



UNIVERSITY SECURITY WINS 2018 VC CUP • Prof Bala Commends University Sports C'ttee

The University Security Services football team concluded their superlative performance in the 2018 Federal University of Technology, Minna Inter-School/Department/Unit Staff Football Championship with a hard fought 2-1 victory over the University Registry Department to win the maiden edition of the competition played on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at the University Football Field, Main Campus.



L-R: The VC, Prof. Abdullahi Bala presenting trophy to the team Captain of the victorious University Security Services, Ishaku Shaibu

Two first half goals from Sani Yakubu and Abraham Peter in the 11th and 23rd minutes saw the University Security Services lift the coveted trophy. The University Security team dominated the first half of the keenly contested encounter watched by a large number of spectators and they made the possession count with two beautifully taken goals that were greeted by rapturous celebration by their supporters. The Security Boys held on to their two goals advantage to end the first half in the driver's seat.

The Registry Department took over proceedings in the second half after receiving pep talks from the technical adviser of the team, Mal. Aliyu Abubakar and the University Registrar, Mrs. Victoria Nnawo Kolo during the half time break. The instructions paid off as the Registry Department team came all out in the second half and created several goal scoring opportunities but lacked aplomb and cutting edge in front of the University Security team's goal post.

The pressure from the Registry Department later paid off in the 53rd minutes when their star player Ahmed Adamu was brought down in the penalty box and the centre referee wasted no time in awarding a penalty kick which was calmly converted by Ahmed Adamu to set up a tensed final moment. The University Security Services held on despite the countless attacking moves by the Registry Department to maintain the 2-1 score line to clinch the trophy.

Despite starting the championship as hot favourite, the University Security Services laboured to defeat School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology 1-0 in their opening match. However, the team grew stronger as the tournament progressed, impressing spectators with their free flowing style of football that produced 21 goals in five matches before the final without conceding a goal.

The Registry football team also amassed 15 goals before the final match and their strikers were curtailed by the University Security Services defenders.

The Vice-Chancellor's Office team came third in the championship after overcoming Physical Planning and Development Unit/ Works football team 1-0 in the third-place match.

Speaking before presenting the trophies, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, ^{FSSSW} congratulated the University Security football team for winning the championship and the Registry Department for being the second best team of the championship, adding that the final match and the competition generally lived up to its pre-tournament hype.

"We now know the Ronaldos, Maradonas and Messis of FUT, Minna," the VC disclosed.

Prof. Bala stated that the championship has achieved its aims and objectives of building the bond of friendship among staff of the University as well as spotting new talents that would represent the University at the forthcoming Universities Staff Games scheduled to hold at the University of Ilorin later this year.

"I believe that when we go for the University staff games, we will come back with gold medal in football," Prof. Bala enthused.

The Vice-Chancellor commended the University Sports Committee for organizing the championship and also thanked all players and officials that participated in the championship while urging teams to prepare better for the next edition so that they can win trophies.

Earlier in his address, the Chairman, University Sports Committee, Dr. Rasheed Ojutiku expressed gratitude to the University Management for bankrolling the championship, adding that the championship has enabled the Sports Committee to discover new talents for the University among its staff.

Dr. Ojutiku thanked the Managements of Wema Bank and FUTMIN Ventures for supporting the University Sports Committee towards hosting a hitch-free football championship.

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Delivering his address, the Business Development Manager, Wema Bank Plc, Mr. Ibrahim Manguwa reiterated Wema Bank's commitment to sports development in Nigeria and their area of operation, adding that the bank supported the championship based on the belief the bank had in the University.

The Business Development Manager disclosed that Wema Bank as the oldest indigenous bank in Nigeria has the capacity to attend to all the banking needs of the University staff and students based on its innovative business platforms as well as its massive investment in Information Technology infrastructure.

The closing ceremony also witnessed the presentation of individual awards by the Vice-Chancellor to some outstanding players in the championship. The winners of the individual awards are as follows: Ahmed Adamu of the Registry Department was voted as the championship Most Valuable Player (MVP), Musa Bulus of School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT) won the golden glove award as the best goalkeeper of the championship, Prof. Wushishi of the Science Education Department, (SSTE) won the best midfielder award of the championship. Prof. Ibrahim Adai won the best coach award while Friday Sabo of the University Security Services won the highest goal scorer award with 9 goals.

