



Campus News

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UPHOLD FUTMINNA STANDARD, PROF BALA URGES NEW STUDENTS

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn* has challenged newly admitted students to uphold the enviable record of responsible studentship for which the University is noted.

Prof. Bala gave this charge while delivering his address at the 31st Matriculation Ceremony for the 2017/2018

4,339 were finally matriculated.

The event marked Prof. Bala's first Matriculation as the 7th Vice-Chancellor of the University.

The Registrar of the University, Mrs. Victoria Nnawo Kolo administered the matriculation oath on the students.

CONGREGATION MEETING

This is to inform the University community of the 51st Congregation meeting scheduled to hold as follows:

Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Time: 10:00am prompt

Venue: University Auditorium, Main Campus.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS

Further to the Vice-Chancellor's directive at the 431st Senate Meeting held on Wednesday, February 23, 2018, all Heads of Department are advised to always hold monthly Departmental Meetings with members of staff. During such meetings, HODs are to pass all decisions of Senate to members and draw plans of action for smooth administration.

HODs are further required to forward Minutes of Meetings to the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration).

MISUSE OF OFFICIAL VEHICLES

Management has observed that some officers of the University with official vehicles attached to them are in the habit of misusing such vehicles by allowing family members to drive the vehicles and even use official registration number plates on their personal vehicles.

Management frowns at this development and advises those involved in such acts to desist from it as SERVICOM Focal Officer has been directed to watch out for defaulters.

Please be guided.

REGISTRAR BAGS FELLOWSHIP AWARD

The Registrar, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Mrs. Victoria Nnawo. Kolo has been awarded the Fellow of the Institute of Corporate Administration (FCAI), in recognition of her vibrant contributions to University administration.

The award was conferred on her by the Institute on Saturday, March 10, 2018.



Cross section of the newly admitted students taking their matriculation oath

academic session held yesterday at the Suleimanu Kumo Convocation Square, Main Campus.

He urged them to refrain from unsavoury acts such as examination malpractice, cultism, fighting and drug abuse, amongst others, just as he warned that a breach of the matriculation oath would lead to unceremonious exit from the institution.

Likening their matriculation and stay in the University to a minefield requiring caution and due attention to successfully navigate, he enjoined the new students to study the Student Handbook which serves as a guide.

The VC urged them to bring to bear the training they had received from home as well as primary and secondary schools and to also stay away from people of questionable character.

Prof. Bala also admonished those resident off-campus to respect the values and traditions of their host communities and co-exist peacefully with them.

On the challenges of accommodation and transportation, the VC pleaded for patience and assured that the University Management was working hard to comprehensively address the issues.

He urged them to always channel their concerns to the relevant authorities.

About 13,000 candidates had sought admission in the University, out of which 4,472 were offered places. Only

INVENTOR HONOURS PROF. AKANJI

In appreciation of his contributions towards the propagation of Secondary School Curriculum, a mobile teaching aid has been presented to the Federal University of Technology, Minna Model School in honour of the former Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji.

The presentation took place yesterday at the FUT, Minna Model School, Bosso Campus.

Speaking during the brief ceremony, the inventor of the equipment, Engr. Lawal Sadiq Suis, a Lecturer in the Department of Mechanical Engineering said the equipment which is targeted at Science Secondary School Students is a Patent Mobile Laboratory which performs different science experiments, especially in physics and chemistry and makes practical workable. The teaching aid, he added, has won several awards in exhibitions and has been used by Kaduna State and El-Amin International School while Kogi State has indicated interest in acquiring the equipment.

The inventor noted that the multifunctional teaching and laboratory kit has gone through rigorous assessment from establishments such as Federal Ministry of Education, Nigeria Educational Research Development Council (NERDC) and many other National and State Educational stakeholders.

He noted that as the secondary school students use the aid, it will be a walk over for them when they become undergraduates and they will be well equipped and sophisticated graduates from university.

