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MANAGEMENT BIDS PROF. BALA FAREWELL

The sure sign that Prof. Abdullahi Bala has successfully completed his term as the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) of the institution was the valedictory session accorded him by the Principal Officers of the University last Friday at the Vice-



Seated from left: Prof. Akanji, Prof. Bala (m) and Mrs. Kolo with other POs in a group photograph after the valedictory session.

Chancellor's Conference Room.

At the brief ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor, DVC Administration, DVC Academic (Designate), Registrar, Bursar as well as the Librarian took turns to pour out praises on the virtues of Prof. Bala.

In his remark, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewunmi Akanji, *FNSBMB*, said he considered himself lucky to have worked with the Professor of Soil Science and that the manner at which Principal Officers received him when he assumed office inspired him to work for the University with all his heart.

He pointed out that Prof. Bala brought his wealth of experience to bear in the discharge of his responsibilities as the DVC Academic and advised that as humans when one attains position of authority, we should be diplomatic when it comes to taking critical decisions that affect the interest of people we represent. "Management will greatly miss you and we wish you all the best," he added.

On his part, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Suleiman Sadiku said he knew him since 1991 and has been relating with him as friend, brother and colleague. He described him as a man of outstanding academic quality and integrity, who generally gives fruitful advice.

Corroborating other accounts, DVC (Academic) Designate, Prof. Oluwole Morenikeji described Prof. Bala as a brilliant scholar and hardworking individual with analytical mind, who knows the rules and applies same strictly.

The Registrar, Mrs. Victoria Kolo went down memory lane

and said she knew him as far back as 1991 when he took up appointment with the University and has had the opportunity of working with him at various capacities, noting importantly their term at CPES.

She described him as "objective, sincere, detests parochial sentiment and a special academic who maintains his firmness."

Also, the Bursar, Hajia Hajara Kuso Abdullah appreciated his ideology, calmness, firmness and uprightness. She recalled that as far back as 1984 when Prof. Bala was their Head Boy at secondary school, he was noted for the said attributes.

While praising the spirit of oneness in which the management operates, the Librarian, Dr. Jibril Alhassan commended Prof. Bala's articulate posture in academic matters which he regarded as the strong room of the University. He described him as a workaholic who has a strong drive to succeed.

Responding, Prof. Bala who could not control his emotions, thanked the entire University community for the opportunity given him to serve as DVC and the privilege to have worked with committed people of integrity that have helped him to grow. This, he explained, made him strive towards excellence.

He appreciated the Principal Officers for the warm valedictory session and assured them of his continued support.

Registrar on behalf of the PO's presented a gift to him as a mark of appreciation for his priceless contributions to the growth of the University.

Also the DVC (Administration) presented a personal gift to him as a mark of friendliness and brotherliness.

It will be recalled that Prof. Abdullahi Bala was first appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration) for a period of two years in the first instance on February 24, 2012 and was redeployed as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) on February 4, 2013, a position he held until the expiration of his tenure on March 6, 2016.

Meanwhile the University Governing Council at its 116th meeting held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 has approved the appointment of Prof. Oluwole Morenikej of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning (URP), School of Environmental Technology (SET) as his successor. The new Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Morenikeji resumed on Monday, March 7, 2016.

GIDAN KWANO ELDERS VISIT NEW DVC

In furtherance of the cordial relationship between the University and its host community, the Ward Head of Gidan Kwano, Alh. Abdulmalik Mohammed, yesterday led elders of the community to pay a courtesy visit to the new Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Oluwole Olakanmi Morenikeji in his office at the Main Campus.

Speaking during the visit, the Ward Head, who congratulated Prof. Morenikeji on his appointment, said it is a tradition for them to welcome newly appointed officials of the University through such visits.

He said that the people of Gidan Kwano are peace-loving, noting that many students of the University live among them.

"We can't do without each other. We have to live peacefully," said Alh. Abdulmalik who assured the DVC of their support and best wishes.

Responding, Prof. Morenikeji appreciated the traditional ruler for their hospitality and honouring him with the visit.

He said that the University does not discriminate in its staffing and admission and assured that Management will



Prof. Morenikeji (m), Gidan Kwano Ward Head, Alh. Abdulmalik (2nd right) with others Gidan Kwano elders in a group photograph after their visit

continue to urge students to live in harmony with their host community.

The DVC who also urged them to continue to monitor activities of students living in their community, further assured that the good relationship between the institution and the community would be sustained.

41ST INAUGURAL LECTURE

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB*, cordially invites the University community and the general public to the **41st Inaugural Lecture of the University** slated as follows:

Theme: *"The Electric Power Transmission Line - A Viable Link For Intelligence Transmission."*

Lecturer: **Engr. Prof. Babatunde Araoye Adegboye**, *BEng, MSc (ABU), MBA (AAU), Ph.D MAID (ABU), PGDSS (Unimaid), FRHD, FNIBE, MNSE, MIEEE, AMNIM, R.Eng. (COREN).*
Professor of Electrical Engineering.

