



# Campus News

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## PROF ARIMORO PRESENTS 67<sup>TH</sup> INAUGURAL LECTURE

**A** University don from the Department of Animal Biology, School of Life Sciences, Prof. Francis Ofurum Arimoro has stated that the aquatic biodiversity is the variety of life and the ecosystems that make up the freshwater, tidal and marine regions of the world.



Prof. Arimoro presenting his lecture yesterday

He made this known when he delivered the 67<sup>th</sup> Inaugural lecture of the Federal University of Technology, Minna titled: ***Unravelling the Mysteries of Aquatic Biodiversity: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly*** held yesterday at the Caverton Lecture Hall, Main Campus.

Sustaining aquatic biodiversity, he said, has tremendous benefits to humans as each aquatic species has an important role in making our lives easier, healthier and more productive.

"Sustaining biodiversity is essential to the health of our environment and to the quality of human life. We depend on many aquatic plants and animals, and their ecological functions for our survival. For example, we use surface water and their inhabitants to help process our waste products. Each day aquatic organisms continually break down harmful toxin and nutrients that we flush into our sewage system or discard directly into our rivers and streams." He stated.

Speaking on the anthropogenic impact on the Nigerian aquatic ecosystem, Prof. Arimoro who is the Head, Department of Animal Biology said the biodiversity of the Nigerian aquatic ecosystem is increasingly being destroyed or depleted by persistent threat of aquatic pollution resulting from intense human activities such as indiscriminate use of fertilizers and pesticide in agriculture, industrialization and urbanisation.

He further stated that pressure due to rapid population growth and mismanagement of natural aquatic resources

like during constructions dams, roads and bridges etc. brought about negative environmental and social impacts that cannot be ignored.

On his contribution to knowledge, the erudite professor of Animal Biology said his work on Taxonomic studies has revealed the identification of Ephemeroptera and indeed other macro invertebrates in Nigeria before 2008 was non-existence although certain genera and species were described by few taxonomists.

He said through Helen James from Albany Museum in South Africa he got support from the National Research Foundation to do taxonomic identifications and training in the museum. He also collaborated with Helen James to produce a preliminary pictorial guide for the identification of freshwater invertebrates of Delta state in Nigeria.

The lecturer who has served as consultant to assess the environmental impact of several projects, maintained in his conclusion that aquatic biodiversity is extremely threatened and expressed the need to raise public awareness on the threat to freshwater species.

And that a single freshwater bivalve may filter more than seven litres of water a day – without keystone species such as these maintained in river systems the water would not be as pure. "Aquatic species provide important ecosystem services." He stated.

He recommended that the University urgently requires a museum of history where aquatic specimens would be preserved for posterity and that the University can serve as the Centre for the North Central region. The Head of Department also said that the University requires a Biological garden.

Speaking after the lecture, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof Abdullah Bala, **fsssn**, acknowledged dignitaries present at the event, and described the event as perfect example of town and gown mix. He commended the lecturer for his brilliant presentation and urged others who are yet to present their inaugural lecture to do.

# FUTMINNA, HUKPOLY, KATSINA SIGN MOU

The Federal University of Technology, Minna and Hussan Usman Katsina Polytechnic, Katsina State are to partner in the areas of joint research collaboration and training of manpower in science and technology.



The VC, Prof. Bala (left) presenting a signed copy of the MOU to the Rector, Dr. Kurti

This was made known during the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two institutions at the VC's Conference Room, Main Campus on Thursday, August 30, 2018.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala *fssn*, while speaking during the brief ceremony, commended the Management of Hussan Usman Katsina Polytechnic for the bold steps taken, saying that FUT, Minna was established 35 years ago in furtherance to the federal government desire for self-reliance in science and technology for the country.

"The issue of technology and promotion of technology is a core mandate of the University and one cannot promote technology without building capacity in the area of technology, especially technical education, because of the requisite manpower needed to be able to push technology right from the grassroots up to the tertiary level," the VC enthused.

