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# CAMPUS NEWS

## VC ASSURES OF WORTHWHILE EXPERIENCE AS FUTMINNA MATRICULATES 4,944 STUDENTS

By: Yusuf Zurmi



VC's Rep. Prof. Uno Essang Uno making his address during the matriculation ceremony.

**Photo Credit: Elijah Yisa**

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta, has assured new students of a worthwhile experience during the period of their study in the University.

Prof. Kuta who gave this assurance during the 35<sup>th</sup> matriculation ceremony of the institution held on Thursday, August 17, 2023 at the Sulieman Kumo convocation Square, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano said the University is alive with academics, socials, sports, students politics, and religious activities for the overall development of the students.

Represented by the DVC (Administration), Prof. Uno Essang Uno, the Vice-Chancellor

urged the matriculants to adequately make use of the facilities at their disposal such as libraries, laboratories workshops and Information Technology Services (ITS) in order to enhance learning and research, while advising them to register and use the University Health Services on both campuses instead of going on self-medication or consulting quack doctors.

He advised the students to keep away from any acts contrary to the rules and regulations of the University and avoid associating with people of questionable character and integrity.

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A cross section of students at the matriculation.

Prof. Kuta encouraged them to utilize the sporting facilities provided on both campuses for their physical and mental development, while advising them to seek guidance and counselling from the Counselling Unit of the University.

He warned all the students to dress decently in line with the University dress code and display their ID cards always to avoid embarrassment by the security personnel.

"The security awareness and alertness is a joint responsibility by all. I therefore call on you to be conscious of your environment, report any suspicious movement and objects to relevant authority," Prof. Kuta cautioned.

He disclosed that a total number of 16,556 candidates applied for admission to the

University through Direct Entry/PostUTME, out of which 6,877 sat for post UTME, of which 6,053 candidates were offered admission but 5,165 accepted the offer and 4,944 were duly registered.

The Registrar of the University Mr. Amos Nmadu Kolo, administered the matriculation oath to the students.



# ALUMNI DONATION: SVG GETS ₦14.7M EQUIPMENT

By Abdullahi Danbakaba



Prof. Uno E. Uno (5<sup>th</sup> from R), team lead, Surv. Chika Okorocho (Middle) holding the donated equipment in a group photograph with other Management Staff and members of the team. **Photo Credit: Oshindare Lekan**

**A**s a way of giving back to their *Alma Mater*, a team of alumni of the Federal University of Technology, Minna working as partners in Sacredion Nigeria Limited, Ikeja, Lagos in partnership with TERSUS GNSS Inc, Australia has donated a Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS) to the University.

The equipment valued at fourteen million, seven hundred thousand naira (₦14,700,000.00) was installed at the Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics, School of Environmental Technology.

Presenting the equipment to the University Management on August 16, 2023, at the Vice-Chancellor's Conference Room, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano, the team lead and Principal Consultant, Sacredion Nigeria Limited, Surv. Chika Okorocho said that the equipment was donated to facilitate training of students and promote research and development in the university.

Mr. Okorocho who graduated from the

Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics in 2010, noted that the CORS is designed to track satellite location and operate continuously 24 hours, thus providing a continuous and permanent real-time GNSS positioning information for a specific area, further explained that the equipment has a wide range of applications which include land surveying, engineering, construction, environmental mapping as well as environmental modelling among others.

"Surveyors, Builders, Civil Engineers Geographers, Environmentalists can use receivers that can connect with (CORS) for road and railway constructions," the team lead further clarified.

Receiving the donation, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Uno Essang Uno, attributed the kind gesture exhibited by the donors to the discipline the University always instills in students and love shared between lecturers and students.

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The Vice-Chancellor who stressed the need for producing graduates who would not only strive towards building a positive image of the University but also add value to it, further advised the lecturers to shift focus on training students on how to become useful to their immediate community and the nation at large.

Also speaking at the occasion, the Dean, School of Environmental Technology, Prof. Olurotimi Kemiki who described the development as great, emphasized that students-teacher relationship which is built on the spirit of discipline and love remains the determining force that motivates alumni

to, not only appreciate the achievements they have made, but also reciprocate.

Delivering the vote of thanks, the Head of Department, Surveying and Geoinformatic, Dr. E. Eyo who pointed out that the CORS is meant to be used by both staff and students, further appreciated the donor, adding that, the equipment will be judiciously utilized.

Other members of the donor team were Mr. Urama Ugochukwu who graduated from the Department of Physics in 2019, Mr. Chikezie Okorochoa, who graduated from the Department of Electrical Electronics in 2015 and Mr. Chinonso Edeh.

