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FRSC TRAINS FUTMINNA TOP SHOTS ON DRIVING PRINCIPLES

The Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) held a two day training for the Principal Officers, Deans and Directors of the Federal University of Technology, Minna on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd November, 2016.



Prof. Akanji (2nd from right) being decorated with Special Regular Marshall by Niger State Sector Commander, Susan Ada Ajenge after the training

The training which held at the Senate Chamber, Main Campus was titled "Driver Training." It was an interactive session which saw the FRSC talking on the very basics of driving.

In his speech, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musbau Adewunmi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, expressed delight that the training, which had been in the pipeline for a very long time, finally came to see the light of the day. He explained that experience in driving does not prevent accidents from happening.

Prof. Akanji encouraged all the participants to go through with the training till the end in order to enjoy the full benefits so as to remember the basics of driving which some of them might have forgotten. He expressed hope of fixing another training session for other members of the University.

The Sector Commander of FRSC, Niger State Command, Susan Ada Ajenge, during her opening speech commended the Vice-Chancellor for his humanitarian efforts to the Commission and thanked him for the opportunity given to them to train the top echelon staff of the institution.

Susan Ajenge assured that at the end of the training, participants will begin to respect the rules and regulations of the FRSC while the laws of the Commission

will be adhered to strictly.

One of the resource persons on day one of the training, RC. Emmanuel Micheal focused on the causes, effects and precaution of road traffic crashes, traffic laws and regulations. He said everyday about 3,000 people are killed in crashes on unsafe roads worldwide, while noting that most of these crashes are predictable, preventable and are caused by three major factors which are the driver, the vehicle and the road.

Prevention of road crashes, he further explained, lies in the hands of the drivers, vehicle manufacturers and the government. The driver should obey traffic rules and regulations and should always adopt the defensive driving, which is driving to stay alive by assuming that other road users are not as sane as you; the vehicle manufacturers should ensure that all motor vehicles meet safety standards while the government must ensure quality control on the type of fairly used vehicles being imported into the country as well as ban the entry of sub standard, he suggested.

He implored the government to rise up to the challenge of providing better and motorable roads across the country so as to reduce crashes occasioned by bad roads.

Second day, ACC. Emmanuel Oluwadare dwelled extensively on vehicle maintenance, road traffic signs and driver management. The participants were admonished to have regular maintenance and to have daily check on their vehicles, to always adhere to road traffic signs, which are a group of simple signs and symbols erected by the side of the road coded in different colors and shapes.

Mal. Mohammed Wuna, the Director, Works and Maintenance Department, while giving the vote of thanks, was appreciative of the University Management for sponsoring the training and thanked FRSC Officials for imparting a lot during the course of the training, just as he urged the participants to make very good use of all that was learnt during the training.

At the end of the training session, the Vice-Chancellor was honoured with the title of a Special Regular Marshall, another arm of the FRSC, functions of which include monitoring of road users, Road Marshall Patrols and arresting of road user offenders amongst others. Certificates of Attendance were presented to all the participants.

NSC HOLDS SEMINAR ON "CLOUD COMPUTING"

The Nigerian Computer Society (NSC), Niger State Chapter, yesterday held a seminar at the SNEPCO Computer Laboratory, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Main Campus on Cloud Computing with the theme **"Cloud Computing: Socio Economic Implications and Security Challenges."**

Speaking at the event, the Vice-Chancellor of the



Prof. Sadiku (4th from left), other Officials of the University and participants in a snap shot.

University, Prof. Musbau Adewunmi Akanji, **FNSBMB, FAS**, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Admin), Prof. Suleiman Sadiku said it was a pleasure to have the society domiciled in the University, which is also the first university to establish a School of Information and Communication Technology (SICT).

Prof. Akanji said that the University has come a long way in becoming ICT compliant, noting that the struggles have finally paid off with the institution's many achievements in ICT, one of which is that the winner of the 2016 IT competition for tertiary institutions came from the University.

He said nobody has a reason not to be computer literate as everything and every sector has keyed into the computer world, he urged the participants to pay keen attention to the speakers to learn new and great ideas.

The NSC, Niger State Chapter's Chairman, Mal. Zubair Emimaru said that the Nigeria Computer Society is the umbrella organization of all Information Technology professionals, interest groups and stakeholders in Nigeria, whose objectives is to promote IT education and trama, research, policy formulation global affiliation while urging professionals in this field to join the network by registering with the NCS.

The Chairman said the objective of the seminar is to sensitize the stakeholders about the impending need to join the cloud as a result of its tremendous economic benefits, noting that virtualization within networks has given rise to the evolution of cloud computing as it enables a dynamic data centre to provide a pool of resources that can be exploited as needed by clients to meet their workloads and varying business demands.

He urged the participants to explore opportunities through this forum, to think and come up with what they can do in the cloud and also ways which it can affect the economy of Nigeria.

WEEKLY AEROBICS: MANAGEMENT TO PROVIDE MORE KITS

Impressed with the large turn up of staff and students for the weekly special dance and aerobics exercise, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewunmi Akanji, **FNSBMB, FAS**, has directed the University Sports Committee to come up with a proposal for the purchase of more gym mats and t-shirts for use during the exercise.

