

GOV BELLO COMMENDS FUTMINNA FOR CHAMPIONING ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION

The executive governor of Niger State, Alh. (Dr.) Abubakar Sani Bello has commended the management of the Federal University of Technology, Minna for championing entrepreneurship education in Nigeria.

The Governor gave this commendation yesterday at the grand finale of the 3rd Entrepreneurship Week titled:



Representative of Niger State Gov, Alh Yabagi (6th from L), representative of the VC, Prof. Morenikeji (5th L) flanked by other invited guests and staff of the Department in a group photograph after the event

Entrepreneurship: A Major Tool for Technological Advancement in Nigeria organized by the Department of Entrepreneurship and Business Studies, School of Entrepreneurship and Management Technology (SEMT) held at the University Auditorium, Main Campus.

Alh. Bello, represented by the Niger State Head of Service, Alh. Yabagi Alhaji Sule stated that some institutions in Nigeria only offer entrepreneurship as a course, adding that FUT, Minna decision to dedicate a department for entrepreneurship programme is highly commendable.

"Entrepreneurship education is a lifelong process that we need to embrace, starting as early from the elementary school and progressing through all levels of education, including adult education; it is the only way to prepare our youth and adults to succeed in the present entrepreneurial economy", the Governor disclosed.

The Governor said with the laudable benefits of entrepreneurial studies in Nigeria, that lecturers and instructors in other departments should be inculcated into developing understanding and capacity for pursuit of entrepreneurial behaviours, skills as well as attributes in their teaching.

Speaking earlier at the event, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji *FAS, FNSBMB*, congratulated the department for organizing the event, saying that the University Management are proud of the

department's achievements.

Prof. Akanji who was represented at the event by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Oluwole Olakanmi Morenikeji said FUT, Minna is the first University in Nigeria to accord entrepreneurship a department in line with the mission of the institution.

Prof. Akanji stated that by introducing the Entrepreneurship Students' Savings and Investment Cooperative Society (ESSICS) the department had scored another first and urged students of the department to take advantage of the Scheme to make their business ideas a reality while expressing optimism that in no distance time the Cooperative Society would be quoted on the Nigeria Stock Exchange.

"You are a pride to us and we pledge to do everything possible to support you so that you will succeed in all your endeavours", the VC disclosed.

The VC said through TETFUND support the University is constructing a lecture theatre for the School of Entrepreneurship and Management Technology and that before the end of the week a Hilux van would be delivered to the department of Entrepreneurship and Business Studies.

In her welcome address, the HOD, Entrepreneurship and Business Studies, Dr. (Mrs.) Mercy Adeyeye expressed appreciation to all the invited guests for honouring the department's invitation.

Dr. Adeyeye said this year's event was with a difference because the department has been able to impact on youths of the communities around the University through vocational and skill acquisition programme.

The HOD thanked the University Management for their support to the department while noting that the departmental programme would be sustained even after the tenure of the present Vice-Chancellor of the institution.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Akanji accompanied by other Principal Officers of the University had earlier on flagged off a billboard on dress code mounted beside the University gate at the Main Campus. The billboard was renovated by the department of Entrepreneurship and Business Studies as part of its community development service for 2017.

It will be recalled that the billboard is a Leave-A-Legacy project donated by the 2012 final year students of the University.

Other activities held during the one week long event include; carnival, skills acquisition programmes, entrepreneurship lectures in some selected secondary schools in Minna. Others are seminar tagged Breakthrough stories by young entrepreneurs and the business model competition for FUT, Minna students.

NIQS PAYS COURTESY VISIT ON MANAGEMENT

The Vice President of the Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors, Dr. Anunike Bedford Ejike, FNIQS, RQS accompanied by other members of the Institute paid a courtesy visit on the Management of the Federal University of Technology, Minna on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at the VC's Conference Room, Main Campus.

Speaking during the visit, Dr. Ejike said the aim of the visit was to interact with staff and students of the Department of Quantity Surveying, School of Environmental Technology (SET) and to discuss as well as proffer solutions to challenges facing the students in particular and Quantity Surveying profession in general.

The Vice President disclosed that the programme of visitation to institutions of higher learning was an



NIQS Vice President, Dr. Ejike, VC, Prof. Akanji (3rd & 4th L) flanked by other POs, Dean of SET, NIQS delegate and staff of the department in a snapshot after paying a courtesy visit to the Management

initiative of the current Council of the Institute which noticed the need to bridge the gap that exists between the practice and the academia which is not healthy for nation building.

He further noted that as the Chairman of Education and Training Committee of the Institute, they are charged with the responsibility of undertaking visits to various institutions of higher learning to see to the well being of their colleagues and students.

Dr. Ejike disclosed that one of the decisions taken by Council was to discover various organs of the Institute and institute associations for members such as academia, construction, consulting, students and public services.

He noted that with the various arms, it becomes necessary for all members to be active in their various locations.

