



# CAMPUS NEWS

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## RAMADAN CLOSING TIME

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Muhammed Salihu Audu FMAN, has approved for work to close 3:00 p.m. daily during the month of Ramadan except for those on essential duties.

Prof. Audu wishes the Muslim Ummah rewarding Ramadan.

## NOTICE OF CONGREGATION MEETING

This is to inform the University community that there will be a meeting of University Congregation on Friday, 20th July, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in the University Auditorium, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano. Members of the University staff with a minimum of first degree from recognized institutions are to attend.

## SAPETRO DONATES WORKSTATION LAB. TO FUT, MINNA

South Atlantic Petroleum (SAPETRO) has donated a multi-million naira workstation laboratory and equipment to the Department of Geology, Federal University of Technology, Minna. The event took place on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at the Bosso Campus.

In his address, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Muhammed Salihu Audu, FMAN thanked the management of SAPETRO for choosing

FUT, Minna for the donation which he said would be of huge impact to the department and the University at large. He called for more collaboration between private companies and universities in the country for the development of the education sector.

The VC urged lecturers in the department to take the training which they will receive serious in order to gain the necessary knowledge in the use of the facilities and also to impact such knowledge to the students. He also said that the Department of

Geology would soon be relocated to a bigger building in the Main Campus.



Prof. Audu (2nd left) inspecting equipment at the workstation laboratory donated by SAPETRO

The MD/CEO of (SAPETRO), Mr. Martin Trachel, said that the company is happy to be associated with FUT, Minna which he noted is one of the best universities in the country.

Mr. Trachel further noted that Nigeria has tremendous talents and hoped that the

workstation laboratory will serve as a tool for research and interpretation of data that will be of utmost benefit to the country.

*“We believe that this gesture to this institution would be the beginning of a long term relationship that will benefit our company in the area of recruiting graduates from this department and the country at large,”* he opined.

In his remark, Director, DANVIC Concepts International, Dr Mayowa Afe, thanked the management of the company and Chairman, General T.Y. Danjuma for his huge contributions to Nigeria’s education sector.

Dr. Afe went further to task oil & gas companies operating in Nigeria to give study contracts to Nigerian universities to enable them generate income and have enough data to train postgraduate students.

Also speaking at the event, representative of Niger State Commissioner for Tertiary Education, Science & Technology, Mr. James Chidawa, commended **SAPETRO** for the donation to the university, which he observed would help to fast-track the actualization of Niger State Government Vision 3:2020.

Earlier in his welcome address, Head of Geology Department, Prof. Peter Olasehinde, commended the foresight of **SAPETRO** in donating the workstation laboratory and also for sponsoring the training of 23 staff of the department in the use of the equipment.

He assured the company that the department would make optimum use of the facilities and produce quality research works.

Geosciences Manager of the company, Mrs. Sarah Kabon took dignitaries on a tour of the equipment in the workstation laboratory. She said that with the presence of a world-class workstation laboratory, FUT Minna is positioned to stand competitively with any institution in the world.

“The facilities in this workstation are the very best you can find in Chevron, ExxonMobil and other oil and gas firms in the world,” she stated.

The workstation laboratory is equipped with set of computers and OpendTect Seismic Interpretation Software, HP Design Jet Printer, Split Unit A/C and 20 KVA UPS.

Earlier, the SAPETRO team paid a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor in his office where the team leader, Mrs. Sarah Kabon said that the company is proud to associate with FUT, Minna and hoped for the sustenance of the relationship.

Responding, the DVC (Admin) Prof Abdullahi Bala, who received the team on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, thanked the company for identifying with FUT, Minna in the area of infrastructural development of the Department of Geology.

SAPETRO is an independent exploration and production company with a Pan-African focus. The company got operation license in 1998.

### **LEAVE A LEGACY PROJECT, A NOBLE IDEA – VC.**

**I**t has been identified that final year students of F.U.T., Minna can leave an indelible mark after graduation, through the “*Leave a Legacy Project*,” initiated by the

Advancement and Development Office (A.D.O.).

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Muhammed Salihu Audu, FMAN, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Admin.), Prof. Abdullahi Bala made this known recently while receiving the first set of final year students that would soon execute a project. Prof. Bala described the idea as a noble one, adding that the University welcomes it with open arms.

He said that the graduating students, having spent some time here, have benefited immensely such that there is no way they could write their biographies without making reference to this University and called on the students to always have interest in the development of the University with a view to improving it.

The Vice-Chancellor disclosed that the Management has approved the building of a customized bill board for the first set of this noble objective.

Earlier, the Director, A.D.O., Prof. Emmanuel Udensi stated that the whole idea was derived from University of Jos, where they visited to see things for themselves.

Responding on behalf of the graduating students the Chairman of the Leave a Legacy Project, Adedokun Ahmed, Department of Mechanical Engineering, thanked the management for approving the project. He therefore promised that they would do their best in the execution of the project.

## FUT, MINNA RENEWS MoU WITH KADUNA POLYTECHNIC

Federal University of Technology, Minna has signed a renewed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Kaduna Polytechnic, Kaduna. The event took place at the Council Chamber, Senate Building, Gidan Kwano.

