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PHARMACEUTICAL DEVT: PROF DAUDA CALLS FOR SYNERGY

Promoting a synergy between herbalists, scientists and entrepreneurs can help establish a vibrant pharmaceutical industry in Nigeria.

Prof. Bukar Dauda of the Department of Chemistry, School of Physical Sciences (SPS), made this assertion yesterday when he delivered the 54th Inaugural Lecture of the Federal University of Technology, Minna at the Caverton Lecture Theatre, Main Campus.

In the lecture titled *"Natural Product Chemistry and*

transformation of their traditional medicines into modern pharmaceuticals.

Prof. Dauda, however, bemoaned the vacuum in the regulation, assessment of safety, efficacy and quality control of the use of herbal medicines in West Africa, adding that research into the properties of medicinal plants has not received adequate attention, leaving traditional medical practices in their undeveloped forms.



Prof. Dauda presenting his lecture

To adequately address the problem, he called for the screening and development of the country's natural products which will in turn enhance national healthcare programmes and usher the country into large scale production of pharmaceuticals.

He disclosed that Natural Product Chemistry has contributed immensely to the structural elucidation of many compounds used in traditional medicines, a situation that has aided the scientific study of nature and potentials of the herbs.

The Don expressed hope that with improved quality and modernisation, the traditional medical system will be integrated into the mainstream of Nigeria's medical system.

He called for a reappraisal of herbal remedies for their potential contribution to the economy and health care programme.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FAS, FNSBMB*, commended the Inaugural Lecturer for his contributions to knowledge.

He also thanked all dignitaries for attending the event.

Prospects for Transforming Traditional Medicines into Modern Pharmaceuticals, Prof. Dauda said that, if pursued in sustainable manner, the move would be a large-scale foreign exchange earner.

He maintained that in view of the country's diverse and untapped flora, it could rival China and India that have pursued a deliberate policy of research and

3RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Management of Federal University of Technology, Minna Microfinance Bank cordially invites shareholders to its 3rd Annual General Meeting scheduled as follows:

Date: Saturday, October 14, 2017

Time: 10:00am prompt

COUNSELLING TIP

Whenever you are given a responsibility to carry out, do not allow the thought of what might go wrong to depress your pursuit. Be overwhelmed with the thought of what could go right and you will overcome your obstacles.

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

PROF AKANJI COMMENDS FUTMINNA ALUMNI ...Bags Alumni Award

The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji *FAS, FNSBMB*, has commended the University alumni for being a worthy ambassadors of the institution and for organising a successful Maiden Alumni Reunion programme.



L-R: The Vice-Chancellor designate, Prof. Abdullahi Bala presenting an award to the VC, Prof. Akanji at the reunion dinner party

The Vice-Chancellor made this disclosure during the 2017 FUT, Minna Alumni Reunion dinner held on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at the Justice Idris Legbo Kutigi International Conference Centre, Minna, Niger State.

Prof. Akanji stated that the University is happy with the numerous commendations received from employers and government agencies on the performance of its alumni adding that the institution is very proud of their achievements in life.

The VC stated that alumni are the real owners of the University and urged them to show more interest in the activities of the institution. He also disclosed that the University is doing well among comity of universities in Nigeria based on the latest webo-metric and 4ICU rankings.

"I am pleased to inform you that FUT, Minna is now number 5 in 4ICU ranking and 45 in Africa out of over 4, 323 universities that were ranked by international organizations. We are also first in Nigeria among the specialised universities," Prof. Akanji stated.

He informed the alumni that the University has re-engineered its transcript delivery process from three months to one week and that graduates of the University now get their certificates on the day of convocation. He further advised the alumni to remember their alma mater by giving back to the University.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman, National Caretaker Committee of FUT, Minna Alumni, Dr. Mohammed Jiya expressed appreciation to all members of the University alumni for the sacrifices made for the event to take place despite the short notice, adding that the event has boosted the awareness level of the existence of FUT, Minna alumni.

The Chairman noted that the maiden edition of the Alumni Reunion programme was geared at re-connecting with the institution's graduates with the hope of building a robust alumni association that every graduate of the University would be proud of. He called for strong working relationship between the University Management and the Alumni.

Dr. Jiya disclosed that the body is committed to the development of the University while stating that the University would start feeling the impact of its alumni in no distant time. He commended the Local Organizing Committee for organising the event.

The event also witnessed the presentation of awards to all the past Vice-Chancellors and the present Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Akanji who was bestowed with an award in recognition of his contributions to the development of the institution. Others awarded at the event were some alumni who have distinguished themselves in their chosen fields of endeavour.

The 3-day event was rounded off with a tour of the Main Campus and a reunion picnic at the Students' Recreation Centre, Main Campus on Sunday, October 1, 2017. The theme of the 2017 FUT, Minna Alumni Retreat was: **Creating Wealth Outside the Box: Options for FUT, Minna Alumni.**

SYMPOSIUM

This is to invite the entire Muslim Ummah, Federal University of Technology, Minna to a one-day Symposium on *Hijrah and Its Implications on Society* scheduled as follows:

1. Overview by Imaam Yankuzo
2. **The Leaders and the Polity: Lessons from the Hijrah of the Rasul** - Prof. Mustapha Zubairu

3. **Socio-Economic Lesson from the Hijrah of the Rasul** - Dr. Adam Kabiru.

