

## WE MUST BRING IN TECHNOLOGY TO COMBAT INSECURITY – PROF BALA

**F**or Nigeria to surmount its present security challenges, technology must be brought into the operations of its Armed Forces, the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn*, has said.

Prof. Bala said this yesterday when he received the new Commander of Headquarters, Training and Doctrine



Prof. Bala (middle) and Gen. Salihu (5th from left) pose for a group snapshot with the officials. 4th from left, FUT, Minna Registrar, Mrs. Kolo

Command, Nigerian Army (HQ TRADOC) Minna, Maj. Gen. Adeku Salihu who paid him a courtesy visit in his office.

The Vice-Chancellor observed that the present situation where the military is involved in internal security operations in many states shows that the solution is beyond having boots on the ground across the country, hence the need to bring in technology.

He expressed happiness over the visit, adding that the University looks forward to carrying out demand-driven researches for the Armed Forces, just as he pointed out that the essence of the institution was to give effect to the nation's desire for self-reliance in science and technology.

Prof. Bala gave assurances of the University's readiness to collaborate with TRADOC which is the think-tank of the Nigerian Army.

Earlier, the TRADOC Commander, Maj. Gen. Salihu, said that the formation under his command would like to take advantage of its proximity to the University to enhance collaboration between both parties.

He said the military recognises the centrality of research and development in today's warfare, hence the need for the collaboration.

Gen. Salihu who attested to the high quality of

graduates produced by the University, recalling that when, in his former capacity as Chief of Communication at Defence Headquarters, he was tasked to start a research team for the Armed Forces, he discovered that most of the manpower engaged for that purpose were alumni of FUT, Minna.

In a related development, the Vice-Chancellor has called on the Nigerian Police to show diligence and do their job in the best interest of the society and within the ambits of the law.

He stated this yesterday when the Area Commander, Bosso, ACP Abiodun Onuoha paid him a courtesy visit in his office.

Prof. Bala pointed out that in most cases, the University interactions with Police are associated with negative events. He said maintaining a close working relationship in crime-related problems will help keep crime down and students will be more comfortable in situations involving Police.

The VC said, Police are partners in progress and that it is important that they understand the unique need of the University community to make our campuses safer. He particularly thanked the Area Commander for the visit.

Speaking earlier, ACP Abiodun pledged to maintain a very strong commitment to campus safety and security. He further solicited for a cordial working relationship with the University. "If we work with you and you work with us, students and staff will feel safer when they are on campus and we will be happy that we are doing our job," he stated.



Prof. Bala making a point during the courtesy visit

# LEARN, SHARPEN YOUR PRACTICAL SKILLS, VC CHARGES IT STUDENTS

The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn*, has charged the 400 Level students of the University due for the 2018 Students' Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) to be willing to learn and work to broaden their practical skills.

The Vice-Chancellor, represented by the Dean, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT), Prof. Reuben Kolo, gave this charge during the 2nd and 3rd Phases of



Head of Training, ITF, Mr. Aruma addressing the students at the Gidan Kwano Campus

Orientation Exercise for 400 Level Students of the University held on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th May, 2018 at the University Auditorium, Main Campus and Lecture Theater 2, Bosso Campus respectively.

He noted that the primary objective of SIWES is to learn, which should be the students foremost priority rather than focusing or looking for organisations where they could be paid. He urged them to use the opportunity of the training to gain more experience and advised them to adhere to instructions and desist from any form of thuggery in their places of attachment.

Prof. Bala thanked the Industrial Training Fund (ITF) for their training, adding that over the years they have maintained competency.

In her presentation, the Minna Area Manager, ITF, Barr. (Mrs.) Ifeoma Ihezue said the essence of the training was for the students to gain some practical work experience in addition to the theoretical aspect of their course of study. This, she said, will give them a better understanding of what they are studying and help them perform better after graduation.

The Area Manager urged them to attach themselves in places that are relevant to their courses of study and urged them to make good use of the opportunity as some students in the past have gotten employment based on their excellent performance during IT.

Barr. Ihezue emphasized the need for the students to be safety conscious, especially when handling machines and equipment. She also charged them to supply the right information and documentation to avoid issues during payment by ITF.

The Head of Training, ITF, Minna, Mr. Joe Sale Aruwa, while shedding more light on the scheme, spoke on the history of ITF, its functions and challenges and told the students to be good ambassadors of FUT, Minna in their places of attachment by obeying rules and regulations of the organisations, being punctual, honest, diligent and respectful.

