



Campus News

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FUTMINNA MATRICULATES 4TH SET OF PG STUDENTS

The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsesn* has said that Postgraduate programmes of the University are highly competitive.

He stated this during the 4th matriculation ceremony of the Postgraduate Students held on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at CPES Hall, Bosso Campus.



Cross section of the newly admitted PG Students taking their matriculation oath

Prof. Bala said a very high premium is placed on the calibre of students admitted into various programmes of FUT, Minna because they will be reckoned with nationally and internationally. He therefore urged them to work very hard from the onset, having been successfully admitted, to achieve their set academic goals.

"It is not that those who were not admitted were unqualified for the programme of their choice, but the most highly qualified were selected based on available spaces," Prof. Bala said.

The VC urged them to be focused, disciplined, time conscious and be of high moral conduct. He further cautioned them to desist from any form of examination misconduct and involvement in unregistered associations to avoid unpleasant consequences.

Prof. Bala noted that the standard of academic programmes in the University is very high and as a policy, any student whose Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) at the end of the second semester of the first year is less than 2.50 for Master and 1.50 for PGD has to discontinue the programme.

He advised them to see their research supervisors frequently as there is a stipulated time frame for the respective programmes which must be adhered to.

The VC encouraged them to acquaint themselves with the Postgraduate School prospectus as well as participate in the newly formed Association of Nigerian

Postgraduate Students (ANPS), FUT, Minna Chapter.

Prof. Bala disclosed that a total of 3,064 candidates applied to the University but only 1,735 were admitted out of which 1,244 registered.

Rabiu Ibrahim, a Postgraduate Student, studying Masters in Analytical Chemistry in an interview commended FUT, Minna for its high academic standard.

"I intend to be a lecturer and researcher to contribute my quota to the socio-economic development of the country and FUT, Minna is the right place for researchers; the future and prospect is very high here. I am glad to be here," Rabiu echoed.

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

SABBATICAL

The Vice-Chancellor has approved Sabbatical for **Dr. O. S. Azeez**, Department of Chemical Engineering tenable at the Botswana International University of Science and Technology, Botswana for a period of one year, with effect from October 1, 2018

He has also approved the renewal of the following appointments of Visiting Lecturers for a period of one year each:

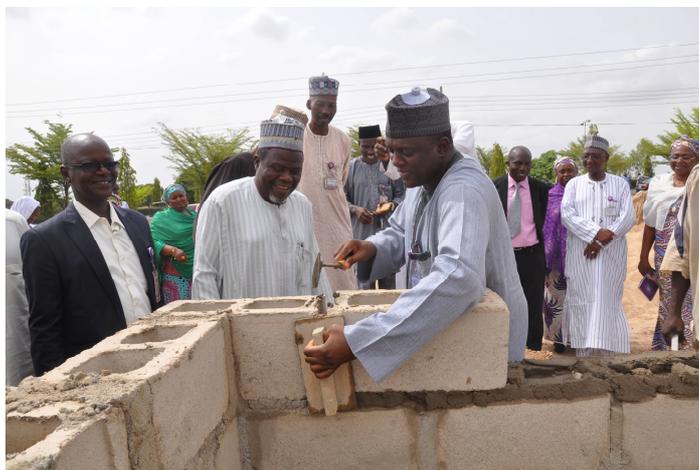
1. **Prof. Timothy Oluwadare Idowu**, Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics, with effect from March 1, 2018
2. **Dr. Kasimu Mohammed**, Department of Quantity Surveying, with effect from May 1, 2018.

STAFF SCHOOL VACATION

This is to notify the parents and guardians that FUT, Minna Staff School would be on vacation from Friday, April 13, 2018 and will resume on Monday, April 30, 2018.

VC LAYS FOUNDATION FOR PG STUDENT SECRETARIAT

In view of the need to provide a befitting space for their official activities and relaxation for Post Graduate Students, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn* has laid the foundation for the building of a secretariat for the Association of Nigerian Post Graduate Students, FUT, Minna Chapter.



Prof. Bala performing the foundation laying

The foundation laying took place on Monday, April 9, 2018 at the project site, beside the Security Office, Main Campus.

Speaking during the event, the Vice-Chancellor said, yet again, FUT, Minna is trailblazing at it is the first of its kind, adding that in most schools, there is hardly any room for postgraduate classes talk more of relaxation centre.

"As matured students, the kinds of things postgraduates do or need to do will be a bit different from what the undergraduates do. Therefore, providing them a secretariat and relaxation spot is a good and welcomed initiative," Prof. Bala opined.

The VC said Management is happy with it and supports it. He noted that from the design, it is going to be a great edifice, which will give a beautiful scenery to people as it will be one of the first edifice they will see as they come into the University.

He expressed his appreciation to the Dean of PG School, Prof. Matthew Musa Kolo over the development.

Prof. Bala said after the PG Board sits, there should be the introduction of development levy on the students that could be used to plough into building of the secretariat and help in its continued growth. The helmsman supported the building with an initial contribution of one million naira only.

