



# CAMPUS NEWS

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## COUNCIL APPROVES PROF. BALA AS NEW DVC (ACADEMIC)

The University Governing Council has approved the redeployment of Prof. Abdullahi Bala from Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration) to Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).



*Prof. Abdullahi Bala, DVC (Academic)*

The redeployment is with effect from February 4, 2013.

In a letter of February 14, 2013 signed by the Registrar, Mrs. V. Kolo wished the new DVC (Academic) a remarkable tenure.

It would be recalled that Prof. Bala joined the services of the University on January 10, 1991 as an Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Soil Science, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT), where he progressed steadily to the rank of a Professor of Soil Science in October 1, 2010.

He has held several positions of responsibility within and outside the University, among which are; Director, Centre for Preliminary and Extra-Mural Studies (CPES), Associate Policy Analyst with the Independent Policy Group, Head of Department, Soil Science, Inoculants Delivery Specialist, at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Kano Sub-station and appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration) on February 24, 2012. The post he held until his recent redeployment.

## PROF. AKANJI VISITS ETSU NUPE

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB*, on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 paid a courtesy call on the Etsu Nupe and Chairman, Niger State Council of Chiefs, His Royal Highness, Alhaji (Dr.) Yahaya Abubakar, (CFR) as part of his familiarization tour since assumption of office.

Prof. Akanji, who led other Principal Officers to the **Wadata Palace**, Bida commended the Etsu Nupe for his exemplary leadership in the state and the country at large and solicited for his royal blessings and support in order to peacefully pilot the affairs of the University.

“As a First Class traditional ruler in Niger State, we have come to pay you a courtesy

call and to seek for your guidance, fatherly advice and may Allah protect you as you rule over this kingdom”, Prof. Akanji enthused.



*Principal Officers in a group photograph with Etsu Nupe at his Palace.*

Responding, Alhaji (Dr.) Abubakar thanked the VC and his team for the visit and assured the team that he would continue to monitor situation in the University in order to ensure that the institution is in peace and operate for the good of the people.

In his closing remarks, the DVC (Academic), Prof. Abdullahi Bala assured the Etsu Nupe that the University would not relent in its responsibilities and will continue to operate in tandem with the philosophy of its founding fathers.

In a related development, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji also met with the Director-General of National Centre for Technology Management (NACETEM) with the view of fast-tracking the process for the accreditation of Professional and Academic Master’s programme in Technology Management.

The DG, NACETEM, Dr. Willie Siyanbola thanked the VC and other Management staff

for their desire to get the MOU going and also assured them that NACETEM would do its part towards ensuring that the programme commence promptly.

He also noted that NACETEM is committed to the issue of technology for sustainable development in Nigeria.

In his response, Prof. Akanji thanked the DG for finding FUT, Minna worthy of the collaboration and assured him of Management’s support.

### **NASU, CAPON CONGRATULATE PROF. AKANJI**

The Non-Academic Staff Union of Universities (NASU), Federal University of Technology, Minna Chapter has congratulated Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji *FNSBMB* on his appointment as the new Vice-Chancellor of the institution.



*Principal Officers with NASU Execos in a group photograph after the courtesy call.*

The Union stated this during a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor at the VC’s Conference Room on Monday, February 18, 2013.

NASU Chairman, Mr. Ahmed Yanda Gogata who led other Executive members of the Union, congratulated the VC on his

appointment and assured him of NASU's support during his tenure in office.

The Union solicited for the Vice-Chancellor's support for the proposed NASU Branch Secretariat on campus and further raised issues bothering on reversal of Junior Staff Study Fellowship approvals to the Registrar, speedy review of all junior staff cases on suspension, stagnation of Staff School promotion, payment of shift duty allowance to Library staff, end of the year bonus package for staff and review of PENCOM contribution by contract staff.

In his remarks, Prof. Akanji thanked the Union for finding time to visit him and assured them that Management would look into the issues raised.

