



Campus News

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PROF ABERUAGBA MAKES CASE FOR BIOFUEL PRODUCTION

Engr. Prof. Folorunsho Aberuagba yesterday presented the 53rd Inaugural Lecture of the Federal University of Technology, Minna with a call for Nigeria to adopt biofuel production as an alternative to petroleum.

The Professor of Chemical Engineering pointed out



Prof. Aberuagba while delivering his lecture yesterday

In his remark, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FAS, FNSBMB*, thanked Prof. Aberuagba for the lecture. He noted that the large presence of indigenes of Minna at the event is an indication of how well the lecturer has integrated with the community, a situation he said is good for the unity of Nigeria.

Born 61 years ago in Minna, Niger State, Aberuagba who became a Professor of Chemical Engineering in 2005 is listed by the International Biographical Centre as one of 2000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 21st Century, Cambridge Book Man of the Year 2005. He is also listed by Marguis Who's Who in Science and Engineering, among several honours.

2ND ANNUAL FUTMINNA REGISTRY LECTURE

The Registrar, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Mrs. Victoria N. Kolo, cordially invites the University community and the general public to the **2nd Annual Registry Lecture** slated as follows:

Theme: **"Stemming The Increasing Tide Of Misconceptions About Registry In Nigerian Universities."**

Lecturer: **Mr. Ayorinde Olurinde Ogunruku, JP**
Former Registrar, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Osun State.

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

Host: **Mrs. Victoria Nnawo Kolo**
Registrar, Federal University of Technology, Minna.

Date: Thursday, August 17, 2017.

Time: 9:00am prompt.

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

during the lecture which held at the Caverton Lecture Theatre, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology, Main Campus, that the country can produce bioethanol, which he said is the current fuel of interest for automobiles on account of its biodegradability and reduced green house emissions.

In the lecture titled: **"Catalytic Hydrocarbon Conversions for Transportation and Domestic Fuels Upgrade,"** Prof. Aberuagba also stressed the need for Nigerian universities and research institutes to collaborate to exploit the country's sea bed and all its geo-political zones for viable mineral resources and catalyst synthesis which are of significance in the cost of petroleum and chemical products.

He opined that to ensure economic diversification, there was the need for a more aggressive reorientation of Nigerians and prudent management of revenues from petroleum resources.

The Inaugural Lecturer, who, in the course of his career has made significant contribution to hydrocarbon conversion research, took the audience through the origin of petroleum, history of oil production, petroleum refining, catalysis among others.

TETFUND STAKEHOLDERS GET TIPS FOR ACCESSING FUND

The Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Dr. Abdullahi Baffa has urged stakeholders of the Fund to utilize monies made available responsibly and transparently and be guided by its processes, procedures and guidelines.

He made this call yesterday at the Senate Chamber during an awareness seminar for TETFund beneficiaries.

Represented by Mal. Umar Mari, the ES said most of



Snapshot with TETFund Officials: DVC (Admin), Prof. Yahaya Iyaka and representative of TETFund ES, Mal. Umar Mari (Middle) flanked by other Principal Officers and participants.

the institutions are not conversant with its guidelines or aware of the existence of some of its interventions leading to misunderstanding, hence the sensitisation visit was aimed at enlightening and building effective collaboration with stakeholders with a view to improving access to intervention funds for the improvement of the quality of tertiary education in Nigeria.

The TETFund Boss disclosed that the Fund believes that a strong tertiary education system is the backbone of the economy, therefore all its interventions are well calculated and targeted to bring about a solid foundation for the educational future of Nigeria, adding that they are committed to ensuring quality of tertiary education delivery and improving the global competitiveness in our institutions, which is reflected in their policies, projects and programmes.

Dr. Baffa further revealed that the Fund allocations are aimed at enabling tertiary institutions become world class institutions to improve their world ranking and to achieve this, they intend to work closely with regulatory bodies such as National Universities Commission (NUC), National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) and National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) to ensure that quality and standard are improved and sustained.

The Executive Secretary also stated that in 2016, intervention allocations have tripled for various tertiary

institutions from what was given in 2015 and the fund has succeeded in the following areas of its mandate: The provision and improvement of physical infrastructure in all its 202 benefiting institutions from 2011 to date, remarkable progress in the area of academic staff training and development, sponsorship of academic and non-academic staff to various conferences within and outside the country, launching of National Research Fund (NRF) with a seed fund of three billion naira to support cutting edge research in areas of critical national need and development.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji *FNSBMB, FAS*, expressed gratitude to the TETFund Boss for the sensitisation visit.