In his remark, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Muhammed Salihu Audu, *FMAN* said that the partnership with Kaduna Polytechnic has been very fruitful and such has made the renewal of the MoU necessary.



*Prof. Audu presenting a copy of the signed MoU to the Ag.Registrar of Kaduna Polytechnic, Mr.Kukasheka while FUT, Minna Registrar, Mrs. V. N. Kolo (L) and others watched with keen interest.*

“I pray that this partnership will grow from strength to strength because it has been worthwhile and we hope for more in other areas,” he said.

The VC used the event to condole with the Polytechnic and Kaduna State Government over happenings in the state and wished the delegates safe journey back to their destination.

Earlier in his address, the Ag. Registrar of Kaduna Polytechnic, Alhaji. Zayyanal Kukasheka noted that the institution is very happy for the privilege given to renew the

MoU and to continue the relationship. He also noted that the renewal of the MoU with FUT, Minna was long overdue.

“We are enjoying the relationship, hope to maintain it and very pleased to be here to renew the MoU” the Ag. Registrar said.

The MoU is in respect of educational collaboration in teaching research and training in the area of B.Tech and PGD.

The Director, Collaborations, Affiliations and Linkages, Engr. Dr. Ogbonnaya Chukwu thanked the Vice-Chancellor for his continuous cooperation and understanding as well as other Management staff for their support.

Dr. D. M. Dagana, HOD, Education (Tech), Kaduna Polytechnic, appreciated D-CAL team and all management of FUT, Minna for making the MoU signing a huge success. He went further to say that the Department and institution will comply with the tenets of the MoU.

#### **DCAL FOR GLOBAL RELEVANCE – VC**

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Mohammed Salihu Audu, FMAN, has pointed out that the Directorate for Collaborations, Affiliations and Linkages (DCAL) was established to advance the University’s quest to improve on its service delivery via enhanced skills acquisition by members of staff and students, as well as to expand its revenue base and ensure better global relevance of its activities through internationalisation.

Prof. Audu said this while declaring open a one-day Sensitization Workshop on

Activities of DCAL held for Academic and Administrative Staff of Federal University of Technology, Minna

The workshop organized by the Directorate was held recently at the First Bank, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology, Lecture Hall, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Prof. Audu noted that the University rated among the top two in the country in the recent institutional accreditation exercise carried out by the National Universities Commission (NUC).

He stated that the essence of the workshop was to enlighten both the academic and administrative staff, on the roles and responsibilities of the Directorate within the University.

The V-C commended the effort of the Directorate, for organizing an educative enlightenment for the members of the University staff.

He urged the participants to listen attentive to the resource persons during the workshop. Heads of Unit presented papers about the major responsibilities of their Units.

DCAL, an arm of the Office of the Vice-Chancellor was established in January 2008. It is a product of the fusion of the defunct Directorates for Collaboration and External Linkages (CEL) and Affiliation and Local Linkages (ALL).

#### **FROM THE REGISTRAR: KNOWING YOUR NEXT OF KIN WITH DILIGENCE**

We have, at one time or the other, been required to provide identities of our

next-of-kins on a variety of information or data collection forms. From the travellers vehicle manifest to bank account customer details, from school registration points to post-employment documentation; the range seems a long one.

Usually, among the common the issue of knowing our next-of-kins is deemed an appointment of an heir – designate, a survivor for the devolution of estate or at least for the execution of a will. Yes, a next-of-kin could do and of course does all of these. And he does much more.

We should choose our next-of-kin with caution and diligence. It is important that our next-of-kins be our closest blood relations. In cases of emergency, your blood relation provides shared family history and even life-saving medical records.

Most of the time, only close family relations could provide vital particulars that help your survivors lay claims to and receive post-death claims and entitlements as well as deal with your estate satisfactorily. The next time you are filling in the space for a next-of-kin, write down the name of your closest blood relation to be referred to about you, whether while you are alive or no more and while you remain healthy or become needy. Beware! Choosing a next-of-kin isn't another expression of friendship, love, favour or sympathy. Do that with diligence.

## **CONSEQUENCES OF FINANCIAL EMBARRASSMENT**

**I**t has come to the attention of Management that several members of staff have developed the habit of collecting loans from cooperatives within the

University or other sources outside. This action has caused a lot of financial burden for staff and consequently affected their productivity.

Management at its 66th meeting held on 3rd July, 2012 deliberated on the issue and frowned at the incessant abuse by staff who take much loans from those cooperatives for frivolous purposes and thereby cause serious financial hardship for themselves.

Members of staff are to note that financial embarrassment is an act of serious misconduct in the University's Condition of Service and Public Service Rules. **Rule 030414 (i) of Civil Service Rules defines Financial Embarrassment as the state of an officer's indebtedness which, having regard to the amount of debt incurred by him/her debt and liabilities at any given time exceed the sum of three times his/her monthly emoluments. Therefore, deductions from loans are not to exceed 1/3 of an officer's monthly salaries. Furthermore, attention of staff are drawn to the section 6B item (k) of the Conditions of Service recently approved by Council at its 91st meeting. Serious financial embarrassment from whatever cause shall be regarded as necessarily impairing the efficiency of an officer and rendering him/her liable to disciplinary action. This attracts stiff penalties.**

In the light of the foregoing, Management has directed that all cooperative societies on campus should always seek clearance from the Office of the Bursar on all staff before they are granted loans.