In a presentation before the foundation laying, the project Architect, Dr. Adedayo Olatunde, Department of Architecture, disclosed that the building is divided into the administrative sections, comprising six offices for the executives while the guest house section comprises of a relaxation lounge for PG Students to relax when they don't have lectures.

According to him, it also has a store, kitchen and courtyard that links the two buildings. The site also

allows them to have a lot of out door activities for relaxation. The idea of the guest section is for running and maintenance from money generated from it.

Earlier in his speech, the Interim President, Postgraduate Student Association, FUT, Minna, Saheed Mustapha expressed his appreciation to the University Management for endorsing and giving the association the opportunity to build its secretariat, adding that the project would not be abandoned.

He said the goal of the association is to ensure that the secretariat provides support and fosters unity among Postgraduate Students and that he is committed to providing transparency in order to ensure an effective functioning of the Association.

In her vote of thanks, the General Secretary of the Association, Halimah Tauheed on behalf of all Postgraduate students thanked the University Management for their continued support and advice towards taking the association to greater heights.

SET HOLDS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Vice Chancellor, Federal University of Technology Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn* has congratulated the School of Environmental Technology (SET) for holding the first international conference under his leadership, with a charge for them to sustain the tempo.



Prof. Bala (5th from right) poses for a group photograph with Principal Officers and participants at the SET Conference.

Prof Bala stated this during the opening ceremony on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at SET Lecture Theatre, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

The Vice-Chancellor applauded the promptness and importance of the theme of the conference titled: "**Contemporary issues and sustainable practices in the built environment,**" while charging them to address the issues of building collapse and slum growth.

He urged them to focus on intelligent buildings, energy efficient buildings among others in the country. The don stated that it is the mandate of the institution to

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COMMUNITY SERVICE: RESEARCH GROUP TO USE ICT FOR SEXUAL HEALTH IN BOSSO

In furtherance of the Vice-Chancellor's drive towards community service, the Technology and Development Research Network (TADREN) in the School of Information and Communication Technology (SICT), has kick-started efforts aimed at addressing adolescent sexual health issues in Bosso Local Government area of Niger State.

This much came to the fore when Ag. Dean of SICT and leader



Prof. Iwokwagh (standing) explaining a point as Bosso community leaders listen with rapt attention

of the group, Prof. Nicholas Iwokwagh made a presentation to community leaders and officials of the Primary Health Care Unit of the LGA on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at Conference Room of the Local Government Headquarters, Maikunkele.

Prof. Iwokwagh disclosed that TADREN was determined to see a change that would lead to the protection of sexual and reproductive rights and health of adolescent boys and girls and ensure that they have access to adolescent-friendly sexual health service delivery. The target group for the intervention are people between the ages of 12 and 24, he added.

The Acting Dean disclosed that TADREN would help the community use ICT to drive change, just as it is out to translate research findings into reality.

He reiterated the need for parents to talk openly with their children on sexual health matters as studies have shown that parents who do so tend to have well prepared children who cannot be sexually exploited.

Part of the role of primary health care, Prof. Iwokwagh said, was to ensure that whatever technology is used must be within the ability of the community to use and effectively maintain.

The don disclosed that studies on adolescent sexual reproductive health situation in Nigeria indicate that adolescents account for 60% HIV/AIDS cases, 80% of abortions and abortion-related complications in Nigeria as well as a birthrate of 112 in 1000, one of the highest in the world.

He identified individual, cultural, economic, social and religious factors as predictors of the adolescent sexual and reproductive health situation in the society.

In his remarks, the Director, Primary Health Care in the LGA, Mall. Hassan Bosso, said that they were impressed with presentation and gave assurances of cooperating with Prof. Iwokwagh towards success of the intervention.

TADREN has as its vision "to engage in cutting head academic and applied research for the purpose of finding lasting solutions to the multifarious problems confronting our society" and a mission of engaging "ICT and innovative research approaches to drive development and social change in Nigeria."

Its research directions include media technologies and social change; ICT and healthcare; ICT, development and poverty reduction, amongst others.

VC TASKS STUDENTS ON QUALITY LEADERSHIP, AS NAAS CONGRATULATES NEW HELMSMAN

The Vice Chancellor Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fssn* has enjoined students of the University to focus on their primary assignment of learning by studying hard and building on their experiences.

Prof. Bala made this call yesterday when officials of the National Association of Agricultural Students (NAAS) paid him a courtesy call at the Main Campus.

He called on the leaders of the Association to showcase quality leadership that orients other students to attending lectures constantly, conducting themselves with dignity and managing their time properly so as to avoid withdrawal from the institution. He further charged the School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT), to maintain their known calmness and good behavior.

The Vice-Chancellor assured the students that damaged chairs and benches at some lecture theatres and classes will be repaired before the upcoming examination and that, over time, the University will provide the necessary equipment for them to do the industrial training within the campus so as to provide them with positive experiences.

He assured them that members of staff are professionals and friendly to students even as he urged the students to always lodge their complaints using the proper channels.

Speaking at the event the President NAAS, Fayoye Ayodeji Mathew thanked the Vice-Chancellor for the opportunity and congratulated him on his appointment.

Fayoye further said it is a privilege to identify with the Vice-Chancellor who was once president of the NAAS and has always been a mentor and a role model in SAAT.

