

Campus News

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FUTMINNA GETS NOD FOR WASCAL PHD PROGRAMME AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR VISITS

The West African Science Service Centre on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL), Federal University of Technology, Minna has been given the go-ahead to commence a doctoral programme.

Executive Director of WASCAL, Dr. Moumini Savadogo who was on a visit to the University on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 disclosed this when he met with FUT,



7th & 8th from right: VC, Prof. Bala and ED, WASCAL, Dr. Savadogo and others in a snap shot after the visit.

Minna Principal Officers as well as the Advisory and Academic Board Members of WASCAL, at the Senate Chamber, Gidan Kwano Campus.

Dr. Savadogo said they are proud of the excellent work FUT, Minna is doing, hence the decision to upgrade its Masters Research Programme (MRP) on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use to a PhD.

He added that the theme of the PhD programme to be offered in the University will be Climate Change and Human Habitat.

The Executive Director lauded FUT, Minna for the quality of its training, saying that most graduates of its WASCAL programme are either employed or enrolled in PhD programmes.

WASCAL, he said, was established in response to climate change as it became necessary to develop strategies and methods to cope with the challenge.

Dr. Savadogo added that the beauty of WASCAL is in its great contribution to regional integration.

A total of 195 students have graduated from its programmes across the sub-region, 99 and 96 at the masters' doctoral levels respectively, he further disclosed.

He thanked the University for its excellent collaboration

with the sub-regional centre and looked forward to more collaborations.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn*, expressed happiness with the WASCAL project which he said has added colour, glamour and quality to the postgraduate programmes of the University. He described the MRP as truly international and timely as internationalisation is a topical issue for universities.

Prof. Bala noted that WASCAL is touching on germane issues and assured that the University would continue to support the programme.

The Vice-Chancellor commended the Director of WASCAL in FUT, Minna, Prof. Apollonia Okhimamhe for her doggedness and self-denial that led to the success of WASCAL.

Earlier, Prof. Okhimamhe did a PowerPoint presentation on the development and progress of WASCAL in the University.

The WASCAL officials were taken on a tour of WASCAL facility at FUT, Minna main campus. Dr. Savadogo was accompanied to the University by the WASCAL's Director, Capacity Building Department, Prof. Janet Adelegan and the Deputy Director of WASCAL at the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Dr. Vincent Ajayi. He commended the University for the facilities provided at the Centre.

WASCAL, a German government-backed initiative in the sub-region, with headquarters in Accra, Ghana, is currently training students in 10 universities across West Africa.

STUDY FELLOWSHIP WITHOUT APPROVAL

Management has observed that some members of staff are currently undergoing various programmes either within or outside the University without official approval.

For the avoidance of doubt, the University has a robust staff training programme in place and staff must obtain approval before embarking on any form of training. To do otherwise is at variance with the University's Conditions of Service.

Consequently, staff who are currently undergoing any form of training without approval should immediately withdraw as failure to do so will attract severe sanction.

Furthermore, staff who intend to embark on any programme should apply to the Committee of Deans.

DEFENCE HEADQUARTERS COLLABORATES WITH FUTMINNA

In order to enhance educational training and research in the area of engineering and technology development, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between the Federal University of Technology, Minna and the Defence Research and Development Bureau (DRDB) under the Ministry of Defence, Abuja.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fssn*, while speaking during the signing on Tuesday, July 31, 2018



VC, Prof. Bala (M), representative of the DG, Maj. Gen. Moses (6th from right), POs and others in a group photograph

at the VC'S Conference Room, Main Campus commended the Defence Research and Development Bureau for their interest to collaborate with the university to promote scientific and technological development.

According to him, FUT, Minna is a University with a good repository of intellectuals that are well grounded in research and development as well as trained personnel and is always ready to partner with relevant agencies that need the services.

The VC further disclosed that the university is founded on the nations aspiration to effect the much desired self reliance on science and technology and the military is supposed to be a major end-user of the technology the University is developing. "When the military is seen developing interest in these research activities, we are always happy," he said.

He assured of Management's support towards the success of the MOU.

Receiving the copy of the signed MOU on behalf of the Director General, Air Vice Marshal Jomo Osahor, the Director, Test and Evaluation DRBD, Maj. Gen. Moses Uzoh, expressed the DG's readiness to partner with the University in the area of academic and scholarly cooperative linkages and collaborative research.

He congratulated the University for being among the 11 institutions that won research grants of the Federal Ministry of Mines and Steel Development.