4. **Goal Setting and Strategising: The Clue** - Dr. Ishaq, I.M.T.

Date: Saturday, October 7, 2017

Time: 10:00am prompt

SSTE HOLDS 5TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

“We must all take advantage of the paramount role education plays in achieving national growth and development which is the needed tool for sustainable development in any nation.”

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS* stated this on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 during the opening ceremony of the 5th Annual International Conference of School of Science and Technology Education (SSTE), titled: **“Enhancing Science And Technology Education In A Dwindling Economy.”** The event took place at the CPES Hall, Bosso Campus



Prof. Akanji (standing) delivering his speech

of the University.

The Vice-Chancellor who said that the conference theme is very apt, urged the government to design specific policies on Science and Technology Education and ensure its implementation and sustainability to promote science and technology in view of the present economic situation of our country. He further encouraged more Nigerians to study science and technology.

SSANU NORTHERN ZONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Senior Staff Association of Nigeria Universities (SSANU), Federal University of Technology, Minna Branch cordially invites all SSANU members and the University community to SSANU Northern Zonal Executive Council Meeting scheduled as follows:

Date: Friday, October 13, 2017

Time: 10:00am prompt

Venue: Chemical Engineering Lecture Theatre, Main Campus.

Speaking at the event, the Dean SSTE, Prof. Bernard Atsumbe, highlighted science and technology as the key to Nigeria's transformation, adding that Nigeria is ranked among the 20 strongest economies in the world and has the largest Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in Africa. “These achievements may be short lived if the country doesn't urgently invest substantial resources into science and technology and key sectors of the economy,” he said.

Prof. Atsumbe who wished the participants a successful deliberations expressed optimism that the conference would provide relevant answers that will enhance science and technology in a dwindling economy like ours. He thanked the Vice-Chancellor and his Management team for their endless support.

The keynote speaker, Prof. Kriek Jeanne, a professor of science education from Institute of Science and Technology Education, University of South Africa (UNISA), Pretoria pointed out the need for teachers to follow the trends of technology in their methodology of teaching. According to her, researches have shown that students who use computer moderately perform better than those who rarely do. She charged the scientists and technologists to have “driven question” that is “what can I do for my community?”

The Deputy Dean, School of Science and Technology Education and Chairman, Local Organizing Committee, Dr. Gambari Isiaka, thanked the University Management and other guests for finding time to grace the occasion.

APPRECIATION

Engr. Saliu Abdulazeez, Central Workshop, School of Engineering has expressed his profound gratitude to the Management and staff of the University for their support during his daughter's wedding ceremony.

MANAGEMENT RECEIVES AUTOMOBILE TECHNICIANS ASSOCIATION

The Automobile Technicians Association of Nigeria paid a courtesy visit to the management of Federal University of Technology, Minna on Friday, September 29, 2017 at the Council Chamber, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano .

Speaking during the visit, the Chairman, Niger State Chapter, Comr. Ayuba Abraham Oluebtor said the visit was to seek partnership with the University as technology is changing at a very fast pace and sophistication, hence the need to partner with the centre of intellectuals cannot be over emphasized.

He also used the occasion to formally request the Director of Entrepreneurship Centre, FUT, Minna to deliver a lecture during the Association's Day celebration, slated for Thursday, October 5, 2017.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor of the institution Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji *FNSBMB, FAS* said that students need to acquire practical experience while technicians who do the practical in the fields need the theoretical knowledge.

He appreciated their visit and pledged the Management support to the association.



The VC, Prof. Akanji, Comr. Ayuba (4th & 3rd from left), Pos and other members of the association after the visit

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, September 25 – Friday, September 29, 2017)

N/S	RECEIPTS	N
1	Clearance Fees	43,000.00
2	Collection of Certificates	257,250.00
3	Academic Transcript Fees	350,000.00
4	Verification/Confirmation of Certificates	16,000.00
5	Turnitin	46,000.00
6	Statements of Results	16,000.00
7	Post UTME Scratch Card	277,000.00
8	Commercial Activities	7,000.00
9	Replacement of I.D. Cards	30,000.00
11	Add & Drop	6,000.00
12	Inter University Transfer Form	5,000.00
13	Verification of Transcript	4,000.00
14	Farm Land	5,500.00
15	Semesterial Result	1,500.00
16	Purchase of Academic Gown	30,000.00
17	Letter of Introduction	4,000.00
18	Campus Radio	242,410.00
19	S.U.G. Form	79,000.00
20	Personnel Allocation From Abuja	467,760,014.96
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	469,179,674.96
	PAYMENTS	
21	Contractors/Suppliers	
	(i) Staff	
	(a) Staff Training	28,164,423.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Doko International Hotel Ltd - Hotel Bill	387,799.00
	(b) High Leeer Resort Ltd. - Hotel Bill	52,300.00
	(c) Princess AZ-Zahra - Hotel Bill	27,142.86
	(d) " " "	130,466.68
	(e) " " "	27,142.86
	(f) Mrs. O. Oladejo - Supply of Newspapers	47,950.00
	(g) " " "	46,000.00
	(h) El. T.J Global Ventures - Supply of Diesel	3,526,875.00
	(i) " " "	3,526,875.00
	(j) Joy & Grace Ltd - Printing	3,230,000.00
	(k) Sarki Pawa - Repairs	254,030.00
	(l) Abuja Electricity Company - Electricity Bill	1,927,141.41
	TOTAL PAYMENT	