

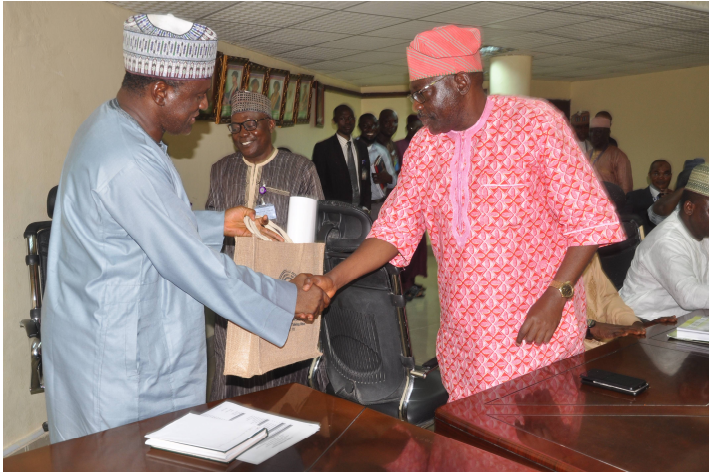
# Campus News

Federal University of Technology, Minna

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## COREN VISITS FUTMINNA

As part of efforts to ensure adherence to standards and to internationalise engineering qualifications in the country, a team of experts from the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) today visited the Federal University of Technology, Minna.



L-R: VC, Prof. Bala presenting souvenir to the leader of the team Engr. Alli.

The programmes that were up for appraisal by the accreditation team are Chemical Engineering in the School of Infrastructure, Process Engineering and Technology (SIPET) and Electrical and Electronics Engineering in the School of Electrical Engineering and Technology (SEET).

During a courtesy call to the Vice-Chancellor, leader of the team, Engr. Olayinka Alli, **FNSE**, disclosed that their coming to the University was in continuation of the visit by the International Engineering Alliance as COREN is trying to internationalise certificates obtained from Nigerian institutions, by aligning the syllabus and activities in line with global best practices.

He said FUT, Minna is a strategic university with respect to engineering as it is the only federal university selected for the visit.

He thanked the VC for the priority attention given to engineering programmes in the University.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, **fssn**, said that engineering constitutes a major component of the programmes in the University with two schools and still growing.

He said it is his aspiration to have a Mining Engineering programme in the University before the end of his tenure, which will be in response to current government policy of diversifying sources of revenue for the country.

He added that the institution will need the support of COREN in curriculum development and manpower recruitment.

Prof. Bala said the University was pleased with COREN's periodic accreditation exercises as it serves as opportunity to identify gaps and areas that need improvement.

He described COREN's effort towards internationalization as a welcome development as it would allow mobility of across borders for products of the University.

The team later went on a facility tour to the University Library and engineering workshops.

There was also presentation of overviews of Chemical Engineering and Electrical and Electronics Engineering programmes by the respective heads of department as well as interactive session with staff of the departments.

Similarly, the leader of the team, Engr. Olayinka Alli while presenting the preliminary report to the University Management, expressed satisfaction with the quality of facilities at the Schools, the serenity of the university environment as well as the quality of faculty members in the schools.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, **fssn**, commended the team for working round the clock to get the job done within the limited time at their disposal while assuring them that all their observations would be expediently looked into by the University Management.

"I want to assure you that by the time you are coming next time, many of the challenges noted would have been addressed", he assured.

Giving the vote of thanks, the dean, School of Infrastructure, Process and Engineering Technology (SIPET), Engr. Prof. Oladiran Abubakre thanked the COREN team for its objective assessment of the two programmes and applauded Management for its support which he noted necessitated the visit of COREN to the University.

## APPOINTMENT

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of appointments of **Ajiboye Mary Adebola** as a Visiting Lecturer I in the Department of Computer Engineering, with effect from November 1, 2018 and **Abdullahi Mahmoud Kullu**, Department of Soil Science and Land Management on a contract basis for a period of one year with effect from October 10, 2018.

# PARADOX GROUP SEEKS PARTNERSHIP WITH FUTMINNA

The Managing Director, Paradox Group Incorporated, Mrs. Hadiza Bature along with its partner from Corinthian Turnkey Project Ltd, Nigeria, Alh. Adamu Lange and other officials of the



The VC, Prof. Bala and MD, Paradox, Mrs. Hadiza Bature (5th & 4th from right) pose for a snapshot with other POs and members of her team after the visit

company have paid a courtesy visit on the Management of the Federal University of Technology, Minna.

Speaking during the visit which held on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at the VC's Conference Room, the MD Paradox, Mrs. Bature said they represent a project finance company in Canada that have come to Nigeria to give opportunity to people to access funds from foreign banks to finance long term government projects in Nigeria.

