



# Campus News

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## PROF OYERO MAKES CASE FOR IMPROVED POST-HARVEST FISH TECHNOLOGY

**P**rof. Olusegun Johnson Oyero has called for the adoption of an improved and efficient technology in order to control fish post-harvest losses in Nigeria.

The Professor of Water Resources, Aquaculture and Fisheries Technology made this call today while delivering the 63rd Inaugural Lecture of the Federal University of Technology, Minna at the Caverton Lecture Theatre, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.



Prof. Oyero presenting his Inaugural lecture

In the lecture titled: *“Care for Fish Out of Water: A Veritable Post-Harvest Strategy for Food Security in Nigeria,”* Prof. Oyero pointed out that fish post-harvest losses worsen the food and nutrition insecurity and increase the country’s reliance on imports, thereby wasting scarce resources.

He called on governments across all levels and non-governmental organisations to invest in mass production of enclosed drying systems and charcoal-fuelled improved traditional smoking kilns for the use of small scale fish processors.

Prof. Oyero who also stressed the need for product development from fish as it is an important raw material for various industrial usage said such would help in increasing the utilisation of fisheries resources in Nigeria.

Researcher in post-harvest technology should be scaled up, Prof. Oyero recommended, just as he stated the need for a national assessment of losses along the post-harvest chain to enable Fish Post-Harvest Losses (FPHL) researchers to quantify efforts put in curtailing FPHL.

He also recommended the education of fishermen and all stakeholders involved in processing and preservation on the need for proper fish handling practice, adding that providing support facilities such as processing shed at landing sites and markets would help check spoilage.

In the lecture, the don who has conducted extensive research in fish processing and preservation, explained the status of fish production and food security in Nigeria; fish processing technology in Nigeria and post-mortem changes in fish amongst other things.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fssn* thanked Prof. Oyero for the well presented lecture and acknowledged dignitaries for attending.

## 31ST MATRICULATION CEREMONY

**T**he University community and the general public are hereby invited to attend the Matriculation Ceremony for the 2017/2018 Session of the University as follows:

**Date:** Thursday, April 5, 2018

**Venue:** Convocation Square, Main Campus

**Time:** 11:00am

There shall be a rehearsal for the matriculating students on Wednesday, April 5, 2018 at 2:00pm at the Convocation Square, Main Campus.

## EASTER GREETINGS

**T**he Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fssn* wishes all staff, students and the entire University community a happy Easter celebrations.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Bala (2nd right) and the Registrar Mrs. Victoria Kolo (Right) on official assignment in the UK recently.

A one-day special seminar was organized by the School of Life Sciences with the theme **"Africayam: A Project to strengthen Yam Breeding in West Africa,"** for members of University staff.

The event took place on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at Bioinformatics and Medical Imaging Laboratory, Step B Project, Bosso Campus.

In his opening remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, **fssn** who was represented by the Dean PG School, Prof. Musa Kolo said it was an exciting thing among colleagues in the academia to interact and be mentored in academic activities.



*Dr. Patrick Adebola making a presentation*

He also said that what he liked in the seminar is the linkage after the presentation.

Prof. Bala commended the School for organising an educative seminar for members of the University community.

In his presentation, Dr. Patrick Adebola, Project Leader for African Yam, who gave an overview of the importance of yam in West Africa stated that yam featured very well in socio-cultural activities like marriages, thanksgivings and other festivals in the society.

Dr. Adebola further said a population of about three hundred million people consumed yam. This, he said, makes it a very important food in the world, particularly in West Africa, adding that it is also considered a very significant crop in global food security.

He pointed out that about 54 million tones of yam are being produced in Africa and 95% comes from five countries, namely: Nigeria, Benin, Togo, Ghana and Cote D'Ivoire. These countries, according to him, constitute what is called yam belt in terms of production in Africa.

Speaking earlier, the Dean, SLS, Prof. Olamide Falusi expressed his happiness to see that their common dream of raising the standard of the School to international level was gradually becoming a reality.

He encouraged the staff of the School to do more by mobilising their collective strength to add more value to the School and the University in general.

The Dean noted that the lecture has opened up discussions for collaborations.

Giving her vote of thanks, the Deputy Dean of SLS, Dr. Khadiza Lami Mohammed thanked the speaker and wished him safe journey back home.

The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, **fssn** has assured that the University would take necessary steps to ensure the sustenance of the momentum of activities under the Regional Centre for Expertise on Education (RCE) for Sustainable Development so as to achieve meaningful development.

Prof. Bala gave this assurance when RCE officials paid him a courtesy visit at the University Main Campus, Gidan Kwano today at the Vice-Chancellor's Conference Room.

