

VC ENUMERATES ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AS PG SCHOOL HOLDS 8TH MATRICULATION, ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES FOR NEW INTAKES

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A cross section of the matriculants.

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The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta has said that FUT, Minna in the past seven years has been globally ranked among the top ten (10) Universities in Nigeria and top Hundred (100) in Africa Universities, adding that it is on record that it is the only University that has remained committed to the mandate establishing specialized universities in the country.

The Vice-Chancellor stated this at the 8th Matriculation Ceremony of Postgraduates Students who secured admission to pursue their

academic studies in the 2022/2023 Academic Session held on Thursday, 21st September, 2023 at the School of Information and Communication Technology, New Lecture Theatre, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano, Minna.

Prof. Kuta who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration Prof. Uno Essang Uno, used the occasion to give a brief history of the University and further explained that "in order to achieve the vision, we have as our core values integrity, excellence, resilience, diversity, inclusiveness, entrepreneurship and innovation".

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While briefing the matriculants on the programmes of the Postgraduate School, he added that the Postgraduate programme of the institution has earned tremendous respect globally due to its zero tolerance for examination malpractice and misconduct, uncompromising adherence to timeliness in programme implementation, dispassionate and transparent evaluation procedure, among other rules and regulations.

The don assured the students that they are at the right place for the pursuit of their postgraduate programmes and advised them to make out time to study the Postgraduate prospectus. He wished them a very rewarding experience as they journey through their programmes.

The Registrar, Mr. Amos N. Kolo administered the matriculation oath.

In the interim, during the orientation programme, the Dean of Postgraduate School, Prof. Oladiran Kamarudeen Abubakre cautioned the students to take all advice given during the orientation programme with all seriousness. He further informed the students that they have a minimum threshold of CGPA, seminar, and Conference papers to publish as a requirement for graduation.

Also, speaking at the orientation, the Secretary, Postgraduate School, Mallam Mohammed Aliyu assured the students that

the University Postgraduate School is seen as the model used by other specialized universities to benchmark the quality of performance of their Postgraduate Schools.

He added that the Postgraduate School, in addition to the thirty nine (39) Departments running various Postgraduate Programmes also has other academic centres that run posted programmes, namely:

1. Centre for Disaster Risk Management and Development Studies
2. Centre for Human Settlement and Urban Development
3. West African Science Service Centre for Climatic Change and Adopted Land Use and
4. African Centre of Excellence for Mycotoxins and Food Safety.

The Secretary gave a run down of the PG regulations for Ph.D, Masters and PGD Programmes,

Other papers presented during the orientation were Reference Management System by Dr. J. A. Ojeniyi and Publishing in High-Impact Journals/Conferences by Prof. M. A. Ojo while Prof. U. G. Akpan presentation was on Plagiarism and Originality in Postgraduate Research.

PROF. IWOKWAGH CALLS FOR AN AFRICAN FRAMEWORK FOR EMERGING TECHNOLOGY SKILLS FOR DEVELOPMENT



Prof. Nicholas (M) in a group photograph with other resource persons and participants at the workshop.

The Director of the International Center for Emerging Technology (ICET), Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Nicholas Iwokwagh has called for an African Framework for Emerging Technology Skills for Development.

Prof Iwokwagh made this recommendation while speaking at a Policy Workshop Session during the 12th African Internet Governance Forum (AIGF), which took place between 19th and 21st September, 2023 at Transcorp Hilton Hotel, Abuja.

The session which was conceived by the International Centre for Emerging Technology (ICET), FUT Minna and Global Network for Cybersolution (GNC) had the theme: Bridging Emerging Technology Skills

Divide in Africa, and addressed AIGF's Digital Divides and Inclusion subtheme, and the Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Emerging Technologies subtheme.

The objective of the session was to stimulate discussion, share useful policy insights, and harness ideas that could be leveraged to bridge the emerging technology skills divide in Africa. The session also aimed at promoting emerging technology skills inclusion with access to learning kits and job opportunities in the emerging digital economy space. The theme of the session aligned with the dominant theme of the 12th and 2023 version of the African Internet Governance Forum, Transforming Africa's Digital Landscape: Empowering Inclusion, Security, and Innovation.