He expressed his appreciation to the former VC for his support towards the success of the invention, hence his being honoured in absentia.

Engr. Suis also thanked the Directorate of Research, Innovation and Development (DRID) for being the custodian and for their support.

The Director, DRID, Prof. Hussaini Makun on behalf of the inventor presented the equipment along with the operational manual and monograph in honour of the former VC to the VC for onward delivery to the FUT, Minna Model School to support them in teaching and learning of science, mathematics and basic technology.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn* who was represented by Prof. Solomon Oyeleke, Chairman, Staff School Board, while presenting the equipment to the Principal, FUT, Minna Model School described it as unique and space economical.

He urged them to utilise it properly, adding that more will be gotten for the Secondary School to accommodate more students.



The inventor, Engr. Suis demonstrating the use of the teaching aid while the Principal looks on

While receiving the equipment, the Principal, FUT, Model School, Alh. Usman Musa on behalf of his staff expressed great appreciation to the University, inventor and DRID, promising to make the best use of it.

CEFE TRAINS SUG OFFICIALS

Competency Based Economy through the Formation of Enterprise (CEFE) has organised a three day leadership training on “Effective Leadership” for the 2017/2018 Students’ Union Government (SUG) executives of the Federal University of Technology, Minna.

Speaking, at the closing ceremony which took place on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at the Entrepreneurship Centre, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn* who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Prof. Yahaya Iyaka, congratulated the executives for winning their election and for the opportunity



VC representative, Dean of Students and CEFE Trainers in a photograph with SUG executives

to be part of the CEFE training, adding that he has also been a beneficiary of the same CEFE training.

The VC urged the executives to be responsible and not to see themselves as student leaders only because they are the bridge between the students and the Management.

The Chief Executive stressed the need for them to build confidence in the students in times of conflicts and have a good working relationship with the Dean of Students.

He urged them to make good use of the knowledge they have gained from the training, saying that Management will look into their request.

In her speech at the occasion, the CEFE Co-ordinator, Dr. Caroline Alenoghena said the objective of the leadership training was to teach the executives good leadership and communication skills, goal setting as leaders, especially how to get feedback to enable them actualise their objectives.

Dr. Alenoghena revealed that it has been a tradition for over four years to train every set of SUG, a practice which she said has helped in having matured minds and enabled them to know the responsibility they have, adding that *Aluta* is not about muscles but having knowledge and superior argument.

According to her, they did a SWOT analysis of their government by trying to look at their weaknesses, opportunities and threats to see the best way to address their problems as a student body. She thanked the University Management for sponsoring the training.

Speaking earlier, the President, SUG, FUT, Minna, Com. Abdulrasak Shamsudeen Gidado described the CEFE training as unique stating that they had a nice time and have learnt a lot.

He appreciated the University Management for putting up the leadership training and promised to put to use all they have learnt.

In his remark, the Dean of Students Affairs, Prof. Abdulmojeed Ijaiya appreciated Management for the training and commended the CEFE trainers for their commitment to duty.

STAFF FOOTBALL TOURNNEY KICKS OFF IN FUTMINNA

. Prof Bala Commends Sports Committee

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fssn* has officially opened the 2018 FUTMinna Inter-School/Department/Unit Staff Football Championship on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at the University Sports Complex, Gidan Kwano amidst pomp and utmost gaiety.

Speaking before declaring the first ever staff football championship in the University open, Prof. Bala



Prof. Bala performing the ceremonial kick off to signal the start of the championship.

commended the University Sports Committee for organising the championship, adding that the championship would make the University lively and urged all the participating teams to exhibit high spirit of sportsmanship.

The VC stated that the championship is novel because it is the first time that such competition would be organised for staff of the University since inception and expressed optimism that the championship would live up to its billing based on the array of stars assembled for the competition.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman, University Sports Committee, Dr. Rasheed Ojutiku, expressed appreciation to the University Management for providing the much needed financial support for the championship to take place in the University.

