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PROF. AKANJI NOW FELLOW ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

When next you address Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, FNSBMB, Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna remember to add **FAS** to his titles. O yes. This is because he has just been bestowed with the highest honour in the scientific field in Nigeria.



Prof. Musbau Akanji @ in a handshake with President, Nigerian Academy of Science, Prof. Oyewale Tomori shortly after his induction as Fellow of the Academy

It happened yesterday at Reiz Intercontinental Hotel, Abuja where the Nigerian Academy of Science (NAS)

inducted him as a Fellow for his outstanding contributions to science. Nine other professors who have distinguished themselves in their areas of study were also inducted as Fellows, Academy of Science (FAS).

Among other contributions, the Academy recognized Prof. Akanji for demonstrating through his works that the source of extra-curricular enzymes can be traced to tissues compromised by chloroquine and for also establishing the potential and safety of *Fadogia agrestis*, an aphrodisiac.

And it was an elated Vice-Chancellor who spoke with our reporter: "It means a lot to me. It's the pinnacle in one's career, the highest award in science."

The induction brings to 212 the total number of Fellows of the Academy.

Out of the 10 inductees, four were women, making this year's occasion record the highest female inductees so far, which in turn makes the total number of female Fellows in Nigeria 19.

Principal Officers, members of the University Senate and staff were on hand to felicitate with the VC.

MANAGEMENT FELICITATES WITH VC

The University Management has congratulated the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, FNSBMB, on his induction as Fellow of the Nigerian

to him today at the Vice-Chancellor's Conference Room, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Oluwale Morenikeji on behalf of the Management said they are happy to be associated with him on this great achievement, which resulted from his inherent strength of character and intelligent applications.



Prof Morenikeji DVC (Acad) (R) presenting a congratulatory card to the VC, Prof. Akanji (L)

He described Prof. Akanji as socially, religiously and academically balanced.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor who expressed his deep appreciation to members of his Management team for their unrelenting show of solidarity, support and the demonstration of love they have exhibited by the presentation said that his achievement so far as Vice-Chancellor is founded on the reception he first got from the Management on assumption of duty.

He further stated that the award is very special and dear to his heart because in the 39 years of existence of the Academy a total of 212 Scientists have been so distinguished with him being the first in this University.

Academy of Science.

Presenting a plaque and personalized congratulatory card

OUR CURRICULUM IS DYNAMIC – PROF. AKANJI

Academic programmes in the Federal University of Technology, Minna are run using dynamic a curriculum that meets industry needs, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, **FNSBMB**, has said.

Prof. Akanji who said this on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 when he featured as the guest in an interactive personality platform organized by the Correspondents Chapel of the Nigerian Union of Journalists, Niger State Chapter explained



VC, Prof. Akanji takes note, as Chairman, Correspondents' Chapel, Wole Mosadomi asks a question during the platform.

that the University interfaces with employers of labour and in turn incorporates their needs into the curriculum.

At the forum, which was an avenue for the VC to give a progress report of his stewardship, he stated that the University has newly introduced Mechatronics Engineering, demerged Mathematics and Statistics, just as it was preparing to introduce two new programmes - Educational Technology and Communication Education.

He hinted that Management intended to begin interface with graduates of FUT, Minna at their places of work across the country with a view to getting them involved in the development of the University.

The VC said that he recognized that for alumni to contribute to the institution, they have to be made to fall in love with it, a situation that made his administration fast-track the process of issuing certificates and academic transcripts, resulting in the issuance of certificates at convocation and processing and issuance of transcript within 10 working days.

He pointed out that his administration has increased internet access in the University to 155 megabytes per seconds (mbps), up from 45 mbps which he met in 2012.

In terms of ranking, Prof. Akanji said the University which in 2012 occupied the 28th positing in Nigeria is now ranked 7th out of the 148 universities in the country, 1st among Nigeria's specialized universities and 67th in Africa.

Prof. Akanji stated that the University takes the health and welfare of staff seriously hence the provision of drugs at its clinics and the introduction of comprehensive medical check which he instituted for members of staff to have on their birthdays.

He hailed the cordial relationship between the University and its host community, just as he noted that FUT, Minna students are generally well behaved.

Challenges faced by the University, according to the VC, include inadequate funding, electricity and water supply. He however added that researchers were working on alternative sources of power and water supply to address the challenge.

VC COMMISSIONS NEWLY ACQUIRED SECURITY ITEMS

The official commissioning of recently purchased security items took place today Friday, May 13, 2016 at the Security Division, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

motorcycles, five strong guns, five electric shockers, two digital cameras and five handcuffs appealed to the Chief Security Officer that only personnel who are knowledgeable in handling these items should have access to them in order to avoid mishandling.



