

PROF IYAKA DELIVERS INAUGURAL LECTURE • Offers Scholarships, Endowment To Chemistry Students

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Yahaya Ahmed Iyaka yesterday took the centre stage when he delivered the 66th Inaugural Lecture of the University.

However, in addition to getting to know the don's contributions to knowledge, the audience got to witness



Prof. Iyaka delivering his Inaugural Lecture

his sense of giving back to society.

The capacity-filled Caverton Lecture Theatre, venue of the lecture at the Gidan Kwano Campus, erupted in applause, when Iyaka who is a professor of Analytical Chemistry, in what will go down as the first of its kind in the University, announced that he is instituting a scholarship, with effect from the end of the 2017/2018, for the best 100 Level student of Niger State origin in Chemistry Department.

Prof. Iyaka who disclosed that the scholarship is his own way of giving back to the state, having benefitted from the state government scholarships during his secondary and university education, assured that he would fund the scholarship throughout his life time.

The scholarship will cover school fees of the beneficiary up to final year, a situation that would eventually amount to having four beneficiaries per session.

He also announced the endowment of a prize for the best overall graduating student of the Department of Chemistry. The endowment, worth N500 thousand in perpetuity, is in honour of his father, late Alh. Muhammad Ibrahim Iyaka.

In the lecture titled: *"The Fascinating Elements of Soils: Are You Seeing What I Am Seeing?"*, Prof.

Iyaka disclosed that his research was centred on urban surface soils due to his interest in anthropogenic input of trace metals into soils, and their possible effects on plants, animals and humans through the food chain.

He submitted that lecturers have the onus to make their institutions serve the direct needs of society instead of being mere citadels of abstract learning.

Frowning at the ambiguity surrounding the training of technologists in the country, which he said has in turn led to the problems of inefficiency and equity, he called for a re-definition of their role and significance.

For the country to have research products worthy of universal patent, the DVC recommended the establishment of standard laboratories with state-of-the-art equipment and well trained technologists in each geopolitical zone.

To achieve an environmentally safe nation, he stressed the need for constant monitoring on levels of heavy metals in urban soils, with a view to assessing their potential risks to life and environment.

In his remarks, Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala *fssn* thanked dignitaries from different parts of the country for attending the lecture.

Three former Vice-Chancellors of FUT, Minna – Professors Muhammad Daniyan OFR, Muhammed Salihu Audu FMAN and Musbau Adewumi Akanji *FAS* amongst many other eminent personalities attended the Inaugural Lecture.

APPOINTMENT

(i) sabbatical

The Vice-Chancellor has approved Sabbatical of Prof. Oluwabunmi Olaitan Agarry, Department of Microbiology, University of Abuja as a Visiting Professor to the Department of Microbiology, School of Life Sciences for a period of one year with effect from July 1, 2018.

(ii) Withdrawal

He has also approved voluntary withdrawal of service of Jimoh Lawal of the University Security Services with effect from November 3, 2018.

COUNCIL HONOURS MRS KOLO WITH SEND-OFF

The 12th Council of the Federal University of Technology, Minna hosted an astonishing send-off dinner to honour the immediate-past Registrar/Secretary to Council, Mrs. Victoria Nnawo Kolo after a six-year tenure.

The event attracted who is who in the academia as well as prominent guests and her family members on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at the Hon. Justice Idris Legbo Kutigi International Conference Centre, Annex



Former Registrar, Mrs. Kolo (7th from L) in a snap shot with members of 12th Council

Hall, Minna.

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Prof. Femi Odekunle said, in his opening remarks, that Mrs. Kolo did attain the pinnacle of her carrier by dint of hard work, diligence and dedication to duties and that he doffed his hat for her exceptional skills in handling responsibilities both at home and office.

"She was my long lost student at ABU, Zaria recently discovered. Whoever knew her either as a student or in the course of her career, when you hear about her will be proud to be associated with her due to her sterling qualities as someone with high integrity, honesty, transparency and humility. I want to say that we're very proud to be associated with her," Prof. Odekunle said, amidst cheers.