The Chairman disclosed that the championship was geared at creating an atmosphere of friendship and togetherness among staff of the University, adding that it would also enable the Sports Committee to spot new talents that would represent the University at the forthcoming Nigerian Universities Staff Games to be hosted by the University of Ilorin.

Dr. Ojutiku disclosed that more games would be introduced during the second edition of the championship to accommodate the female staff of the University and thanked all the participating teams for their enthusiasm.

A colourful and impressive opening ceremony followed, witnessed by large spectators, including staff and students. The high point of the opening ceremony was when all the 16 participating teams filed out to applaud the University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Bala during the ceremonial march past to usher in the start of sporting

hostilities in the University.

Large fans comprising staff, students and members of the University host community cheered as the centre referee's whistle announced the start of the first-ever and the much awaited FUT, Minna Staff Football Championship.

Shortly afterwards, the Vice-Chancellor performed the ceremonial kick-off to signal the start of the curtain raiser. The Vice-Chancellor's Office team kicked off the championship with an emphatic 4-2 win against the University Library team. The match was full of excitement and gusto performance by both teams and lived up to its pre-championship hype.

Words can scarcely describe the ecstasy at the Gidan Kwano Sports Complex on that special day based on the scintillating performance of both teams with fans at the pitch getting more fun than they bargained for before the start of the match.

For the next two weeks of the championship, Gidan Kwano and Bosso campuses will be in the spotlight for good reasons. No doubt, the capsule opening ceremony of the championship will go down in the annals of sporting history in the University. The opening ceremony was held in an ambience that was praised by fans as fantastic and colourful on a day that sparked wild celebration at the University's Sports Complex.

No matter who wins the championship, this championship will be remembered as one that provided the platform for both junior and senior staff of the University as well as staff and students to mingle together, dance, cheer and analyze alongside each other. No doubt, the fans are all grateful to the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Bala for making this dream a reality and for them to be part of FUT, Minna's golden moment in terms of sporting activities.

Results of Matches played yesterday:

Registry Department 3-0 School of Infrastructure, Process Engineering Technology (SIPET)

SSTE 0-0 SET

SEET 4-1 UHS

Today's Match:

University Security Service Vs School of Agric. Agricultural Technology SAAT, 4pm at the Gidan Kwano Sports Complex.