The Paradox boss noted that Nigeria being an underdeveloped country can seize this opportunity to get help and upgrade to where developed countries have gotten to, adding that most developments are easily implemented with foreign banks because they are open to long term financing when compared to the home based banks.

"Foreign banks are willing to advance projects either through Public Private Partnership (PPP) or outright financing," he said.

The MD disclosed that projects being financed are strictly government and not individual and have a wide range of areas that they cover such as mining, agriculture, education, energy, healthcare and many more, hence the aim of the visit was to see how the institution can take advantage of it.

She further stated that the Paradox Group serves as the bridge between the foreign banks and the beneficiary of the funds, noting that the Royal Bank of Canada is the major funding bank for banks in Africa. She disclosed that ongoing projects in partnership with Paradox are the Akwa Ibom Airport Phase 1 and 2 as well as other projects in Delta State.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Abudullahi Bala, *fssn*, thanked the team for their visit. He said that the three priorities of the University are hostel accommodation, agriculture and mining.

Prof. Bala pointed out that the University on its own is

not permitted by law to take loans but they can go into PPP with them.

He added that the University is always open to developers on a Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis and urged them to apply so that there can be a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the company and the institution.

## DISCIPLINED STUDENTS

Senate at its 437th meeting on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 has among others considered and approved the withdrawal of the following students from the University. Serial Nos. 1 - 7 did not register for two (2) consecutive sessions, while the withdrawal of No. 8 was due to poor academic performance.

1. Ibrahim Haroun Yahaya (2010/1/36876BC) 300 Level, Chemistry Department.
2. Omotosho Gabriel Olasunkanmi (2013/1/46918BC) 200 Level, Chemistry Department.
3. Ogundu Mimidoo Winifred (2013/1/46907BC) 200 Level, Chemistry Department.
4. Ezekiel Emmanuel Nkechinyere (2014/1/51019PC) 200 Level, Chemistry Department.
5. Oranusi Chukwudi Charles (2014/1/51035PC) 200 Level, Chemistry Department.
6. Chantu Nommiyid Musa (2010/1/35946CM) 500 Level, Department of Telecommunication Engineering.
7. Hanafi Mubaraq Olalekan (2010/1/35932CM) 500 Level, Department of Telecommunication Engineering.
8. Iwoh Inalegwu Kizito (2014/1/50427VQ) 300 Level, Department of Quantity Surveying.

Similarly, Senate at its 437th meeting on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 has among others considered and approved the Reinstatement of Studentship of **Benard Prince Otunde** (2014/1/51189PM), Department of Mathematics as his withdrawal was done in error.

## SABBATICAL

The Vice-Chancellor has approved Sabbatical for the **Engr. Dr. (Mrs.) B. A. Adejumo**, tenable at the University of Ilorin, Kwara State for a period of one year, with effect from October 2, 2018.



# COE, MINNA PROVOST PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO FUTMINNA



The VC, Prof. Bala and Provost, Prof. Auna (5th & 6th from right) in a group photograph with POs of both institutions.

The Provost of the Niger State College of Education (COE), Minna, Prof. Yakubu Auna has paid a courtesy visit to the Management of the Federal University of Technology, Minna

The Provost and other Principal Officers of the College were received by the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn*, at the Council Chamber, Main Campus on Wednesday, September 12, 2018.

Speaking during the visit, the Provost of the College, Prof. Auna said the purpose of the visit was to congratulate Prof. Bala on his appointment as the Vice-Chancellor of the institution.

He stated that, as stakeholders in the education sector, both institutions have a lot in common and as the Provost, he felt that there should be a synergy between both institutions and a courtesy visit would help enhance such purpose.

Prof. Auna disclosed that since his assumption as the Provost of COE, Minna, he realised that there is no relationship between both institutions despite being neighbours and felt that there would be a lot of benefit for COE, Minna since FUT, Minna has affiliation all over the country, COE, Minna would want to be part of the affiliations, which will further create a lasting relationship between the two institutions.

Responding, Prof. Bala expressed his gratitude for the visit, adding that he was pleased to have them around.

He disclosed that he has been in the University for about 30 years but this is the first time such visit is happening and that it is strange that since the inception of FUT, Minna, there was no affiliation with COE, Minna and FUT, Minna.

"Despite FUT, Minna being a specialised University, there are a lot of things both institutions have in common and the reason why the federal government has established federal universities in every state is with the intent to bring access to university education closer," he stated.

Prof. Bala assured them of the Management's commitment towards the affiliation.

# WE'LL BRING BACK MEDALS FROM STAFF GAMES – DR OJUTIKU

The Chairman, Federal University of Technology, Minna Sports Committee, Dr. Rasheed Ojutiku has expressed optimism that the University's contingent to the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the Nigerian Universities Staff Sports Association (NUSSA) Games will win medals for the University.

He made this disclosure during an exclusive interview with *Campus News* at the University Gymnasium Complex on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 after addressing the athletes representing the institution at the games.