Speaking earlier, the Director, Directorate of Collaboration Affiliation and Linkages, Prof. Emmanuel Udensi prayed that the Defence Headquarters through the DRDB will put the MoU into good effect.

The agreement is for an initial period of five years while specific areas of cooperation to explore and develop amongst others include: Robotic Mechatronics, image processing, object tracking and detection, information and communication Technology, Fuel treatment, Radar and Radar control.

Other areas of the co-operation are; exchange of staff for short, medium or long period which will enhance and guarantee further scientific and scholarly cooperation in teaching and research, organisation of joint conferences, seminars, symposia, special short term academic programmes, vacation, cultural, tourism programmes, amongst others.

REDEPLOYMENT

The Registrar has approved the redeployment of the following Registry staff with effect from Wednesday, August 8, 2018.

N	NAME	OLD POST	NEW POST
1.	Babajiya Muhammed B.	Dean's Office. SIPET	PGS
2.	Abdullahi B. Saliyu	CDRM&DS	Dean's Office, SIPET
3.	Idris Ibrahim	SIPET	CDRM&DS
4.	Kolawole Jimoh Nasimat Titilayo	Dean's Office, SEMT	Academic Office
5.	Kulu Obadaki Ibrahim	Academic Office	Dean's Office, SEMT
6.	Otaru Ayo Peter	Dean's Office, SEMT	SERVICOM
7.	Hassana O. Yahaya	Dept. of Biochemistry	Dean's Office, SEMT
8.	Abdullahi Musa	Establishment Division	Dept. of Biochemistry

APPOINTMENT

Renewal

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of contract appointment of **Dr. James Oseni Abu**, Department of Mechanical Engineering for a period of one year with effect from August 1, 2018.

FUTMINNA, HAMLALIO NIGERIA LIMITED SIGN MOU

The Federal University of Technology, Minna and Hamlalio Nigeria Ltd are to partner in the area of providing hostel accommodation for students.

This agreement was reached during the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the two parties on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at the VC's Conference Room, Main Campus.



VC (L) presenting a copy of the signed MoU to CEO, Hamlalio

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn*, while speaking during the brief ceremony commended Mr. Hammed Adewumi, CEO, Hamlalio Nigeria Ltd for their interest to help build student hostels to enable the University achieve her hostel accommodation objective .

Prof. Bala noted that the University is desirous of providing accommodation for her students and in spite of the limited resources and dwindling funding it initiated a programme of private hostel development whereby individual entrepreneurs will build, operate and transfer (BOT) hostels to the University upon mutually agreed terms and conditions.

The VC disclosed that the University's specification is to have raised buildings but they will be the first to build sprawling building based on a Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) model and being the trailblazers, the university bent to meet some of their needs.

The helmsman assured the company of the University's commitment to ensure the project is successful and hoped for similar commitment from them based on the terms and agreement.

The CEO, Hamlalio while thanking the Vice-Chancellor for the opportunity given the company assured management that they would adhere to all the terms and conditions of the agreement.

The project consists construction of eight blocks of hostels of 20 rooms per block to accommodate a maximum of six students per room and is expected to be completed within a period of 18 months.

NAF COMMANDER VISITS, SEEKS FUTMINNA SUPPORT

Officials of the Nigerian Air Force Base Minna, paid a courtesy visit to the Federal University of Technology, Minna Management on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at the Council Chamber, Main Campus.

The Airforce Commander, 351 BSG, Nigerian Airforce, Group Captain Suleiman Kabiru Usman said they were in the University in order to maintain the existing relationship between the University and the Nigerian Airforce Base, Minna.

He pointed out that FUT, Minna was one of the important organisations to visit because of their involvement in research and development and also to seek assistance of the Management in training their personnel in the area of science and technology.

Group Captain Usman noted that some Airforce officers are in the University undergoing various programmes.

He thanked the Vice-Chancellor and his Management staff for the warm reception accorded them.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn*, said FUT, Minna was a major stakeholder in Niger State and has one thing or the other to do with the major institutions that are cited in the state.

He expressed happiness with the NAF for showing interest in FUT, Minna and commended the Commander and his team for finding time to visit, while assuring them that his door is always open in terms of cooperation at different levels.



