

NATURAL MEDICINE DEVELOPMENT: FUTMINNA, AGENCY RENEW MOU



VC, Prof. Abdullahi Bala (m) and DG, NNMDA, Dr. Samuel Etatuvié (4th from right) pose for a group photograph with other officials and Principal Officers of the University after signing the MoU

The Federal University of Technology, Minna and the Nigeria Natural Medicine Development Agency (NNMDA) on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 renewed their Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), in an effort to promote cooperation in staff training, research and product development.

In his remarks at the event which took place at the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology, Abuja, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fssn*, described the agreement as a sign of good things to come, adding that re-signing the document was an opportunity to solidify the relationship between both institutions.

Prof. Bala stressed the need to review the progress that has so far been made under the first MOU signed in 2011 that saw to the establishment of a medicinal farm in the University. He said the farm is a veritable opportunity to move the relationship forward.

Pointing out that much is being said about natural medicine in the society without the corresponding will to go the extra mile about it, he expressed commitment to the success of the collaboration.

In his remarks, the Director General of NNMDA, Dr. Samuel Etatuvié said the Agency holds FUT, Minna in high esteem. He commended the University for sustaining interest in the collaboration, noting that a lot of benefits would accrue to both parties if they stick faithfully to the MOU.

Dr. Etatuvié disclosed that approval had been given for the resuscitation of the Agency's College of Natural Medicine Technology and expressed hope to collaborate with the University in that regard.

He assured that the Agency intends to resume work soon at the demonstration farm in the University,

adding that the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology was keen on product development.

Speaking earlier, Dean, School of Life Sciences, Prof. Emmanuel Ogbadoyi, disclosed that the collaboration between FUT, Minna and the Agency was conceived with the thinking that such would do a lot of good for the country.

He recalled that under the previous agreement, the University had allocated a 10-hectare land for the cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants at the Gidan Kwano campus, while NNMDA funded a study of the soil type, which was undertaken by the Department of Soil Science and Land Management in the University, to determine which plants would be suitable there.

Prof. Ogbadoyi expressed hope that with the renewal of the MOU, more would be done in actualising the terms of the agreement, especially the training and product development components.

The MOU includes research collaboration in making natural products, natural medicine, traditional medicine, science and engineering as well as agricultural practices. It also covers joint programme development and exchange of technical visits.

Both parties are also to work together in the aspects of novel drugs, diagnostics, biotechnology, nanotechnology in medicine, bioinformatics and synthetic biology, among other things.

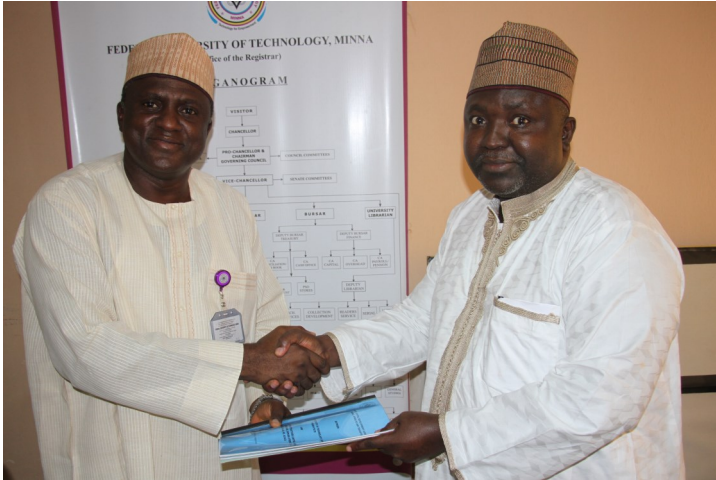
Others on the University's delegation were Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Emmanuel Udensi; Director, Research, Innovation and Development, Prof. Hussaini Makun; Deputy Director, Legal Services, Mrs. Evelyn Makun and Deputy Director, Collaboration, Affiliation and Linkages, Dr. Haruna Ibrahim.