Dr. Ojutiku stated that the rigorous selection of athletes was an indication of the University's desire to put up a good show at the games, adding that the athletes were selected based on current form and fitness level as against pedigree.

"The selection process was competitive and athletes were chosen based on current form which is an indication that we are not going for a jamboree as is being insinuated in some quarters. The athletes are committed and raring to compete at the games", he disclosed.

He commended the University Management for providing the much needed financial support for the institution to participate at the event while assuring that the athletes would be worthy ambassadors.

On paucity of funds for sports development in the University, the Chairman applauded the University Management for its committed efforts to sports development in the institution despite the dwindling allocation from government, noting that the University Sports Committee has written to all the four unions in the University to introduce monthly sports levy for staff in order to raise funds for sporting infrastructure on campus as well as to complement Management's efforts since Management alone cannot fund sports.

"I am happy that the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) FUT, Minna Chapter has concluded arrangements to commence the deduction this month and I hope that other unions will follow suit," he enthused.

He advised the University contingent to conduct themselves with decorum and compete within the ambit of the laid down rules of the games and to justify Management's support by winning medals in their various sports.



The Chairman, University Sport Committee, Dr. Ojutiku addressing the University contingent at the Gym

The NUSSA Games is aimed at fostering social collaboration among the participating institutions. Over 65 public and private universities in Nigeria are expected to compete for honours in the 10-day event.

The University contingent will participate in all the 15 sports approved by the NUSSA Council for the event scheduled for September 21st to 30th, 2018 at the University of Ilorin, Kwara State.

The University's athletes are expected to depart Minna on Saturday, September 22nd, 2018.




**30TH** SEPTEMBER

Prof. Abdullahi Bala FSSN,  
Vice Chancellor FUT Minna

Red Carpet: 4:00-5:00pm  
Event Start: 6:00pm

**EAT | DRINK | AWARD | MUSIC**

Black Silver: N3K (Table for 10 @30K)  
White Silver: N4K (Table for 6 @24K)  
Blue Silver: N5K (Table for 4 @20)  
Maroon Silver: N10K (Table for 8 @80k)

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## OLUIBUKUN INTERNATIONAL AWARD BAGS

Oluibukun Ajayi of the Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics has been awarded with the **Len Curtis Award** by Taylor and Francis and the Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry Society for the best scientific paper published in the Open Literature of Remote Sensing during the year 2017. The paper titled: **"Generation of Accurate Digital Elevation Models From UAV Acquired Low Percentage Overlapping Images."** came first out of over 5,000 papers published within the year.

The award was conferred on him during the Annual Award of the Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry Society which was held on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at the National Earth Observation Conference 2018, University of Birmingham, United Kingdom.

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Most millionaires are self-made. That is, they started with nothing but ambition and energy, the same way most of us started.

## COUNSELLING TIP

Stay away from those who undermine your potential and rarely see any good in you. Get closer to those who affirm your individuality, talent, efforts and achievements.

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

## Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, September 3, – Friday, September 7, 2018)

N/S	RECEIPTS	N
1	Collection of Certificate	545,000.00
2	Transcript	640,000.00
3	Replacement of I.D Card	11,000.00
4	Turnitin	46,500.00
5	Semesterial Result	5,600.00
6	Campus Radio	147,000.00
7	Verification/Confirmation of Certificate	26,000.00
8	Clearance Fees	15,000.00
9	Proficiency in English	6,000.00
10	Purchase of Academic Gown	90,000.00
11	Postgraduate Forms	902,000.00
12	Postgraduate School Fees	3,113,000.00
13	Pre Degree Form	525,000.00
14	Post UTME Scratch Card	72,500.00
15	Post UTME Registration	9,000.00
16	Personnel Allocation From Abuja	331,583,867.83
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>337,737,467.83</b>
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
17	<b>Contractors/Suppliers</b>	
	<b>(i) Staff</b>	
	(a) Salary	353,985,703.24
	(b) Advances	19,490,717.00
	(c) Refund	3,588,519.05
	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>377,064,939.29</b>

## WEDDING CEREMONY

**Mal. Abubakar Mahmoud Muhammed**, Deputy Registrar, Vice-Chancellor's Office, cordially invites the University community and the general public to the Wedding Fatiha of his son, **Muhammed Jibril Bala** with **Fadilat Ishaq Suleiman**, which will In-Sha-Allah take place as follows:

**Date:** Saturday, October 6, 2018

**Time:** 11:00am prompt

**Venue:** No. KK7B, Lain Mai Guda, Unguwan Galadima Hayin Taro-Taro, Off Abuja Road, Rigasa, Kaduna State.

**Reception** at CPES Hall, Bosso Campus, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Niger State by 7:00pm. Traditional Dance follows up immediately at Groom's Residence, House No. 10B, Senior Quarters, Maikunkele, Minna, Niger State.