Staff are warned to restrain themselves from all acts that lead to financial embarrassment or face the wrath of the law.

### **IMPORTANCE OF E-MAIL ADDRESS, TELEPHONE AND FILE NUMBERS IN OUR CORRESPONDENCES**

The Deputy Registrar (Establishment), Hajiya Azumi Ndayako, has advised all members of staff to endeavour to include their telephone number(s), e-mail address(es) and file number in all their correspondences to the Registrar as this will enable staff have quick response to their request through other means of communication, while hard copies of such correspondence will also be processed accordingly.

### **NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MEETING**

This is to inform all members of University Seminar/Colloquium Committee, that the meeting earlier scheduled for Friday, 20th July, 2012 has been postponed to Thursday, 26th July, 2012 due to University Congregation meeting fixed for the same period. The meeting will hold in the School Secretary's Office (SET), Gidan Kwano at 10:00 a.m. prompt.

### **STAFF SCHOOL ANNUAL SPEECH AND PRIZE- GIVING DAY**

The entire University community is cordially invited to the Annual Speech and Prize Giving Day of the University Staff School which has been scheduled as follows:

Date: Saturday, July 21, 2012

Time: 9.00 a.m.

Venue: Staff School Premises, Bosso Capus

### **REDEPLOYMENT/POSTING**

The Registrar has approved redeployment of the following staff with effect from Friday, July 20, 2012.

S/N	Name	Rank	Old Post	New Post
1	Baba Mohammed	C. O	ACTU	IPU
2	Sulyman A. Rukayat	C. O	-	ACTU

### **DISCIPLINED STUDENTS**

#### **Dismissal**

Akpan Edikan Etuk (2010/1/35044EA), Department of Agriculture and Bioresources Engineering has been dismissed from the University due to the following gross acts of misconduct that he committed (i) Forgery of letter headed paper of the Vice-Chancellor's office, (ii) Forgery of Vice-Chancellor's signature (iii) Forgery of Vice-Chancellor's office stamp.

#### **Warning**

1. Daniel Osatohanmwun Okiri (2008/1/29421EC), Department of Civil Engineering has been warned to desist from keeping friends whose companionship and conduct could put him and his studies in jeopardy.
2. Vivian Ipki Iwara (2004/20937VE), Department of Estate Management, School of Entrepreneurship and Management Technology.
3. Shuaibu D. Usman (2007/1/27305BT), Department of Industrial and Technology Education, School of Science and Science Education.

Iwara and Usman are to resume normal academic activities with effect from the 2012/2013 academic session.

### **Exoneration**

**S**enate at its 361st meeting considered the report of the Students' Examination Misconduct Committee and approved the exoneration of Abdulsalam Bello (2008/1/29841EM) 300L, Department of Mechanical Engineering, from the alleged involvement in the examination malpractice during the first semester examination of 2010/2011 session.

### **Recall From Suspension**

**T**he Vice-Chancellor has approved the recall of the following students from their suspensions

1. John Daniel (2009/1/134995VL), Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics, School of Environmental Technology.
2. Abolaji Emmanuel Olusegun (2007/1/26905VL) – 300L, Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics, School of Environmental Technology.
3. Teddy Kamel Mened (2005/23712EA), Department of Agric and Bioresources Engineering, School of Entrepreneurship and Management Technology.
4. Kenneth Agbor Magam (2009/1/28179EE), Department of Electrical/Electronic Engineering, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology.
5. Daniel Metana Peter (2009/1/34093BG), Department of Geology, School of Science and Science Education.

6. Lawal Noah Itopa (2008/1/32205BY), Department of Microbiology, School of Science and Science Education.
7. Chigozie Anthony Obiakor (2008/1/31704BI), Department of Library Information Technology, School of Information and Communication Technology.
8. Enoch Simon (2008/1/30417VQ), department of Quantity Surveying, School of Environmental Technology.
9. Iyiola Jeremiah (2009/1/33504BP), Department of Physics, School of Science and Science Education.

They are to resume normal activities in the first semester of 2012/2013 session.

### **AL-HALAAL RAMADAN CONSUMABLES**

**T**his is to inform all financial members of Al-Halaal Cooperative Multi-Purpose Society Ltd of Federal University of Technology, Minna, that the Cooperative will soon supply Ramadan Consumables for sale to its members.

The items are as follows: Rice 25kg and 50kg, Spaghetti, Semovita, Vegetable Oil, Peak Milk (Liquid & Powdered), Milo (Tin), Bournvita (Tin), Indomie, Sugar (Cube), Beans Flour.

Interested members should book on or before 25th July, 2012 with the following Business Committee members: A. G. Turawa 08028309780, S. I. Yusuf 08029030039 and A. Aliyu 08065471463.

Members should accompany their request with their most recent pay slips at the point of collection of the items.