



Campus News

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27TH CONVOCATION CEREMONY

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *FSSSN*, on behalf of Council, Senate, Staff and Students of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, cordially invites the general public to the University's 27th Convocation Ceremony and 35th Founder's Day for the conferment of First Degrees, Post Graduate Diplomas, Higher Degrees and Prizes to its graduands on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at the Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Tuesday, 30th January to Thursday, 1st February, 2018

Exhibition

Venue: Suleimanu Kumo Convocation Square, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily

Wednesday, 31st January, 2018

Convocation Lecture

Lecturer: Prof. Sagay Itsejuwa Esanjumi, **SAN** (Chairman, Presidential Advisory Committee Against Corruption)

Topic: *Nigeria: The Travails of an Animal Kingdom*

Venue: Caverton Lecture Theatre, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, 1st February, 2018

Conferment of First Degrees, Postgraduate Diplomas and Higher Degrees

Venue: Suleimanu Kumo Convocation Square, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano

Time: 10:00 a.m.

INFORMATION TO GRADUANDS

All graduands are required to note the following requirements/conditions for the convocation ceremony:

i. Amounts to be paid:

First Degree

Order of Proceedings	- N2,000.00
Academic Scroll	- N2,000.00
Academic Gown	- N2,000.00
Certificate	- N5,000.00

M.Eng/M.Tech/PGD

Order of Proceedings	- N2,000.00
Academic Scroll	- N2,000.00
Academic Gown	- N5,000.00
Certificate	- N5,000.00
Alumni Fee	- N2,000.00

PhD

Order of Proceedings	- N2,000.00
Academic Scroll	- N2,000.00
Purchase of Academic Gown	- N30,000.00
Certificate	- N5,000.00
Alumni Fee	- N2,000.00

- ii. All payments must be made into the University Account number 3098786009 with First Bank Plc, Minna (Account Name: FUT Micro-Finance Bank).
- iii. Graduands must be physically present at the ceremony to receive their certificates and prizes as the case may be.
- iv. Graduands are expected to present the following items to enable them collect their original certificates immediately after the Convocation Ceremony:
 - a. The original statement of results earlier issued to them by the University.
 - b. Final year clearance **form** duly signed by all concerned.
 - c. Final year identity card or letter of identification from Student Affairs Division.
- v. Invitation cards, Academic gowns and Order of Proceedings are to be collected from Secretaries of the respective Schools of the Graduands from Monday, 29th January to Wednesday, 31st January, 2018.
- vi. Issued Academic Gowns must be returned to the School Secretaries immediately after the ceremony before the collection of original certificates.
- vii. There will be a surcharge for any damaged Academic Gown.

SECURITY

Graduands and the general public should please note the following:

1. University Security personnel will direct guests to the designated parking lots.
2. Luggage and bags are not allowed into the Convocation Square Arena.
3. Hawkers and vendors of any item will not be allowed around the Convocation Square.
4. Photographers who are interested in the coverage of the Convocation should register with the University Information and Publications Unit from Monday 29th to Wednesday 31st January, 2018.

NOTE:

Graduands will not be allowed into the Convocation Square after 9:30 a.m.

While hoping for a successful and memorable occasion, we wish you safe journey throughout the ceremony.

PROF BALA DECLARES FREE ICT TRAINING OPEN ...Donates 3 Laptops For Best Students

Desirous of deploying institutional expertise to the development of its host communities, the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, **FSSSN** has



Principal Officers, some staff of the University and the participants in a group photograph after the opening ceremony

flagged off a one-week free Information and Communication Technology (ICT) training for some selected secondary schools in Minna with a charge to the students to take advantage of the training to enhance their computer proficiency.

The Vice-Chancellor gave the advice on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 while declaring the training open at the Centre for Preliminary and Extra-Mural Studies Hall, Bosso Campus.

Prof. Bala congratulated the students for being among the selected participants to undergo the training, adding that the training has the capacity to better their lives for good if only they would pay rapt attention to details during the training.

"I want to advise you to take this training seriously. Some of you may not know the value of this training now, but much later in your life you will get to really appreciate what we are doing today," the VC declared.

The University helmsman stated that the training is going to be practical so that the students would know how to navigate through the computer, while disclosing that certificates would be presented to them at the end of the training.

"We are not interested in the numbers that are being trained; we are interested in the quality and we will do our best to make sure that you learn a lot within the period of this training. It is our hope that at the end of the training, you will go back and continue to practise what you have learnt as well as train others," Prof. Bala stated.

The don intimated the students that they can do a lot with the computer, most especially when it is connected to the Internet and urged them to always use computer for its educational purpose.