In a related development, Executive members of Current Affairs Promotion of Nigeria (CAPON) led by its National Chairman, Engr. Hassan Salawu also congratulated Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji on his well deserved appointment as the 6<sup>th</sup> substantive Vice-Chancellor of the University.

### **UNIILORIN STAFF HAIL PROF. AKANJI'S APPOINTMENT AS FUT, MINNA VC**

**F**ormer colleagues and friends of the Vice-Chancellor, FUT, Minna Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB*, at the University of Ilorin have hailed his appointment *as the 6<sup>th</sup> substantive Vice-Chancellor of the institution.*

The delegation made this known this morning during a congratulatory visit on the VC at his office, Senate Building, Main Campus.

Leader of the delegation, Prof. (Mrs.) Adenike Oladiji congratulated the VC on his appointment and assured him of the delegation's support and prayers for him to succeed in office.



*Prof. Akanji & Pos in a group photograph with his former colleagues at UniIlorin.*

Prof. Oladiji said Prof. Akanji would be a wonderful addition to the University based on his experience and qualities as Chairman of several committees while at UniIlorin.

She further solicited for stronger relationship between FUT, Minna and UniIlorin in the areas of academic and research.

Responding, Prof. Akanji applauded the group for finding time to visit him in his office and promised to work assiduously for the development of FUT, Minna.

He also assured the group that he would work hard in order to retain the confidence reposed in him.

“I am moved by your show of support and I would not disappoint you”. Prof. Akanji stated.

In her closing remarks, the Registrar, Mrs. Victoria Kolo commended the group for the visit and wished them safe journey back to their destination.

### **BRIEF ON NEW PROFS.**

Continued from the last edition of Campus News, No 436 of Friday, February 15, 2013.

#### **PROF. EGHAREVBA NOSA ANTHONY**

Prof. Egharevba, hails from Benin City, Edo State. Born on March 8, 1959 in Lagos State, he attended St. Thomas Primary School, Lagos and Edo College in Benin City, before proceeding to Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria for his B.Eng. Degree in Agric Engineering (1982). He was at the Institution of Soil and Water Volcanic, for his Masters (1986), and in 2000 at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria for his Ph.D in Agric Engineering (Soil and Water Engineering).



*Prof. Egharevba*

Prof. Egharevba started his working career at River Basin Development Authority

Kano, before joining the services of the University on October 1, 1988 as an Assistant Lecturer, Department of Agric Engineering, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology where he rose to the rank of a Professor of Agricultural Engineering with effect from October 1, 2011.

He has held various administrative positions; Examination Officer, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET) 1991 – 1992, Co-ordinator, SEET Student Work Experience Programme (SWEP) 1992, 1994 and 1995, Co-ordinator Departmental Postgraduate Programme 1999, 2001, 2002, Sub-Dean, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (1999 – 2000) and Co-ordinator, Diploma Programme (CPES) 2004.

Prof. Egharevba who has supervised over 35 research works at various levels is a member Nigerian Institute of Agricultural Engineering (MIAE), Nigerian Society of Engineers (MNSE), Overseas Development Institute and Council for the Regulation of Engineers in Nigeria (COREN).

He is happily married and blessed with children.

#### **PROF. ABUBAKAR AHMED SADAUKI**

Prof. Abubakar Ahmed Sadauki was born on April 25, 1964 at Gawu, Gurara Local Government Area of Niger State. He had his early education in Sokoto and Minna, before proceeding to the Federal University of Technology, Minna for his B.Tech in Geography (Meteorology), where he graduated with a Second Class Upper. He

bagged M.Tech (Meteorology) and P.hD (Hydrometeorology) in 1994 and 1997 from the same University respectively.



*Prof. Sadauki*

Prof. Abubakar started his working career at the Federal University of Technology, Minna as a Graduate Assistant in 1991 where he rose to the rank of a Professor of Geography with effect from October 1, 2012.

