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## FUT, MINNA HOSTS NURESDEF

Federal University of Technology, Minna in collaboration with National Universities Commission (NUC) has hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of Nigerian University Research and Development Fair (NURESDEF) tagged: ***Research and Development: A Road Map to National Transformation and Economic Prosperity.***

At the opening session of the fair, held at the PTDT, Chemical Engineering Theater, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano, FUT, Minna VC, Prof. Muhammed Salihu Audu said that Nigerian Universities houses brains that can bring about the needed transformation in the country and called for more research funding.



*L-R: Prof. Audu receiving books from DG, NOTAP, Dr. Bindir after delivering his keynote address at the opening session of the fair.*

He tasked industries operating in Nigeria to utilize the technical know how in Nigerian

Universities rather than running to developed countries for their researches and called for more funding of the NURESDEF fair from NUC to the host institution.

In his address, the Executive Secretary of (NUC), Prof. Julius Okojie who was represented by Deputy, Executive Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Akinbode Agbaoye said that the mission of NUC is to ensure the orderly development of a well coordinated and productive University system that would guarantee relevant education and qualitative research for national development and global competitiveness. One of such means according to him is the biennial Nigerian University Research and Development Fair (NURESDEF).

In his welcome remark, Chairman of the opening ceremony, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede who was represented by Prof. Folade, DVC (Research & Development), University of Ilorin commended the efforts of National Universities Commission (NUC) in promoting and encouraging research and development activities in Nigerian Universities through NURESDEF.

“I believe this fair would turn out to be stimulating and enlightening by the virtue of the wide array of exhibition on display” he noted.

Director General (DG), National Office for Technology, Acquisition & Promotion

(NOTAP), Dr. Umar Bubar Bindir at the opening session of the fair delivered a keynote address tagged: ***Research and Development: A Road Map to National Transformation and Economic Prosperity.***

Dr. Bindir said that the academia should look beyond the conventional publication of books and journals gear towards promotion and invest in research that will lead to new inventions. The DG, also noted that science, technology and innovation are the bedrock of any society that is desirous of economy development and prosperity. He further called for collaboration between tertiary institutions and industries in Nigeria in order to achieve economy transformation of vision 20:2020 of the Federal Government.

Chairman, LOC, DVC (Academic), Prof. Akim Osunde said that the theme of the fair is timely in the light of the transformation agenda being pursued by the Federal Government and welcomed guests to the University. He also tasked participating Universities to listen attentively to the various papers presentation during the period of the fair.

NURESDEF is a platform created for Nigerian Universities to showcase their research findings and was first organized in 2004. The fair had over 20 Universities in attendance.

### **FUT, MINNA PARTNERS KARMA MILK IND. LTD IN SOYA BEANS, OIL PRODUCTION**

**F**ederal University of Technology, Minna has agreed to partner with Karma Milk Industries Limited, Lagos in the production of soya beans and refined soya oil.

This agreement was reached recently during the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between FUT, Minna and Karma Milk Industries Limited at the VC's Conference Room, Senate Building, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Vice –Chancellor, Prof. Muhammed Salihu Audu (*FMAN*), while presenting a copy of the signed MoU, said that the University is happy to partner with Karma Limited and prayed for the partnership to grow from strength to strength.



*L-R: Prof. Audu presenting a signed copy of the MoU to the GM, Karma Milk Industries Ltd, Mr. Tandon.*

“It is our plan to have a vibrant commercial farm in FUT, Minna and we are hoping for more partnership in other areas”, Prof. Audu enthused.

In his remark, the General Manager of Karma Milk Industries Limited, Mr. Rajindra Kumar Tandon said that the company hoped to benefit immensely from the partnership in the area of cultivation of seeds for the production of soya beans and refined soya oil and that the company is ready to set-up a soya processing plant in Minna.

Earlier briefing Management on the MoU, the DVC (Admin), Prof. Abdullahi Bala said that Karma Milk Industries Limited could not get a land in Abuja and when approached; he invited the company to FUT, Minna.

“The mandate for production of seeds and certification is on going with the appropriate government agencies” he noted.

The company required 75,000 metric tons of seeds in order to produce 200,000 tons of soya beans and 50,000 tons of refined soya oil per year.

### **DIALOGUE MUST BE THE WATCHWORD – VC TELLS NEW EXCO**

**T**he Vice- Chancellor, Prof. Muhammed Salihu Audu has called on the newly elected Student’s Union Executive to make dialogue their watchword during their tenure as management will always be there for them.

Prof. Audu stated this recently during the inauguration of the newly elected Students Union Executive Council and Students Representative Assembly at the Senate Chamber, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

He also encouraged them to be worthy representatives during their tenure and avoid any mischief in order to ensure a peaceful and stable academic calendar.

Prof. Audu congratulated members of the Student Union Independent Electoral Committee (SUIEC) and the Information Technology Services for ensuring the success of the election.

In his remarks, the Chairman, SUIEC, Prof. Salihu Sadiku thanked Management for the support and members of the Committee for conducting a successful election.

He advised the elected executives to take a lead from their predecessors and sustain peaceful atmosphere in the University.

Speaking on behalf of new executives the President, Salami Taiwo Hassan thanked Management for the support and pledged to work towards achieving the collective goal of the University.

The Certificate of Return was presented to the new executives by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration) Prof. Abdullahi Bala.