They prayed for peace and God's guidance for the VC in carrying out his duties to move the University to greater height.

In a related development, the Fellowship of Christian Students Nigeria (FCS), Niger State Chapter paid a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor on Thursday 12, April 2018 at the Vice-Chancellors Conference Room, Main Campus. The Association led by Dr. Adama Solomon congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on his appointment and prayed for him to carry out his assignments successfully. Prof. Bala thanked them for the visit.

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collect and make knowledge available for the development of our community.

Prof. Bala hoped that by the end of the conference, the proceedings would be sent to the University Library and abstract would be posted on the University website.

In her address, the Acting Dean, School of Environmental Technology, Prof. Stella Zubairu said the school is concerned about sustaining the environment for the future life of the planet earth, "The conference will provide information on researches that have been carried out in a wide spectrum of issues relating to practice that will ensure health, safety, and security of inhabitants in the built environment," she stated.

Speaking at the event, the chairman of the occasion Prof. Suleiman Sadiku thanked the Vice-Chancellor for keeping the culture he inherited and called on SET to take the country to higher level by competing with developed countries toward the development of intelligent buildings and green building.

In a related development SET launched a book documenting the first 100 years of environmental activities in Nigeria. Among many others, the University Library purchased five copies.

AL-HALAL RAMADAN SALES

Al-Halal Cooperative Multipurpose Society wishes to inform its members of the sales of items for Ramadan. Interested members are to collect forms at the Society's Secretariat, Bosso Campus, complete and return same with their current pay slip (March, 2018), on or before 30th April, 2018.

Available items:

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| 1. Rice (25kg) | 17. Peak Tin (400g) |
| 2. Rice (50kg) | 18. Peak Refill (400g) |
| 3. King Oil (5ltr) | 19. Sugar Packet |
| 4. King Oil (25ltr) | 20. Grand Oil (3.75 ltr.) |
| 5. Palm Oil (5ltr) | 21. Milo Tin (400g) |
| 6. Laziz Veg Oil (5ltr) | 22. Indomie (Big) |
| 7. Laziz Veg Oil (3ltr) | 23. Indomie (Small) |
| 8. Live Chicken | 24. Spaghetti |
| 9. Sachet Tomato | 25. Maggi Star |
| 10. Egushi | 26. Peak Liquid |
| 11. Beans (1kg) | 27. Lipton |
| 12. Pounded Yam Flour (1kg) | 28. Egg |
| 13. Maize | 29. Peak Tin (900g) |
| 14. Semovita (10kg) | 30. Bournvita (900g) |
| 15. Semolina (10kg) | 31. 3 Crown Liquid |
| 16. Wheat | 32. 3 Crown Sachet |

CONDOLENCE

The Registrar has on behalf of Management, Staff and Students of the Federal University of Technology, Minna condoled with the following:

- Madinat Suleiman**, Internal Audit Unit, over the death of her mother, which sad event occurred on Thursday, March 15, 2018.
- Leonard O. Ndibe**, Department of Entrepreneurship and Business Studies, over the death of his father, which sad event occurred on Wednesday, January 24, 2018.
- Mrs. Ramatu Idris Egba**, Department of Microbiology, over the death of her husband, Mal. Alfa Mohammed, which sad event occurred on Saturday April 7, 2018.

May their gentle souls rest in peace. Amen.

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, February 2, – Friday, 6, 2018)

S	RECEIPTS	N
1	Clearance Fees	54,000.00
2	Collection of Certificate	1,018,000.00
3	Academic Transcript Fees	580,000.00
4	Semesterial Result	7,200.00
5	Turnitin	37,000.00
6	Commercial Activities	16,000.00
7	Proficiency in English	4,000.00
8	Change of Course Form	20,000.00
9	Verification/Confirmation of Certificate	22,000.00
10	Hostel Fees	280,750.00
11	Farm Land	1,500.00
12	Replacement of I.D. Card	7,500.00
13	Statement of Result	2,000.00
14	Renewal of Association	20,000.00
15	Purchase of Academic Gown	120,000.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	2,189,950.00
	PAYMENTS	
16	Contractors/Suppliers	
	(i) Staff	
	(a) Refund	8,853,794.80
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) A. G Office Equipment Services	267,187.50
	(b) DHL International Nig. Ltd. - Courier Service	136,687.67
	(c) DHL International Nig. Ltd. - Courier Service	299,558.17
	(d) Sarkin Pawa - Repairs	173,000.00
	(e) Doko International Hotel Ltd - Hotel Bill	50,250.00
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	(i) " " " "	71,375.00
	(J) DHL International Nig. Ltd. - Courier Service	5,262.60
	(k) Dashmark Const. Nig. - Service	1,045,022.00
	(l) Sarkin Pawa - Repairs	33,400.00
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	11,452,132.74

COUNSELLING TIP

As a staff of this great citadel of learning, be you an academic or non-academic staff, be patient enough to listen to a student's concerns brought to you. You are his or her available parent at the point of contact. Your parental guidance in love will help him or her build confidence in you and to feel comfortable with the system.

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