



# CAMPUS NEWS

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## FUT, MINNA HOSTS WORKSHOP ON NUSMAP

The Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Julius Okojie has said that training and retraining of personnel involved in the administration and data management of universities at all levels are crucial to promoting efficiency and quality planning with verifiable data.



*Prof. Bala delivering his address at the workshop.*

Stated this at the opening ceremony of the 3-Day workshop on the Nigerian Universities System Management Portal (NUSMAP), organised by National Universities Commission in partnership with GUCCI CHIS Nigeria Limited at the ETF Lecture Hall, School of Environmental Technology.

The Executive Secretary who was represented by Ms. Patricia Eromosele noted that the Nigeria University System

Management Portal (NUSMAP) is an online application designed to enable Nigerian Universities process, share and communicate data with the NUC, the public and other government agencies for proper management.

According to him, the new system has the capacity to capture the activities of all the directorates of the Commission, which include Universities Programme Accreditation, Universities Academic Standards, University System Annual Review Meeting (USARM), Universities Research and Innovation, Finance and Budget etc.

In his remark at the workshop, the DVC (Academic) Prof. Abdullahi Bala who represented the Vice-Chancellor expressed appreciation to NUC for the opportunity given to FUT, Minna to host the workshop “FUT, Minna being the home of ICT has all it takes to make the workshop a success and omfortable”, He said.

He also disclosed that for five years consecutively, FUT, Minna students have topped in various ICT competitions organised by different bodies in the country.

In his vote of thanks, the Director, Academic Planning Unit, FUT, Minna Prof. Bamidele Awojoyegbo appreciated NUC for

the rare opportunity of hosting the event and thanked University Management for putting in place facilities for the success of the workshop.

The 3-Day workshop was organised for Deputy Vice-Chancellors, Directors of Academic Planning Unit and ITS drawn from twenty one universities of the federation in the zone 4.

### **VC URGES IJMB, PRE-DEGREE STUDENTS TO SHUN SOCIAL VICES**

**T**he Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB*, has urged the newly admitted IJMB and Pre-degree students of the Centre for Preliminary & Extra-Mural Studies (CPES), to exhibit high sense of discipline and desist from all forms of social vices such as cultism, examination practices, drug abuse, theft etc so that the investment on them would not be wasted.

He gave this advised during the Orientation Ceremony for the 2012/13 batch held on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at the CPES Hall, Bosso Campus.

Prof. Akanji further tasked the students to make the best out of the programme in order to gain admission into the University degree programmes.

He also informed the students that the Niger State government has paid the tuition fees for all Nigerlites admitted for the programme and urged them to reciprocate the gesture by studying hard.

The Vice-Chancellor commended the Management Board and staff of the Centre for their dedication, commitment to duty and

urged them to continue to work assiduously for the development of the Centre and the institution at large.

Speaking earlier, the Director of CPES, Dr. Audu Isah congratulated the students and revealed that before they can be admitted into any of the University degree programmes they must pass all the prescribed examinations such as the Centre Examination, Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) and Post-UTME.

He also said that the students must choose FUT, Minna as their most preferred institution and IJMB students are expected to score five-point in the IJMB examination.

One thousand three hundred and forty nine students for the Pre-degree programme and one hundred and one IJMB students were admitted for 2012/2013 academic session.

### **PROF. BALA INAUGURATES STAC FOR GIBEX**

**T**he Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala has inaugurated a 14-member Scientific and Technical /Advisory Committee (STAC) for the Global Institute for Bio-exploration (GIBEX) to formulate policy and direct research activities for the centre in order to make it more functional.

The event took place on Thursday, March 28, 2013 at the Council Chamber, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Inaugurating the committee, Prof. Bala said the setting up of the committee was a good step towards putting the Centre in the right direction and thanked members for accepting to serve in the committee.



*Prof. Bala (seated 3<sup>rd</sup> from right) in a group photograph with members of the committee and other POs.*

The DVC noted that the establishment of GIBEX is further testimony to the fact that the University is doing well and urged the various departments to contribute their quota towards the advancement of the Centre.