VC, Prof. Bala (m) 5th from left GP Capt. SK Usman in a group photograph with other POs and Airforce Officers

MY MIT - ETT EXPERIENCE - DR KOLO

The Head of Department, Computer Engineering, Dr. Jonathan Gana Kolo has said that the overarching goal of MISTI African, Empowering the Teachers (ETT) programme is to facilitate the development of young African faculty leadership in science and engineering education who will introduce innovation and creativity into science and engineering curriculum.



Dr. Kolo speaking during the seminar

Dr. Kolo made this known yesterday at a seminar organised by the School of Electrical Engineering and Technology (SEET) at the Chemical Engineering PTDF Lecture Hall where he gave an in-depth account of his four months (February to May 2014) experience during the spring 2014 MIT - ETT programme at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA.

According to him, the ETT programme which is offered by the MIT International Science and Technology Initiatives (MISTI) together with its corporate partners NNPC and Total E&P is a prestigious teaching fellowship programme that enables outstanding young Nigerian faculty in science and engineering to collaborate with faculty at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in developing new curriculum and teaching methods.

"The aim is to facilitate in African institutions improved teaching content development that is geared towards student-centred content delivery, problem solving and creativity," he reiterated.

He further stated that MIT was founded in 1861 by William Barton Rogers as a mechanism of discovery and innovation. On eligibility, he explained that young African faculty who is interested in developing new curriculum and teaching methods and who consider themselves to be change agents and faculty members holding a Ph.D and teaching in a department corresponding to electrical engineering and computer science, mechanical engineering or petroleum engineering at a university in Africa can visit: <http://misti.mit.edu/empowering-teachers>.

He enumerated some of his activities during the programme to include Course Auditing, Graduate Student Teaching Certificate Programme, ETT Seminars, Education Seminars, IFF Seminar/workshop, MIT Culture etc.

PROF WUSHISHI TASKS STAKEHOLDERS IN PRIMARY EDUCATION

Professor Dantani Wushishi of the Department of Science Education, Federal University of Technology, Minna, has called on relevant stakeholders in primary education to be passionate and committed in funding all aspects of Nigerian's primary education sector.

This call was made when he presented a paper titled;



The representative of the Registrar, Secretary, SLS, Mal. Magana presenting prize to one of the graduating pupils, while other looks on

Managing Primary Education In An Emerging Economy, during the University Staff School's Annual Speech and Prize Giving Day Ceremony held on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at the school's premises, Bosso Campus.

According to him, management of primary education in Nigeria started as far back as 1843 and it involves so many issues ranging from administration, supervision, teaching, curricular, policies, funding and infrastructure.

He pointed out that the Nigeria's primary education has been financed through several services since inception to date. The instability in government commitment to the financing of primary education has been glaring over several decades and state governments spend few resources on primary education, preferring instead to concentrate on tertiary education he observed.

Explaining further, he said, the average spending on basic education was only 0.6 percent which covers only junior secondary schools, which suggests that states do not prioritize primary education as their expenditure responsibility.

Prof. Wushishi stated that, private sector plays an important role in providing education services at all levels. Private institutions do not receive official funding support from government but their main sources of finance for managing primary institutions are the fees they charge each pupil. Therefore, household's contributions to education financing are very significant particularly at this period of economic hardship.

He urged parents to be passionate about contributing to their children's education as a foundation for a better life.

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Speaking earlier, the Chairman of the event, Mr. Amos Kolo, Registrar, FUT, Minna, represented by Alhaji Ibrahim Magana, Secretary, School of Life Sciences (SLS) said that the University Staff School is as old as the University itself, and that graduates of the school have made their mark in different endeavors, adding that the University is proud of the efforts of the School Management despite their present predicament.

The Head Teacher of the School, Mrs. Agnes Thomas in her report, said that the school is turning out another set of pupils who have completed their primary education and the teachers have done their best in imparting knowledge and moral values into them.

Mrs. Thomas said that the school is concerned with the total training of children and the disciplinary committee is saddled with the responsibility of handling some issues.

She disclosed that in 2017, 10 pupils were shortlisted to participate in the NNPC/SNEPCO Scholarship selection test and 3 pupils were successful to receive the NNPC scholarship award into secondary school.

She further appealed to parents to spend quality time with their children, provide them with learning materials and respond promptly when called upon.

Highlights of the event were goodwill messages from various invited guests, presentation of prizes to the outstanding pupils and presentation of awards to dignitaries and guests present at the event.

NEWS FROM UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES

The Management of the University Health Services hereby wishes to announce the formal re-accreditation of the University Health Services Clinic of the Federal University of Technology, Minna as an accredited Primary Care Health facility under the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS).