Prof. Bala disclosed that the University has been very much involved in collaborations and affiliations with many polytechnics and Federal Colleges of Education. He noted that the desire is to see the institution forge greater and closer collaborations especially with polytechnics and colleges of education within the Northern part of the country because that is where the requisite manpower is largely lacking.

Prof. Bala expressed excitement with the MoU, adding that Management is willing to help and would bend backwards even with some of the Polytechnic lapses, to accommodate that desire. By doing so, the University is also improving

access to education and people around Katsina State do not need to go far to acquire education.

Earlier in his address, the Rector of the Polytechnic, Dr. Ibrahim Mudi Kurti expressed gratitude and thanked the University Management for its understanding in finalising the issues concerning the affiliation and hoped that the signing of the MoU would mark a milestone in the history of the Polytechnic with the B.Tech. programme.

He said that with the affiliation, some burden would be reduced from students and their parents because it cost much to undergo an education programme. He applauded the University Management for giving the Polytechnic the opportunity to commence a B.Tech. programme.

The MoU between the two institutions covers; the introduction of B.Tech. programmes in Automobile Technology, Building Technology, Woodwork Technology, Electrical/Electronics Technology, Metalwork Technology, Biology Education, Chemistry Education and Mathematics Education.

Other aspects of the MoU are; joint research collaboration, academic staff exchange on sabbatical and study visit, exchange of students at undergraduate level, postgraduate training of staff, joint organization of conferences/workshops.

## 2019 SIWES ORIENTATION

This is to inform all 300 Level students of the School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT) and Department of Industrial Technology Education that the First Phase of year 2019 Students' Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) Orientation Exercise is scheduled as follows:

**Date:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018

**Time:** 10:00am prompt

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

**NOTE:** All concerned 300 Level students are expected to be in attendance for vital issues concerning SIWES matters shall be discussed by the Industrial Training Fund (ITF) officials and attendance shall be taken for onward training processing.

Attendance is mandatory for all SIWES Co-ordinators in the departments.



# US EMBASSY BOSS VISITS FUTMINNA, SEEKS COLLABORATION

## • We Have Capacity to Work With US Govt – FUTMinna VC



L-R: The VC, Prof. Bala discussing with the US Envoy, Mr. Amirthanayagam during the visit in his office

The Public Affairs representative of the United States of America Embassy in Nigeria, Mr. Aruna Amirthanayagam has solicited for collaboration between the Federal University of Technology, Minna and the US.

The US envoy made these remarks when he paid a courtesy visit on the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fssn*, on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at the VC's office, Main Campus.

Mr. Amirthanayagam said the purpose of the visit was to establish a robust working relationship with the University, based on the outcome of its findings which placed the institution above other universities in the country in terms of quality research output.

He hailed the quality of research prototypes exhibited at the Department of Mechatronics Engineering while noting that, he never thought of seeing such innovative research fabrications in Nigerian universities not to talk of FUT, Minna.

He expressed the readiness of the US Embassy to provide platforms for research funding for the University researchers towards ensuring that the prototypes are commercialized in order to provide additional stream of revenue for the University, as is the practice in the United States.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Bala expressed appreciation to the august visitor for making out time to visit the University, noting that the University has a very long working relationship with the US.

"FUTMinna is the best university among the specialized universities in Nigeria and the first among the third generation universities in Nigeria. So, we are glad that you have found us worthy for the partnership," the VC disclosed.

While reiterating the University's commitment towards partnering with the US government, Prof. Bala assured that FUT, Minna has the capacity and relevant resources to work with the US government in improving the level of collaboration between both institutions.

In a related development, the US envoy later took a tour of the department of Mechatronics Engineering exhibition room in company of the University Vice-Chancellor and other Principal Officers.

He was received at the exhibition room by the Head of department, Mechatronics Engineering, Prof. Abiodun Musa Aibinu who explained all the research prototypes done by staff and students of the department.

Prof. Aibinu informed the US envoy that all the prototypes were research output from grants won by researchers in the department and solicited for the support of the US Embassy towards the construction of the proposed Advanced Engineering Innovation Centre.