Prof. Akanji noted that the essence of the visit was to facilitate the accessing of TETFund money which will be highly beneficial to the University.

Highlight of the sensitisation was presentation of various intervention lines by Department of Project Management on **"Activities, Guidelines and Modalities for Accessing Programme Upgrade/ Physical Infrastructure, Entrepreneurship, Advocacy and TETFund Project Maintenance Interventions"** presented by Arc. Ekpenyong Ayi, Department of monitoring and Evaluation on **"Requirements of the M & E Department for Accessing TETFund Intervention Funds"** by Muh'd Sulaiman.

There were also presentation by Department of Academic Staff Training and Development on **"Activities, Guidelines and Modalities for Accessing Academic Staff Training and Development and Conference Attendance,"** by Aderinoye Abdul-Rahman; Department of Education Support Services on **"Activities, Guidelines and Modalities for Accessing ICT Support, Institution Based Research, Academic Research Journal and Academic Manuscript into Books Interventions,"** by Azuka Chukwumerije and one by Internal Audit Unit on **"TETFund Audit Requirements and Financial Returns"** by Mrs. Gloria Olotu.

BPP HOLDS TRAINING FOR STAKEHOLDERS IN FUTMINNA

The Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) has held a two-day training in the University. The training which took place on 8th and 9th August, 2017 at the Senate Chamber, Main Campus was targeted at stakeholders of procurement contract award process.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji *FAS, FNSBMB*, said that the BPP saw a little



PO's, participant and resource person at the training

hitch in the procurement process flow of the University which brought about the need to organise the training for the stakeholders in the University.

Prof. AKanji, who is also the Chairman of the Procurement Committee, explained that the training is a very important one as it will make everyone understand the fundamental principles of procurement, the process of public procurement to avoid fraudulent and unfair procurement and the sanctions involved in case there is a default of any of these procurement procedures.

The lead resource person, Mr. Lanre Obasa, who is the Sectional Head (Training), BPP, explained that public procurement is the use of public funds by public entities for the delivery of public goods, works and services usually through a third party which is the contractor.

Mr. Obasa said some of the key functions of BPP include: to organise training and development programme for procurement staff, to prevent fraudulent and unfair procurement and where necessary apply administrative sanctions which is why this training is necessary for public offices.

He spoke on the application of procurement methods, fundamental principles of bid evaluation, understanding the public procurement process, complaints procedure and administration, adding that all of the procedures need to be adhered to strictly.

Mr. Obasa implored participants to be attentive and

understand the proceedings in order to avoid making mistakes that would lead to being sanctioned or penalised, noting that sanctions include suspension of the officer directly involved with the procurement or discipline of the Account Officer of the procuring entity.

Prof. Oluwole Morenikeji, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) while declaring the training closed said the training has been of tremendous benefit to everyone while promising that every lesson learnt would be put into good use during procurement process. He thanked the resource person for a very interactive session and also the participants.

NUC COMMENDS PROF YAHAYA, DONATES BOOKS TO FUTMINNA

The Director, Academic Planning Unit of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Yusuph Yahaya has presented about 60 text books to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji *FNSBMB, FAS*, for the benefit of staff and students.

Prof. Yahaya said the books were donated to the University by the National Universities Commission (NUC) in appreciation of his work as Chairman, Committee of Directors of Academic Planning of Nigerian Universities (CODAPNU) and for ensuring a well organized CODAPNU Conference. The Director had also presented a paper titled: **"Relevance of Data in University Management,"** at the Conference.

Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji *FNSBMB, FAS*, who received the books on behalf of the University appreciated the kind gesture of NUC.



Prof. Yahaya (R) presenting the books to the Vice-Chancellor

SIWES: FUTMINNA/ITF HOLD WORKSHOP

A two-day workshop with the theme "Excellence in SIWES Administration for Coordinators of Federal University of Technology, Minna organised by the University in collaboration with Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Minna Area Office took place on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at Information Technology Service (ITS) Board Room, Main Campus.



Rep. of VC, Prof. Morenikeji (m), the University Bursar, Hajiya Hajara Abdullahi (5th from right), ITF Minna Area Office Manager, Mrs. Ihezue Ifeoma (5th from left) and some member of SIWES School Coordinators

Declaring the workshop open, the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji **FAS, FNSBMB**, who was represented by the DVC (Academic), Prof. Oluwole Morenikeji urged the participants to be active in the workshop and apply the knowledge acquired at their respective schools.

He reiterated that the University would make the workshop comfortable for participants because of its

importance to the students and first of its kind to be organised in the institution.