By this information, apart from the students of the University who are statutorily registered as primary users of the UHS Clinics, all other would-be users are expected to register with the NHIS and to choose the FUT, Minna Clinic as their Primary provider. Failure to do so may lead to refusal of treatment by the Clinic.

NOTE: The FUT, Minna Clinic are not obliged to treat users who did not choose the facility as their primary provider except in strict emergencies. Such emergency treatment must be preceded by a permission from the Health Maintenance Organisation, who will be responsible for the payment of the cost incurred for such services without which the user may have to pay.

AL-HALAL POSTS N27M PROFIT, RENEWS EXCO TENURE

Al-Halal Cooperative Multipurpose Society (ACMS), Federal University of Technology, Minna, has declared a profit of twenty seven million, four hundred and fifty four thousand, four hundred and five naira for the year ended December, 2017.

President of the Society, Prof. Adamu Kabiru disclosed this at the 14th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Society held on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at the CPES Hall, Bosso Campus.

The profit represents an increase of more than N13 million (about 48 per cent), compared to N14 million realised in the preceding year.

Members of the Society also smiled home with a dividend of N53.49 per share of N 1,000.00, up from N35.83 they got in 2016.

The capital base of the Society also grew to N514 million, compared to N414 million recorded in 2016.

Prof. Kabiru thanked the University Management for their support and encouragement. While thanking members for their support, he called for their continued patience and understanding.

The President also reported corporate social responsibility efforts that the Society undertook which included: payment of school fees for indigent students as well as provision of food items to prisons and orphanage homes.



Al-Halal President, Prof. Adamu Kabiru addressing members during the AGM last weekend

Members unanimously renewed the tenure of the EXCO for a final term of two years.

There were goodwill messages from the University Librarian, Dr. Jibril Alhassan who was represented by Dr. Abubakar Bitagi and the Deputy Director, Internal Audit, Mall. Aminu Ashafa who both hailed officials and members of ACMS for the successes recorded.

SALE OF ONLINE POSTGRADUATE APPLICATION FORMS

The general public is hereby informed that the sale of online postgraduate application forms for admission into the 2018/2019 academic session has commenced.

Requirements:

All applicants must possess the basic entry requirements in addition to five O'level credits, including English and Mathematics.

Application Fee:

University charges an application fee of N10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Naira) only plus, N250.00 (Two Hundred and Fifty Naira) only Remita charges making a total of N10,250.00 (Ten Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Naira) only payable online via Remita platform with the use of Master or Verve card through the School portal.

Closing Date:

Completed application forms must be submitted online through the University portal latest Friday, August 31, 2018. All necessary instructions on filling of forms must be adhered to and failure to do so is sufficient ground to disqualify an applicant.

Important Notice:

Interested applicants should visit the Federal University of Technology, Minna website: www.futminna.edu.ng for further details on entry requirements, purchase, filling and submission of the online forms.

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

This is to inform our esteemed readers that the Unit will, as from Friday, October 5, 2018, stop the production and distribution of hardcopy version of the University Weekly Campus News.

Consequently, we advise our readers who are not on our e-mail data base to forward their e-mail address to any of the following: info@futminna.edu.ng, ayo.olubiyi@futminna.edu.ng and ayoyemifavour@gmail.com or any of these phone numbers: **08037276484**, **08036537032** or **08060893490**.

Help us in our commitment to serve you better.

CUSTOMERS' FORUM

This is to inform all Sigma Pension PFA contributors that there will be an interactive session with their PFA on the recent development in the Pension Industry scheduled as follows:

Date: Wednesday, August 15, 2018

Time: 10:00am prompt

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

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION INTO PRELIMINARY DEGREE/IJMB PROGRAMMES FOR 2018/2019 AND 2019/2020

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for admission into the One-year Preliminary Degree programme for the 2018/2019 academic session for both Minna and Suleja Centres and IJMB 2019/2020 academic session (Minna Centre only) of the Federal University of Technology, Minna. The University runs various Science and Technology based degree programmes in the following Schools: (1) **Agriculture and Agricultural Technology** (2) **Electrical Engineering and Technology** (3) **Environmental Technology** (4) **Information and Communication Technology** (5) **Infrastructure, Process Engineering and Technology** (6) **Life Sciences** (7) **Physical Sciences** (8) **Science and Technology Education**.

