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## PROF. ONWUKA ADVOCATES FOR INVESTMENT IN MOBILE CONNECTIVITY FOR INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT

**P**rof. Elizabeth Nonye Onwuka, a Professor of Telecommunications Engineering has called on the federal government to invest massively in mobile connectivity technology, as countries with more number of telephone lines perform economically better than countries that are less connected.



Prof. Onwuka delivering the 47th inaugural lecture

The don who is the pioneer and current Dean, School of Information and Communication Technology (SICT) made the call when she presented the 47th Inaugural lecture of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, with the theme: **"Cellular Mobile Communications: Connecting the World and Empowering the People,"** on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at the Caverton Lecture Theatre, Main Campus.

The development of Telecommunications into mobile communication technology she said was fueled by the invention of wireless transmitters, which ushered in mobile communication and of all the technological communication systems, the one that has positively impacted the society most is the Mobile communication system.

"Mobile connectivity brings economic empowerment in many dimensions. Besides direct employment by mobile companies and mobile services related businesses (usually called mobile ecosystem), mobile connectivity enhances every other business by bridging distance, reducing the cost of contacts and provides information at cheaper rates. All of this drops the cost of running business and increased profit," she reiterated.

Lamenting that Nigeria is still poorly connected due to high cost of connectivity attributed to many national problems such as electricity power supply, multiple taxation, average individual poverty level etc, she recommended amongst others the laying of communication infrastructure such as fibre optic backbone cable all round the country so that mobile operators can tap into it to provide services at affordable prices.

In the course of her lecture, she disclosed that in collaboration with her students, she is presently researching on use of the tool of complex analysis to track criminal from telecom data to aid crime investigators to easily handle criminals without harming innocent citizens or invading their privacies. The data could also be used to study user behaviour with respect to the network and plan and adjust the network to better serve the user.

The lecturer who doubles as the Head of the Department of Telecommunication Engineering, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET) posited the need for further research in mobile communication system in order to help man enjoy his short stay on earth.

Explaining the genesis of communication Prof. Onwuka said that communication is as old as man himself and that the early men used smoke, fire, signals, beacons, talking drums etc. in disseminating information. The only difference with today's communication is technology.

Prof. Onwuka at the end of her lecture pledged to endow in honour of her late mother, Madam Victoria Onwuka an undisclosed prize to the best graduating student in the Department of Telecommunication Engineering, SEET effective from the next academic session.

In his remark the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, appreciated the staff, students as well as the general public for the rapt attention during the lecture while looking forward for more of such in the nearest future.

# VC PLEDGES TOTAL SUPPORT TO CGEB

The Vice Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewunmi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, has pledged his moral and financial support to the Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology.



*Cross section of dignitaries in a group photograph after the event*

The VC stated this on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at the seminar series organized by the Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (CGEB), Bosso Campus.

"People that organize seminars like these should be applauded as academic activities are gradually dwindling in Nigerian Universities." He implored them to make the seminar regular in order to ensure that knowledge keeps coming in.

Prof. Akanji noted that the Center for Genetic Engineering is the arrow head of research in FUT, Minna and urged the researchers to publish their results in reputable journals so as to increase the University's visibility on the global map.

Director CGEB, Dr. Abdulkareem Saka spoke extensively on the need for regular seminars. He said a lot of health related discoveries are made every day and there is a need for these discoveries to be presented to colleagues and stakeholders.

Dr. Saka appreciated the students of the Center who have shown interest in moving the Center forward and also gave credit to the University Management, colleagues and the World Bank STEP-B project for their support.

Giving an overview of the seminar, Professor Emmanuel Ogbadoyi said that Africans are overburdened with the problems of infectious diseases and there is an increasing incidence of diseases such as cancer and diabetes with no sustainable control programme in place due to varying socio economic factors.

He noted that the available synthetic drugs in the market are not easily accessible, very expensive and there is also an increasing resistance to these drugs by the human body which eventually have after effects on the

user.

Prof Ogbadoyi made known that their goal is to begin to look at herbal remedies that will help in fighting these diseases with little or no side effect on the human body and also obtain plant extracts with significant efficacy which will be standardized as herbal remedies in therapeutic control of target diseases.