"This is one of such initiative we have to undertake to help our members and students in institutions of higher learning and since we started this visitation a year ago, it has yielded good results because we counsel the students on the profession," he stated.

Dr. Ejike urged all Quantity Surveying professionals to contribute their quota to national development.

He commended the University for producing quality products who are doing well outside and further praised him for making it possible for the Department to scale through accreditation process.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, FAS, FNSBMB, said Management was delighted to receive the team and thanked them for bridging the gap.

He encouraged the Institute to sustain the visit to higher institutions which he said would motivate and boost students morale.

"It is very important Sir, because the students will have role models," Prof. Akanji said.

The Vice-Chancellor stated that Management has deep respect for the Quantity Surveying profession and as such their staff are used in various committee's in the University.

Prof. Akanji also commended the Institute for including women as part of their entourage which according to him would encourage other women.

On requests made by the Institute, the VC said they would be looked into, adding that there is no problem of dearth of applicants in Quantity Surveying Department. He stated that there are adequate books and staff of the department are members of different professional bodies because it is compulsory for career progression in the University.

NEWS FROM UNIVERSITY STAFF SCHOOL

The Headmistress, Staff and Pupils of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, cordially invite the University community, parents, guardians and the general public to their **2017 Speech and Prize Giving Ceremony** scheduled as follows:

Date: Saturday, July 29, 2017.

Time: 9:00am prompt.

Venue: School Premises, Bosso Campus.

In view of the above, School will be on vacation between Friday, July 28 - Monday, September 25, 2017.

Parents and guardians are to note that registration for 2017/2018 academic session commences on Monday, September 11th - Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 9:00am to 12 noon daily.

NOTE: Admission letters not claimed after Saturday, October 14, 2017 will be given out to those awaiting.

FUTMINNA ALUMNUS DONATES N.5M TO EBS

Alumni involvement in activities of the Federal University of Technology, Minna has again yielded fruit as an individual has donated the sum of 500 thousand naira to the Department of Entrepreneurship and Business Studies.

Amb. Nmar Ahmed made the donation on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 during the lecture series, which was part of activities marking the 2017 EBS Week, where he spoke on the topic: "**Benefits of Being an Entrepreneur: My Success Story.**"



Amb. Ahmed presenting the cheque to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Akanji while the HOD EBS, Dr. (Mrs.) Adeyeye looks on with keen interest

Amb. Ahmed who is Nigeria's Goodwill Ambassador to the United Nations is also the CEO of One Links Consult Ltd, Abuja and founder, Igreen Africa, graduated from the Department of Estate Management 12 years ago.

Amb. Ahmed said the donation is meant to support the department in its bid to establish an incubation laboratory that would house different equipment to train EBS students on skill acquisition.

Speaking during the courtesy visit, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji *FAS, FNSBMB*, said the gesture would serve as motivation to students.

He expressed delight that his determination to ensure deeper involvement of alumni in the University's activities is materialising.

The VC thanked Amb. Ahmed for the visit and donation.

Prof. Akanji also disclosed that by September this year, FUT, Minna alumni from all over Nigeria and beyond, will converge for a first-of-its-kind meeting in the institution.

52ND INAUGURAL LECTURE

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, cordially invites the University community and the general public to the **52nd Inaugural Lecture of the University** slated as follows:

Theme: "Technology and Vocational Education and Training Providing Appropriate Workforce for Nigerian Economy: Blue or White, Where Lie The Challenges?"

Lecturer: Prof. Abdullahi Shehu Ma'aji, NCE (Tech), B.Ed (Tech), M.Ed, Ph.D (Nigeria), MNATT, MNATE, MNAVTE, MASTE (USA). Professor of Industrial and Technology Education

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

Date: Thursday, August 3, 2017.

Time: 2:30pm prompt.

Venue: Caverton Lecture Theatre, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology, Main Campus.

APPOINTMENT

(i) Renewal

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of contract appointment of **Engr. Prof. Salawu Sadiku**, Department of Civil Engineering for a period of one (1) year, with effect from August 24, 2017.

RE: DRID CALLS FOR VIBRANT PROPOSAL

The Directorate for Research Innovation and Development (DRID) as extended submission date for calls for the submission of vibrant research proposals from researchers in the University for TETFund Institutional Based Research Intervention (IBRI) Grant to Friday, August 4, 2017 instead of earlier stated date of Friday, July 28, 2017.

Also, note that a column should be made below where the applicant will sign.

COUNSELLING TIP

If someone lashes out at you, feel honoured. It is usually a mark of trust for someone to let you see an unpleasant side to his or her character. Letting people reveal an ugly side or express their deepest fears or grief, could be most valuable contribution to their eventual healing.

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

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.

FITNESS! FITNESS!!

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

Date: Saturday, July 29, 2017

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.

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 Iyanuoluwa with Grace Omobolanle**, which will by the grace of God take place as follows:

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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.