Prof. Akanji made the plea on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at the end of the weekly exercise at Bitrus Sawa Sports Complex, Bosso Campus.

He said the Management will continue to support and invest in sport facilities as physical exercise is a natural way to loosen up and let go of stress. It is a rewarding and exciting moment and the gains of healthy body and mind cannot be quantified in monetary terms.

"Regular body exercise is good for the mind, body and spirit," he echoed.

Speaking earlier, a member of the Sport Committee and HOD, Department of Water Resources, Aquaculture and

Fisheries Technology (WRAFT), SAAT, Dr. R. O. Ojutiku thanked the University Management for their encouragement and continue support.



Prof. Akanji (1st from right) during the aerobics exercise

SLS INAUGURATES LOC FOR 2017 BSN CONFERENCE

The School of Life Sciences (SLS), Federal University of Technology, Minna, has inaugurated Local Organizing Committees (LOC) for Biotechnology Society of Nigeria (BSN) Conference 2017.



National President, BSN, Prof. Benjamin (2nd from right) in a group photograph with LOC members after the inauguration

The event was held on Wednesday, November 23, 2016 at Board Room, Bosso Campus.

Speaking at the event, the Dean of the School, Prof. Olamide Falusi noted that the School of Life Sciences is recognized locally and internationally for excellence in research activities, adding that in the past, it had a successful hosting of International Conference of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

NOTICE ON UTILIZING THE SERVICES OF ARTISANS NOT IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

Management has observed with dismay that some Heads of Department and Unit are in the habits of engaging the services of Artisans (Electricians, Plumbers, Carpenters etc.) who are not on the payroll of the University to undertake repairs which are supposed to be handled by Works and Maintenance Service.

It is strongly advised that you desist from such practice forthwith. This is because, these Artisans do not have records of previous repairs on the facilities and they may pose danger to life and property in the University.

Henceforth, you are to direct all complaint of faults and request for repairs of facilities to Works and Maintenance Services in good time for proper response.

He told members that most of the people that participated in the conference are members of the LOC of Biotechnology Society of Nigeria.

Prof. Falusi charged members of the LOC to be single-minded in the goal of delivering first class result of international standard to reflect the spirit of excellence which the SLS is known for.

In his comment at the ceremony, the National President, Biotechnology Society of Nigeria, Prof. Benjamin Ewa Ubi, Department of Biotechnology, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki urged the LOC to widely publicize the conference without neglecting any stakeholder because people of University of Maiduguri (North East) were complaining that they are not always carried along in BSN conferences. He added that print and electronic media would be used to widely circulate the announcement of the conference.

The president further reminded the LOC to strictly manage the time schedule as reflected in the Conference programmes, time for presentation of papers, posters and other activities during the conference.

Giving his vote of thanks, the Deputy Dean, School of Life Sciences, Dr. Faruk Kuta thanked the National President for finding time to attend the inauguration ceremony, promising to put all effort to the success of BSN 2017 conference.

APPOINTMENTS

i. Visiting

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of **Prof. Olu Ola Ogunsoye**, Department of Architecture, School of Environmental Technology, Federal University of Technology, Akure, Ondo State, as a Visiting Professor to the Department of Architecture, School of Environmental Technology (SET) for a period of one year, with effect from November 21, 2016.

ii. Renewal

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of contract appointment of **Prof. T. C. Mogbo**, Department of Project Management Technology, for a period of one year with effect from December 7, 2016.

ELECTION

This is to inform the University community and the general public that the Management has approved the conduct of election for the position of Dean, School of Science and Technology Education (SSTE) as follows:

Date: Monday, December 5, 2016

Time: 10:00am prompt

Venue: Board Room

Procedure:

1. Eligibility:

- i. All Academic Staff in the School are qualified to vote during the election
- ii. All Professors in the School are qualified to contest for Deanship of the School (SSTE)

2. Nomination Forms:

- i. Nomination form is free of charge
- ii. Interested candidates are advised to collect nomination form from the Office of the Registrar, Senate Building, Gidan Kwano as from November 23 to December 1, 2016.
- iii. Each contestant shall be duly seconded by two (2) members not below the rank of Senior Lecturer from the School Academic Board.
- iv. All completed nomination forms should be submitted to the Office of the Registrar on or before 4:00pm

CHANGE OF NAME

The Vice-Chancellor has approved with immediate effect the request for change of name by Hannah Audu of Advancement Office to **Mrs. Hannah Gana**.

GENERAL NOTICE

This is to inform the University community, most especially our esteemed readers, that due to the activities of internet hackers our e-mail database has been filtered and this has led to many e-mail addresses being deleted, resulting into loss of many e-mails.

For you to continue to receive the e-version of the Campus News and our other News Publications, we request that you forward your e-mail address to ayo.olubiyi@futminna.edu.ng or the following telephone numbers: 08037276484; 08036537032 and 08060893490 please.

All inconveniencies are regretted even as we request that you help us spread this information to others.

on December 1, 2016.