“GIBEX being an international centre, I have no doubt that GIBEX would meet its expectations”, Prof. Bala enthused.

He also advised the committee to collaborate with traditional medicine healers in the area of herbal research and assured them of the University’s Management support.

Responding, Chairman of the committee and Director of GIBEX, Prof. Emmanuel Ogbadoyi applauded the University Management for constituting the committee and assured them that the members would pursue the institute objectives vigorously.

Other members of the committee are; Heads of Department of Agricultural and Bioresources Engineering, Animal Production, Biochemistry, Biological sciences, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Crop production, Entrepreneurship and Business Studies, Food Science and Nutrition, Microbiology, Soil Science and Water Resources, Aquaculture and Fisheries Technology.

## **PROF. JINADU TASKS CORPS MEMBERS ON DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Director, Centre for Disaster Risk Management and Development Studies (CDRM & DS), FUT, Minna, Prof. Ashimu Jinadu has urged Corps members serving in the state to take the issue of disaster risk management serious and assist the government to create awareness on ways to curb disaster in the country.



*Prof. Jinadu (5<sup>th</sup> from left,) in a group photograph with staff of the Centre and Corps members during the visit.*

The Director stated this when he received members of NYSC Disaster Risk Reduction Volunteer Corps/NEMA Vanguard on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at the SET Board Room.

Prof. Jinadu commended the group for the visit which he noted is a way forward towards achieving the objectives of the Centre and reiterated the Centre’s commitment to the issue of capacity building, research and disaster risk management in the country.

He informed the group that the Centre would organize periodic lectures for the corps members on the various ways of preventing disaster and how to manage such

during emergency situation and further assured the group of the Centre's support.

In his remark, President of the group, Mr. Pascal Obidili thanked Prof. Jinadu for the opportunity given to the group to visit the University and solicited for partnership between the Centre and the Community Development Service (CDS) group towards creating awareness on disaster risk management in the state.

Prof. Jinadu had earlier on delivered a paper on disaster risk management to Niger State corps members during the 2013 Batch-A NYSC Orientation Exercise at the camp last month.

## COOPERATIVE POLICY

In our Campus News edition of Friday, December 7, 2012 we published some of the recommendations approved by the University Management upon submission of report to the Management by the University committee on Cooperative Policy chaired by Dr. M. B. Nuhu. For the guardians of all concerned we hereby reproduce the approved recommendation by the Management:

1. No staff shall belong to more than two Co-operative Society within the University
2. No staff shall at any time have financial obligation in excess of 1/3 of his/her salary. This is in consonance with the Civil Service rule 030414 which stipulates that a staff is liable to disciplinary action if this law is contravened and leading to financial

embarrassment thus impairing the efficiency of an officer.

3. The registration procedures of a Co-operative Society shall start from the University by obtaining clearance from the Management before seeking for registration with the relevant Ministry in the State. This clearance should be considered to have lapsed if approval for the registration is not obtained after six months.
4. For clarity, the registration procedure are as follows:
  - a. Submit application attaching list of members and the constitution to Registrar of the University
  - b. Registrar sends application to relevant units including existing Co-operative Society for clarification on indebtedness and membership statuses.
  - c. Get clearance to register from the Management
  - d. Clearance must be sought before new members can be registered
5. All the Co-operative Societies shall ensure always that both the internal and external audited accounts are up to date.
6. There should be a dedicated Desk Officer from Registry Department on Co-operative matters where all Co-operative matters will be reported to annually and deposited for ease of collective reference.
7. The executives of Co-operative Society cannot serve for more than two terms of two years each.
8. In consonance with Niger State Co-operative Societies Regulations, Co-operative Societies Law, 1956(Cap 26, Section 17), membership data to be kept



by the Co-operative Societies should include the following:

- a. Status and Department of members
  - b. Date of registration with the Co-operative Society
  - c. Date of withdrawal in case there are such from the Co-operative.
9. Management to introduce a duly signed promoter form to forestall falsification
  10. No intending Co-operative Society which has the same objectives from the existing ones will be cleared for registration.
  11. Minimum of one hundred members from both academic and non-academic staff cutting across at least 25% of all the Departments in the University are required for registration of a Co-operative society.
  12. There should be a way of confirming from other Co-operative societies the indebtedness or otherwise of intending loan seeker(s) and commitment to others should be verified before loan advancement.
  13. The Co-operative societies should employ dedicated staff to manage their affairs so that the Executive could concentrate on their primary assignments for better productivity.
  14. All scheduled for deductions/variations from any Co-operative society, Union/welfare commits should pass through Internal Control Unit before passing to payroll for implementation.
  15. That there should be sanction for boycotting Internal Control Unit by any Co-operative Society or Welfare Committee.
  16. That 2nd Friday of every month is fixed to be deadline for passing Co-operatives,

Unions and Welfare Committee's variation/deductions to payroll.

Meanwhile, Cooperative Societies must prepare and submit Audited Annual Accounts for approval by the Director, Cooperatives, Niger State.

Approved copies of Annual Accounts shall be submitted to the University Authority for documentation.

The University community is to note for strict compliance.

### **RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENTS**

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

1. Prof. Sapun Askana, Department of Computer Science, School of Information and Communication Technology (SICT)
2. Prof. Aliaksandr Nedzvedz, Department of Computer Science, School of Information and Communication Technology (SICT)
3. Prof. Marat Alexi Belotserkovsky, Department of Computer Science, School of Information and Communication Technology (SICT)
4. Dr. Natalya Ivanovna- Pota Penko, Department of Computer Science, School of Information and Communication Technology (SICT)
5. Dr. Ahmed D. Ibrahim, Department of Quantity Surveying, School of Environmental Technology (SET)

The appointments take effect from (2012/2013 Academic Session), while Dr. Ahmed is from April 15, 2013

## **RENEWAL OF CONTRACT APPOINTMENT**

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of contract appointment of Dr. Ndoke Peter Ndoke, Department of Civil Engineering for a period of one year with effect from June 1, 2013.

## **WITHDRAWAL FROM UNIVERSITY**

Senate at its 373rd meeting held on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 has approved the withdrawal of Shehu Amina Adamu (2008/1/21331BE) 500L, Department of Science Education, School of Technology Education (SET) from the University due for poor academic performances.

## **WE ARE COMMITTED TO MEMBERS DIVIDEND - Al-Halaal President**

The President of Al-Halaal Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Dr. Isah Audu has reiterated the commitment of the society to members dividend and other benefits.

He stated this during the 9th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the society held on Saturday, March 30 2013 at the CPES Hall, Bosso Campus.

In his welcome address, Dr. Audu noted that the Society has consistently pay dividends to members' annually from the society's profit.

He revealed that the society's share capital recorded an increase of 27% from the previous 13% in 2011 while membership rose from 390 – 447 over the same period.

He also stated that the society is on the verge of launching an official website for

the society and computerization of its activities in tandem with its ICT drive.

We have opened a new bank account with First Bank Plc in order to reduce the Commission On Turnover paid by the society to former bank", Dr. Audu noted.

Earlier In his address, Secretary General of the society, Dr. Kabir said the society assisted members to get cars, building materials, rams, motorcycles and electronics through loan and that the society partly financed the **IFTAR** programme during the period of Ramadan.

The Financial Secretary, Mall. Usman Abubakar also gave the financial report for the year ended, 31st December, 2012.

## **WEDDING INVITATION**

Mr. J. S. Usman (former staff) University Staff School cordially invites the University community to the wedding ceremony of his son, Mr. Enesi Jude with Miss. Chinyere Judith slated as follows:

### **Traditional Marriage:**

**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2013.

**Time:** 12:00 pm prompt.

**Venue:** Chief Godwin Nwoye Osita's Compound, No. 1 Itire Osita Street, Umunagu Village, Achalla.

### **Church Wedding:**

**Date:** Saturday, April 20, 2013.

**Time:** 10.00 am.

**Venue:** St. Malachy's Catholic Church, Tudun Fulani, Bosso, Minna, Niger State.

**Reception:** Reception follows immediately at St. Malachy's Catholic Cathedral Hall, Bosso, Minna.