VC (C), commissioning the motorcycles and other security gadgets at the Security Division of the University, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, **FNSBMB**, **FAS**, while commissioning the items which include five

The VC assured them that Management is ready to do everything to support the Security Division further, as long as they handle the security gadgets well, while nothing that the some of the issues raised by the Division will be looked into and acted on accordingly. He commended the Security Division for maintaining peace and order on both campuses of the University.

Speaking earlier, the Chief Security Officer of the University, Mr. Ndanusa Labaran thanked the VC for his prompt response and approval for the purchase of the items. He noted that these security apparatus will go a long way in enhancing the performance of the Division. Mr. Ndanusa assured that they will not disappoint Management while pledging their total loyalty and commitment in their areas of responsibility.

PROFFER SOLUTIONS TO CLIMATE CHANGE, PROF. AKANJI URGES FORUM

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, **FNSBMB**, has called on the School of Environmental Technology (SET) to deliver groundbreaking papers that will combat the fear of climate change in Nigeria.

He made this call while declaring open the 1st International Conference of the School of Environmental Technology with the theme **"Sustainable Built**



Prof. Akanji (6th R) POs, Deans, Directors and other dignitaries in a group photograph

Environment And Climate Change: The Challenge of Post 2015 Development Agenda" which held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at the School of Environmental Technology Complex, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Prof. Akanji said that the Challenges of Climate Change were enormous and it is affecting every facet of human development, leading to a rapid depletion in all areas of human existence. "As people, we are experiencing the side effects of our activities thereby putting a lot of strain on the earth's capacity to provide the resources needed to sustain life," he echoed.

The VC said it was a pleasure to host the first conference of SET saying the School has been of tremendous help to the University especially in the area of the production of a master plan. He also lauded the participation and involvement of the students at the event.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman of the opening session, Prof. Jacob Mundi Baba of the Department of Geography, and former Deputy Vice-Chancellor, FUT, Minna said he was excited to chair the event because a big chunk of his life belongs in FUT, Minna.

Prof. Baba pointed out that the theme of the Conference is an international focal point of discussion and the issue is of foremost international concern. He said he was proud of the number of erudite scholars who have

emerged from the SET while urging everyone present to ensure that solutions were proffered to the problems of climate change.

In his welcome address, the Dean, SET, Prof. Yekeen Sanusi said the focus of the conference was on a subject matter of global concern, which bothers on human settlements, the natural environment and its resources and human welfare.

Prof. Sanusi noted that this is the first conference to be held in the University on the Post 2015 Development Agenda saying the conference is the School contribution to the debate on the issue that a post conference round table discussion would hold with stakeholders in the area of built environment in Niger State.

He expressed his gratitude to the VC and his Management for their support and commended the participants for their efforts.

Delivering the Conference Lecture titled **"Integrating Climate Change Adaptation Strategies Into Urban Designs: A Must For Today's Built Environment Professional,"** Dr. Apollonia Okhimamhe, Director, West African Science Service Centre for Climate Change and Adapted Land use (WASCAL), said human activities like electricity, burning fuel, cars emitting smoke, land use change have contributed negatively to climate change.

While speaking on the strategies, opportunities and challenges in Adapting to Climate Change, Dr. Okhimamhe said for developing countries like Nigeria, the key challenges would be to reduce impact on livelihoods, reduce carbon emissions, generate financial resources for adaptation, while the opportunities created include investment in health and education infrastructures and facilities, noting that in order to implement adaptation measures, stakeholders at the local level must have a clear awareness of local vulnerability to climate change and risks involved.

She went ahead to project that there would be an increase in temperatures over the entire country and an expected increase in the heat especially in the North, which in turn will not only affect the economy and population, but also exacerbate the existing socio-economic and environmental drivers of risk for the most vulnerable (the elderly, physically challenged and children). She hoped that all deliberations and papers that would be presented at the Conference will help to forestall the future negative effects of climate change.

VC PRESENTS CERTIFICATES TO TRAINEES

A total of 110 members of staff who participated in a training programme organized by the Digital Bridge Institute in conjunction with the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) have received their certificates.

In his short remarks during the presentation ceremony, which was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at Senate Chamber, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano, the Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB*, commended the Director, Information Technology Services (ITS) Centre, Dr. Adamu Ibrahim for his initiative to develop the Centre and noted that the training has offered the

participants the opportunity of advancing their knowledge of Information Communication Technology (ICT).

Prof. Akanji told the Director, ITS, that subsequently similar training should be organized for the University Management, Deans and Directors.

He congratulated the participants and urged them to utilize the knowledge and skills acquired during the training to improve on their productivity in their respective places of work.

Speaking, the ITS Centre Coordinator for training, Engr. Alexander Tsado, said the essence of the training was to equip staff of institution with the required ICT skills to perform their function more efficiently.

He thanked the Management of the University for extending the frontier of skills acquisition to all cadres of staff.

Engr. Tsado appealed to the Management to provide more infrastructure to ensure sustainability and success of the programme.

The training comprises details navigation in the use of Microsoft Office 2013 suite.