3. Election:

- i. The names of contestants will be displayed on December 2, 2016 at the School Notice Board and Dean's Office.
- ii. The election shall be conducted by secret ballot on December 5, 2016
- iii. The accreditation of voters will start at 10:00am on the day of election. All eligible voters are expected to be at the venue of the election before that time. All staff are required to present their ID Cards for accreditation.
- iv. In the event of tie between two or more contestants who score the highest number of votes, there shall be a run-off election.

4. Election Result:

- i. The election results shall be announced by the Registrar as the Returning Officer.
- ii. The counting of votes cast shall be done in the presence of School Board Members (the electorates).
- iii. The candidate with the highest number of votes shall be declared winner, returned elected and therefore assume office with immediate effect.

COUNSELLING TIP

Be diligent in all you do. It takes diligence to get to the top and it takes diligence to remain there. There are strong people who work really hard to get to the top, but upon getting there, they soon begin to relax. Be therefore diligent not only to retain your height of achievements but to go higher.

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

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.

WEDDING CEREMONIES

Miss Rebecca Yisa of the Registrar's Office cordially invites the University community and the general public to her Solemnization of Holy Matrimony with **Master Yisa Jiya**, which will by God's grace holds as follows:

Date: Saturday, December 3, 2016

Time: 10am prompt

Venue: St. Mathew's Anglican Church, Gbadafu, Gbako LGA, Niger State.

Reception follows immediately at Takodzoko Compound, Doko, Lavun LGA, Niger State.

The family of Dr. Abdullahi Manu of Chemistry Department cordially invites the University community and the general public to the Wedding Fatiha of his daughter, **Rahmat Abdullahi Manu with Suleiman Abdullahi**, which will insha-Allah take place as follows:

Wedding Fatiha:

Date: Friday, December 16, 2016

Time: 2:30pm prompt

Venue: Umar Majigi Palace, Bida, Niger State.

Engr. Prof. Joseph O. Odigure of Chemical Engineering Department cordially invites the University community and the general public to the Solemnization of Holy Matrimony of his daughter, **Hilda Aizehinomo Odigure and Biteboye Inatimi Duwei**, which will by God's grace holds as follows:

Date: Saturday, December 17, 2016

Time: 10am prompt

Venue: Cathedral of St. John, Sabongidda-Ora, Edo State.

Reception follows immediately at the Ministers Event Centre and Garden, Uhonmora-Sabongidda Express Way, Owan -West LGA, Edo State.

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, November 14 - Friday, November

S	RECEIPTS	N
1	Clearance Fees	1,344,000.00
2	Collection of Certificate	370,000.00
3	Academic Transcript Fees	400,000.00
4	Teaching Practice	24,000.00
5	Inter University Transfer Form	15,000.00
6	Change of Course Form	800,000.00
7	Verification/Confirmation of Certificate	6,000.00
8	JAMB Regularization No.	5,000.00
9	Lost of Certificate	2,000.00
10	Proficiency in English Language	2,000.00
11	Replacement of I.D. Card	4,000.00
12	Turnintin	45,000.00
13	Purchase of Academic Gown	30,000.00
14	Renewal of Association	5,000.00
15	Statement of Result	2,000.00
16	Post UTME Scratch Card	60,000.00
17	Semesterial Result	1,300.00
18	Campus Radio	319,900.00
19	Tender Fees	50,000.00
20	Confirmation of Studentship	2,000.00
21	CPES Registration Fees	7,725,000.00
22	Acceptance Fees	17,480,000.00
23	Undergraduates School Fees	69,848,500.00
24	Postgraduate School Fees	11,527,500.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	110,068,200.00
	PAYMENTS	
25	(i) Staff	
	(a) Refund	3,930,747.50
	(b) Advance	40,065,630.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Eugy Eboy & Sons Nig. Ltd - Supply	529,200.00
	(b) El-Tij Global Venture - Supply	3,811,500.00
	(c) " " " "	3,811,500.00
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	52,148,577.50

FUNERAL

The family of Dr. Michael Onimole, the University Chaplain, Chapel of Grace, Federal University of Technology, Minna, cordially invites the University community and the general public to the funeral ceremony of his beloved late wife, Mrs. Abiola Aina Onimole (Nee ONI) who slept in the Lord on Sunday, October 30, 2016.

Service of Song

Date: Friday, December 2, 2016

Time: 5:00pm

Venue: Chapel Of Grace, FUT, Minna, Bosso Campus.

Lying-in-State

Date: Saturday, December 3, 2016

Time: 6:00 - 8:00am

Venue: The Onimole's Residence.

Funeral/Commendation Service/Thanksgiving

Date: Saturday, December 3, 2016

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Chapel Of Grace, FUT, Minna, Bosso Campus.

Interment follows immediately after service

CONDOLENCE

The Registrar has on behalf of Council, Senate, Staff and Students of the Federal University of Technology, Minna condoled Mal. Musa Abdullahi of Dean's Office, School of Physical Sciences over the death of his father which sad event occurred on Sunday, November 20, 2016.

May his gentle soul rest in peace.