The Chairman, University Sports Committee later presented an award to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Bala in recognition of his support to the development of sports in the institution.



The Chairman, University Sports Committee presenting an award to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Bala

NO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING – PROF BALA

As the Federal University of Technology, Minna hosts the National Executive Council meeting of the Nigerian Metallurgical Society (NMS), the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *FSSSN*, has underscored the importance of Metallurgical Engineering in national development.



VC, Prof. Abdullahi Bala (left) receiving the donated journals from NMS President, Prof. Suleiman Hassan

Prof. Bala stated this today at the Gidan Kwano Campus of the University when he received officials of the NMS led by the National President, Prof. Suleiman Hassan.

"We know that national development cannot actually be realised without capacity in metallurgy," said the Vice-Chancellor, adding that the fact that the country is still talking of how to complete the Ajaokuta steel project shows the sorry state it finds itself due to the selfish tendencies of some people that had been put in places of trust and a lack of appreciation of the role of metallurgy in national development.

He added that the University knows that it has a role to play in developing manpower to supply local content for the Metallurgy and Steel sector as the country cannot continue to rely on foreign countries, just as he stressed the need for Nigerians to take ownership of such national monuments as Ajaokuta steel project.

Prof. Bala therefore expressed hope that there would be a rethink to ensure that the steel and metallurgical sector make the expected contribution to national development.

The Vice-Chancellor noted that as the University's Department of Materials and Metallurgical Engineering is still young, the institution would have to rely on the Society in areas of manpower development and capacity building.

As a mark of appreciation to the University for its hospitality, the NMS donated copies of *Journal of Metallurgy and Materials Engineering*.

Earlier, NMS President Prof. Hassan told the Vice-Chancellor that the Society was in the University for its second quarter meeting of the year, hence the need to pay homage to the Chief Executive.

He thanked the University for the hospitality and wished the Vice-Chancellor success.

ASSURES OF INCLUSIVENESS AS BORGU PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION VISITS

Borgu Progressive Association, Minna has paid a courtesy visit on the Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna.

The visit held on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at the Vice-Chancellor's Conference Room, Main Campus.



Prof. Abdullahi Bala (m) flanked by other Principal Officers and Officials of Borgu Progressive Association

Vice Chairman of the Association, Abdullahi Mohammed Nasir, who led the officials said the aim of the visit was to congratulate the Vice-Chancellor on his well deserved appointment and also to follow-up on their visit in September, 2017 where they tabled some requests to the former Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FAS*.

The Vice-Chairman said in their last visit, they sought for support in the areas of admission, employment and social responsibility and were still tabling the same request to the new helmsman.

He acknowledged the support of the immediate past Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Akanji and assured that they have put strategies in place to encourage their wards in Borgu to see the need for education and key into the technological sphere of life.

In a brief statement about the Association, Mal. Nasir pointed out that Borgu Progressive Association, Minna is a body of indigenes of Borgu resident in Minna aimed to foster unity among members and to promote their socio-cultural heritage.

According to him, the Association is registered with the Ministry of Youths and Sports Development while its registration with the Corporate Affairs Commission is on going.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Bala welcomed and thanked them for the goodwill, prayer, support and positive remarks about the University.

The VC disclosed that he is particularly very passionate about issues concerning Borgu because the Mai Borgu was one of those that gave him all the necessary support when he was applying for the position of VC.

He, however, expressed displeasure that Borgu Emirate in general is not well represented, either in staffing or among students, because FUT, Minna is a Federal university located in Niger State and that Management

will look into issues raised by the Association.

Prof. Bala who encouraged them to apply to FUT, Minna for available programmes assured that any citizen of Borgu kingdom that qualifies for admission, at Pre-degree, IJMB, first degree or Postgraduate levels, will be given admission.

He noted that Management was trying to encourage inclusiveness both in composition of students and staff.

The VC further revealed that the Management will give admission to at least 10 qualified candidates from Borgu for Pre-degree with waiver of tuition fee.