The SIWES Officer, ITF, Mal. Mohammed Abdulrasheed in his presentation explained to the students the documents they will use before, during and after the SIWES.

Speaking earlier, the Director, Industrial Liaison Office, Prof. Jonathan Yisa, advised the students to use the SIWES period to learn and urged them to be of good behaviour.

Prof. Yisa thanked the Vice-Chancellor and ITF staff for making the orientation a success. He added that from this session, SIWES earns the students two credit unit for those going for six months while those going for nine months and above will earn three credit unit.

Questions bordering on the scheme were answered by the ITF Area Manager and Director, Industrial Liaison Office.

The SIWES commences on May 28, 2018.

## EL-AMIN SEEKS COLLABORATION WITH FUT MINNA

El-Amin International School (EIS), Minna is seeking collaboration in the area of manpower training and students enrollment with the Federal University of Technology, Minna.



Prof. Bala (middle, seated) in a group photograph with Principal Officers and EIS Officials.

Head Teacher of EIS Primary Section, Yakubu Alhaji disclosed this today when he led some officials of the School on a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn*.

The Head Teacher said the areas of possible collaboration are training and enrollment of pupils from the University Staff School at EIS.

He thanked the Vice-Chancellor for the warm reception accorded them.

Responding, the vice-Chancellor noted that both the University and EIS share in common a commitment to excellence and global best practices adding that FUT, Minna is open to collaborations with the School.

He said that FUT, Minna is a leading in Nigeria committed to providing quality education and with its ranking as 7th in Nigeria and 45th Africa, the University is not resting on its oars but working towards enhancing its global ranking.

He urged authorities of EIS to bring their students on more excursions to the University.

## COLLEGE OF AGRIC SEEKS COLLABORATION WITH FUTMINNA SERVICOM UNIT

Desirous of ensuring effective service delivery, Niger State College of Agriculture, Mokwa has solicited for partnership with the SERVICOM Unit of the Federal University of Technology, Minna to enable the College rejuvenate its SERVICOM Unit for better service delivery.

This was disclosed when SERVICOM officials from the College paid a courtesy visit to the University SERVICOM Focal Officer, Prof. Adamu Yusuf Kabir on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at the SERVICOM Office, Bosso Campus.

Speaking during the visit, the leader of the delegation, Mr. Peter Shaba said the purpose of the visit was to under study FUT, Minna SERVICOM Unit based on its impressive



Prof. Kabir (I) passing pamphlets to Mr. Peter Shaba

records as one of the best institutional based SERVICOM Units in the State.

"We are here to learn from you based on the impressive stories we have heard about you and how you have organised series of trainings for other SERVICOM Units in the State," Mr. Shaba revealed.

Mr. Shaba disclosed that the collaboration would equip them with the much needed skills to operate a 21<sup>st</sup> century SERVICOM Unit that would be people-oriented as well as ensure effective service delivery.

He commended the University's SERVICOM Focal Officer for the warm reception accorded the visiting team.

Responding, Prof. Kabir assured the delegation that the University's SERVICOM Unit is open to partnering with them towards ensuring that the College's SERVICOM Unit becomes functional in the discharge of its duties.

## COUNSELLING TIP

Endeavor to allow peace to reign in your home through love, patience, service, honesty and integrity. Then, you will be devoid of transfer of aggressions on your colleagues and those you are to serve at your place of work.

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

## FROM THE REGISTRAR: KNOWING YOUR NEXT OF KIN WITH DILIGENCE

We have, at one time or the other, been required to provide identities of our next-of-kin on a variety of information on data collection forms. From the travellers vehicle manifest to bank account customer details, from school registration points to post-employment documentation etc.

Usually, among the common, the issue of knowing our next-of-kin is deemed an appointment of an heir-designate, a survivor for the devolution of estate or at least for the execution of a will. Yes, a next-of-kin could do and of course does all of these. And he does much more.

We should choose our next-of-kin with caution and diligence. It is important that our next-of-kin be our closest blood relations. In cases of emergency, your blood relation provides shared family history and even life-saving medical records.