VC HARPS ON SYNERGY BETWEEN FUTMINNA, NIGER STATE

• As FUT, Minna Signs MoU With Urban Shelter Ltd

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology Minna, Prof Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn*, has called on Nigerlites to invest in the institution

The Vice-Chancellor made this known yesterday at the VC's Conference Room, Main Campus when signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Urban Shelter Infrastructure Ltd, Abuja.



VC, Prof. Bala (L), MD, Urban Shelter, Mal. Aliyu (R) exchanging the copy of signed MoU

Speaking during the signing, the VC said the essence of having a Federal University in our community is for us to own it because it is the interest of the community that the university should be seen to be serving, adding that there is a very close engagement between the University and that of community therefore leaders in the state in his opinion are to find out how FUTMinna, which has all kinds of expertise can help the community.

Prof. Bala congratulated the Chairman of Urban Shelter, Mallam Ibrahim Aliyu for his commitment to education and the University, pointing out that they are the first indigenous developers to FUTMinna and about the only personality from Niger State that found it fit to donate an edifice on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis to the University some years back, adding that for this reason, it came natural to accept their proposal to build hostel for the University not just because they are a leading company in estate development.

The helmsman expressed Managements appreciation to Urban Shelter for the honour accorded the University, adding that he has no doubt it will be successful.

He noted that the Chairman of Urban Shelter is a son of the soil and he is the only one that has found it worthy to look at the University as a partner and hopes that the gesture will show other Nigerlites that they can come and partner and invest in the University, adding that if this works, he believes that more will come and invest in the University.

He revealed that Urban Shelter has also given a commitment to build a guest house later. The VC appreciated Urban Shelter for their gradual investment in infrastructure that would make the University to become a living environment not just for lectures.

The VC pointed out that student accommodation has been a concern as the University has over 22 thousand students but has provision for less than five thousand bed space, adding that he aspires to have as much as 75% of students on campus which he said will expose the students to the life of students in campus and also avail the opportunity for mentorship of the students and wants a case where students will live off campus out of choice not out of necessity.

In his remark, the MD, Urban Shelter Infrastructure Ltd, Rilwan Salihu Aliyu who was representing the Chairman disclosed that the Chairman is passionate in helping to restore every aspect of education and both of them being alumni of the University know the importance of hostels, so they see working for the FUT as home.

He assured Management of a thorough job, adding that they will ensure the edifice is not just beautiful but functional.

Mal. Aliyu explained that they plan to built four clusters of hostels containing three blocks of 448 unit each, 1344 in a cluster, totaling 5376 and intend to start the 1st cluster in December.

Other areas covered by the MoU are the project will be under a Build, Operate and Transfer arrangement to cater for 5376 students, which shall contain a maximum of eight students per room with each student's annual rent charge of N70,000.00 to be completed within a period of 60 months.

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.

FUTMINNA TO PARTNER ENTRUST MICROGRID



VC, Prof. Bala (6th from left) and Founder Entrust, Prof. Liu (6th from right) pose for a group photograph with other officials and Principal Officers of the University.

The Federal University of Technology, Minna, is to partner with Entrust Microgrid, Lancaster, UK in the area of renewable energy and training. This was brought to the fore when the founder Entrust Microgrid, Prof. Xiongwei Liu along with his team paid a courtesy call on the University.

Speaking at the event on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at the Main Campus, the founder, Prof. Liu said Microgrid which is already gaining ground in the United Kingdom is a direct current/alternative current network for built environment with embedded solar photovoltaic panels, energy storage, direct current loads and electric vehicle charges connected to the direct current chargers.

He said to him, air-conditions, refrigerators, water pumping machines and electrical vehicles can be powered direct from renewable power at over 98.6%, adding that it is very suitable for Nigeria and Africa at large for its efficiency, less need for large scale infrastructure or expensive grid connectivity.

Prof. Liu said they were in the University to check the facilities of the institution with the hope of partnering with FUTMinna so as to finalise the documentation process of the United Kingdom (UK) energy catalyst Round 6 competition.