Also in the area of corporate social responsibility, Prof. Bala disclosed that a computer training of secondary school students aimed at exposing and familiarising them with the use of computer, as most exams these days are computer-based, has just been concluded in Minna and that a similar one will be organised in New Bussa.

The VC praised them for their passion and interest in the development of their people.

"When we see people really interested in community development, we embrace them because community development is part of the mandate of the University so in trying to reach out to the communities, we don't use individuals but organisations," Prof. Bala said.

PROMOTION

Council at Council's 129th meeting held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 approved the promotion of **Dr. Ayuba Philip**, Department of Architecture, from Senior Lecturer to Associate Professors, with effect from October 1, 2017.

APPOINTMENTS

Renewal

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of the following appointments as Visiting Lecturers for a period of one year each:

1. **Prof. Callistus C. Ibe**, Department of Transport Management Technology, with effect from May 1, 2018
2. **Dr. (Mrs.) M. M. Olorukooba**, Department of Crop Production, with effect from June 1, 2018.

Upgrading

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the Upgrading of **Salome A. Kolo**, Department of Architecture from Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer, with effect from December 19, 2017.

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Registrar Hosts Football Team

The Registrar, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Mrs. Victoria Nnawo Kolo has congratulated the Registry Department football team for emerging second at the just concluded FUT, Minna Inter-School/Department/Unit Staff football championship and for being worthy ambassadors of the Department.

The Registrar stated this when she received players and officials of the team in her office at the Senate Building, Main Campus on Thursday, April 26, 2018.



The Registrar, Mrs. Kolo (m) flanked by players and officials of the Registry football team in a group photograph in her office after hosting the team

Speaking after receiving the trophy, Mrs. Kolo expressed satisfaction with the scintillating performance of the team throughout the duration of the championship, saying that the Registry Department is proud of them and urged the players and officials to maintain the team's unity that was exhibited during the championship.

"I am happy with you all for bringing honour to the Registry department and this trophy is a perfect parting gift for me as I conclude my tenure as Registrar of this University," she disclosed.

She appreciated the players and officials of the team for their sacrifice, dedication and for displaying high spirit of sportsmanship during the championship, while assuring them that the Department would provide more support for them during the next edition.

Speaking earlier on behalf of the team before presenting the trophy to the Registrar, the Technical Adviser/Coach of the Registry team, Mal. Aliyu Abubakar commended the Registrar for supporting the team, adding that her support made it possible for the team to play in the final of the championship.

It will be recalled that the Registry Department lost 2-1 to the University Security Services in the final of the championship played on Wednesday at the University Sports Complex, Gidan Kwano.

COOPERATIVE PRESIDENT INAUGURATES 3 C'TTEES

The President, Federal University of Technology, Minna Staff Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society Limited, Mal. Aminu Ashafa Mohammed has inaugurated the Audit, Business and Publicity Committees with a charge to members to live above board and to bring their wealth of experience to bear in the discharge of their duties towards advancing the fortunes of the Society.

The President gave this advice yesterday while inaugurating the Committees at the Cooperative Secretariat, Bosso Campus.

Mal. Ashafa stated that the Executive Council constituted the Committees in order to bring transparency and accountability to bear in the running of the Society affairs as well as for members of the Committee's to contribute their quota to its development.

The President charged members of the Committees to work according to the terms of reference of their Committees as well as to feel free to offer useful advice to the Executive that would improve the wellbeing of its members, while assuring them that the Executive would give them free room to operate without interference.



Cooperative Secretary, Mr. Adamu administering oath of office on the Committee members while the Cooperative President, Mal. Ashafa looks on with keen interest.

He disclosed that the Cooperative has over N500 million capital base with many assets and further reiterated that the Cooperative would continue to address the needs of members as and when due while assuring members that the Society is working towards ensuring that emergency loans given to members would no longer attracts interest.

Responding on behalf of the Committees, the Chairman, Publicity Committee, Mal. Adamu Moh'd Gbedu expressed appreciation to the Executive members of the Society for finding them worthy to serve, adding that members of Committees would not let them down and would work assiduously towards ensuring that the Cooperative Society regains its lost glory.

