



# CAMPUS NEWS

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## 19<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup> CONVOCATION CEREMONIES

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Muhammed Salihu Audu, FMAN on behalf of Council, Senate, Staff and Students cordially invites the General Public to the 19<sup>TH</sup> and 20<sup>TH</sup> Convocation Ceremonies of the Federal University of Technology, Minna for the Conferment of First Degrees, Higher Degrees and Postgraduate Diplomas and the award of prizes.

Programme of Events:

### Day 1: Thursday, April 12, 2012

- (a) Convocation Lecture  
TOPIC: *“Breaking Barriers to National Development: Are we Taking Full Advantage of Science and Technology?”*

Speaker: Professor Peter Okebukola,  
Former Executive Secretary, NUC and  
Chairman, Governing Council of Osun State  
University

**Time:** 2.30p.m.

**Venue:** University Auditorium, Main  
Campus, Gidan Kwano

### Day 2: Friday, April 13, 2012

- (b) Convocation Ceremony (First Degrees,  
Diplomas, Certificates and Award of Prizes)

**Time:** 10.00 a.m.

**Venue:** Suleimanu Kumo Convocation  
Square, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano,  
Minna.

- (c) Commissioning of some Capital Projects

**Time:** 4:00pm

**Venue:** Main Campus, Gidan Kwano,  
Minna.

### Day 3: Saturday, April 14, 2012

- (a) Commissioning of Administrative Block for SICT by the Visitor, his Excellency, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, GCFR President and Commander-in Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria and Department of Computer Engineering (SICT) by the Honourable Minister of Education Prof. Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufai.

**Time:** 9:00am

**Venue:** Main Campus, Gidan Kwano

- (b) Award of Higher Degrees and Conferment of Honorary Degrees on the following personalities:

- i. Chief Ike Ekweremadu  
Deputy President of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, National Assembly, Abuja
- ii. Alhaji (Dr.) Sani Dauda (ASD Motors)  
Garkuwar Zazzau Babba of Zaria
- iii. Mr. David Victor Winn  
Chairman/Managing Director,  
Osprey International Limited

**Time:** 10.00a.m. Prompt each day

**Venue:** Suleimanu Kumo Convocation  
Square, Main Campus, Gidan  
Kwano, Minna

- (c) Alumni Meeting/Election

**Time:** 4.00p.m.

**Venue:** University Auditorium, Main  
Campus, Gidan Kwano

Graduands will be required to pay for the following:

*\*Hiring of Academic Gowns N500.00*

*\*Alumni Registration N3, 000.00*

### **NOTE:**

All graduating students are expected to be physically present at the ceremony to receive their degrees, diplomas and Prizes as the case may be.

Academic Gowns will be issued on the basis of first come, first served. All Academic Gowns must be returned to the Academic Office immediately after the Ceremony. There will be a surcharge for any damaged gown while certificate will not be released to those who fail to return their robes.

Invitation cards will be issued to the graduating students at the Office of the Dean of Students. Graduands will be responsible for the transportation, accommodation and feeding of their guests.

While hoping for a successful and memorable event, we wish you journey mercies all the way and throughout the ceremonies.

#### **RE-AMENDED ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR THE 2011/2012 SESSION**

The Senate of the Federal University of Technology, Minna at its 359<sup>th</sup> meeting re-amended the academic calendar for the 2011/2012 session.

The new dates are as follows:

**FIRST SEMESTER: SATURDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2011 TO SATURDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL, 2012 (21 WEEKS)**

Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 - Commencement of registration process University website.

Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 - Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 - On-line registration for all students.

Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2011- Lectures commence for all students.

Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2011- End of on-line registration for all levels.

Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 -  
Matriculation Ceremony of new intakes.

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2011 - Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 End of year break.

Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2012-Resumption & Commencement of Lectures for all students.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 -  
Revision  
Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> April – Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2012-  
Examinations for all levels (2 weeks)  
Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> April – Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2012-  
First semester break (2 weeks)

**SECOND SEMESTER, 2011/2012 - MONDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2012 – SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2012 (15 WEEKS).**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2012-Lectures commence for all students.

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2012 – Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2012 - Second Semester Examination for all levels (2 weeks)

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2012 – Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2012 - Second Semester Break/SWEP

Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2012 - School Boards to consider all Results.

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2012 - Senate to consider Second Semester Results.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2012 - New Session 2012/2013 begins

**CNANU IMPRESSED WITH FUT, MINNA.**

The Committee on Needs Assessment of Nigerian Universities (CNANU) has expressed its joy over the general performance of the University.

The Chairman of the committee Prof. S. A. Abbas who led his team on a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor in his office recently said their purpose of visiting the University was to assess the general performance of the University and note areas of need.