Entry Requirements:

To qualify for admission, a candidate MUST have at least five (5) credits including **English Language, Mathematics** and in any three of the following subjects: **Physics, Chemistry, Economics, Biology/Agricultural Science/Health Science/ Technical Drawing and Geography at SSCE, GCE O' Level, NECO and NABTEB**. The results obtained should not be at more than two sittings. For IJMB programme, Agricultural Science and Health Science are not acceptable.

Application form costs **Five Thousand Naira (N5,000.00)** only.

Duration of sales:

- (a) Pre-degree 16th July – 30th September, 2018
- (b) IJMB 16th July – 30th November, 2018

Method of Application:

Candidates are to log on to (www.futminna.edu.ng) to obtain instructions for the purchase of application forms.

Please note that the Centre is not liable to give reasons for rejecting any application, nor will it enter into correspondence on the subject matter with any applicant.

CAMPUS NEWS LAUNCHES MOBILE APP

This is to inform our esteemed readers that FUT, Minna Campus News has launched its Mobile App.

Interested persons can visit the android play store, search "Futminna Campus News" to download the App.

You can also follow us via our twitter handle **@infounitfutmx** and our Facebook page **Futminna Infounit** for real time update on live events, details of upcoming activities on campus, exclusive pictures of events and lots more.

ICT TRAINING

The Federal University of Technology, Minna cordially invites the university community and the general public to a two Week Intensive Long Vacation ICT Training for Senior Secondary School Students on **CISCO GET Connected and e-Exam module** from August 6th - 17th, 2018 between 9:00am - 12:00 noon daily.

Other special package training for interested members of the public on **Database Management Using Spreadsheet Application and Graphic Design Expert Using Modern Tools** are also available for five (5) days from August, 13th - 17th, 2018.

Interested persons should make payment of N5,000.00 (Five Thousand Naira) only, payable at FUT, Minna Microfinance Bank Ltd, with Account Number: 0303005287.

Participants are to present payment teller at the venue, PTFD Computer Laboratory, Beside CPES, Bosso Campus for admission.

SCMS, FUT, MINNA

The Staff Cooperative Multipurpose Society, Federal University of Technology, Minna has Sallah rams for sale as follows: N23,000.00, N28,000.00, N33,000.00, N38,000.00, N43,000.00, N48,000.00 and N50,000.00.

All interested buyers are to contact the following numbers for further information:

1. 08036783103
2. 07038622481
3. 08039711766

SALE OF SALLAH RAMS

This is to inform all members of Al-Halal Co-operative and Multipurpose Society that Sallah rams will be available for sale. All interested members are to indicate their preferences on their July 2018 Payslip and submit to the Secretariat on or before Friday, August 10, 2018. the rams are in N20,000.00, N25,000.00, N30,000.00, N35,000.00 and N40,000.00 categories.

ANUPA CORNER

Health

The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like and do what you rather not do.

COUNSELLING TIP

Do not give your trust to a man who refuses to give you his details. Depending on an unreliable person in crisis is like trying to chew with a loose tooth or walk with a crippled foot.

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

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, July 23, - Friday, July 27, 2018)

N/S	RECEIPTS	₦
1	Collection of Certificate	403,000.00
2	Transcript	325,000.00
3	Replacement of I.D Card	2,000.00
4	Turnitin	46,500.00
5	Semesterial Result	10,800.00
6	Deferment of Admission	10,000.00
7	Verification/Confirmation	10,000.00
8	Clearance Fees	30,000.00
9	Campus Radio	295,000.00
10	Proficiency in English	8,000.00
11	Commercial Activities	22,800.00
12	Purchase of Academic Gown	30,000.00
13	Renewal of Association	10,000.00
14	Postgraduate Forms	1,701,500.00
15	Postgraduate School Fees	1,963,250.00
16	Pre Degree Form	84,000.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	4,951,850.00
	PAYMENTS	
17	Contractors/Suppliers	
	(i) Staff	
	(a) Advances	12,431,977.00
	(b) Refund	10,381,325.30
	(c) Staff Training	16,275,240.33
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Niger State Water Board - Water Bill	150,000.00
	(b) Stimma Global Service - Supply	201,232.50
	(c) Travel Fountain Limited - Ticket	83,316.00
	(d) Bashir Heritage Nig, Ltd - Supply	4,987,500.00
	(e) Gosatech Services Limited - Service	547,000.00
	(f) Niger State Water Board - Water Bill	73,800.00
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	45,131,391.13