According to him, the intention of Entrust is to provide training platform empowerment for students which is absolutely critical not just for academic purpose but for commercial purpose to empower them.

He disclosed that they plan to set up a power plant in Nigeria.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn*, welcomed the team and appreciated them for having FUTMinna in mind. He noted that he is happy with the partnership because it is in line with the University's aspiration and their visit is an opportunity for the institution to scale up its capacity in the area of renewable energy, adding that the University is into similar partnership in the area of agriculture.

Prof. Bala pointed out that his interest is largely in the fact that students are involved, which would provide

them first class practical experience that allows them to start on their own after graduation.

"To us, that is the pride that we are in the position to provide students such opportunities that makes them more competitive," he said.

He noted that in the last one week the employment ranking of universities ranked FUT, Minna as number four in Nigeria in terms of employable graduates and that this is because of the premium placed in providing students with practical experience.

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, November 5, – Friday, November 9, 2018)

N/S	RECEIPTS	₦
1	Collection of Certificate	408,000.00
2	Transcript	385,000.00
3	Replacement of ID Card	2,000.00
4	Turnitin	70,500.00
5	Semesterial Result	200.00
6	Renewal of Association	5,000.00
7	Verification/Confirmation of Certificate	40,000.00
8	Clearance Fees	420,000.00
9	Proficiency in English	4,000.00
10	Purchase of Academic Gown	60,000.00
11	Diploma Certificate	10,500.00
12	Entrepreneur Training	36,000.00
13	Hostel Fees	63,000.00
14	Letter of Introduction	2,000.00
15	Inter University Transfer Form	40,000.00
16	Sales of SIWES Log Books	45,700.00
17	Verification of Transcript	4,000.00
18	Teaching Practice	24,000.00
19	Acceptance Fees	16,020,000.00
20	Post Graduate School Fees	9,026,500.00
22	Pre Degree Form	288,110.50
23	Under Graduate School Fees	30,608,400.00
24	Pre Degree School Fees	6,103,500.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	63,666,410.50
	PAYMENTS	
25	Contractors/Suppliers	
	(i) Staff	
	(a) Advances	3,185,854.00
	(b) Refund	1,255,664.25
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) FUTMIN Venture Ltd - Overhead Oct. 2018	886,800.00
	(b) National Universities Commission - Conference Fees	50,000.00
	(c) Search FM - Honorarium	400,000.00
	(d) Mrs. O. Oladejo - Newspaper Supply	4,600.00
	(e) " " "	47,600.00
	(f) Sim Best Scientific & Chemical - Supply	535,200.00
	(g) Progressive Education Service Ltd. - Supply	576,100.00
	(h) External Examiners - Honorarium	662,475.00
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	7,604,293.25

FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, MINNA PROPOSED ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2018/2019 SESSION FIRST SEMESTER

Monday, 5 th November, 2018 – Saturday, 24 th November, 2018	- Online registration for New Students (3 weeks)
Monday, 3 rd December, 2018 – Saturday, 15 th December, 2018	- Online registration for Returning Students (2 weeks)
Monday, 12 th November, 2018 – Friday, 23 rd November, 2018	- Arrival and Documentation for New Students
Thursday, 21 st November, 2018 – Saturday, 23 rd November, 2018	- Orientation for New Students
Monday, 19 th November, 2018	- Lectures begin for New Students
Monday, 17 th December, 2018 – Wednesday, 2 nd January, 2019	- Annual Recess (2 weeks)
Wednesday, 2 nd January, 2019	- Lectures continue for new students & begin for returning students
Thursday, 10 th January, 2019	- Matriculation ceremony for new students (2018/2019 session)
Monday, 4 th February, 2019 – Friday, 15 th February, 2019	- e-Test for 100 Level Students & Large Classes
Monday, 11 th March, 2019 – Saturday, 23 rd March, 2019	- e-Exam for 100 Level Students & Large classes
Monday, 25 th March, 2019 – Friday, 5 th April, 2019	- First Semester Examination
Monday, 8 th April, 2019 – Tuesday, 9 th April, 2019	- SIWES orientation for 400 Level students
Wednesday, 10 th April, 2019 – Tuesday, 23 rd April, 2019	- First Semester Break
Wednesday, 10 th April, 2019 – Friday, 6 th September, 2019	- SIWES for all Schools with exception of SAAT & SSTE students (24 weeks)
Tuesday, 14 th May, 2019	- School Board to consider first semester results for all levels of Students
Wednesday, 29 th May, 2019	- Senate to consider first semester results for all Levels of Students