Members of the Business Committee are as follows: Simon B. Gana (Chairman), Omugbe Moses O., Ahmed Ibrahim, Alexander Tsado. Other members include: Bello Inyas, Isah Abubakar and Roseline D. Ior who will serve as the Secretary of the Committee.

The Publicity Committee has Mal. Adamu Moh'd Gbedu as Chairman and Ugboaja Stanley Uzoamaka as Secretary. Other members are: Solomon F. Susan, Shehu Bawa, Sidikatu Salahu, Dazhi Isah and Abdullahi Oगतfe.

The Audit Committee is headed by Nelson Iyene of the Bursary Department, with Abiodun Fawole and Tijanni Ahmed A. as members, while Musa Jatau will serve as Secretary of the Committee.

WE'LL ADMIT YOU, IF YOU PASS - VC ASSURES CPES STUDENTS

Students of the Centre for Preliminary and Extra-Mural Studies (CPES) have been assured admission if they made the minimum score in both UTME and IJMB final examination.

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *FSSSN* gave this assurance during the 14th orientation programme for pre-degree and IJMB students for the 2017/2018 session held



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Bala (6th from left) in a group snapshot with POs, Deans, Director of the Centre and other Officials after the event

recently at the CPES Hall, Bosso Campus.

The Vice-Chancellor pointed out that the student handbook had spelt out major issues concerning their studies while advising them to go through the book for guidance.

"You should refrain from all acts capable of ruining your academic sojourn in the University such as examination malpractice, cultism, fighting, assault, rumour mongering, illicit drug peddling and racketeering of any kind," Prof. Bala warned.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Director of the Centre, Engr. Dr. Mohammed Saidu expressed his appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor for finding him worthy of being appointed to head the centre and pledged to improve on the landmark achievements already made by his predecessors.

The twin programmes run by the Centre, he said, had gained acceptability over the years and that students are drawn from all over the country.

"It is on record that all pre-degree and IJMB candidates who obtained the minimum score in both UTME and IJMB final examinations were absorbed into 100 and 200 levels respectively. We hope and pray that in 2018/2019 session admission of our students would be given priority," the Director reiterated.

Engr. Dr. Saidu also expressed hope for the commencement of studies at the Suleja Study Centre, expansion of the programmes that would include extra mural components and other commercial courses in the IJMB programme since it has more than 50 affiliated institutions that candidates could seek admissions from.

During the informative session, Deans of respective schools and Students Affairs presented a brief on the

various academic programmes being run in their schools and students conduct in the University.

The Deputy Registrar (Academic), Hajiya Aisha S. Usman gave a rundown of the University Admission Entry Requirement, while Mrs. Eucharia Ezenwa Diugwu, Head of Guidance and Counselling Unit made a succinct presentation on passing through University Life and advised them not to hesitate to contact the Unit for proper guidance.

In his vote of thanks, the Secretary of the Centre, Comrade Abubakar Aliyu, noted that the orientation programme is an effort to ease transition to the main stream of the University and thanked everyone for attending.

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SAAT

The School Board, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT) has at its 221st meeting approved the appointments of the following for a period of two years each, effective from February 16, 2018:

1. Dr. (Mrs.) Olanike Alaba Ojo, Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension, as the **Welfare Chairperson**.
2. Dr. (Mrs.) Faith D. Ibrahim, Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension, re-elected as the **Representative on University Colloquium and Seminar Committee**.
3. Dr. Abigail John Jirgi, Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension, re-elected as the **Turnitin and Admission Officer**.
4. Dr. Usman Shaba Mohammed, Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension, re-appointed as the **Coordinator of Student Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES)**.
5. Dr. Cornelius Owoniyi Adebayo, Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension, as **Examination Officer**.
6. Dr. Emmanuel Daniya, Department of Crop Production re-elected as the **Time Table and Registration Officer**.
7. Dr. Baba Abubakar Lawal, Department of Soil Science and Land Management as the **Assistant Examination Officer**.

DISCIPLINED STUDENTS

WITHDRAWAL

Senate at its 429th meeting held on Wednesday, December 20, 2017, approved the withdrawal of the following students from the University. Serial No. 1 - 21 are voluntary due to their absence from the University for two consecutive sessions without official permission, while serial No. 22 withdrew due to overstayed studentship.