Most of the time, only close family relations could provide vital particulars that help your survivors lay claims to and receive post-death claims and entitlements as well as deal with your estate satisfactorily. The next time you are filling the space for a next-of-kin, write down the name of your closest blood relation to be referred to about you, whether while you are alive or no more and while you remain healthy or become needy. Beware! Choosing a next-of-kin isn't another expression of friendship, love, favour or sympathy. Do that with diligence.

## SALE OF ADMISSION FORM

This is to inform the University community and the general public that the sale of admission forms into the nursery and primary one of FUT, Minna Staff School will commence on Monday, May 14, 2018 at the rate of Two Thousand Naira (N2,000:00) only.

Payment should be made at FUT, Minna Microfinance Bank.

## DISCIPLINED STUDENTS

Management has approved with immediate effect, the expulsion of the following students from the University for their alleged involvement in examination misconduct during the first semester of 2016/2017 session.

1. Chinyere Henry Tochi (2012/1/42933MP) 500 Level, Department of Project Management Technology.
2. Ivever Tyofa Moses (2014/1/50085MP) 300 Level, Department of Project Management Technology.
3. Emmanuel Bassey (2012/1/42929MP) 400 Level, Department of Project Management Technology.
4. Muhammed Sikirullah Akanbi (2013/1/48233MP) 400 Level, Department of Project Management Technology.
5. Bello Abdulkadir Wali (2013/1/48475MB) 400 Level, Department of Entrepreneurship and Business Studies.
6. Oduola Shola (2015/1/55840MB) 200 Level, Department of Entrepreneurship and Business Studies.

## RAMADAN COMMODITIES SALES

This is to inform all members of FUT, Minna Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society that the following items are available for sale at affordable rates:

N	ITEMS
1	RICE 50KG
2	RICE 25KG
3	SEMOVITA 10KG
4	SEMOLINA 10KG
5	WHEAT 10KG
6	KING OIL 5LTR
7	KING OIL 3LTR
8	SPAGHETIS
9	INDOMINE BIG SIZE
10	INDOMINE SMALL SIZE
11	PEAK MILK 900GRM
12	PEAK MILK 400 GRM
13	PEAK MILK LIQUID
14	THREE CROWN
15	THREE CROWN POWDER
16	LIPTON
17	MILO TIN 400GRM
18	MILO SACHET
19	BOURNVITA
20	SUGAR
21	MAGGI STAR
22	MAGGI KNORR CHICKEN
23	PALM OIL 4LITRE
24	GRAND SOYA OIL
25	EGG

Interested members are to proceed to the Cooperative Secretariat at the Bosso Campus with their current payslip for collection of the items from Friday, May 04, 2018. The deduction period is four months from the date of collection.

For further details, please call: 08036783103, 07036862826

## Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, April 30, – Friday, May 4, 2018)

S/N	RECEIPTS	₦
1	Clearance Fees	9,000.00
2	Collection of Certificate	446,000.00
3	Academic Transcript Fees	135,000.00
4	Semesterial Result	600.00
5	Turnintin	46,500.00
6	Sales of Cashew Seeds	16,000.00
7	Proficiency in English	12,000.00
8	SIWES Log Book	25,200.00
9	Verification/Confirmation of Result	6,000.00
10	Hostel Fees	38,500.00
11	Farm Land	15,500.00
12	Replacement of I.D Card	500.00
13	Statement of Result	2,000.00
14	Purchase of Academic Gown	120,000.00
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>872,800.00</b>
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
15	<b>Contractors/Suppliers</b>	
	<b>(i) Staff</b>	
	(a) Refund	2,735,013.19
	(c ) Advance	10,570,410.50
	<b>(ii) Contractors/Suppliers</b>	
	(a) Nipost Nigeria - Courier Service	73,620.00
	(b) Transel Fountain Ltd. - Ticket Reservation	740,830.00
	(c ) Nipost Niger - Courier Service	72,685.00
	(d) Mrs. O. Oladejo - Supply of Newspapers	4,200.00
	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>14,196,758.69</b>

## INVITATION

Corps member Veronica O. Itiku (NG/17A/3092) serving in the University library cordially invites staff and students of the University to the commissioning of Re-Constructed Toilet and Rehabilitation of the Main Building of the Primary Health Care, Jatapi, Gidan Kwano Village slated as follows:

**Date:** Wednesday, May 16, 2018

**Time:** 10:00am prompt

**Venue:** Health Care Building, Gidan Kwano.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn*. will flag off the project.

**RSVP:** 08035955672