## FUTMINNA TO BUILD NEW ARCHITECTURAL STUDIO

By: Abdullahi Danbakaba



(R-L) Representative of the VC, Prof. Uno E. Uno handing over the project document to the MD, Progressive Global Construction Associate Ltd, Mr. Moses Mac-Daniel Jikka while Ag. Director, PPDU, QS. Aishatu Mohammed watched with keen interest.

**Photo Credit: Elijah Yisa**

Work is set to commence at the construction site of new architectural studios for the Department of Architecture, School of Environmental Technology, Federal University of Technology, Minna.

This follows the University's formal handing over of the project site to the contractor, Progressive Global Construction Associate Limited on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at the Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Speaking at the brief ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Uno Essang Uno, expressed confidence that the company would prove itself as the best for the contract by meeting up to the expectations of the University.



Prof. Kuta explained that the choice of the company as the contractor was informed by the testimonies Management had received based on the various projects it executed within the institution in the recent times, hoping that such testimonies would be sustained during the execution of the project.

The Vice-Chancellor who called for synergy between the contractor and the staff of the School of Environmental Technology in order to achieve the desired objective of the project, further stressed the need for a quality work that can stand the test of time, hence, promoting the corporate image of the company.

"There are Architects and Quantity Surveyors there; please liaise with them to give us the best you can," Prof. Kuta advised.

Earlier in her opening remarks, the Ag. Director, Physical Planning and Development Unit (PPDU) of the University, QS. Aishatu Mohammed highlighted that the building when completed shall comprise two studios, two reception halls, five offices and toilet facilities.

QS. Mohammed further expressed hope that the contractor would execute quality project that would surely stand the test of time which the company is known for.

Responding, the Managing Director, Progressive Global Construction Associate Limited, Mr. Moses Mac-Daniel Jikka assured that the contract was awarded to the right contractor because his company has all the necessary apparatus to carry out the project based on the specifications as enshrined in the contract document, promising that, the work would not suffer any setback in the process of execution.

Mr. Jikka who expressed appreciation to the University for finding his company worthy of the award, further reiterated his company's commitment to working with experts from the University who have relevant experience in constructions with the view to delivering a quality project at the end.

In a brief remark, the Dean, School of Environmental Technology, Prof. Olurotimi Kemiki, expressed gratitude to the Management team of the University, the PPDU and the contractor for seeing to the realization of the project.

Giving a vote of thanks, the HOD of the end user department, Arc. Dr. Abubakar Isah who described the project as dear, not only to the University, but also the general public pledged to cooperate with the contractor and assured of their participation as a department through observation when the need arise.

According to the project document which was handed over to the contractor, the company is expected to build and furnish the Architectural Studio within sixteen weeks timeframe.

# FUTMINNA - NYSC HOLD PRE-MOBILIZATION BRIEFING FOR PROSPECTIVE CORPS MEMBERS

By Zainab Lawal



From Right, Mr. Akawu Peter (NYSC Rep.); Dr. Bashir O. Ganiyu (Dean SAD), Dr. C.S. Tukura and Mr Abubakar Aliyu at the high table during the briefing. **Photo Credit: Oshindare Lekan**

In a collaborative effort, the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) and the Students' Affairs Division of the Federal University of Technology, Minna have organised a pre-mobilization briefing for the University's Prospective Corps Members (PCMs). The objective was to familiarize the PCMs with the goals and principles of the service scheme, ensuring a seamless experience.

The event took place on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at the University Auditorium, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

The Dean of Students Affairs' Division, QS. Dr. Bashir O. Ganiyu, delivered a speech emphasizing the University's dedication to the students' well-being.

He noted that the occasion was an

opportunity for participants to engage with the scheme's operators and advised them to be attentive throughout the programme to maximize the benefits.

During the occasion, the NYSC representative, Mr. Akawu Peter, delivered a paper titled "Highlights Of Pre-Mobilization Brief To Prospective Corps Members At Corps Producing Institutions," where he highlighted the NYSC's role in fostering discipline, patriotism and industrialism among Nigerian youths, thus contributing to national unity and economic development.

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A cross section of students at the briefing.

Mr. Peter offered valuable advice to the participants, which include the importance of registering their biometrics, maintaining functional email addresses and secure passwords, while refraining from proxy registration.

He also cautioned against participation in fraudulent interviews, traveling at night and going overseas during the service year.

During his remarks, the Deputy Registrar, Students' Affairs, Mal. Abubakar Aliyu, congratulated the prospective corps members.

He noted that on July 27, the Division had already submitted the names of 3,400 candidates to Abuja for consideration, out of which 3,100 candidates were successfully accepted for the Batch B Stream 2.

Mallam Aliyu encouraged participants to rectify any data discrepancies before the next stream.

Additionally, Deputy Dean Students Affairs, Dr. C.S. Tukura expressed appreciation for the participants' punctuality and engagement throughout the programme.