Works/PPDU vs SICT

MATCH FIXTURES FOR THE 2018 PROF. ABDULLAHI BALA STAFF CUP

Date: 4 th April, 2018	1. Match No. 1:	VC's Office Vs Library Time: 4:00pm Venue: GK Field
Date: 5 th April, 2018	2. Match No. 2:	Registry Vs SIPET Time: 4:00pm Venue: GK Field
3. Match No. 3:		Micro Finance Bank VS SLS Time: 4:00pm Venue: Bosso Field
4. Match No. 4		SET VS SSTE Time: 5:15pm Venue: GK Field
5. Match No. 5		SEET VS Library Time: 5:15pm Venue: Bosso Field
Date: 6 th April, 2018	6. Match No. 6	SAAT VS Security Time: 4:00pm Venue: GK Field
7. Match No. 7		SPS VS SEMT Time: 4:00pm Venue: Bosso Field
8. Match No. 8		Works VS SICT Time: 5:15pm Venue: Bosso Field
Date: 7 th April, 2018	9. Match No. 9	VC's Office VS UHS Time: 7:00am Venue: Bosso Field
10. Match No. 10		Registry VS SLS Time: 8:15am Venue: Bosso Field
11. Match No. 11		MFB VS SIPET Time: 4:00pm Venue: Bosso Field
12. Match No. 12		SEET VS UHS Time: 5:15pm Venue: Bosso Field
Date: 9 th April, 2018	13. Match No. 13	SET VS Security Time: 4:00pm Venue: GK Field
14. Match No. 14		SPS VS SICT Time: 4:00pm Venue: Bosso Field
15. Match No. 15		SAAT VS SSTE Time: 5:15pm Venue: Bosso Field
16. Match No. 16		Works VS SEMT Time: 5:15pm Venue: GK Field
Date: 10 th April, 2018	17. Match No. 17	Registry VS MFB Time: 4:00pm Venue: Bosso Field
18. Match No. 18		SIPET VS SLS Time: 4:00pm Venue: GK Field
19. Match No. 19		VC's Office VS SEET Time: 5:15pm Venue: GK Field
20. Match No. 20		Library VS UHS Time: 5:15pm Venue: Bosso Field
Date: 11 th April, 2018	21. Match No. 21	SET VS SAAT Time: 4:00pm Venue: GK Field
22. Match No. 22		SSTE VS Security Time: 4:00pm Venue: Bosso Field
23. Match No. 23		SPS VS Works Time: 5:15pm Venue: Bosso Field
24. Match No. 24		SEMT VS SICT Time: 5:15PM Venue: GK Field
Date: 13 th April, 2018	25. Match No. 25	1 st in Group A VS 2 nd in Group C Time: 4:00pm Venue: Bosso Field
27. Match No. 27		1 st in Group C VS 2 nd in Group A Time: 5:15pm Venue: GK Field
26. Match No. 26		1 st in group B VS 2 nd in group D Time: 4:00pm Venue: Gk Field
28. Match No. 28		1 st in Group D VS 2 nd in Group B Time: 5:15pm Venue: Bosso Field
Date: 16 th April, 2018	29. Match No. 29	Winner of Match 25 VS Winner of match 26 Time: 4:00pm Venue: GK Field
30. Match No. 30		Winner of Match 27 VS Winner of Match 28 Time: 4:00pm Venue: Bosso Field Date: 18 th April, 2018
31. Match No. 31		Looser of Match 29 VS Looser of match 30 Time: 2:30pm Venue: GK Field
32. Match No. 32		Winner of Match 29 VS Winner of Match 30 Time: 4:00pm Venue: GK Field (Final).

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, March 26, – Thursday, March 29, 2018)

N/S	RECEIPTS	₦
1	Clearance Fees	57,000.00
2	Collection of Certificate	3,537,750.00
3	Academic Transcript Fees	575,000.00
4	Semesterial Result	4,600.00
5	Turnitin	14,500.00
6	Purchase of Academic Gown	90,000.00
7	Proficiency in English	30,000.00
8	Change of Course Form	60,000.00
9	Post UTME Scratch Card	59,000.00
10	Hostel Fees	525,000.00
11	Campus Radio	14,380.00
12	Hiring of Academic Gown	1,244,000.00
13	Statement of Result	4,000.00
14	Farm	3,500.00
15	Replacement of I.D. Card	4,000.00
16	SIWES Fees	85,000.00
17	Personnel Allocation From Abuja	331,583,867.85
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	337,891,597.85
	PAYMENTS	
	Contractors/Suppliers	
	(i) Staff	
	(a) Salary	328,981,629.54
	(b) Staff Training	8,000,000.00
	(c) Refund	246,750.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) DHL International Nig. Ltd. - Courier Service	159,325.95
	(b) Ola Dandy Tailor & Co - Supply	6,972,000.00
	(c) Leah Eyagi Yisa - Cost of refreshment	884,500.00
	TOTAL PAYMENT	345,244,205.49

COUNSELLING TIP

You may be justified to take action against your partner (spouse, child, colleague, boss or subordinate) who deliberately or ignorantly hurt you. Such action may eventually ruin your peaceful coexistence. As such, forgive others not because they deserve it but because you deserve peace.

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

AL-HALAL MEMBERSHIP CARD

Al-Halal Cooperative Multipurpose Society is producing Identity cards for its members. Those who do not have their membership ID cards are to collect the ID card forms at the Society's Secretariat, Bosso Campus, complete it and return same to the Desk Officer with one passport photograph attached.