In his goodwill message, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn*, said he first worked closely with Mrs. Kolo when he was Director of CPES and that gave him an insight of the kind of person she is. He said she cherishes loyalty especially from the registry staff and she also has shown absolute loyalty to the University.

"The competence and confidence she exhibited in managing crisis situations in the University shows her strength and abilities. I've enjoyed working with her and have learnt a lot from her, as such we cannot thank her enough for all her sacrifices and meritorious services to the university and humanity at large. We also thanked the husband for allowing her work for the University, especially in the last six years as Registrar where she had to spend long hours in the office," Prof. Bala stated.

Earlier, goodwill message from an external member of council, Barrister Alabi Gaffar Babatunde expressed happiness for the former Registrar's successful tenure in office. He described her as a great woman of repute with wealth of experience worthy of emulation. He mentioned some of her good qualities to include:

knowledge, hard work, diligence, team work and Godliness among others, while calling on her subordinates to imbibe such qualities for a successful carrier.

On the other hand an internal member of Council and Dean, School of Electrical and Engineering Technology (SEET), Engr. Prof. Elizabeth Onwuka said Mrs. Kolo is a woman that everybody should celebrate because she has achieved both at home and in office. According to her, she worked tirelessly to protect the system by putting in place policies that have improved the system, especially in the areas of transcript and certificate issuance.

The Director, Directorate of Collaboration Affiliations and Linkages (DCAL) Prof. Emmanuel Udensi who spoke on behalf of the University Senate reaffirmed that throughout her six years tenure as Secretary to Senate she ensured prompt Senate meetings; once in a month and that the quality of the minutes have greatly improved. "Senate is indeed grateful to her," he said.

Speaking on behalf of the Registry Department, Hajiya Aisha Ndayako, Deputy Registrar and Secretary, SEET described Mrs. Kolo as open minded, professional in her dealings who gave her subordinates ample opportunity to learn and excel while wishing her the best.

Responding with a bitter-sweet memory the former Registrar expressed her gratitude to Council, Senate, staff – particularly staff of the Registry Department-for the support and cooperation. She also showed her joy to have served under three Vice-Chancellors namely: Prof. Muhammed Salihu Audu, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji and the incumbent Prof. Abdullahi Bala, adding that words could not express her gratitude to them as well as all the Principal Officers under these three regimes.

"I am highly overwhelmed by this honour. I did not expect an event of this magnitude, I did not know that I deserve all these but I just want to say I'm very, very grateful. Thank you very much. The result of what I have achieved today is not for me alone but that of Registry and I call on all Registry staff to extend equal support and cooperation to the new Registrar, Mr. Amos Kolo," she said.

Mrs. Kolo also called on Registry staff to work round the clock to ensure that records are kept straight as "no Registry, no University," as the slogan goes.

She acknowledged other Departments who helped her solve some administrative problems and urged members of the University community to continue with the team spirit.

It would be recalled that Mrs. Kolo joined the services of the University as a young Corps member in 1984 and thereafter retained as a Registry staff in the University. She rose through the ranks to become the 5th Registrar of the University in 2012, serving till June 2018.

Highlights at the event include performance by various artistes, dancing steps session, presentation of gifts and group photographs.

SALE OF ONLINE POSTGRADUATE APPLICATION FORMS

The general public is hereby informed that the sales 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.

2018 SPEECH AND PRIZE GIVING DAY

The Management, Staff and Pupils of the Federal University of Technology, Minna Staff School, cordially invite the University community and the general public to their **2018 Speech and Prize Giving Day Ceremony** with the theme: **"Managing Primary Education In An Emerging Economy"** scheduled as follows:

Date: Saturday, July 28, 2018.

Time: 9:00am prompt.

Venue: University Staff School Premises, Bosso Campus.

COUNSELLING TIP

Do not allow your physical self to limit your life set goals. It is not primarily ourselves that limit us but rather our mindset about our physical limits. Develop positive mindset towards yourself and people around you.

