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PROF. AKANJI LAUDS NIGER STATE POLICE COMMAND

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB*, has lauded the Niger State Police Command for the proactive policing of the state and also applauded the State Commissioner of Police, Mrs. Diseye Desire Nsirim for her dynamic leadership style.

The Vice-Chancellor stated this on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 when he led the University Management team to the Niger State Police Headquarters, Dutsen Kura, Minna on a courtesy call.



L-R: Niger State CP, Mrs. Nsirim presenting a plaque to the VC, Prof. Akanji.

Prof. Akanji commended the State Police Commissioner for maintaining law and order in the state, cleanliness and serenity of the Police Headquarters and assured her of his administration desire to work and collaborate with the police in mutual areas of interest.

“In us you have a partner and we appreciate your assistance, we want to continue to work with the police for the good of the society,” Prof. Akanji said.

The VC called on the police to take advantage of some of the courses run in the University that are relevant to the police operations.

Responding, the Commissioner of Police, Mrs. Nsirim thanked the University Management for the visit and assured them that the Police would continue to protect all federal government properties, citizens and students in the state.

She said Niger State has been relatively crime free based on the proactive policing style and the operation strategies adopted by the State Command.

According to her, “The call room is part of the innovation adopted to make sure that everybody in the State sleep with their two eyes closed”.

She solicited for collaboration between the University and the State Police Command in ICT training and other relevant areas.

PROF. AKANJI INAUGURATES COMMITTEE ON WEB-CONTENT

Following his determination to boost the University web-ranking, the Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji *FNSBMB*, has inaugurated a

13-member committee on web-content to carry out comprehensive look at the University website and organize the presentation of materials on the web.



Seated L-R: Bursar, Mr. Bello, Registrar, Mrs. Kolo, VC, Prof. Akanji, Chairman of the Committee, Prof. Morenikeji and Deputy Librarian, Dr. Udensi in a group photograph with other members of the Committee.

The event took place on Monday, February 25, 2013 at the Council Chamber, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Inaugurating the committee, Prof. Akanji thanked members of the committee for accepting to serve and urged them to see the job as service to the University.

The VC stressed that a comprehensive and dynamic website is imperative to launch the University into international limelight.

Towards this end, he informed the committee that he has the backing of the University Senate to upload all his publications and that of other Senior Lecturers on the University website.

He directed that all the University's inaugural lectures be uploaded online. He also noted that the revamp website will serve as a means of publicity for all University's programmes to the outside world.

Responding on behalf of the committee, the Chairman, Prof. Oluwole Morenikeji thanked the VC for the confidence reposed in the committee members and assured him of members' maximum commitment and dedication towards achieving the objective of the committee.

In his words Prof. Morenikeji said "We passionately share in your dream on web-content and we are ready to start work immediately".

The committee's terms of reference include; to monitor the site's content with a view of making it visitor-friendly, edit materials to be uploaded on the site, carry out periodic review of the content to make it in tune with best practice and other matters that will make the site competitive with similar sites.

DR. WART TASKS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON QUALITY RESEARCH

Dr. Justin Van Wart, of the department of Agronomy and Horticulture, University of Nebraska, USA has urged developing countries to embark on quality research in order to enhance crop production and bridge the gap with developed countries.



Dr. Wart presenting his lecture.

Dr. Wart made this call during a One-Day seminar titled: **GLOBAL YIELD GAP**

ATLAS – Its Relevance to National Planning organised by Seminar and Colloquium Committee, FUT, Minna at the First Bank Lecture Hall, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Dr. Wart in his lecture stressed the need for government to ensure the training of biological students that would embark on agricultural research for future food production in Nigeria.

He further noted that such research should identify and engage the private sectors for their contribution in order to bridge the yield gap.

Speaking at the event, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof, Musbau A. Akanji, *FNSBMB*, applauded the guest speaker for dwelling exhaustively on the topic of discussion.

Prof. Akanji also thanked the University Seminar and Colloquium Committee for the impressive conduct of the event and the attendance.

Earlier, while introducing the guest lecture, the DVC (Academic), Prof. Abdullahi Bala said Dr. Wart is very vast in research and lauded the topic of the seminar.

GOOGLE NIG. SEEKS PARTNERSHIP WITH FUT, MINNA

In order to boost learning and research through Information and Communication Technology in the University, Google Nigeria has solicited for collaboration with the Federal University of Technology, Minna in the area of Google applications usage in respect to Google Education

edition.



POs in a group photograph with Google Nig. team.

This request was made on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 when the Goggle team paid a courtesy call on the VC in his office at the Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Briefing the VC, Head, Project & Deployment of the firm, Mr. Chima Uba said the partnership with the University would be of benefit to both parties and noted that most Africa Universities have benefited immensely from the Goggle education package.

Mr. Uba also commended the University and ITS team for the commitment shown towards ensuring that the partnership come to fruition and promised to ensure that FUT, Minna gets a commensurate mileage from the partnership with Google.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB*, lauded the Google team and assured them of Management's support in order to ensure that the partnership succeeds.

In her closing remark, the Deputy Library, Dr (Mrs.) Juliana Udensi thanked the team for choosing FUT, Minna and reiterated the institution's commitment to technology development.