### **NOTICE FROM BURSARY**

**S**taff are advised to include the following information in their correspondence with the Bursary Department when applying for loans and advances:

- i. Staff File Number
- ii. Department
- iii. Bank details

Failure to comply may lead to delay in responding to their request.

### **SABBATICAL**

**T**he Vice-Chancellor has approved the sabbatical of Mall. Muhammad Dattijo Usman, former Registrar, FUT, Minna, tenable at Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida (IBB) University, Lapai with effect from October 24, 2012

## RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENT

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of appointment of Dr. Hussaini Anthony Makun, Department of Biochemistry as Deputy Chairman, University Board of Research for a period of two years with effect from September 16, 2012.

## RENEWAL OF CONTRACT APPOINTMENTS

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

1. Bello Yohana Paiko, Department of Chemistry with effect from September 1, 2012
2. Patrick Adamu, Student Affairs Division with effect from November 27, 2012.

## CHANGE OF CADRE

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the Change of Cadre of the following staff members with effect from October 1, 2012 except for Thomas Philip Gloria whose effective date is October 1, 2009.

1. Muritala Suleiman Mashegu, Physical Planning and Development Unit from Senior Technical Officer to Building Officer I.
2. Aisha Abdullahi Adamu, Bursary Department from Chief Clerical Officer (Accounts) to Assistant Executive Officer (Accounts).
3. Mohammed Saba Abdulkarim, Internal Audit from Principal

Executive Officer II (Audit) to Auditor I.

4. Ndako Baba, Registry Department from Chief Clerical Officer (Admin) to Assistant Executive Officer (Admin).
5. Suleiman Abdulazeez, Registry Department from Chief Clerical Officer (Admin) to Assistant Executive Officer (Admin).
6. Aliyu Salihu, Registry Department from Chief Clerical Officer (Admin) to Assistant Executive Officer (Admin).
7. Habiba B. Audu, Registry Department from Chief Clerical Officer (Admin) to Assistant Executive Officer (Admin).
8. Thomas Philip Gloria, University Health Services from Chief Medical Laboratory Technologist to Principal Medical Laboratory Scientist.

## INVITATION TO TRAINING AND WORKSHOP

The Centre for Research and Development (CERAD), Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA), Nigeria invites the general public to a 3-day training workshop on *“Research Methodology and Statistical Analysis”*.

### Introduction

Research methodology is indispensable in every field of higher education; be it social science, technology, pure science or business studies. It is undoubtedly a critical component of investigation in all branches of knowledge but hardly gets adequate attention it deserves in disciplines across the tertiary education system.

## Target Participants

- Lecturers and Researchers in Research Institutes and Tertiary Institutions.
- Planners and Statisticians in Federal, State and Local Government Services.
- NGOs engaged in collecting and analyzing data.

## Objectives

- To identify Research Topics, Methodology, selection of variables and important ethical consideration.
- To sensitize the researchers on basic issues related to research methodology.
- To provide in-depth idea on development of tools for data collection, tabulation, analysis and interpretation of quantitative and qualitative data.
- To provide training to prepare research proposals and projects.
- To impart knowledge about statistical concepts and their practical implementation in research projects.
- To provide hands-on training in the application of statistical software for data processing.

## Fees

N45,000:00 per participant. It covers training materials, bag, tea and lunch break. Pre-workshop registration can be made by payment in favour of CERAD, at any branch of United Bank for Africa (UBA), Account Number 1011968611. Forward Teller number, Participant's Name and

organisation, e-mail address and Phone number by text message or through e-mail to the Co-ordinator Dr. A. F. Aiyesanmi on 08033501293, 08071659717  
[ceradfuta@yahoo.com](mailto:ceradfuta@yahoo.com) or  
[info@ceradfuta.org](mailto:info@ceradfuta.org)

**Date:** Tuesday 27 - Thursday 29 November, 2012

**Venue:** CCE Hilltop Auditorium, Federal University of Technology, Akure, Nigeria.

## WEDDING INVITATION

**M**r. Nathaniel Jiya Solomon (former staff of the University Health Centre), cordially invites the University community to the wedding ceremony of his daughter, Rebecca Mama Woye with Alfred Airende which will take place as follows:

**Date:** Saturday, October 27, 2012

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Venue:** ECWA Goodnews Church, behind General Post Office, Minna, Niger State.

**Engagement:** Friday, October 26, 2012 @ Bride's Residence, Plot 63, Off Idris Ewuti Road, Behind ECWA Goodnews Church, Minna by 4:00 p.m.

## FINAL BURIAL CEREMONY

**M**rs. Danni Adebayo of the University Staff School cordially invites the University community to the final burial ceremony of her late beloved mother, Madam Florence Bolanle Durojaiye who transited unto Eternal Glory on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at age of 79.

## **Burial Arrangements**

**Friday**, October 26, 2012: Christian Wake-keep at Durojaiye Compound, Ilore Otunja Ekiti, Ekiti State.

**Time:** 5:00 p.m.

**Saturday**, October 27, 2012: Funeral Service at St. Paul Catholic Primary School (Oriokuta) Usin Ekiti, Ekiti State.

**Time:** 11:00 a.m.

**Interment:** Entertainment of Guest follows immediately at Durojaie Compound and St. Paul Catholic (Oriokuta) Playing ground, Usin Ekiti.