He highlighted an achievement which is being made on potential treatment for Tripple Negative Breast Cancer (TNBC), a type of cancer that is very stubborn and hard to treat, noting that work is ongoing with plant extracts and hopes to see it to the final stage.

According to him, there is an availability of largely unexplored plants extracts and also an availability of skilled personnel for health research and if given the right tools, the drugs for these target diseases will be delivered to humanity.

## SEET HOLDS 2-DAY REFRESHER WORKSHOP

The School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET) has held a 2-day refresher workshop on Academic and Technical writing.

The workshop which was aimed at improving the skills of staff in thesis and journal articles writing was held on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th November, 2016 at SEET.

Prof. Musa Aibinu and Dr. M. Saidu from SEET facilitated the workshop and put the participants through the rudiment of writing a good quality thesis and journal article to get them published in high ranking journals.

The participants came up with a communiqué at the end of the workshop that highlighted the need for various departments and units to set up research group with clearly defined goals.

The University was also urged to encourage researchers to publish in high impact journals and sponsor workshops where editors of selected high impact journals can sensitize researchers of the requirement for publication in their journals.

# SAFETY TIPS FOR STUDENTS ON CAMPUS

## Be Alert

Be alert to your environment and immediately report suspicious persons, things or situations to University Security Services Division (USSD)

## Report Immediately

Lodge a report immediately to USSD, if you notice any unknown and suspicious persons loitering around the Campuses

## Mobile Phones

Avoid the habit of being engrossed in mobile phone discussion or plugging your ear with Ipod music system while walking on the road.

## Walking at Night

Avoid walking alone at night to the Library, study hideouts, tutorials, meetings etc. Instead, walk in groups and avoid dark openings especially doorways, alleys and buildings

## Going Out

Let your friends or family members know who you are going out with or visiting someone, especially for the first time.

## Study Group

Form a study group and study at night in well lit school buildings.

## Political Activity

Don't allow yourself to be used as a political thug by politicians both within and outside the University

## Rides

Avoid accepting rides from strangers especially the female students

## Public Display

Avoid making public display of cash, jewellery, purse, handbag, etc. when walking within and outside the campuses day and night

## Telephone Numbers

Have easy access to telephone numbers of important contacts e.g. Students' Affairs Division, University Security Services Division and Police authorities.

## Drug and Alcohol

Say no to Drug and alcohol because when you take alcohol and drug, you lose your senses and become a security risk to yourself and to those around you.

## Protect Your Drinks and Foods

Always keep an eye on your drinks and foods in your residence and at social events. Never leave such items unattended to

## Respond to Alarms and Alerts

Respond to all emergency alerts and alarms as the need may be. Alert systems can be in the form of text messages, voice messages, public address system or e-mail among others.

***Your safety on the two campuses is the safety of the entire University community of the Federal University of Technology, Minna. Be cautious please.***

## APPOINTMENTS

### i. Visiting

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of **Dr. Chindo Peter Gangas**, Department of Quantity Surveying, Faculty of Environmental Design, Ahmadu Bello University Zaria as a Visiting Senior Lecturer to the Department of Quantity Surveying, School of Environmental Technology (SET) for a period of one year, with effect from December 1, 2016.

### ii. Renewal

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of contract appointment of **Dr. (Engr.) Mudiare Edeki**, Department of Mechanical Engineering and **Daniel Justina Musa**, C/o Pro-Chancellor/Chairman of Council for a period of one year each with effect from December 1, 2016 and January 25, 2017 respectively.

### iii. Withdrawal

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the request of **Dr. Alhassan A. Abdulrahman**, Department of Microbiology, for withdrawal of his service from the University with effect from October 29, 2016.

## COUNSELLING TIP

As a student of this great citadel of learning, do not allow your economic, social or psychological handicaps be barriers to your achievement this academic session.

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

## NASU GENERAL MEETING

The Non-Academic Staff Union (NASU), FUT, Minna Chapter cordially invites all members to its General Meeting as follows:

**Date:** Thursday, November 24, 2016

**Time:** 8am prompt

**Venue:** New Lecture Hall, Bosso Campus

## APPRECIATION

Prof. Shehu Abdullahi Ma'aji, the Director, FUTMIN Ventures Ltd has expressed his sincere appreciation to the Management, the entire University community and the general public for attending the Wedding Fatiha of his daughter, Fatima S. A. Ma'aji, which held on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at Kano, Kano State. He prayed that the Almighty God will reward each and everyone.

