

#### COLLABORATION: FUTMINNA ASSURES NTMC OF PARTNERSHIP By: Aliyu Jidda



VC, Prof. Kuta (M) and DG, Dr. Olusanya (7th from L) flanked by other principal officers from the University and NTMC in a group photograph. *Photo Credit: Elijah Yisa* 

In a bid to advance education and technology, the Federal University of Technology, Minna, has affirmed its commitment to collaborate with the National Technology Management Centre (NTMC), Abuja. The collaboration which span across various domains, include postgraduate programmes, Digital Marketing, and Masters in Transport Technology.

Addressing a delegation led by the Director General, NTMC, Dr. Olushola Olusanya, on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at VC's Conference Room, Main Campus, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta highlighted the University's strong inclination towards the collaboration, emphasizing the significance of mutual commitment.

Prof. Kuta noted that the collaboration is not solely dependent on financial aspects, but rather on a foundation of dedication and shared objectives. The Vice-Chancellor underlined that the University, renowned for its technology-oriented approach, prioritizes research outcomes. He however, stressed the importance of maintaining the University's standards and cautioned against compromising them during the collaboration.

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While recommending a consumer-centric approach in designing the curriculum to ensure optimal benefits for participants, Prof. Kuta further assured NTMC delegation of the availability of ample manpower in the University, capable of driving the partnership.

Dr. Olusanya, while presenting an overview of the centre's mission, elaborated on NTMC's role as a catalyst for innovation and technology in both public and private sectors.

He emphasized the purpose of their visit: to strengthen the collaborative ties between the two institutions and create new avenues for synergy. He added that one of the focus of the collaboration lies in the NTMC's proposal for a Masters Program in Digital Marketing. The DG, further disclosed that the centre has secured collaboration with a foreign partner on students enrolment. Hence, NTMC is seeking support from FUT, Minna, to facilitate the teaching of cutting-edge technology that will further enhance the collaboration's impact.

The MoU marks a significant milestone in bridging the gap between academia and technology management.

#### SABBATICAL

The Vice-Chancellor has approved Sabbatical for Dr. Sikiru Folahan Oritola, Department of Civil Engineering tenable at Baze University, Abuja, for a period of one year, with effect from 21st August, 2023.

#### **EXTENSION OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The Vice Chancellor has approved the extension of Leave of Absence for Mrs. Hadiza Ndajiwo of the Registry Department for two years effective from 1st August, 2023.

#### **UPWARD REVIEW OF SCHOOL FEES**

This is to inform the University Community and the general public that FUT, Minna Staff School Management Board has reviewed the school fees for Staff School with effect from September, 2023/2024 Academic Session as follows:

- 1. Non Staff Children- N14,000:00
- 2. Staff Children N6,000:00
- 3. Nursery- N14,000:00 for all children.

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#### QUALITY ASSURANCE AND PRODUCTIVITY (QAP) CORNER

#### **EXAMINATION ADMINISTRATION AND GRADUATION OF STUDENTS**

## Some of the associated corrupt practices in examination administration and graduation of students in the Universities are:

- Sale of examination questions and other examination-related information.
- Gratification and inducement to manipulate award of marks and grades.
- Swapping of grades.
- Writing of examination by proxy.
- Direct cheating in examination.
- Delay in the release of results.
- Delay of students from graduating due to poor record keeping and deliberate victimization by staff.
- Manipulation of internal examination processes.

#### **Preventive actions by the Universities**

- Adequate intelligence should be deployed in the monitoring of examinations.
- Question papers should be printed on the day of the examination to reduce leakages.
- Careful selection of people of integrity to handle examination.
- Computerization/Automation of the entire record (Academic and Administrative) management system from department to all relevant organ.
- There should be a stipulated time line for lecturers to process results after examinations.
- Introduction of standard record keeping system and upholding of official discipline.
- Enforcement of the University's code of conduct for examination.
- Allotment of manageable number of courses to lecturers.
- Students should be encouraged to read the Students' Handbook to familiarize themselves with examination rules and procedures and sanctions for malpractices.
- Arrangement of seats in the examination halls should be such that the students are adequately spaced to curb malpractices and enhance effective supervision.
- Lecturers should alleviate students fear for examinations by avoiding discouraging comments.



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## Funeral Ceremony

of our beloved Husband, Father, Brother, In-Law, Uncle and Friend

# Sir (Pharm) Benjamin Osi Alenoghena

February 3, 1961 - August 17, 2023



## Funeral Arrangements

## Thursday, August 31st, 2023 | 5:00pm

Wake Mass @ St. Joseph Catholic Church, No 2, Railway Station Road, Minna, Niger State.

## Friday, September 8th, 2023 | 10:00am

Funeral Mass @ St. Matthew Catholic Church, Ayogwiri, Edo State. Internment follows immediately

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#### **COUNSELLING TIPS**

Always weigh the end product of your anger: for if you cannot control your anger, you are as helpless as a city without walls, open to attack

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