Prof. Aibinu who is also the Director, Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning (CODEL) of the University, expressed the readiness of the department to collaborate with the US in the areas of research collaboration and training.



Prof. Aibinu (1st left) explaining a point to the visiting US Envoy, Mr. Amirthanayagam, the VC, Prof. Bala and others during the US Envoy visit to the Department's Exhibition room at the Main Campus.

# ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN PLACE TO CONDUCT HITCH-FREE DIRECT ENTRY, POST UTME – DVC ACADEMIC



The DVC (Academic), Prof. Iyaka making a point during the interview in his office.

The Chairman, University Pre-Admission Screening Exercise (UPASE), Prof. Yahaya Ahmed Iyaka has reiterated the University's preparedness to conduct a hitch-free Direct Entry and Post Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) exercise for applicants who chose the institution as their preferred choice.

He made this known during an exclusive interview with *Campus News* in his office at the Senate Building, Main Campus on Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The Chairman, who is also the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) of the institution, stated that the University Management has concluded all logistical arrangements needed to conduct a seamless exercise, adding that the Committee members have all been briefed on what is expected of them during the screening.

Prof. Iyaka disclosed that adequate staff and security personnel from the University Security Services have been mobilized to ensure a smooth exercise in order to reduce the waiting period between when the applicants are screened and checked into the examination hall.

On the issue of poor cyber-connectivity and network problems which have bedeviled other institutions using the computer-based test method, the Chairman revealed that the university cyber-connection, network and computers at the e-examination centre have been tested and in perfect conditions for the exercise.

He disclosed that a total of 8, 447 UTME and 1, 702 direct entry candidates applied for admission to the University, noting that as at the time of the interview, 6, 457 UTME and 1, 225 direct entry candidates have concluded their registrations for the exercise.

Prof. Iyaka attributed the huge applications

received by the University to the fact that FUT, Minna remains one of the best specialized universities in Nigeria, affirming that the University has more novel courses in engineering as well as a stable academic calendar unmatched by its peers.

While urging applicants and their parents to report any person(s) who may want to solicit money to get them admission, the DVC Academic cautioned on the need to be wary of admission racketeers while stating that the University admission is based on merit.

The exercise will commence on September 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 for UTME applicants while that of direct entry candidates is scheduled for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> to September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.



The DVC (Academic), Prof. Iyaka during the interview with a staff of Information Unit, Ugoaja Stanley.



# PROF IYAKA LEADS FUTMINNA ROAD WALK EXERCISE

In what could be termed a show of fitness and agility, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Yahaya Ahmed Iyaka last weekend led the monthly road walk exercise for the month of August.



R-L: The DVC (Academic), Prof. Iyaka, the Chairman University Sports Committee, Dr. Ojutiku and a staff of the University during the road walk.

The two-hour exercise which was tagged: **FUTMinna Monthly Healthy Walk Exercise** witnessed a large turnout of staff and students.

Speaking after the session which spanned six kilometres, Prof. Iyaka commended the University Sports Committee for introducing the fitness programme and other innovative initiatives which has seen the University Fitness Club widely regarded as the best in the State, noting that the exercise will go a long way in improving healthy living among the staff and students of the institution.

The DVC Academic expressed appreciation to staff and students for participating in the road walk and advised them to maintain the momentum, even as he declared that regular exercise is good for overall physical and mental health.

On the forthcoming Staff Games slated for the University of Ilorin in September 2018, Prof. Iyaka urged the University staff to make FUT, Minna proud at the games and assured them of the Vice-Chancellor's support towards ensuring that the University's flag is proudly hoisted and represented at the event.

Earlier, the Chairman, University Sports Committee, Dr. Rasheed Ojutiku had hailed participants for turning out in their numbers for the monthly exercise. He further commended the Management of FUT, Minna for its support to the development of sports in the University.