Prof. Abbas further said the committee had gone round the University and have noted areas of need. He commended the Vice-Chancellor for the neatness of the University environment and thanked him for the warm welcome accorded them.



*(L) VC, Prof. Audu and Prof. Abbas*

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor who said he was very delighted to have them, thanked the committee for their visit to the University and wished them well as they carry out their duties.

Present at the visit were the Registrar, Mal. Muhammad Dattijo. Usman; Bursar, Mr. Mufutau A. Bello; members of the committee, Dr. Jamiu A. Oluwatoki, Dr. Regina Ude, Barr. Samuel Piwuna and Addal Rahman. Others include: the P.A. to the Vice-Chancellor Barrister Shuaibu Okeji *Esq.*, Mal. Ibrahim S. Magana, Mal. Abbas A. Abbas and Mal. Suleiman D. Amosa.

#### **NIPOST PAYS COURTESY CALL ON VC**

Officials of Nipost recently paid a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Muhammed Salihu Audu in his office.

Speaking during the visit, the EMS manager Mal. S. A. Abass said they were in the University to collaborate with the University to be the official service provider to the University.

He said with the Governments plan to commercialize NIPOST, they are going out to market their services.

The Marketing Manager, Adewusi A. Y. said the EMS courier service has advantages over others because they deliver services all the time and their cost of mailing is at a reduced price. In addition, he said their mails are delivered with a feedback and they also offer credit facilities.

The Vice-Chancellor thanked them for coming adding that their request should be forwarded to the Registrar for further action.

Present during the visit was the Registrar Mal. Muhammad Dattijo Usman and the Bursar Mr. Mufutau Alabi Bello.

#### **CALL NOTICE FOR SUBMISSIONS ON PROMOTIONS EXERCISE**

**N**otice is hereby given that the Senior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee (A & PC) will be meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> of August while that of junior staff will be on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2012 to consider Promotions and Confirmation of Appointments for the 2011/2012 promotion exercise.

All cases of Senior Staff due for Promotion and/ or confirmation of appointment should be carefully and dispassionately screened by the School/Unit Sub-Committee and submissions made in thirty (30) copies to reach the Registrar, not later than **13<sup>th</sup> June, 2012**. *Any submission made after the deadline will not be entertained.*

In the same vein, all cases of Junior Staff for Promotion and confirmation of appointments are to be screened by school/Unit

Sub-Committee and submissions made in (20) twenty copies to reach the Registrar, not later than 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2012. For further details, staff members are to contact their Heads of Unit/Departments.

### **CIRCULAR FROM THE OFFICE OF THE HEAD OF CIVIL SERVICE OF THE FEDERATION ON LIMITATION OF NABTEB RESULT.**

#### **The circular reads in part.**

Further to this office Circular No. HCSF/EPO/EIR/CND/S.100/Vol.1/12 of 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2008 on the above subject, and persistent enquiries from MDA's on the application of same, it has become necessary to clarify the appropriate areas/cadres where the certificates awarded by the National Business and Technical Education Board (NABTEB) are relevant for purpose of career advancements.

It should be noted that NABTEB is a parastatal established by Decree 70 of 1993, to among other functions, conduct examinations leading to the award of National Technical Certificate (NTC), National Business Certificate (NBC), Advanced National Technical Certificate (ANTC) and Advanced National Business Certificate (ANBC) which replace all Technical and Business Examinations hitherto conducted by the Royal Society of Arts (RSA) of London, City and Guilds (C&G) of London Institute and the West African Examinations Council (WAEC).

The examinations consists 3 components (Trade component, Trade Related and General Education), and a candidate is required to meet the conditions for the award of the NTC/NBC within three (3) years inclusive of the year of his/her first attempt. A failure (F9) in any of the subjects renders such certificate (s) of no use, unless there is evidence of successful result.

From the foregoing, it is clear that NABTEB Certificates are relevant for purposes of career advancement of staff in the

Craftsman/Technician/Technical cadre where the qualifications of the former City and Guilds of London, RSA and WAEC Technical were required. They are therefore, not relevant for purposes of career advancement in the Clerical and Executive Officer (General Duties) cadres.

The Management wishes to further draw the attention of the University community that henceforth, NABTEB Certificates/Statements of Result submitted by staff members that are not in Craftsman/Technician/Technical cadre will no longer be accepted for career progression.

### **STAFF SCHOOL HOLDS INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION**

The annual Inter-House Sports Competition of the University Staff School was held recently at the University Sports Field, Bosso Campus.

Speaking at the occasion, the guest of honour, Prof. Farouk Haruna, Provost, Niger State College of Education said sports helps in the development of the child's intellectual ability and called on the organizers of the competition to be guided by the rules of the games so that the right material would be sorted and rewarded accordingly.