SECOND SEMESTER

Wednesday, 24 th April, 2019	- Second semester begins/lectures commence for all students
Monday, 17 th June, 2019 – Friday, 28 th June, 2019	- e- Test for 100 Level students & large classes
Monday, 1 st July, 2019 – Saturday, 6 th July, 2019	- Sport week-Lecture free
Monday, 8 th July, 2019	- Lecture continues for all students
Monday, 22 nd July, 2019 – Saturday, 3 rd August, 2019	- Second semester examination, except 400 level
Monday, 5 th August, 2019 – Friday, 16 th August, 2019	- e-Exam for 100 Level students and large classes
Monday, 5 th August, 2019 – Friday, 13 th September, 2019	- SWEP/Field Trip (6 weeks)
Monday, 19 th August, 2019 – Saturday, 5 th October, 2019	- Second Semester Break (7 weeks)
Wednesday, 11 th September, 2019	- School Boards to consider second semester results
Wednesday, 25 th September, 2019	- Senate to consider second semester results
Monday, 7 th October, 2019	- New Session 2019/2020 begins

NOTE: Every Saturday has been declared for staff fitness exercise as from 6.30am – 8:00am. (All staff are advised to turn up for the exercise).

Every Wednesday of the week, lectures to end by 2:00pm for sporting activities for all students.

SABBATICAL

The Vice-Chancellor has approved Sabbatical for the following for a period of one year each, with effect from December 3, 2018 respectively: **Dr. Orire Abdullahi Muhammad**, tenable at the Federal University, Dutse and **Muhammed Sani Suleiman**, tenable at Bayero University Kano.

WITHDRAWAL OF SERVICE

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the withdrawal of service of **Bello Salau Habeeb**, Department of Telecommunication Engineering, with effect from January 6, 2019.

WEDDING CEREMONY

Chief Saleh Jankaro (KSM), Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), cordially invites the University community and the general public to the Solemnization of Holy Matrimony of his daughter, **Elizabeth Saleh Jankaro (Larai)** with **Jerry Stephen Baba**, which will by the grace of God take place as follows:

Sendforth Prayer

Date: Friday, November 30, 2018

Time: 3:00pm prompt

Venue: Bitrus Sawa Square, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Bosso Campus.

Church Wedding

Date: Saturday, December 1, 2018

Time: 10:00am prompt

Venue: St. Malachy Catholic Church, Bosso, Minna, Niger State.

Reception follows immediately at Bitrus Sawa Square, Federal University of Technology, Minna, 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 as follows:

Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018

Time: 3:30pm prompt

Venue: LT 1, Bosso Campus.

NOTE: All Co-operators are advised to attend.

COUNSELLING TIP

Discover and analyse the reason why you feel inferior to someone or others and be ready to put the past behind you.

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

ANUPA CORNER

If money is your hope for independence, you will never have it. The only real security that a man will have in this world is a reserve of knowledge, experience and ability.

CONDOLENCE

The Registrar has, on behalf of Management, Staff and Students of the Federal University of Technology, Minna condoled the following:

1. **Ugboaja Stanley Uzoamaka**, Information and Publications Unit, over the death of his father, which occurred on Monday November 5, 2018.
2. **Hadiza Mohammed Kudu**, University Library Services, over the death of her husband, late **Mal. Ibrahim Saba Magana**, which occurred on Wednesday, October 31, 2018.

May their gentle souls rest in peace.