

NUC LAUDS FUTMINNA FOR IMPACTFUL RESEARCHES

By Winifred Oritogun



VC, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta and NUC, team leader Dr. Funmilayo Morebise (6th & 7th from L) in a group photograph with POs, members of NUC monitoring team and other officials from the University. **Photo Credit: Elija Yisa**

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has commended the Federal University of Technology, Minna for its feat in research, innovation and collaboration at all levels.

Leader of the NUC monitoring team on research and collaboration, Dr. Funmilayo Morebise stated this during an exit meeting with the University Management on Friday, March 31, 2023 at the Senate Chamber, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Dr. Morebise who is a Deputy Director in the NUC commended the cordial relationship among the University staff and the efforts of the management.

She emphasised the need for FUT, Minna to have a research complex that befits the kind of researches done in the University as it would help to further showcase such researches.

The Vice-Chancellor who was represented by the

Dean of Postgraduate Studies, Prof. Oladiran Abubakre appreciated the team's enormous input and promised to give more attention to showcasing all of the researches from the University as FUT, Minna takes research very seriously.

The team was earlier received by the VC, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta on Thursday, March 30, 2023 during a courtesy visit to Management where Dr. Morebise revealed that the exercise was the first of its kind, as there was need to revitalize research in Nigeria which is an important component of the functions of the university and critical to national development.

The NUC representative stated that, the aim of the exercise was to generate information that would assist the Commission in its effort towards revitalizing research activities in the Nigerian University System (NUS).

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"This is the beginning of greater and better things to come in relation with the mission and vision of NUC," she stressed.

In his response during the courtesy visit, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta welcomed the team and said that, a lot of development and innovation are coming up in the NUC and the

University appreciated them, because without peer review the University would be assuming that everything is okay.

He stated that the exercise would make universities assess and re-assess themselves, adding that, FUT, Minna has quite a number of laudable research outputs that have been made, while wishing the team a successful operation.

E-LEARNING IS OUR PRIORITY, SAYS VC AS NUC SCORES FUTMINNA HIGH

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front row: 6th, 7th from left; NUC, team leader, Mal. Tukur Ladan and VC, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta pose for a snap shot with PO's, members of NUC team and other Officers of the University immediately after a courtesy visit to the VC.

Photo Credit: Elija Yisa

A team of assessors from the National Universities Commission (NUC) has expressed satisfaction with the University's e-learning facilities and quality of staff.

Leader of the team Mal. Tukur Ladan stated this during an exit meeting with the University Management on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at the Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Mal. Tukur Ladan remarked that FUT, Minna can be a reference point to other universities in Nigeria.

He appealed to the University Management to pay attention to the e-learning policy that will guide their actions.

Earlier while receiving the team on a courtesy

visit, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta had said, e-learning is a top priority in the institution due to its cost effectiveness and convenience.

Prof. Kuta said that Management detests a situation where students are subjected to running from pillar to post looking for venues to hold lectures. This, he said, usually happens during rush hours as the University's intake has increased to about 6,000, hence the need to embrace e-learning as a way out of the impasse.

"Twenty courses would commence the e-learning exercise at the beginning of next session. The University does not take for granted peer review like this, despite its readiness to commence the e-learning exercise," Prof. Kuta disclosed.

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through the submissions, including the manpower deployed for this purpose.

He appreciated the team for their presence, adding that the Management was very optimistic of a positive outcome based on what the University has on ground, while promising to address shortcomings that may be noticed.

Earlier in his remark, the Team Lead, who is a Deputy Director at the NUC said the purpose of their visit, was to find out if the University can integrate e-learning, generally and not just on specific programmes. He added that they would look at the e-readiness in terms of infrastructure,

capabilities, human resources and others.

"The reason for doing all these is because the NUC wants to prepare universities ahead in case of unforeseen circumstances like COVID-19, so that students can learn even while they are at home," he said.

During the assessment, the team had interacted with staff, checked the internet connectivity as well as infrastructure related to Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

FUTMINNA COMMENCES TRAINING ON e-TEACHING MODALITIES

By: Abdullahi Umar Danbakaba



VC, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta (middle) declaring the training open at the Senate Chamber and with him is the Registrar, Mr. Amos Kolo and Bursar Mrs Hadiza Goje. **Photo Credit: Eliza Yisa**

The Federal University of Technology, Minna has commenced a 6-day in-house training for academic staff to equip them with the technical know-how needed for the effective implementation of e-teaching with a view to keying into what is tenable in the global arena.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta who declared the training open on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at the Senate Chamber, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano, disclosed that the sole objective of the training was to ensure the realisation of the University's vision through the deployment of ICT for its day-to-day operations.

"Our University, no doubt is above 40 years, and what we should be doing is to look at what is tenable in the developed nations and key into it in accordance with the resources and facilities at our disposal," the Vice-Chancellor affirmed.

