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FOLLOW YOUR MANDATE - PMB WARNS SPECIALISED VARSITIES

President Muhammadu Buhari has directed specialised universities in the country to streamline the courses they offer in accordance with their mandate.

The President made the announcement during his address at the 34th Founder's Day and 26th Convocation Ceremony of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Wednesday, February 1, 2017.



The Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar delivering the Visitor's address at the Convocation Ceremony

Frowning at the situation where specialised universities deviate from their core mandate, the President who was represented by the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Abubakar Rashid, directed that only approved programmes in such universities be allowed to admit new students as from the 2017/2018 academic session.

He reiterated his government's determination to continue to support science and technology education.

President Buhari also directed the Federal Ministry of Education to immediately inaugurate the governing councils and boards of universities, agencies and parastatals under the Ministry.

The President later performed the official opening of the ultra-modern female hostel at the Main Campus of the University, Gidan Kwano.

Earlier in his speech, Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the University's Governing Council, Prof. Rufa'i Ahmed Alkali commended the federal government for constituting a negotiating team to interface with the leadership of Unions in the Nigerian universities, with a view to finding

lasting solutions to the issues confronting higher education in the country.

Prof. Alakali also maintained that FUT, Minna has been fully committed to the training of higher skilled, creative and innovative workforce that have been transforming industrial production to effectively harness Nigeria's human and natural resources.

He described the University as a power house in Nigeria's education industry.

DON CALLS FOR SUSTAINABILITY OF BIODIVERSITY RESOURCES

A call has been made to the government to put money and resources in research and development in order to ensure the sustainable use of biodiversity in developing countries.

Prof. Dr. Ir Brice SinSin made this call when he delivered the 26th Pre-Convocation Lecture of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, titled: **Science Based Management Safeguards for Sustainable Use of Biodiversity Resources in Developing Countries.**

The event took place on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at the Caverton Lecture Theatre, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT), Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Prof. SinSin, who is Rector of the University of Abomey, Republic of Benin, said hundreds of millions of people around the world depend on biodiversity for their nutrition and livelihoods and the sustainability of the harvesting of many of these species upon which people depend is at stake.

The international scientist revealed that developing countries, rich in natural resources face the challenge of achieving sustainable development through the exploitation of natural resources in a context of poverty, illiteracy, political instability, vulnerability to global changes and the emerging terrorist attacks. **Contd. on Pg 2**

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Prof. Dr. Ir Brice SinSIn delivering the 26th Pre-Convocation Lecture

The Don further tasked the government to invest in science, especially biomonitoring programmes, and apply findings to solve conservation problems, as science and tradition provide best practices of sustainable use of natural resources.

He called on researchers to be pro-active and respond to all the biodiversity challenges on ground for improvement.

According to him, there is a need to promote constructive communication to extend positive and successful models of collaborative research and to build regional trust and co-operation between developed and developing countries.

He added that as biodiversity hotspots, developing countries have a prominent role in leading the sustainable management of natural resources and achieving economic development is not incompatible with the sustainable use of biodiversity.

Earlier, the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, in his welcome address thanked the Council members for their support toward the success of the lecture.

The VC said the topic was timely and there is a need for science-based approach for sustainable use of Biodiversity Resources in Africa and hoped all stakeholders will do their part in tackling the challenge.

In his remark at the event, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Prof. Rufai Ahmed Alkali appreciated the past VC's and Registrars for their presence and congratulated the Vice-Chancellor and Management for organising the timely and technical lecture.

PRO-CHANCELLOR DONATES CASH PRIZE FOR EXHIBITION WINNERS

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Rufai Ahmed Alkali has donated prize monies for the winners of the 26th Convocation Exhibition contest.

The first prize which attracted a cash reward of N50,000.00 went to the Four Sim Card Multiple Operator Enabled Subscriber Identification (MOES) from the Department of Mechatronics Engineering, while the second prize, which attracted a cash reward of N30,000.00 went to the Solar Powered Aquatronics (Auto-Feeder, Auto Water Recirculatory) from the Department of Water Resources, Aquaculture and Fisheries Technology and the third prize which attracts a cash reward of N20,000.00 went to the Improved Solar Powered Automobile System from the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

The Exhibition which took place at the Suleimanu Kumo Convocation Square, Main Campus, from 30th January to 1st February, 2017, saw all eight Schools of the University with 115 very innovative products and services on display, which included solar powered refrigerator, multi-gram tresher, fuelless generating system, autonomous drone for security purposes, debris evacuator, incinerator, three-speed gear box, smart walking stick, typhoid fever vaccines among others.