He disclosed that the training is an ideal platform for the students to learn how to use the computer judging from the fact that most examinations are now

computer-based and that their success in such examinations depends on how proficient they are in handling the device.

Delighted by the level of enthusiasm shown by the students at the opening session, the Vice-Chancellor pledged to give three laptops to the best three students at the end of the training while hoping that the donation will be a sufficient motivation for the students to excel.

He expressed appreciation to the State Government for partnering with the University to organise the training and assured the State Government that the institution would do more for the State under his administration in the area of community service geared towards improving the livelihood of its citizens.

The VC also commended the University Information Technology Service (ITS) staff for organising the training despite the strike action embarked upon by the non-academic staff.

In his address, the representative of the Niger State Commissioner for Tertiary Education, Mal. Muhammed Isyaku congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on his appointment and assured him of the State Government's support towards ensuring the success of his administration.

Mal. Isyaku said the Ministry is happy with the various services that the University is rendering to the State and tasked the students to pay serious attention to the training.

Speaking earlier, the Director, Information and Technology Services (ITS), Dr. Muhammed Adamu said the training would be hands-on and urged the students to be attentive during the course of the training.

The Director thanked the University Management and the Niger State government for their support.

Delivering the vote of thanks, the Registrar of the University, Mrs. Victoria Kolo applauded the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Bala and staff of ITS for organising the laudable programme while expressing hope that the training would further enhance mutual relationship between the State government and the University.

The Registrar appealed to the students to take the training serious, stating that computer is now the in-thing in the society.

The opening session had students from Army Day Secondary and Maryam Babangida Girls Science Secondary School, Minna in attendance. The training will run for four weeks with 50 students selected from eight different secondary schools in Minna metropolis.

PROF AIBINU URGES PHD STUDENTS TO AVOID DISTRACTION

The Director, Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning (CODEL) of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abiodun Musa Aibinu has called on doctoral students to avoid distraction and be focused in order to conclude their programmes on schedule.



Engr. Prof. Abubakre presenting a customized T-Shirt to Dr. Nuhu while Prof. Aibinu watches with keen interest.

He gave this advice during a 2-day retreat organized by FUT, Minna Ph.D Clinic Research group held at the Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, Bosso Campus.

Prof. Aibinu stressed the need for Ph.D students and other researchers to remain committed, adding that quality work that would attract grants to the University should be their priority.

"The big target that you have set for yourselves should remain your utmost goal and do not be deceived by smaller ones that may come your way," he declared.

In his address at the retreat, the Dean, School of Infrastructure and Process Engineering Technology (SIPET), Engr. Prof. Oladiran Abubakre took participants down memory lane about the evolution of research in FUT, Minna as well as the modalities adopted by the University Management on academic staff promotion.

The retreat which could be termed a gathering of eminent researchers in FUT, Minna also had in attendance the Director, Centre for Human Settlements and Urban Development of the University, Dr. Muhammed Nuhu who spoke on the importance of networking in research.

Dr. Nuhu urged the University researchers to build bridges of collaboration beyond the institution in order to get information on funding opportunities that would boost research.

"Nobody is an island on his own. We all need ourselves to grow in life. And as a matter of fact, it is only those who have the relevant information that can forge ahead in today's world," he disclosed.

Other researchers that presented papers at the 2-day retreat were: Prof. Emmanuel Ogbadoyi, Drs. Muriana Aremu, Mikhail Olaniyi, Abdulkareem Ambali Saka, Oluwatosin Kudirat Shittu and Olatomiwa Lanre.

The Ph.D clinic is a forum where top-notch researchers from different fields within the University meet to discuss, plan and brainstorm about research ideas as well as offer professional counselling to postgraduate students.

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Tuesday, January 8, – Sunday, January 14, 2018)

N/S	RECEIPTS	₦
1	Clearance Fees	111,000.00
2	Collection of Certificate	114,000.00
3	Academic Transcript Fees	200,000.00
4	Verification/Confirmation of Certificate	8,000.00
5	Turnitin	14,000.00
6	Commercial Activities	66,000.00
7	Proficiency in English	4,000.00
8	Change of Course Form	110,000.00
9	Teaching Practice	36,000.00
10	Replacement of I.D Card	1,000.00
11	Hostel Fees	5,563,250.00
12	Inter University Transfer Fees	41,500.00
13	Renewal/Registration of	5,000.00
14	Acceptance Fees	7,520,000.00
15	Undergraduate	53,002,350.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	66,796,100.00
	PAYMENTS	
14	Staff	
	(a) Advance	623,200.00
	(b) Refund	375,500.00
	TOTAL PAYMENT	998,700.00