He further explained that the e-teaching is geared at widening the students' outreach beyond the four walls of the physical classroom, adding that if properly applied, it would address problems such as overcrowding of lecture theatres, cost of maintenance of physical structures, cost of mobility as well the risks involved in the teaching and learning process.

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A cross section of participants during the opening ceremony at Senate Chamber, Main Campus

Prof. Kuta also noted that as a pilot study, the training was designed to focus on teaching and research, being the cardinal aspects a university system is known for, adding that

about 20 courses which are fundamental and usually have large population of students were benchmarked for the program.

"The cyber space is more accommodative than our physical structures. And therefore, it is on this note that we must have to go virtual," he further stated.

The Vice Chancellor enjoined the participants to be prompt and present throughout the training as all segments are important.

The training is scheduled to end on Thursday, April 6, 2013.

Participants were drawn from across the various departments of the University.

FORMER SPEAKER MARAFA GUNI DONATES MOSQUE TO FUTMINNA STAFF SCHOOL

By Mustapha Alhassan



VC, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta (middle) cutting the tape to inaugurate the new mosque, supported from left by former VC, Prof. Abdullahi Bala and former Speaker Rt. Hon. Marafa Guni while from right; Chairman, Board of Staff School, Prof. Robert Okwori and Dean, PG, Prof. Oladiran Abubakre.

Photo Credit: Elija Yisa

Former Speaker of the Niger State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Ahmed Marafa Guni has built and donated a Mosque to the Federal University of Technology, Minna Staff School.

In his brief remarks before inaugurating the newly built Mosque, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta said the Mosque would help the pupils to become good ambassadors of Islam and appreciate their Creator.

In his welcome address, the Chairman of the

Staff School Board, Prof. Robert Okwori noted that Rt. Hon. Marafa had over the years been supportive of the school.

In his good will message, former Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, fsssn, expressed happiness that Rt. Hon. Marafa Guni has continued to support the University.

"It takes a large heart for people to do things like this," he said, while expressing hope that the relevant authorities will maintain the facility.

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Head Teacher of the School, Mrs. Agnes Thomas, expressed belief that the Mosque would afford the pupils opportunity to practise lessons taught by their religious teachers.

She thanked the former Speaker for the donation, adding that, with the Mosque, the school now has an additional facility.

Chairman of the school's Parent-Teacher's Association (PTA), Prof. Adamu Mohammed, thanked the Vice-Chancellor for granting

approval to build the Mosque. He recalled the various contributions Rt Hon. Marafa Guni had made to the Staff School and prayed Allah to reward him.

There was also a good message from the University's Chief Imam, Dr. Bashir Ahmad Yankuzo who led a two-*rakaat* prayer shortly after the Vice-Chancellor cut the tape to inaugurate the new Mosque.

Member of Council and Focal Officer of SERVICOM, Prof. Adamu Kabiru and Dean, Postgraduate School, Prof. Oladiran Abubakre as well as staff of the University and the Staff School attended the event.

The Mosque is named Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta's Mosque.

ACEMFS BUILDS REGIONAL IMPACT

• Trains over 230 Scientists on Food Safety

By Dorothy Elaigu



Centre leader, ACEMFS, Prof. Hussaini Makun(2nd Left) speaking at the closing ceremony of the regions short course organised by the centre. He is flanked on the right by the General Director of the institute, Abdul-Rahzak Diogu, ACEMFS Deputy Centre Leader, Dr. Hadiza Muhammd, ACEMFS, M& E Officer, Dr. Helen Auta and on the left by the Student's head Hassan Moumouni Oumarou **Photo Credit: Elijah Yisa**

As part of efforts at building regional impact across Africa, the Africa Centre of Excellence for Mycotoxin and Food Safety, Federal University of Technology, Minna has trained over 230 scientists in the area of Food Safety and Public Health.

The one-week short course, organized recently, with a theme: Food Safety and Public Health, was attended by staff and students of the Institute Supérieur De Santé (ISIS), a health based institution in Niamey, Republic of Niger.

Declaring the short course open, General Director of the Institute Abdul-Rahzak Diogou, expressed deep appreciation to FUT, Minna's Centre of Excellence for Mycotoxin and Food safety for choosing to empower his institution amongst over 20 health institutions in Niamey. He said they were glad with the collaboration between the Centre and the institute which has given them national and international recognition.

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ACEMFS, FUT, Minna team in a group photograph with participants from the Institute Supérieur De Santé, Niamey, Republic of Niger.

Photo Credit: Elija Yisa

Diogu said the knowledge gained from the short courses will facilitate their impact to the country.

In his opening address, the Centre Leader, ACEMFS, Prof. Hussaini Makun said the ACE Impact project requires that just as the degree programs of the center are regionalized with students from 11 African Countries pursuing Post graduate courses in Food Safety, Toxicology, Molecular Biology and Bioinformatics, Non-degree programs such as its short courses must be regionalized to build the capacity of stakeholders from other parts of the continent.