Council member, Dr. Godfrey Imhoagene declaring 26th Convocation Exhibition opened

Speaking during the assessment exercise, Prof. Alkali commended all the exhibitors for their innovation which is evident in the displayed works.

He urged the University Management to empower the innovators to enable the exhibited products go beyond the exhibition into the market.

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The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Sulaiman Sadiku said innovation and research objective, relevance to the society, functionality of product, local content utilised, economic analysis, sustainability, presentation, publications generated and patent status of such projects were the criteria used in evaluating the exhibited items.

Prof. Sadiku thanked the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council for sponsoring the Convocation Exhibition Contest adding that Management is pleased with his invaluable encouragement and motivation towards actualising the vision of the University.

BASKETBALL NOVELTY: DEANS BEAT POS



Principal Officers of the University and Deans pose for a snapshot before the match

It was fun and laughter on Saturday, January 28, 2017 evening as the novelty basketball matches being part of activities to mark the 34th Founder's Day and 26th Convocation Ceremony took place at the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Indoor Sports Complex, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Principal Officers' team lost by two points to Deans in a match that saw Prof. Elizabeth Onwuka, Acting Dean, School of Information and Communication Technology showing agility as she scored the points for her team.

In the second match between the Bosso and Gidan Kwano Campuses, staff ended in a draw with 12 points for each side.

Speaking during the closure of the event, the Vice-Chancellor, FUT, Minna Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, congratulated the players and called on the entire University to partake in sports generally so as to keep fit.

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, expresses his profound appreciation to members of the University community and the general public for their efforts which made the just concluded 34th Founder's Day and 26th Convocation Ceremony of the University a success.

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, January 23 - Friday, January 27, 2017)

S	RECEIPTS	N
1	Collection of Certificate	173,250.00
2	Academic Transcript Fees	200,000.00
3	Change of Course Form	10,000.00
4	Verification/Confirmation of Result	26,000.00
5	Semesterial Result	700.00
6	Loss of I.D Card	1,000.00
7	Turnitin	20,000.00
8	Inter University Transfer Fees	41,000.00
9	Campus Radio	25,000.00
10	Clearance Fees	36,000.00
11	Add & Drop	1,000.00
12	JAMB Admission Letter	3,000.00
13	Farm Land	3,000.00
14	Renewal of Association	5,000.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	544,950.00
	PAYMENTS	
21	(i) Staff	
	(a) Refund	11,346,492.00
	(b) Advances	7,081,563.15
22	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Summit Chamber - Legal Fees	4,730,000.00
	(b) Niger State Water Board - Water Bill	222,400.00
	(c) Hugely Castle Global Ltd. - Supply	8,085,000.00
	(d) O. Oladejo - Supply	9,800.00
	(e) Sarki Pawa - Supply	175,800.00
	(f) DHL Int'l Nig. Ltd., - Courier Service	253,677.29
	(g) Abass S. Adegboyega Courier Ser.	289,695.00
	(h) Oomef Limited - Construction	5,105,533.02
	(i) Hussumi Eng. Serv. Nig. Ltd., - Construction	71,241,093.00
	(j) Messrs Mesta Ventures Ltd - Construction	21,744,927.78
	(k) Messer Tondave & Co. Ltd - Construction	25,911,356.26
	(l) Messer Tondave & Co. Ltd. - Construction	46,117,235.96
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	180,569,645.68

CALL FOR MEMORANDA

The Anebira Staff Forum of the Federal University of Technology, Minna calls for memoranda from all members of the Forum who are interested in making contributions/input in the ongoing constitution review of the Forum.

The contribution should be addressed to: The Chairman, Constitution Review Committee, Barr. Rufayi Abdulmaleeq, Legal Unit, Senate Building, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano or e-mail: rabdulmaleeq@gmail.com and to reach him on or before Thursday, February 16, 2017.

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