# DON EMPOWERS EXCELLENCE THROUGH ACADEMIC MENTORSHIP

By: Aliyu Jidda/ Zainab Lawal



3<sup>rd</sup> from right Engr. Dr. Lanre J. Olatomiwa, 5<sup>th</sup> right Prof. Jonathan Gana Kolo, 6<sup>th</sup> right Dr. Kufre Jack (Programme Coordinator) and other participants at the Session.

In a remarkable display of commitment to fostering excellence in engineering education, Engr. Dr. Kufrey Esenowo Jack, Project and Mentors/Mentees Coordinator from the Department of Mechatronics Engineering, has achieved an unparalleled success story. He declared that no fewer than 500 Mentees have received mentorship since the initiation of the Session in 2018.

Engr. Dr. Jack made this declaration on Thursday, August 18, 2023, during this year's Academic Mentor-Mentee Session held at the CODel Building, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

According to him, under his guidance, the Mechatronics Engineering Department has evolved into a thriving Mentorship Arena, shaping the academic journey of countless undergraduate students within the Engineering School of the University.

He said this year's event was graced by the brightest of minds in the School of Engineering Federal University of Technology, Minna, bore the name "Academic Mentor-Mentee Session, August 2023," a proud tradition birthed by the Coordinator in 2018.

The event comprised four sessions, each finely curated to enrich the students' intellectual fabric. Eminent resource persons were drawn from within the School, delivering enlightening talks on diverse subjects. The agenda encompassed a wide spectrum, including "Research Result and Analytical Tools (Microsoft Excel)" presented by a 300-Level student, Miss Goodness Kato,

Delving into the sphere of urban development, a 200 level student Deborah Enyojo Musa, expounded on "The Roles of Urban and Regional Planners in Smart City Development."

A graduate student of the Department, Mr. Victor Francis, skilfully delved into "Research Result and Analytical Tools (MATLAB, SPSS, Thingspeak, Power BI)."

The profound finale was presented by Engr. Dr. Kufre Esenowo Jack, who spoke on the intricacies of "Students Workload Balancing with Health and Examination Success."

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The event owes its inception to the inception of the "Crystal Creative Mentorship Community" back in 2018, a brainchild of the Coordinator. Over the span of five years, the programme has nurtured and mentored an astounding five hundred students.

The Coordinator's efforts span academics, business, health life, self-reliance, and the art of developing others. Notably, one of their research endeavours has already secured a patent, solidifying the community's contribution to the academia.

An inclusive approach is the cornerstone of the Crystal Creative Mentorship Community, as students from various disciplines, including Agricultural Technology, Bio Resources, Urban and Regional Planning, Electrical Engineering,

Mechatronics, Materials and Metallurgical Engineering have all found their place within its nurturing embrace.

As the curtain drew on this year's Academic Mentor-Mentee Session, Engr. Dr. Jack left the audience with a promise of continuity. The monthly rendezvous, an embodiment of their commitment to constant growth, is poised to accommodate more eager minds in the pursuit of knowledge and self-improvement.

Other dignitaries present at the event were the Heads of Department Mechatronics Engineering and Electrical Electronics Engineering, Prof. Jonathan Gana Kolo and his counterpart from Electrical Electronics Engineering, Engr. Dr. Lanre Olatomiwa.

## QUALITY ASSURANCE AND PRODUCTIVITY (QAP) CORNER

### Research Administration

**Some of the associated corrupt practices in research administration are:**

- Plagiarism.
- fraudulent citation.
- Diversion of research funds to other uses.

### Preventive actions

- Utilization of advanced internet search and e-library facilities to find out if a particular topic has been worked upon by others.
- Student project topics should be targeted at solving environmentally peculiar problems which should be identified periodically.
- Before the commencement of project writing, seminars should be organised to build confidence in students and warn them of dangers of research fraud.
- Students should not be allowed to bring already decided project topics; rather lecturers should work with students to decide on their topics which should, as far as possible, be in the areas of interest to the students.
- Library should be well equipped to aid students in project writing.

## NOTICE FROM PROTOCOL UNIT

This is to inform Deans, Directors, HoDs Coordinators of Schools, Departments, Centres and Units that they are to notify the Protocol Unit in advance of all their upcoming official events.



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## UPGRADING

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the Upgrading of the underlisted:

1. **Bala Maimuna Kuta** Department of Estate Management and Valuation from Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer, with effect from 5th July, 2023.
2. **Abdullahi Muhammad Daniyan** Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics from Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer, with effect from 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.

## 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, August 31, 2023**

Time: **10:00am**

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



# **2023/2024 REGISTRATION/PRE-ADMISSION SCREENING EXERCISE (2023 UTME & DE)**

This is to inform all candidates who have applied for admission into the Federal University of Technology (FUT), Minna for the 2023/2024 academic session that the Registration/University's Pre-Admission Screening Exercise (UPASE), commenced on **Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2023** and will end midnight of **Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2023**.