FRIESLANDCAMPINA PRESENTS CHEQUE TO VC

...For Best Graduating Student, Research

As part of its corporate social responsibility to the society, FrieslandCampina WAMCO Nigeria Plc has presented a cheque of six hundred thousand Naira to the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB*, being 2012 Annual Endowment Fund for best graduating student and research development in the Department of Animal Production.



R-L: Mrs. Adeola presenting a cheque to the VC, Prof. Akanji.

The event took place on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at the VC's Office, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Presenting the cheque, the Company Government Relations Officer, Mrs. Tope Adeola said that partnership with FUT, Minna has been fruitful for the past six years and that the donation is geared towards enhancing research on how to increase local milk yield.

She also stated that the award for the best graduating student in the department would help to motivate other students to strive for academic excellence.

Responding, Prof. Akanji thanked the company for the gesture while assuring them that the fund would be judiciously utilized. He further solicited for more funds and collaboration in other areas and called on other companies to emulate WAMCO.

The sum of fifty thousand Naira is for the 2012 best graduating student while five hundred and fifty thousand naira is meant for research development in the department.

FrieslandCampina WAMCO Nigeria Plc, the maker of Peak Milk, started operation in Nigeria, 1954.

APPOINTMENT

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of Dr. Shittu K. Okunade, Department of General Studies as the Coordinator, General Studies for the period of two years with effect from February 14, 2013.

RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENTS

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of appointments for Dr. Timothy Oluwadare Idowu and Surv. S. A. Ajibade, both of the Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics, School of Environmental Technology (SET) as Visiting Senior Lecturers for a period of one year with effect from March 11, 2013 and January 1, 2013 respectively.

RENEWAL OF CONTRACT APPOINTMENTS

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of contract appointments of the followings for a period of one year each:

1. Engr. A. G. Raji, Department of Electrical/Electronics Engineering with effect from February 20, 2013.
2. Adamu Musa, Works and Maintenance Services with effect from May 10, 2013.

CHANGE OF CADRE

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the conversion of appointment of Jibrin Idris Danko, University Health Services from Medical Record Officer to Assistant Technical Officer with effect from October 1, 2012.

NOTICE FROM REGISTRAR

Refreshment at Committees' Meeting

This is to bring to the notice of all Committee Chairmen and Secretaries of Management's decision on refreshment during meetings that:

- i. All requests for refreshment must henceforth, pass through the Registrar for approval.
- ii. All requests for refreshment for meetings must reach FUTMIN Ventures at least 24 hours before the commencement of the meeting.
- iii. Only light refreshment will be served during committee meetings that will not last for more than three hours.

Meanwhile, All Deans, Directors and Heads of Department are to please note that, settlement of refreshment bills served during their committee meetings will be bore by the concerned schools or centres.

NOTE: This is for strict compliance.

NOTICE OF MEETING

This is to inform all Registry staff (Senior and Junior) that there will be a meeting slated as follows:

Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2013

Time: 8:30 a. m. Prompt

Venue: University Auditorium, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

All School Secretaries are to come along with the Registry staff in their respective schools.

NOTE: Punctuality is mandatory, lateness and absentees would be sanctioned accordingly.

JET QUIZ COMPETITION

The Staff and Pupils of FUT, Minna Staff School wish to inform parents, guardians and the University community that the school will hold its Inter-House Jets Quiz Competition scheduled as follows:

Date: Thursday, March 7, 2013

Time: 3:00 p.m. prompt

Venue: CPES Hall, Bosso Campus.

Subjects: Mathematics, Basic Science and Technology and Computer Science

Categories:

1. Junior i.e. Primaries One and Two
2. Intermediate: i.e. Primaries Three and Four
3. Senior: i.e. Primaries Five and Six

Competing Houses:

1. Green – The Vice Chancellor's House
2. Red – The Registrar's House
3. Yellow – The Bursar's House
4. Blue – The P. T. A's House
5. Purple – The Headmistress' House

CRÈCHE / DAY CARE CENTRE

This is to inform all staff and students of the University that there is a provision for Creche and day care located at one of the offices attached to the Convocation Square, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

The crèche/day care centre will operate from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day with exception of weekends and public holidays.

Consequently, all nursing mothers are hereby advised to make proper arrangement with the centre as Management will no longer tolerate staff bringing their babies to the office.

CHILD NAMING

Mr. Dada M. Yusuf of Academic Office, cordially invites University community to the naming ceremony of his child slated as follows:

Date: Sunday, March 3, 2013

Time: 7:30 a.m. prompt

Venue: House No. SKP 871, Saiyako,
Along Gwada Road, Minna.

APPRECIATION

Prof. and Mrs. Solomon Bankole Oyeleke have expressed their appreciation to the Management, Staff and Students of the University for their prayers and support during the wedding ceremony of their daughter Oluwatope Gbemisola, which took place recently.

POLICE EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

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Asst. Comm. of Police (Operations)	08086621755
PPRO	08035658794
Control Room	08081777498 08127185198

HAPPY NEW MONTH

The Campus News wishes the University community a happy and prosperous month of MARCH.