Naomi I. Popoola, Prof

M.T.A. Ajayi and the trainer Mr. Gbenga Morenikeji, presented the winners, trophy and Certificates as well as cash prizes won at the competition to the Vice Chancellor, Prof Faruk Adamu Kuta in his office on Wednesday, July 5, 2023

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Faruk Adamu Kuta thanked the winners for the brilliant performance and expressed delight with the department's performance. He pledged his management continuous support to the department and the school in their quest to promote the University.

Speaking at the presentation the HOD, Dr. Popoola appreciated the VC for supporting the trip to Ilorin with a bus and logistics

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According to the trainer-adviser, Mr. Gbenga Morenikeji the competition was keenly contested as about 45 Institutions across the country participated in this year's edition. He stated further that the overall winner of this year's competition led the Institution with just three (3) points. It would be recalled that the department

had earlier emerged as the winner of the zonal competition. The Department competed with other zonal winners at the national level and emerged second best. Meanwhile, the department has remained the overall best and the defending champion of the same competition at the North-Central Zone for three years (2021-2023).

## ENCOMIUMS AS CYBER SECURITY HOSTS VALEDICTORY FOR DR OLALERE

By: Mohammed Abubakar



6th & 7th from left: The HOD, Dr. Idris with Dr. Olalere in a snapshot with staff and students of the department.

*Photo Credit: Oshindare Lekan*

It was mixed feelings of both joy and sadness for members of staff and students of the Department of Cyber Security Science, Federal University of Technology, Minna, during a special valedictory hosted in honour of Dr. Morufu Olalere, a pioneer staff of the department. The don is leaving the University to take up appointment with the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN).

The valedictory session was held at the Department's board room, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

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In his remarks, the Deputy Dean, SICT, Dr. Joseph Adebayo Ojeniyi appreciated the department for organising the valedictory to honour Dr. Olalere whom he described as highly loaded with knowledge in the field of Cyber Security.

Dr. Ojeniyi said the don is leaving at a very critical moment when the department needs him most. He also appreciated his contributions to the department and urged him to always make himself readily available whenever the school knocks at his door.

Speaking earlier, the Head of Department, Dr. Ismaila Idris, extolled the virtues of Dr. Olalere to include sterling commitment to excellence in his endeavours, describing him as a pillar to the department who will greatly be missed. He added that the department will also miss his friendliness, mentorship and hard work worthy of emulation by both the staff and students of the entire School of Information and Communication Technology (SICT).

Dr. Idris called on him to always put the

department at heart where ever he goes and should not hesitate to be of assistance whenever his good advice is sought after.

Many staff and students of the department who spoke also extolled Dr. Olalere's brilliance and confidence in driving home all his points.

In his vote of thanks, Dr. Olalere expressed his immense gratitude to the staff and students of the department. He said that his leaving the University is in the best interest of the nation's development and his career progression.

Describing the department as a family he helped in building, he said he will always have the University at heart. He then donated some books to the departmental library which were received by the HOD.

Highlights at the valedictory session were presentation of award plaques by the department and the various interest groups which was followed by a group photograph.

## APPOINTMENTS

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointments of the under listed:

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	DURATION
1	Mrs Aisha Mohammed	Physical Planning and Development	Acting Director, Physical Planning and Development	July 3, 2023 to July 2, 2024
2	Mrs. Rachael Teni Suleiman	Physical Planning and Development	Deputy Director, Physical Planning and Development	July 3, 2023 to July 2, 2024

## SALES OF ADMISSION FORMS FOR FUT MINNA STAFF SCHOOL, 2023/2024

The University community and the general public are hereby informed that, FUT Minna Staff School, has commenced its sales of admission forms into primary One and Nursery One at the rate of Two Thousand, Two Hundred Naira Only (N2,200). The forms are obtainable at School premises and payment into Micro Finance Bank, FUT, Minna.

## QUALITY ASSURANCE AND PRODUCTIVITY (QAP) CORNER

### DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SCHOOL GOVERNANCE

**Some of the associated corrupt practices in Departmental administration and School governance are:**

- ◆ Inability to hold regular Department and School meetings.
- ◆ Distribution of teaching load and other assignments on the basis of friendship and patronage.
- ◆ Resort to vendetta in the allocation of courses and other workload.
- ◆ Falsification of records.
- ◆ Deliberate failure to keep records.

### Preventive actions by the University

- ◆ Maintenance of transparent and open-door policy.
- ◆ Submission of monthly minutes of Departmental and School meetings to the office of Vice-Chancellor.
- ◆ Exhibition of discipline and fairness on the part of leadership.
- ◆ Staff should be ICT compliant and properly oriented.
- ◆ Assigning competent persons of integrity to keep records.
- ◆ Provision of backups for records.

## NOTICE OF MEETING

This is to inform and invite all Executive cadre of the Registry Department in the University that the maiden meeting is rescheduled to hold on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 by 12:00pm at the Senate Chamber, Gidan Kwano Campus.

## INTERACTIVE SESSION

This is to inform the University Community that the Access Pension Limited will hold an interactive session/sensitization forum for clients in the University as follows:

Date: **Thursday, July 20, 2023**

Time: **10:00am**

Venue: **Caverton Lecture Theatre, SAAT, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano**



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**4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**



**ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIAN  
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**THEME:**

**BLUE ECONOMY FOR SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT OF AQUACULTURE  
AND FISHERIES**

**DATE:**

**11<sup>TH</sup> - 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023**

**VENUE:**

**MAIN COMPUS, GIDAN KWANU  
FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF  
TECHNOLOGY, MINNA**

## COUNSELLING TIPS

In the course of your interaction with people in your office, develop the habit of Active Listening and Responsiveness. How you respond to people both verbally and non-verbally will affect how comfortable they are in sharing with you.

Guidance and Counselling Unit,  
Students' Affairs Division.

## MONEY MATTER

### Weekly Financial Digest for 25th June - 1st July 2023

N/S	RECEIPTS	₦
	DETAIL	AMOUNT
1	ACCEPTANCE PG FEES	2,840,000.00
2	TRANSCRIPT	460,380.00
3	CERTIFICATE (UNDER GRADUATE )	355,000.00
4	CERTIFICATE (POST GRADUATE )	316,000.00
5	POST GRADUATE SCHOOL FEES	2,441,750.00
6	POSTGRADUATE FORMS	270,000.00
7	TURNITIN PG	8,000.00
8	TURNITIN UNDERGRAUATE	12,500.00
9	UNDERGRADUATE FEES	55,358,700.00
10	CLEARANCE FEES	984,000.00
11	SALE OF FORMS PRE-DEGREE	105,000.00
12	SEMESTERIAL RESULT	2,700.00
13	HOSTEL FEES	2,790,000.00
14	VERIFICATION OF RESULT	45,000.00
15	PURCHASE OF ACADEMIC GOWN	114,000.00
16	PREPAID METER	68,000.00
17	COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES SHOP	235,000.00
18	CAMPUS RADIO	10,000.00
19	MOTORCYCLE REG	33,000.00
20	SUNDRY OTHER INCOME	5,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>₦66,454,030.00</b>
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
21	<b>(i) Staff</b>	
	(a) Refund	5,453,500.00
	(b) Advance	1,526,400.00
	<b>(ii) Contractors/Suppliers</b>	
	(a) Abez Dada Investment - Supply	924,500.00
	(g) Jaykim Properties & Co - Supply	1,730,750.00
	(b) Chelsea Hotel Ltd. - Hotel Bill	150,811.25
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>₦9,785,961.25</b>