## AL-HALAL END OF YEAR SALES

This is to inform all financial members of Al-Halal Cooperative Society, FUT, Minna that there will be end of year sales.

The available items are:

1. Bags of rice (25 & 50kg)
2. Semovita/Semolina/Wheat (5, 10kg etc.)
3. Live chicken
4. Ram/goat
5. Vegetable oil (5 / 10ltrs.)

Interested members are to book with the Desk Officer at Bosso Campus on or before November 30, 2016 with their October 2016 pay slip.

## PLOTS OF LAND FOR SALE

The Federal University of Technology Staff Cooperative and Multi-Purpose Society Ltd (SCMS), is offering Plots of Land for sale at **DAMA VILLAGE**, Opposite D. Arewa Global Timber-Shed, 2km From FUT, Gidan Kwano Junction, at the rate of 300,000.00 (Three Hundred Thousand Naira) only for 100ft x 50ft.

Interested members are to obtain form from the Society's Treasurer, **Mal. Yandalu Yusuf** at the Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

For details contact the following numbers:  
08036908606; 08035920303

## PLOTS OF LAND FOR SALE

National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT), Federal University of Technology Minna is offering Plots of Land for sale at Km 2, New Talba Road, Gidan Kwano Village, Minna at the rate of N200,000.00 (Two Hundred Thousand Naira) only for 100 x 50ft payable for a period of 12 months. The land has Bosso Local Government Right of Occupancy (R of O).

Interested members should contact any of the followings with their October 2016 pay slip for booking:

1. Mal. Yahaya Abubakar 08034616206
2. Mr. James Ibrahim 08065551850
3. Mr. Zango Danjuma 08036545219
4. Mr. Saidu Zegi 08054871762

## Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, November 7  
- Friday, November 11, 2016)

N	RECEIPTS	N
1	Clearance Fees	1,344,000.00
2	Collection of Certificate	306,000.00
3	Academic Transcript Fees	475,000.00
4	Teaching Practice	24,000.00
5	Inter University Transfer Fees	41,500.00
6	Inter University Transfer Form	10,000.00
7	Change of Course Form	1,320,000.00
8	Verification/Confirmation of Certificate	17,000.00
9	JAMB Regularization No.	5,000.00
10	Authentication of Certificate	2,000.00
11	Postgraduate School Fees	10,014,500.00
12	Proficiency in English Language	2,000.00
13	Replacement of I.D. Card	2,000.00
14	Turnintin	64,000.00
15	Commercial Activities	56,000.00
16	Renewal of Association	5,000.00
17	JAMB Admission Letter	3,000.00
18	Post UTME Scratch Card	174,000.00
19	Semesterial Result	9,200.00
20	Campus Radio	491,140.00
21	Acceptance Fees	22,437,000.00
22	CPES School Fees	3,762,500.00
23	CPES Sales of Forms	645,000.00
24	Undergraduates School Fees	91,522,500.00
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>132,732,340.00</b>
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
25	<b>(i) Staff</b>	
	(a) Advance	2,947,797.00
	(b) Refund	1,374,015.00
	<b>(ii) Contractors/Suppliers</b>	
	(a) FUTMIN Venture Ltd. - Overhead	886,800.00
	(b) High Level Resort - Hotel Bill	258,875.00
	(c) DHL Int'l Nig. Ltd - Courier Service	152,550.56
	(d) " " "	34,985.65
	(e) Nigeria Postal Service "	334,399.09
	(f) Lafiya Jiki Pharmacy - Supply of Drugs	1,002,250.00
	(g) Elnita Nig. Ltd. - Construction	41,505,942.38
	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>48,497,614.68</b>

## CONDOLENCE

The Registrar has on behalf of Council, Senate, Staff and Students of the Federal University of Technology, Minna condoled the following:

1. Dr. Michael Onimole, the University Chaplain, Federal University of Technology, Minna over the death of his wife, which sad event occurred recently.
2. Moreen Shehu of the Security Services Division over the death of her father, which sad event occurred on Friday, November 4, 2016.

May their gentle souls rest in peace.