Candidates are advised to visit FUT, Minna website [www.futminna.edu.ng](http://www.futminna.edu.ng) for details on the procedure for on-line registration, requirements for the screening exercise, procedure for payment and other general information.

Candidates are to pay a non-refundable fee of **Two thousand Naira (₦2,000) only** through **REMITA** platform.

## **1. ELIGIBILITY**

- (i) Only UTME and DE candidates who selected Federal University of Technology, Minna as first choice during **2023 JAMB** are eligible for the screening exercise.
- (ii) UTME candidates **MUST** have a minimum score of 150, except for those courses for which higher cut-off marks have been indicated on the University website.
- (iii) Candidates **MUST** meet the minimum UTME scores for their chosen courses and have the right UTME subject combinations as prescribed in the 2023 JAMB Brochure.
- (iv) Candidates who do not meet any of the above requirements will be allowed to change to any other course whose requirements they met.
- (v) All candidates must possess a minimum of five 'O' Level credits including Mathematics and English Language in subjects relevant to their proposed courses at not more than two sittings. In addition, Direct Entry candidates must possess a minimum of **Lower Credit** at National Diploma and/or Higher National Diploma level(s) or **Merit** at NCE level.
- (vi) Only 'O' level result print-out(s) downloaded directly from the website(s) of the National Examining Bodies (WAEC/NECO/NABTEB) or photocopies of original certificate(s) will be accepted for verification.

**CANDIDATES ARE TO ENSURE THAT THEIR 'O' LEVEL RESULTS ARE UPLOADED ON THE JAMB WEBSITE – CAPS.**

All enquiries should be directed to the following: [infoupase@futminna.edu.ng](mailto:infoupase@futminna.edu.ng) or call **08028949142** and **09023418632**.

## NOTICE FROM E-LIBRARY UNIT

This is to inform the University community, especially 100-level student advisers, that the University E-library unit provides two hours of Internet connectivity on desktops for students that want to access their online courses from 9am-4pm of Mondays - Fridays. There is also wireless connectivity for students with laptops and Android devices.

In addition, the E-library provides access to electronic information resources through its subscribed database ProQuest for the students that can aid the understanding of their courses.

The Library Open Access Catalogue can also be accessed via <https://opae.futminna.edu.ng:8054> for the print books. Staff and students can view the availability of the print books for consultation and loaning.

**NOTE:** The E-library is on the second floor of the IBB Library Complex, Gidan Kwano Campus.

## 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 after payment into Micro Finance Bank, FUT, Minna.

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## CONDOLENCE

The Registrar has on behalf of the Management, Staff, Students and the entire members of the University Community, condoled Mr. Eli Usman Gbadafu (Deputy Registrar, Academic Office) over the death of his Son which occurred on Thursday, August 10, 2023.



## 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 7th August- 13th August 2023

N/S	RECEIPTS	₦
	DETAIL	AMOUNT
1	ACCEPTANCE PG FEES	240,000.00
2	TRANSCRIPT	898,280.00
3	CERTIFICATE (UNDER GRADUATE )	157,000.00
4	CERTIFICATE (POST GRADUATE )	124,000.00
5	POST GRADUATE SCHOOL FEES	10,066,250.00
6	POSTGRADUATE FORMS	15,000.00
7	TURNITIN PG	20,000.00
8	TURNITIN UNDERGRAUATE	18,500.00
9	UNDERGRADUATE FEES	11,186,800.00
10	CLEARANCE FEES	537,000.00
11	SALE OF FORMS (PRE-DEGREE)	63,000.00
12	SEMESTERIAL RESULT	900.00
13	HOSTEL FEES	830,000.00
14	VERIFICATION OF RESULT	50,000.00
15	PURCHASE OF ACADEMIC GOWN	114,000.00
16	CODEI ACCEPTANCE FEES	25,000.00
17	REGISTRATION FEES (PRE-DEGREE)	1,103,750.00
18	PREPAID METER	48,500.00
19	COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES (SHOP)	219,000.00
20	MOTORCYCLE REG	44,000.00
21	SIWES LOGBOOK	13,000.00
22	SUNDRY OTHER INCOME	10,500.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>#25,784,480.00</b>
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
23	<b>(ii) Contractors/Suppliers</b>	
	<b>(i) Staff</b>	
	(a) Refund	5,671,955.00
	( b) Advance	2,495,900.00
	<b>(ii) Contractors/Suppliers</b>	
	(a) Abuja Electricity Dis. Company Plc - Electricity Bill	8,066,383.27
	(b) Sogafvome Enterprise - Supply	6,634,399.91
	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>₦22,868,638.18</b>