Prof. Makun disclosed that health based institutions such as the ISIS in Niger Republic which offers Diploma in Nursing, Pharmacy and other related courses was strategically chosen to be empowered because they have direct access to hospitals and communities where they can further disseminate the message on Food Safety to improve public health.

For impact to FUT, Minna, the Centre Leader said the regional short courses translates to an automatic increased number of foreign students in FUT, Minna which means becoming regional in her educational delivery, an indices of rating universities.

He thanked the administration of the institute for the warm reception it accorded the team and large turnout of the staff and students.

The participants were taken through Mycotoxin and its Health impact, Veterinary drug residues by the Centre leader, Prof. Hussaini Makun and Deputy Centre Leader, Dr. Hadiza Muhammad. Other presentations focused on the application of

Nanotechnology, Synthesis and Characterisation by the Centre's Sectoral Liason Officer, Prof, Ambali Abdulkarim as well as a virtual presentation on Microbial Contamination of Food by Faculty Staff of the Centre and HOD Microbiology, FUT, Minna, Prof. Nasiru Adabara.

At the end of the course, one of the participants, Adele Ehountin a student of the institution thanked the effort of the centre and expressed satisfaction with the quality, content and mode of delivery of the courses. She said she has learnt that mycotoxin is all about prevention and control and will not only secure herself from contamination but will spread the message of food safety.

A second participant, Houndjo Lucas, a Level 3 Nursing Student said he learnt so much on Nano Technology and as a health scientist intends to use the technology in science technology.

ACEMFS aims at developing relevant human capacity to address Africa's challenges through research and innovation. The centre continues to drive innovation in using research results that will address Africa's shortage of expertise and applicable solutions to ensure a safe, controlled and sufficient food supply that will support economic growth and public health.

ACEMFS GETS JECFA RECOGNITION



Prof. Hussaini Makun

In a related development, the Centre leader, Africa Centre for Mycotoxin and Food Safety, FUT, Minna, Prof. Hussaini Makun and has been enlisted as an expert of the joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives, contaminants and natural toxins (2023-2027)

ACEMFS Academic Faculty and International Scientific Advisory Board member, Prof, Patrick Njobeh has also been appointed as a member of JECFA representing South Africa

JECFA evaluates the Safety of contaminants, food additives, natural occurring toxins and residues of veterinary drugs in Food.

QUALITY ASSURANCE AND PRODUCTIVITY (QAP) CORNER

COMBATting CORRUPTION IN STUDENT ADMISSIONS

Some of the examples of associated corrupt practices are:

- ◆ Exceeding enrolment limits set by government and regulatory bodies.
- ◆ Publishing or advertising of false admission requirements.
- ◆ Offering bribes to admission staff or agents.
- ◆ Presenting falsified transcripts and/or fake recommendation letters.
- ◆ Participating in cheating rings for admissions tests.

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Preventive actions:

- Observe enrolment limits set by government, professional bodies and the institution.
- Publish criteria and procedures for the admission.
- Monitor the behaviour of admission staff for observance of institution's requirements and law.
- Ratify admissions decisions.
- Apply severe penalties to staff involved in admission corrupt practices and students presenting falsified or fake documents.

COUNSELLING TIPS

Do not find it difficult to apologize. Apologizing does not always mean that you are wrong and the other person is right. It simply means that you value your relationship more than your ego.

**Guidance and Counselling Unit,
Students' Affairs Division.**



Christian Community
FUT, Minna

EASTER
Festival of Praise

Mon, 10 April, 2023
Venue: Chapel of Grace Auditorium,
Federal Uni. of Technology, Bosso Campus
4:00PM

MONEY MATTER

Weekly Financial Digest for 21st March - 25th March 2023

N/S	RECEIPTS	N
1	ACCEPTANCE FEES	880,000.00
2	TRANSCRIPT	1,139,380.00
3	POST UTME	3,000.00
4	CERTIFICATE (UNDER GRADUATE)	368,000.00
5	CERTIFICATE (POST GRADUATE)	48,000.00
6	SALES OF FORMS PRE-DEGREE	21,000.00
7	POST GRADUATE SCHOOL FEES	2,681,750.00
8	POSTGRADUATE FORMS	1,065,000.00
9	REGISTRATION FEES PRE-DEGREE	333,000.00
10	SEMESTERIAL RESULT	400.00
11	TURNITIN PG	36,000.00
12	VERIFICATION OF RESULT	20,000.00
13	CODeL ACCEPTANCE	25,000.00
14	CODeL REGISTRATION	61,350.00
15	REPLACEMENT OF I.D.CARD	4,000.00
16	COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES SHOP	132,000.00
17	PREPAID METER	41,000.00
	TOTAL	6,858,880.00
18	(i) Staff	
	(a) Refund	2,705,740.99
	(b) Advance	2,367,500.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Leah Eyagi Yisa - Refreshment	462,650.00
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	5,535,890.99