Prof. Akanji pointed out that these days, one of the criteria used in ranking universities was employability of the students; not just the theories they learnt in school but the practical ability to use their knowledge to do things outside, especially when government job is no longer not easy to get.

Sharing his experience on SIWES activities, the Vice-Chancellor said that some years back, students deliberately chose places where they would go and make money rather than what they would learn.

He advised ITF officials to come up with good plans on how to address SIWES students problem of allowances and ensure it is paid on time.

The VC urged the participants that the essence of exposing them to the training is not just to get the certificate but to make strong recommendations to the management on how to improve SIWES in the University.

Earlier, the Area Manager, ITF Minna Area Office, Mrs. Ifeoma Ihezue, thanked the University Management for giving them the opportunity to organise the workshop and interact with the present and past SIWES School Coordinators of the institution.

Mrs. Ihezue reiterated that they were already aware of the problems in SIWES and want to address them through the interactive session.

She promised to organise similar workshops for other institutions in Minna, Niger State.

SSANU SALE OF SALLAH RAMS

This is to inform members and University community that Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) has Sallah rams for sale.

The price range of the rams are as follows:

N20,000.00, N25,000.00, N30,000.00, N35,000.00 and N40,000.00 and more base on special request.

Interested persons are to collect and return forms on or before Friday, August 18, 2017 with their pay slip and phone number from **Mal. Aminu Ibrahim 08060395240 (GK) and Mal. Usman Abubakar Degri 08036657700 (Bosso).**

Repayment shall be in four (4) monthly installments and it shall attract 10% profit.

AL-HALAL SALE OF SALLAH RAMS

This is to inform members and non-members of Al-Halal Cooperative Multi-Purpose Society that Sallah rams will soon be available for sale.

The price range of the rams are as follows:

N20,000.00, N25,000.00, N30,000.00, N35,000.00 and N40,000.00.

Interested members of the University staff should apply with their current payslip at Al-Halal Secretariat, Bosso Campus.

Deadline for submission of applications is Monday, August 21, 2017.

CUSTOMERS' FORUM

This is to inform all Leadway Pension contributors that there will be an interactive session with their PFA, scheduled as follows:

Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017

Time: 10:00am prompt

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

WEDDING CEREMONY

The family of Mrs. Blessing Dunning Adebayo of the University's Staff School cordially invites the University community and the general public to the Solemnization of Holy Matrimony of their son **Tolulade Iyanoluwa with Grace Omobolanle**, which will by the grace of God take place as follows:

Date: Saturday, August 12, 2017

Time: 10:00am prompt

Venue: Christ Apostolic Church, N. E. 11, Kuta Road, Minna, Niger State.

Reception: follows immediately at Mid Events Island, Along Talba Farm, Mandela Road, Minna Niger State.

CONDOLENCE

The Registrar has on behalf of Management, Staff and Students of the Federal University of Technology, Minna condoled with the following over the death of their loved ones.

1. Umogbai A. Philomina, Registry Department over the death of her mother, which sad event occurred on Friday, July 28, 2017.
2. Mohammad Dantala Nakaka, Dean's Office, School of Physical Sciences over the death of his father, which sad event occurred on Saturday, July 29, 2017
3. Abdullahi Muktar, University Security Services over the death of his father which sad event occurred on Sunday, July 30, 2017

May their gentle souls rest in peace.

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, July 31 - Friday, August 4, 2017)

N	RECEIPTS	N
1	Collection of Certificates	370,000.00
2	Clearance Fees	114,000.00
3	Academic Transcript Fees	550,000.00
4	Turnitin	92,500.00
5	Semesterial Result	600.00
6	Campus Radio	181,300.00
7	Academic Gown	60,000.00
8	Inter University Transfer Form	10,000.00
9	Verification of Result	20,000.00
10	Loss of I.D. Card	10,000.00
11	English Proficiency	2,000.00
12	Letter of Introduction	4,000.00
13	Renewal of Association	10,000.00
14	Commercial Activities	68,900.00
15	Statement of Result	1,000.00
16	Add & Drop	1,000.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,495,300.00
	PAYMENTS	
17	(i) Staff	
	(a) Refund	10,336,103.00
	(b) Advances	12,520,217.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Leah Eyagi Yisa - Cost Refreshment	348,750.00
	(b) " " "	493,500.00
	(c) Summit Legal Consultancy Service - Legal Fee	2,500,000.00
	(d) ACO Business Venture - Supply	198,975.00
	(e) Dona Hil and Company - Supply	200,000.00
	TOTAL PAYMENT	26,597,545.00