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The session which had six speakers, was conducted in two formats. The first, format was a Workshop Presentation that was made by Mr. Vikas Sharma, Tech Advisor, Global Skills Development Council (GSDC). The title of the presentation was Harnessing Strategy for Emerging Technology Skills Development and Adoption for Africa- Lessons Learned from other regions such as India, China, Singapore. The second format was a policy discourse which had five speakers, Prof. (Mrs.) Gloria Chukwudebe, (Dean, School of Information and Computing Technology, Federal University of Technology, Owerri, and former Chair IEEE Africa) Prof. Bamidele Adebisi, (Head of the Smart Infrastructure and Industry Research SIIR Group, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK) Prof. Nicholas Iwokwagh, (Director ICET) Dr. Collins Agu, (Director Research and Development, NITDA), Chief Toyin Oloniteru, (Director, DAPT)

The session exhaustively discussed and addressed three policy questions:

1. How do developing countries, most especially African countries address emerging technology skills deficiency using affordable and common frameworks for learning in a constantly changing global digital economy?
2. What measures can address legitimate concerns and perceptions that emerging technologies, such as automation, artificial intelligence, and industrial robots, threaten existing and future jobs in developing countries?
3. What roles can emerging technology skills-building frameworks play in developing countries toward empowering young people to connect with global digital opportunities equitably and inclusively? The session

came to an end with post session recommendations on developing an African Framework for Emerging Technology Skills for Development.

The session was chaired and moderated by Dr. Macter Seck, Chief of Session Technology and Innovation, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). Mr Olusegun Olugbile, President, Global Network for Cybersolution (GNC) co-organised and co-moderated the session.

The session ended with the International Centre for Emerging Technology and United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) making declarative statements on setting action plans for the development of African Tool kits and a unified framework for Emerging Technology Skills Development and Adoption through a strong multi stakeholders' partnership between UNECA, academia, industry and government

UPGRADING

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the Upgrading of **Oyebanji Muideen Oladele** Department of Mechanical Engineering from Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer, with effect from 30th August, 2023.

INTERACTIVE SESSION

This is to inform the University Community that the Nigerian University Pension Management Company Limited (NUPEMCO) will hold an interactive session/sensitization forum for clients in the University as follows:

Date: **Tuesday, September 26, 2023**

Time: **10:00am**

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

INTERACTIVE SESSION

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

Date: **Thursday, September 28, 2023**

Time: **10:00am**

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

NEW ELECTRONIC DATABASE SUBSCRIPTION ALERT

This is to inform the University Community that the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has subscribed to the Ebscohost database on behalf of all Nigerian higher institutions.

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MATH MODEL RESEARCH GROUP

Invites you to her

WORKSHOP ON CONTROL STRATEGIES FOR COVID-19 TRANSMISSION PANDEMIC

(PHYSICAL & VIRTUAL)

DATE: Thursday 28th September 2023 **TIME:** 10.00 A.M.

VENUE: Department of Mathematics Main Lecture Hall,
Federal University of Technology, Minna

SPECIAL GUEST:

PROFESSOR FARUK ADAMU KUTA
Vice Chancellor, FUT, Minna.

CHIEF HOST

PROFESSOR MOHAMMED JIYA
Dean, School of Physical Science, FUT, Minna.

HOST

PROFESSOR ABDULLAHI IDRIS ENAGI
Head of Department of Mathematics, FUT, Minna.

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	DETAIL	AMOUNT
1	ACCEPTANCE (PG FEES)	240,000.00
2	TRANSCRIPT	1,074,590.00
3	CERTIFICATE (UNDER GRADUATE)	147,000.00
4	CERTIFICATE (POST GRADUATE)	99,000.00
5	POST GRADUATE (SCHOOL FEES)	8,987,000.00
6	POST UTME FEES	196,000.00
7	TURNITIN (PG)	32,000.00
8	TURNITIN (UNDERGRAUATE)	4,000.00
9	UNDERGRADUATE FEES	159,600.00
10	CLEARANCE FEES	69,000.00
11	SALE OF FORMS (PRE-DEGREE)	35,000.00
12	PURCHASE OF ACADEMIC GOWN	76,000.00
13	HOSTEL FEES	195,000.00
14	VERIFICATION OF RESULT	15,000.00
15	PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH	25,000.00
16	CODEI ACCEPTANCE FEES	25,000.00
17	REGISTRATION FEES (PRE-DEGREE)	807,000.00
18	COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES (TRICYCLE REG.)	14,000.00
19	COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES (SHOP)	70,000.00
20	SUNDRY OTHER INCOME	7,000.00
21	SIWES LOG BOOK	1,772,000.00
22	PREPAID METER	37,000.00
23	I.T.S DIPLOMA CERTIFICATE	3,500.00
24	PHD FINAL EXAM CHARGES(PGS)	200,000.00
25	MASTER FINAL EXAM CHARGES(PGS)	1,240,000.00
	TOTAL	#15,529,690.00
	PAYMENTS	
26	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(i) Staff	
	(a) Refund	19,262,920.84
	(b) Advance	2,985,445.96
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Committee of Head of Internal Audit - Conference Fee	200,000.00
	(b) National Universities Commission - Accreditation	14,055,208.32
	(c) NIPOST - Courier Service	215,014.75
	(d) Futmin Ventures Ltd. - Service	600,000.00
	(e) Esther Restaurant - Refreshment	32,500.00
	(f) Leah Eyagi Yisa - Refreshment	20,000.00
	(g) Multigrey Enterprises - Supply	1,265,000.00
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	#38,636,089.87