Chairman: **Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji**, *FNSBMB*,
Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology,
Minna.

Date: Thursday, March 17, 2016.

Time: 2:30pm prompt.

Venue: Caverton Lecture Hall, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology, Main Campus.

APPOINTMENTS

(i) Visiting

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of **Dr. O. O. Adelele**, as a Visiting Senior Lecturer in the Department of Civil Engineering, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET) for the 2015/2016 session.

(ii) Renewal

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of contract appointments of **Prof. Kazeem Adebayo Salami**, Department of Industrial and Technology Education and **Dr. Bajere Paul Abayomi**, Department of Building for a period of one year each, with effect from April 10 and March 21, 2016 respectively.

MOVEMENT OF LIT

The Management at its 236rd meeting held on Wednesday, December 30, 2015 has directed the movement of the Department of Library and Information Technology (LIT), from the School of Science and Technology Education (SSTE) to the School of Information and Communication Technology (SICT) with effect from 2016/2017 academic session. The University community and the general public are to note the new change.

DONATION

Dr. Muhammadu Salaudeen of the Department of Crop Production who in 2013 won a research grant worth N1,260,314.94 (One Million, Two Hundred and Sixty Thousand, Three Hundred and Fourteen Naira, Ninety Four Kobo) to undertake a research on **Maize Lethal Necrosis Disease: Investigating Risk and Pre-emptive Management in West Africa** has donated some laboratory materials to the Department of Crop Production to aid teaching and research.

In a letter made available to Campus News, the Dean, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT), expressed appreciation to the donor for the kind gesture extended to the Department, noting that the donation is an indication of his passion and interest in the development of the Department.

WEDDING CEREMONY

Mr. **Konyeha Sylvester Monday** of Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning (CODEL), cordially invites the University community and the general public to his wedding ceremony with **Aliratu Onoja** of Ubokpo Ojogobi Ankpa, LGA, Kogi State, which will by God's grace take place as follows:

Date: Saturday, March 26, 2016

Time: 10:00am prompt.

Venue: Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC) Registry, Area 10, Garki, Abuja.

Reception follows immediately at Joseph Court Hotel & Suite, Plot 185, Abacha Road, Beside Football Field, Mararaba.

Traditional

Date: Friday, March 25, 2016

Time: 2:00pm prompt.

Venue: Alhaji Idris Onoja's Compound, No. 69 Nyanya Extension, Gbagalape, Before Police Station, Abuja.

NAMING CEREMONY

The family of **Mr. Daniel Willson Jiya** of Student Affairs Division (SAD) invite the University community and the general public to the naming ceremony of their newly born baby girl, which will by God's grace take place as follows:

Date: Monday, March 14, 2016

Time: 3:00pm prompt.

Venue: Inside Government Girls Secondary School (GGSS), Old Airport Staff Quarters, Minna, Niger State.

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, February 29 – Friday, March 4, 2016)

N/S	RECEIPTS	₦
1	Student Clearances Fees	21,000.00
2	Collection of Certificate	752,250.00
3	Academic Transcript Fees	140,000.00
4	Turnitin	18,000.00
5	Application for Scrap	1,000.00
6	Renewal of Association	20,000.00
7	Semesterial Result	300.00
8	Verification/Confirmation of Certificate	20,000.00
9	Add & Drop	5,000.00
10	Commercial Activities	36,000.00
11	Exemption Letter Omission	5,000.00
12	Correction of Certificate	7,500.00
13	Proficiency in English Language	4,000.00
14	Replacement of I.D Card	2,000.00
15	Advert on Search FM from ACTU	50,000.00
16	Purchase of Academic Gown	30,000.00
17	Teaching Practice	24,000.00
18	Auction Sales	1,070,800.00
19	Personnel Grant from AGF Abuja	288,183,101.50
20	Overhead Grant from AGF Abuja	2,916,095.17
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	293,306,046.67
	PAYMENTS	
21	(i) Staff	
	(a) Advances	29,317,446.17
	(b) Refund	7,313,370.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Nabeel Global Concept - Supply	1,854,595.24
	(b) Global Leadership and Eng. - Training	1,800,000.00
	(c) Ultimate Finest Print Venture - Printing	674,000.00
	(d) Leah Eyagi Yisa Restaurant - Refreshment	606,910.00
	(e) Abuja Electricity Dist. Company - Electricity Bill	3,759,365.00
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	45,325,686.41

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COUNSELLING TIP

Endeavour to let go whatsoever you or others have discovered to be a minus to your personality and integrity. Could it be social, economic or spiritual inadequacies or excesses? Seek counsel from people you discovered have been helped in those areas.

**Guidance and Counselling Unit,
Students' Affairs Division.**