The don has held various administrative positions, among which are Dean, Students Affairs, HOD, Department of Geography presently Director, Centre for Climate Change and Freshwater Resources (CCCFR), FUT, Minna and consultant to the Niger State Government on Environment.

Prof. Abubakar who has supervised over 60 undergraduates, postgraduate diploma and Ph.D theses is a member of the Nigerian Meteorological Society, Nigerian Geographical Association, and Nigerian Cartographic Association.

Prof. Abubakar Ahmed Sadauki is happily married and blessed with children.

## SEMINAR

**S**eminar and Colloquium Committee of Federal University of Technology, Minna, cordially invites the University community and general public to a seminar slated as follows:

**Speaker:** Dr. Justin Van Wart, University of Nebraska, USA

**Topic:** Global Yield Gap Atlas (GYGA): Its Relevance to National Planning.

**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2013

**Time:** 10 am prompt.

**Venue:** First Bank Lecture Hall, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

## SENSITIZATION ON RESEARCH PROFESSIONAL AFRICA PLATFORM

**T**his is to inform all University staff that University Management has fully subscribed to Research Platform (Research Africa), which provides the African Science and development communities with most comprehensive online system of funding opportunities and research related activities (i.e. Workshop, Seminars and Conferences).

On the above, the University has properly arranged for the interested researchers, both *Academic and Non-Academic* on how to obtain and process the application. University members of staff particularly researchers are advised to take advantage of the funding and come out with research proposals.

The University Coordinator for Research Professional Africa Platform, Dr. Hussaini

A. Makun in collaboration with Information Technology Services (ITS) will be conducting a brief sensitization exercise for Senior Non-Academic Staff in Registry and Bursary on February 27 and all Technical staff on February 28, 2013 at SAAT Lecture Theatre by 10:00 am respectively.

**NOTE:** Attendance is mandatory for all graduates staff in the Registry Department.

## APPOINTMENTS

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of Prof. O. O. Morenikeji, Department of Urban and Regional Planning as the Chairman, Web-Content Committee. Other members of the committee are:

1. Dr. S. S. A. Egena - Dept. of Animal Production - Member
2. Dr. O. V. Ogwuagwu - Dept. of Mech. - Member
3. Dr. I. A. Diugwu - Dept. of Project. Mgt. Tech.- Member
4. Mr. A. E. Abalaka - Dept. of Building - Member
5. Dr. Alibinu Musa - Dept. Telecom. Engineering - Member
6. Dr. S. Ojoye - Dept. of Geography - Member
7. Dr. A. I. Gambari - Dept. of Sci. Education - Member
8. Dr. A. Asipita - Dept. of Mechanical Eng. - Member
9. Mr. A. M. Obaje - University Library - Member
10. Mr. Steven Ogirima - Information Tech. Services - Member
11. Mrs. L. Legbo - Information & Pub. Unit - Member
12. Mr. G. Balogun - Registry Department - Member
13. Mr. Michael Yisa - AO (CODEL)- Secretary

The Vice-Chancellor will inaugurate the Committee on Monday, February 25, 2013 at Council Chamber by 10:00 am.

The Vice-Chancellor has also approved the appointment of Dr. J. C. Anuonye, Department of Food Science and Technology, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT) as Head of Department for a period of one year with effect from February 6, 2013.

Similarly, the Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of Ubadike Osichinaka Chiedu, as a Visiting Senior Lecturer to the Department of Telecommunication Engineering, School of Information and Communication Technology (SICT) for a period of one semester with effect from the date of his resumption of duty.

## NOMINATION AS EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER

The Vice Chancellor has approved the nomination of Dr. E. N. Onwuka, Dean, School of Information and Communication Technology as a Member of the Editorial Board of the Nigerian Journal of Technology Research (NJTR), Federal University of Technology, Minna.

## CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

The University Management has congratulated Dr. Mohammed B. Nuhu, Head of Department, Estate Management and Valuation on his appointment as Commissioner, Tertiary Education, by the Niger State Government.

In a letter signed by the Registrar, the University wished him a successful tenure and equally prayed for good health, wisdom and courage to enable him impact positively on his new assignment.