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

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, 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.

SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES

Association of Nigerian University Professional Administrators (ANUPA), Federal University of Technology, Minna Chapter calls on members of the University community and the general public to submit articles (not more than 1000 words) for publication in the magazine not later than Friday, July 27, 2018 in the following areas:

1. Corruption
2. Dietary and Nutrition
3. Education
4. Moral and Self-Discipline
5. Voluntary Asset Income Declaration Scheme and
6. Security

The articles in hard and soft copies should be forwarded to the Secretary, **Susan F. Otaru**, (08037011424), **Dean's Office, School of Electrical Engineering and Technology** or anupa@futminna.edu.ng

ANUPA CORNER

FINANCE

It is possible to set goals if you are not going to try to hit them.

2 WEEKS ICT TRAINING

The Federal University of Technology, Minna cordially invites the University community and the general public to a two (2) Weeks 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, PTDF Computer Laboratory, Beside CPES, Bosso Campus for admission.

AL-HALAL AGM

The 14th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Al-Halal Co-operative and Multipurpose Society, Federal University of Technology, Minna is scheduled as follows:

Date: Saturday, July 28, 2018.

Time: 10:00am prompt.

Venue: CPES Hall, Bosso Campus.

NOTE: Only those who were financial members of the Society as at December 2017 are to attend the AGM.

The list of eligible financial members for the AGM will be displayed at the Society's Secretariat, Bosso Campus as from Saturday, July 21, 2018.

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 40,000.00 categories.

FUTMINNA MONTHLY ENDURANCE WALK

The University Sports Committee in conjunction with the University Management cordially invites staff, students and the general public to the maiden edition of the Federal University of Technology, Minna Endurance Walk Exercise slated as follows;

Date: Saturday, July 28th, 2018

Time: 6: 30am

Take Off Point: Bosso Campus (Front Gate)

NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES STAFF GAMES 2018

The University Sports Committee, Federal University of Technology, Minna wishes to inform all staff of the University that training/screening exercise to select staff that will represent the University at the forthcoming 13th edition of the Nigerian Universities Staff Sports Association (NUSSA) Games 2018 holding at the University of Ilorin from September 21st to 30th, 2018 has commenced.

All interested staff of the University are by this notice directed to contact the Coordinator of their preferred game(s) for registration and documentation. The approved games for the NUSSA Games 2018 and name of the Coordinators are as follows:

S/NO	SPORTS	COORDINATORS & PHONE NO	
1.	Athletics (Male/Female)	OGAJI ABU	-
		08062125740	
2.	Badminton (Male only)	Dr. Idris Abubakar	-
		0703 460 9607	
3.	Basketball (Male only)	Mr. Audi Baba	-
		0805 451 7869	
4.	Chess (Male/Female)	Dr. Egena SSA	-
		0907 641 7947	
5.	Volleyball (Male only)	Mallam Maikudi Isyaku	-
		0806 810 9242	
6.	Football (Male only)	Dr. Gbolahan Bolarin	-
		0803 388 3137	
7.	Table Tennis (Male/Female)	Dr Mukaila Ijaiya	-
		-0703 022 4131	
8.	Squash (Male Only)	Dr. L Y Bello	- 0803 703 5864
9.	Ayo (Male only)	Musa Saidu Bala	- 0703 208 6217
10.	Dart (Male/female)	Mr. Lawrence Umogbai	-
		0803 596 6255	
11.	Drought (Male only)	Musa Saidu Bala	-
		0703 208 6217	
12.	Golf (Male only)	Coach-Sunday Odega	-
		08034222841	
13.	Scrabble (Male)	Mr. Aliyu Maruf Kunle	-
		08039560374	
14.	Tennis (Male/Female)	Musa Saidu Bala	-
		-0703 208 6217	

The time table for training is as follows:

Every Wednesday by 4pm at the Gidan Kwano Sports Complex

Every Saturday at the Bosso Campus immediately after the weekend aerobics exercise.