*Athletes at the event*

Earlier, in her welcome address the Ag. Headmistress of the School, Mrs. Elizabeth Sode-Shinnyi who stated that children are the future

generation and deserve nothing but the best thanked the University Management for their financial assistance.

She further reiterated the need for extracurricular activities for the exposure and development of the pupils.

Different sporting activities featured during the event with the Registrar's House emerging first. It won seven Gold, four Silver, and two Bronze. It was closely followed by the Headmistress House, who won five Gold two Silver, and five Bronze. PTA House came third, with three Gold, seven Silver, and one Bronze, while the fourth position went to the Vice-Chancellor's House, who won two Gold, and six Bronze

The occasion was witnessed by some principal officers, staff, parents and well wishers.

#### **APPOINTMENT AS HEAD OF DEPARTMENT**

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of Dr. J. O. Oyero Department of Water Resources Aquaculture and Fisheries Technology (WAFT) as Head, Department of WAFT for a period of two year with effect from 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2012.

#### **RENEWAL OF VISITING APPOINTMENT**

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of visiting of Part-time Visiting Appointment of Engr. Dr. Agidi Gbabo, Department of Agricultural Engineering, National Cereals Research Institute, Badeggi as a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Agricultural and Bioresources Engineering Technology, (SEET), for one year with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2012 to 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2013.

#### **RENEWAL OF CONTRACT APPOINTMENT**

The Vice- Chancellor has approved the renewal of contract appointment of the following staff of Security Service Department for a period of two years.

1. Usman Yunusa with effect from 15th April, 2012 to 14 April, 2014.
2. Suleiman Musa with effect from 15th April, 2012 to 14 April, 2014
3. Usman Zaria with effect from 15th April, 2012 to 14 April, 2014
4. Ahmed Tauhid with effect from 15th April, 2012 to 14 April, 2014
5. Ibrahim Ibn Abubakar with effect from 15th April, 2012 to 14 April, 2014
6. Aliyu Yunusa Waziri with effect from 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012 to 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2014.
7. Abdullahi A. Mohammed with effect from 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 to 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2014.
8. Danlami Hamisu with effect from 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2012 to 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.

#### **ASUU ELECTS NEW EXCO**

Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Federal University of Technology, Minna Branch has elected new officials. The officials as listed below were elected during the union's election/congress that took place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2012.

1. Dr. Abdulfatai Jimoh - Chairman
2. Dr .D.I. Wushishi - Vice-Chairman
3. Dr. S.B Osoba - Secretary
4. Mallam I.M. Bello - Treasure
5. Mallam Bashir Ganiyu - Financial Secretary
6. Mallam Isah I. Palko - Investment Secretary
7. Mrs. Valda Martins - Welfare Officer
8. Mr. Henry Ohize - Internal Auditor
9. Prof. B. Alabadan - IPC (Ex-officio).

## **REQUEST FOR RETIREMENT SAVINGS ACCOUNT PIN NUMBERS**

Sequel to the efforts of National Pension Commission (PenCom) Abuja, to ensure proper, accurate and timely remittance of pension deductions of public servants to their respective Pension Fund Administrators (PFAs), it is compulsory for each member of staff to obtain a Retirement savings Account Pin number (from a Pension Fund Administrator of his/her choice.

Consequent upon the above, members of staff who are yet to open a Retirement Savings Account with any of the pension Fund Administrators (PFAs) should do so and forward same to the Registrar within three (3) weeks from the date of this notice. Any member of staff who fails to comply with this request will have his/her Pension deductions hanging, this implies that the officer has no Retirement Savings.

In addition to the above, all members of staff on contract Appointment with the University, whose Pension contribution was being deducted from his salary, are also requested to forward their Saving Account Pin Number to the Registrar for further necessary action.

## **AIR LIQUIDE/FRENCH EMBASSY SCHOLARSHIP**

Opportunities exist for outstanding engineering or science students at master degree level to study in France under the Airliquide/French Embassy scholarship.

Interested persons are to visit [www.nplusi.com](http://www.nplusi.com) and [www.campusfrance](http://www.campusfrance) for details.

## **NEWS FROM MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE SOCIETY**

This is to inform the University community that the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Muhammed Salihu Audu will be commissioning the FUT, Minna Multi- Purpose Cooperative Society's new office building adjacent the University Clinic, Bosso campus, on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 by 10:00am.

## **WEDDING FATIHA**

Mal. Kabir Usman Tukunji of Housing and Passages cordially invites the entire University community to his Wedding Fatiha with Ramatu (Yaya) Ahmed.

The occasion is scheduled to take place as follows:-

**Venue:** - Late Alhaji Ahmadu Kafinta's Residence Opposite Veterinary Clinic, Kontagora, Niger State.

**Date:** - Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2012

**Time:** - 11:30 a.m.