VC presenting certificate to (Ag.) Director, PPDU, Arch. Idris Alhassan

SSANU, FUT, MINNA ELECTS NEW EXCO

The Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), Federal University of Technology, Minna Chapter has elected new executive council to pilot the affairs of the Union for the next four years.



Chairman, Com. Aliyu (3rd from R) and other Executives in a group photograph after the swearing in.

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| 3. Comrade Isah Abdulazeez | Secretary |
| 4. Comrade Usman Alhaji Usman | Assistant Sec. |
| 5. Comrade Edward Stephen Sunday | Treasurer |
| 6. Comrade Lydia Nnabida Jiya | Financial Sec. |
| 7. Comrade Sukeiman Danlami Etogbe | P R O |
| 8. Comrade Abigail John Olawuyi | Women Leader |
| 9. Comrade Mohammed Ndako Ndabida | Trustee |
| 10. Comrade Attahiru Majigi | Ex-Officio |

The election was held yesterday at the Bitrus Sawa's Square, Bosso Campus and the new council members are:

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| 1. Comrade Abubakar Aliyu | Chairman |
| 2. Comrade Adebayo Bamidele Ayodeji | Vice Chairman |

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, May 2, – Friday, May 6, 2016)

S/	RECEIPTS	N
1	Collection of Certificate	711,000.00
2	Turnitin	62,000.00
3	Academic Transcript Fees	240,000.00
4	Radio Campus	163,400.00
5	Farm Land	3,000.00
6	Letter of Introduction	15,000.00
7	Add & Drop	4,000.00
8	Verification/Confirmation of Certificates	14,000.00
9	Lost of I.D. Card	2,500.00
10	Deferment of Admission	10,000.00
11	Commercial Activities	70,000.00
12	Medical Examination	500.00
13	Purchase of Academic Gown	60,000.00
14	Post Graduate School Fees	701,000.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	2,056,400.00
	PAYMENTS	
15	(i) Staff	
	(a) Advances	9,455,140.00
	(b) Refund	8,711,035.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) DHL Int. Nig. Ltd. - Courier Service	131,185.00
	(b) " " "	8,485.00
	(c) Dele Otitoju & Co. Audit Fee	540,000.00
	(d) Nigeria Postal Service - Courier Service	152,902.50
	(e) " " "	168,484.76
	(f) DHL Int'l Nig. Ltd. "	186,088.00
	(g) Doko Int'l Hotel - Hotel Bill	81,268.66
	(h) Yanna Hotel Ltd. - "	35,886.40
	(i) Dogon Koli Hotel Ltd. "	23,044.28
	(j) Mrs. O. Oladejo - Supply of Newspaper	53,600.00
	(k) Ola-Dandy Tailor & Co. - Mobilization Fee	2,557,500.00
	(l) J. Alasco Furniture & Cabin - Supply	146,300.00
	(m) Leah Eyagi Yisa - Refreshment	72,730.00
	(n) Leah Eyagi Yisa - Refreshment	586,160.00
	(o) Haske Hotel Ltd. - Hotel Bill	155,021.00
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	23,064,830.60

ANUPA: FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Be a good mentor to your subordinate as any success without a successor is indeed a failure.

ANUPA Editorial Board.

FITNESS! FITNESS!!

The University Sports Committee weekly special dance and aerobics exercise for both campuses will hold as follows:

Date: Saturday, May 14, 2016

Time: 6:30 a.m. prompt

Venue: Bitrus Sawa Sports Complex, Bosso Campus and School Gym, Main Campus.

For details, please call 08035966255 or 08033733709.

COUNSELLING TIP

Work/study in conducive environment that is free of distractions and encourage concentration. Remember to set your priorities every week and re-examine them everyday.

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

GENERAL INVITATION FOR ANNIVERSARY AND THANKSGIVING

The Chaplain, Chapel of Grace, FUT, Minna Dr. and Mrs. Michael Onimole cordially invite the University community and the general public to the thanksgiving service of their 40th years marriage anniversary scheduled to hold as follows:

Date: Sunday, May 15, 2016

Time: 9:00am prompt

Venue: The Chapel of Grace Auditorium, Federal University of Technology, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano, Minna.

APPOINTMENTS

(i) Visiting

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of Visiting appointment of **Dr. Francis N. Gana**, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, School of Environmental Technology (SET) for a period of one year with effect from November 30, 2015.

(ii) Resignation

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the resignation of contract appointment of Ezike Chinyere of Directorate of Collaborations, Affiliations and Linkages from the University effective from Wednesday, June 1, 2016.

APPRECIATION

The newly elected Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), Federal University of Technology, Minna Chapter Executives have expressed their sincere appreciation to the University Management, SSANU, FUT, Minna Electoral Committee, all SSANU members, Other Unions, University community and the general public for their support towards a successful transition of the Executive Officers of the association.