The exercise which was aimed at promoting fitness, togetherness and healthy living in the University started from the Bosso campus to the Government House junction, through Zarumai junction to Okada road and back to the Bosso campus through the University's back gate and terminated at the Bitrus Sawa Square, with physical stretches and light aerobics.

The next edition of the road walk is slated for Saturday, September 29th, 2018.

## SICT 2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

School of Information and Communication Technology, Federal University of Technology Minna cordially invites the University community and the general public to its **2nd International Conference on Information and Communication Technology and its Applications (ICTA 2018)**

**Conference theme:** "Digital Economy: Harnessing the Benefits and Tackling the Challenges for Sustainable Development"

### Keynote Speakers:

**Prof. Sanya Misra**, Covenant University, Ota, Nigeria

**Olusegun H. Olugbile**, Member, National Cybercrime Advisory Council

### Activities:

Pre-Conference Workshop on "Writing Techniques and Publishing in High Impact Factor ISI WoS Indexed Journals" to be facilitated by Dr. Haruna Chiroma, Associate Editor-IEEE Access Q1 Journal, Associate Editor-Telecommunications, Computing, Electronic and Central Journal, Lead Guest Editor-Journal of Optimization and Hindawi Editor and many more.

**Workshop Date:** Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at PTFD

Lecture Hall. Workshop Registration fees is **₦5,000.00** but free for all fully registered ICTA participants.

**Opening Session:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018 by 10am prompt. All registered participants to be seated by 9.45am.

Panel Discussion on the Conference Theme by 9am on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2018

Track Sessions and ICT Innovation Exhibitions from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2018

**Conference Venue:** SICT Complex, Main Campus, FUT Minna.

**Conference fee:** ₦25,000.00

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### Bank Details:

**Bank Name:** United Bank of Africa (UBA)

**Account Name:** ICTA FUT MINNA

**Account Number:** 1019435108

## APPOINTMENT

### (i) Appointment

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of the following with immediate effect to Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Office (IPTTO):

1. **Prof. Olutoye Aderemi Moses**, Department of Chemical Engineering as Coordinator.
2. **Agbonika Kassim Salihu**, Legal Unit as Portfolio Officer.
3. **Sadiq S. Lawal**, Department of Mechanical Engineering as Patent Officer.

### (ii) Renewal

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of contract appointment of **Suleiman Abdullahi** of Works and Maintenance Department for a period of one year with effect from May 3, 2018.

### (iii) Withdrawal of Service

Similarly, he has also approved the withdrawal of service for **Dr. Olakanmi Eyitayo Olatunde**, Department of Mechanical Engineering with effect from September 4, 2018.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:info@futminna.edu.ng), [ayo.olubiyi@futminna.edu.ng](mailto:ayo.olubiyi@futminna.edu.ng) and [ayoyemifavour@gmail.com](mailto:ayoyemifavour@gmail.com) or any of these phone numbers: **08037276484**, **08036537032** or **08060893490**.

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## DISCIPLINED STUDENTS

The Vice-Chancellor considered the report of the Students' Examination Misconduct Committee and approved the **Expulsion** of the following students from the University with immediate effect for their alleged involvement in examination misconduct during the first semester of 2017/2018 session.

1. Alexander Ajinai Boaz (2015/1/56252EM) 300 Level, Department of MEE
2. Umar Zakaria Abdullahi (2015/1/56176VP) 300 Level, Department of Urban and Regional Planning.
3. Yusuf Mubarak Oluwaseun (2016/1/60646VB) 200 Level, Department of Building.
4. Obafunso Hafeez (2016/1/63260VQ) 200 Level, Department of Quantity Surveying.
5. Ismaila Suleiman Dada (2012/1/42176VQ) 500 Level, Department of Quantity Surveying.
6. Abubakar Mahmud (2013/1/46574VP) 500 Level, Department of Urban and Regional Planning.
7. Ahmodu Edwin Idris (2016/1/59539MM) 200 Level, Department of Estate Management and Valuation.
8. Elechi Daniel Ifeanyiwachukwu (2016/2/64318VL) 200 Level, Department of SVG.
9. Suleiman Baba Usman (2013/1/47656VP) 500 Level, Department of Urban and Regional Planning.
10. Ekele Timothy Oneanwa (2012/1/42406VB) 500 Level, Department of Building.
11. Adeleke Adesola Yusuf (2013/1/46521VP) 500 Level, Department of Urban and Regional Planning.
12. Ogunleye Isaac Olasunkanmi (2014/1/50610VP) 400 Level, Department of Urban and Regional Planning.
13. Ogwuche James (2016/1/59828VQ) 200 Level, Department of Quantity Surveying.
14. Oyetoke Habeeb Ademola (2013/1/46391MM) 500 Level, Department of Estate Management and Valuation.
15. Aransiola Taiye Emmanuel (2012/1/41103VQ) 500 Level, Department of Quantity Surveying.