For further details, please call: 07032086217, 07036862826

Termination Point: Mobil Junction.

For further details, please call: 07032086217, 07036862826

FUTMINNA GOLF COURSE COMES ALIVE

The University Sports Committee, Federal University of Technology, Minna cordially invites staff, students and the general public to its weekly Golf Clinic/practice scheduled as follows:

Date: Wednesday, July 25th, 2018

Time: 3pm

Venue: University Golf Course beside Works Department, Main Campus.

The University golf experts will be on ground to put interested individuals through the rudiments of golf game.

Golf kits shouldn't be an excuse for participation because the University Management has provided enough kits for training. Come and be part of this life time experience!

For further details, please call:
08034222841, 07032086217, and 07036862826

PRIESTLY ORDINATION

The Family of Dr. (Mrs.) Eucharia Ezewandiugwu of the Students' Affairs Division, Federal University of Technology, Minna cordially invites staff of the University to the priestly ordination of her son, Rev. Fr. Peter Claver Valentino Emeka Eze (SMMM) by His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Lucius Iwejuru Ugorji, Catholic Bishop of Umuahia scheduled as follows:

Date: Saturday, 4th August, 2018

Venue: Mater Dei Cathedral, Umuahia, Abia State

Time: 10 am.

The First Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving by the Rev. Fr. Will hold as follows:

Date: 30th September, 2018

Venue: St. Charles Catholic Church, Achina, Aguata LGA, Anambra State

Time: 10am

Reception follows immediately after the mass of both occasions at the Church premises.

Minna Mass/Reception

Date: August 12th, 2018

Venue: Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Niteco Road Minna

Time: 8:00 am Mass

N/S	RECEIPTS	N
1	Clearance Fees	45,000.00
2	Collection of Certificate	1,121,000.00
3	Transcript	325,000.00
4	Statement of Result	3,200.00
5	Turnitin	74,000.00
6	Commercial Activities	52,000.00
7	Proficiency in English	6,000.00
8	Change of Course Form	20,000.00
9	Verification/Confirmation	32,000.00
10	Hostel Fees	131,500.00
11	Farm Land	1,000.00
12	Replacement of I.D Card	5,000.00
13	Statement of Result	4,000.00
14	Renewal of Association	15,000.00
15	Purchase of Academic Gown	120,000.00
16	Penalty Fees for Late Submission of Gown	23,000.00
17	Hiring of University Property (ICAN)	60,000.00
18	Verification of Transcript	2,000.00
19	Synosis Print Out	2,000.00
20	Confirmation of Certificate	2,000.00
21	Personnel Allocation From Abuja	331,583,867.84
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	333,627,567.84
	PAYMENTS	
22	Contractors/Suppliers	
	(i) Staff	
	(a) Salary	334,211,152.98
	(b) Staff Training	9,446,316.00
	(c) Advances	2,174,300.00
	(d) Refund	3,063,070.92
	(e) Loans	2,100,000.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Tondaves & Co. Ltd.	2,546,406.29
	(b) Elnita Nig. Ltd.	7,589,864.05
	(c) Pectin Ventures Ltd.	2,953,650.00
	(d) Obiikedu Automobile - Repairs	76,500.00
	(e) Leah Eyagi Yisa - Refreshment	101,690.00
	(f) Niger State Environmental Protection Agency (NISEPA) - Sanitation	600,000.00
	(g) Moh'd Ladi Niger Ltd., - Supply	628,950.00
	(h) DHL International Nig. Ltd. - Courier Service	707,829.55
	(i) A. G. Office Equipment Service - Service	269,000.00
	(j) A. G. Office Equipment Service - Service	281,250.00
	(k) Tij Ahmed Petroleum - Supply	3,407,250.00
	(m) Tij Ahmed Petroleum - Supply	3,407,250.00
	(n) Tij Ahmed Petroleum - Supply	3,407,250.00
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	376,371,729.79