1. Audu Aliyu (2009/1/34934MM) 500L, Department of Estate Management and Valuation.
2. Hussaini Abdullahi (2013/1/46556VP) 100L, Department of Urban and Regional Planning.
3. Faruna Excellent Ojodua (2013/1/48105VP) 200L, Department of Urban and Regional Planning.
4. Moses Adama, (2013/1/48224VP) 200L, Department of Urban and Regional Planning.
5. Gwamna Tisan Sule (2011/1/40759VP) 400L, Department of Urban and Regional Planning.
6. Kalu David Odinakachukwu (2013/2/48734MM) 300L, Department of Estate Management and Valuation.
7. Barde Nuhu Yunusa (2013/1/47690MM) 200L, Department of Estate Management and Valuation.
8. Adejumo Quayyum Oladayo (2013/1/46550VP) 200L, Department of Urban and Regional Planning.
9. Umar Fatima Ndanusa (2011/1/39417VP) 300L, Department of Urban and Regional Planning.
10. Adejoh Samuel Ebdoma (2014/1/50363MM) 100L, Department of Estate Management and Valuation.
11. Sambo Gabriel Jerry (2010/1/37412MM) 500L, Department of Estate Management and Valuation.
12. Abarshi Nuhu Sani (2011/1/40263VP) 300L, Department of Urban and Regional Planning.
13. Abdulmumin Abdulsalam (2011/1/40538MM) 300L, Department of Estate Management and Valuation.
14. Shuaibu Awal Mohammed (2011/1/40109MM) 400L, Department of Estate Management and Valuation.
15. Chinda Mavis Wasini (2011/2/39231MM) 500L, Department of Estate Management and Valuation.
16. Nwabia Amobi Ogene (2012/1/43035VP) 300L, Department of Urban and Regional Planning.
17. Akaa Sonter Zenas (2012/1/43059VP) 300L, Department of Urban and Regional Planning.
18. Samotu Sheriff (2014/1/50393MM) 200L, Department of Estate Management and Valuation.
19. Gidado Jonathan Deji (2012/1/42651MM) 300L, Department of Estate Management and Valuation.
20. Akoje Ajodo David (2010/1/36182MM) 400L, Department of Estate Management and Valuation.
21. Ajadioni Francis Olufikayo (2013/1/45353VP) 100L, Department of Urban and Regional Planning.
22. Alatise Fasilat Nike (2009/1/34551MM), Department of Estate Management and Valuation.

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, February 9, - Friday, 13, 2018)

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1	Clearance Fees	15,000.00
2	Collection of Certificate	557,000.00
3	Academic Transcript Fees	485,000.00
4	Semesterial Result	200.00
5	Turnitin	52,000.00
6	Commercial Activities	26,500.00
7	Proficiency in English	8,000.00
8	Deferment of Admission	10,000.00
9	Verification/Confirmation	18,000.00
10	Hostel Fees	158,750.00
11	Farm Land	19,500.00
12	Replacement of I.D. Card	1,000.00
13	Statement of Result	4,000.00
14	Purchase of Academic Gown	30,000.00
15	Penalty Fees for Late Submission of Gown	2,000.00
16	Campus Radio	383,150.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,770,100.00
	PAYMENTS	
17	Contractors/Suppliers	
	(i) Staff	
	(a) Other Payment	627,147.75
	(b) Refund	10,764,610.49
	(c) Advances	8,637,955.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Adex Areo Nig. Ltd. - Supply	2,056,750.00
	(b) Niger Emirates Unity Cup - Donation	250,000.00
	(c) Usioboh Goddy O. - Retainership	150,000.00
	(d) Leah Eyagi Yisa - Refreshment	342,300.00
	(e) Ahmadu Bello University - IJMB	1,525,000.00
	(f) Niger State Water Board - Water Bill	550,200.00
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	24,903,963.24

COUNSELLING TIP

Be conscious of messages received on your social media, especially those that will not promote peace and harmony. Do not be eager to forward them to others (especially group platform), even if you are asked to do so. As a responsible citizen of Nigeria, avoid promoting religious discrimination and anarchy. Interpretations given to such messages could lead you, your community or people of your faith to trouble. Let us promote love, peace and harmony.

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