Similarly, the Vice-Chancellor has also considered the report of the Students' Examination Misconduct Committee and approved the **Warning Letter** for **Joeffery Yahaya Doris (2014/1/50417VQ)**, Department of Quantity Surveying for the alleged involvement in examination misconduct during the first semester of 2017/2018 session.

## SENSITIZATION

This is to inform the University community and the general public that Maayoit Health Care Ltd will sensitize members of the University on health care scheduled as follow:

**Date:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018.

**Time:** 10:10am prompt.

**Venue:** CPES Hall, Bosso Campus.

## GTMCS AGM

This is to inform all members of the Golden Trust Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society (GTMCS) of her Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled to hold on Tuesday, November 20, 2018. Venue and time will be communicated to all member in due course.

## COUNSELLING TIP

Do not give room for bitterness against anybody, rather express your dissatisfaction as quickly as possible with whosoever you felt has hurt you. Give him or her opportunity to express his or her reasons. Apply the rule of justice in the process of reconciliation and keep your relationship on going.

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

## ANUPA CORNER

### Finance

An investment in education pays the best interest.

## WEDDING CEREMONY

**Mal. Haruna Dattijo (Fear God)** of the Registry Department cordially invites the University community and the general public to the wedding Fatiha of his daughter, **Mall. Maimuna Haruna (Fear God)** with **Mal. Ishaq Mohammed**, which will by the grace of God take place as follows:

**Date:** Friday, September 7, 2018

**Time:** 2:30pm prompt

**Venue:** Mal. Haruna Dattijo (Fear God)'s Residence, Opposite Challenge School, Maitumbi, Minna, Niger State.

## APPRECIATION

**Dr. (Mrs.) E. U. Ezenwadiugwu** of the University Student Affairs Division has expressed her family profound gratitude to staff and student of the University for their prayers, support and attendance during the priestly ordination of her son, Rev. Fr. Peter Claver Ezeh. She prayed that God Almighty will continue to bless and reward everybody abundantly.

## Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, August 20, – Friday, August 24, 2018)

S/N	RECEIPTS	₦
1	Collection of Certificate	30,000.00
2	Transcript	165,000.00
3	Replacement of I.D Card	500.00
4	Turnitin	16,000.00
5	Semesterial Result	2,300.00
6	Verification/Confirmation of Certificate	6,000.00
7	Clearance Fees	9,000.00
8	Sales of SUG Forms	174,000.00
9	Postgraduate Forms	1,609,250.00
10	Postgraduate School Fees	1,224,500.00
11	Pre Degree Forms	246,750.00
12	Post UTME Registration	5,699,250.00
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>9,182,550.00</b>
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
13	<b>Contractors/Suppliers</b>	
	<b>(i) Staff</b>	
	(a) Advances	5,034,228.00
	<b>(ii) Contractors/Suppliers</b>	
	(a) AEDC - Electricity Bill	7,553,163.81
	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>12,587,391.81</b>

## CONDOLENCE

The Registrar has, on behalf of Management, Staff and Students of the Federal University of Technology, Minna condoled **Dr. Attahiru M. Ndanitsa** ASUU Chairman, over the death of his father, which occurred on Tuesday, August 14, 2018.

May his gentle soul rest in peace.