### **RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENT**

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of appointment for Engr. Prof. Dauda D. Yusuf, Department of Agricultural Engineering, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria as Visiting Professor to the Department of Agricultural and Bioresources Engineering, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET) for a period of one year with effect from March 1, 2013.

### **HONORARY FELLOW**

Australian Institute of High Energetic Materials has awarded Prof. Joseph O. Odigure of the Department of Chemical Engineering and Director, CODEL with Honorary Fellowships. The Awards are awarded to prominent scientist working in the interdisciplinary areas of Chemical and Mechanical Engineering and other relevant subjects.

### **2012/2013 FEDERAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Federal Scholarship Board in conjunction with Federal Ministry of Education announces the interview date as follows:

**Date: April 8 – 12, 2013 Southern States (South East, South West and South South)**

**Date: April 15 – 19, 2013 Northern States (North East, North West and North Central)**

### **Eligibility:**

1. Full-Time Student in second year or above in recognized Federal or State Tertiary Institution
2. Minimum of 4.0 CGPA on a 5 point scale or its equivalent in previous year's examination
3. HND 1 candidates must have obtained at least an upper credit in OND examination while HND II candidates must have minimum of 3.5 CGPA
4. NCE II & III must obtain at least CGPA of 3.5 in previous year's examination
5. Postgraduate candidates must possess at least Second Class Upper Degree

### **Requirements:**

1. Qualified candidates are to complete the forms online @ [www.fsb.gov.ng](http://www.fsb.gov.ng)
2. Print-outs of completed Forms are to be endorsed by candidate's HOD/Registrar with official stamp/seal
3. Candidates are to attend the interview with writing materials and submit the completed application forms with the following documents in photocopies:
  - a) Letter of admission to the institution
  - b) Course registration form for current session
  - c) Student Identity Card
  - d) Letter of identification from State/Local Government of origin
  - e) Last session result
  - f) Two passport size photographs

4. Original Certificates are to be sighted at the Interview Centres.

**Interview Centre:**

Federal Unity School in State Capitals; where there is no Unity School in the State Capital, candidates should contact the Secretary, State Scholarship Agency in the State. Time: 8:00 am daily.

**NOTE: On-line application forms starts from February 15 – March 30, 2013 and Students currently on Scholarship should NOT apply.**

**TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENT**

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the termination of appointment of Ogayemi Taiwo Akintola, Bursary Department for his services are no longer required with effect from February 12, 2013.

**NEW BORN BABY**

Mrs. Dorothy Elaigu of Information, Publications and Public Relations Unit was blessed with a bouncing baby girl on Friday, February 15, 2013.

**WEDDING INVITATIONS**

1. Prof. and Mrs. Solomon Bankole Oyeleke cordially invites the University community to the wedding ceremony of their daughter Oluwatope Gbemisola with Oluwabunmi Abimbola slated as follows:

**Engagement:**

**Date:** Friday, February 22, 2013.

**Time:** 3:00 pm prompt.

**Venue:** Prof. S. B. Oyeleke’s Resident, Bosso Secondary School, Minna.

**Church Wedding:**

**Date:** Saturday, February 23, 2013.

**Time:** 10.00 am.

**Venue:** First Baptist Church, Bosso Road, Minna, Niger State.

**Reception:** Reception follows immediately at Gidan Matasa, Okada Road, Minna.

2. Sulayman Shu’ayb, Department of Animal Production cordially invites the University community to his wedding ceremony with Salamatu Mohammed slated as follows:

**Date:** Saturday, February 23, 2013.

**Time:** 12.00 noon.

**Venue:** Larubawa’s Residence, Down Kpakungu Flyover, Minna, Niger State.

**CONDOLENCE**

The Registrar, has on behalf of the Management, staff and students of the University, condoled Dr. Nicolas S. Iwokwagh, Department of Information and Media Technology over the death of his beloved Sister which occurred recently.