Prof. Bala thanked them for their initiatives and activities that have been carried out to support education, especially at the basic level. He charged them to sustain the good effort and assured them that the University will go through the documents presented for the purpose of signing a memorandum of understanding MOU.

The Vice-Chancellor further said all 400 Level students are supposed to undergo a minimum of three months Industrial Training (IT) with the belief that it will link the theoretical knowledge with a practical experience in their field of study.

His words: "We have seen so many going to places that are irrelevant to their training. We think that the student industrial experience programme should be realigned in such a way that they will learn in line with what they are studying. We will be using some of the RCE platforms in achieving some of these things. We are also thinking that I.T should also be something that will have nexus with community development, by using the period of I.T to do things that will benefit the community."

Speaking at the occasion, the President African Regional Centres of Expertise (RCEs) and Coordinator of Regional Centre of Expertise (RCE) Minna, Dr. Abdul Husaini said RCE was founded to contribute to the effort of mobilising formal and informal sectors to deliver Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).

He said the major thrust of the ESD is to promote and improve basic education, reorient existing education at all levels, training and retraining and developing of public understanding and awareness of sustainability.

Dr. Hussaini said since he got elected president of RCEs in 2016, they resolved to improve the visibility and focus of RCEs in Africa as hub for solution to local sustainability challenges peculiar to the region.

He disclosed that it is expected that host institutions would bring to bear its expertise in solving local sustainable development challenges that will be shared with other RCEs across the world.

He requested the University to take advantage of its existing structures and programmes to engage in activities that would assist the immediate communities in achieving the target of the SDGs and crown itself as one of the most vibrant RCE host institutions in Africa.



*VC, Prof. (m), President RCE, Dr. Husaini (5th l), POs and officials of RCE in a group photograph after the visit.*



## APPOINTMENTS

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the following appointments for a period of one year each:

1. Prof. Apollonia A. Okhimamhe, Director, West African Science Service Centre on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL), with effect from October 1, 2017.
2. Prof. (Mrs.) S. N. Zubairu, Acting Dean, School of Environmental Technology, with effect from February 8, 2018
3. Prof. Kabiru Adamu, Focal Officer, SERVICOM Unit, with effect from January 8, 2018.
4. Dr. Saidu Mohammed, Director, Centre for Preliminary and Extramural Studies (CPES), with effect from January 8, 2018.
5. Dr. Ojoye Samsideen, Coordinator, Training in the Centre for Disaster Risk Management and Development Studies (CDRM&DS), with effect from April 1, 2018.
6. Dr. Umaru Emmanuel Tanko, Coordinator, Centre for Disaster Risk Management and Development Studies (CDRM&DS), with effect from April 1, 2018.
7. Mr. Morenikeji Gbenga, Assistant Coordinator, Centre for Disaster Risk Management and Development Studies (CDRM&DS), with effect from April 1, 2018.
8. Dr. Amosa Isiaka Gambari, Deputy Director, Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning (CODEL), with effect from January 8, 2018.
9. Dr. Haruna Ibrahim, Deputy Director, Directorate for Collaboration, Affiliation and Linkages (DCAL), with effect from February 13, 2018.
10. Dr. Sakariyau Olalekan Busra, Coordinator, Entrepreneurship Centre, with effect from January 8, 2018.
11. Babayi Hausatu, Deputy Director, Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, with effect from February 14, 2018.
12. Agnes D. Thomas, Acting Head Teacher, University Staff School, with effect from January 21, 2018.

**Note:** Serial No 1 is re-appointment, while 2 - 12 are fresh appointments.

## AL-HALAL MEMBERSHIP CARD

Al-Halal Cooperative Multipurpose Society is producing identity cards for its members. Those who do not already have their membership ID cards are to collect the ID card forms at the Society's Secretariat, Bosso Campus, complete it and return same to the Desk Officer with one passport photograph attached.

## SABBATICAL

The Vice-Chancellor has approved Sabbatical for the following staff of the University for a period of one year each:

1. **Engr. Dr. K. C. Bala**, Department of Mechanical Engineering, tenable at the Baze University, Abuja, with effect from February 1, 2018.
2. **Dr. Muhammed Muhammed Ndamitso**, Department of Chemistry, tenable at the Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State, with effect from 2017/2018 academic session.
3. **Dr. Anuonye J. C.**, Department of Food Science and Technology, tenable at the Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State, with effect from January 10, 2018.

He has also approved the renewal of the following appointments as Visiting Lecturers for a period of one year each:

1. **Prof. Paulinus E. Ugwuoke**, Department of Physics, with effect from February 6, 2018
2. **Dr. Bansa Aderotimi**, Department of Food Science and Technology, with effect from June 1, 2018
3. **Moukhtar Mohammed Mai**, Department of Architecture, with effect from February 18, 2018.

## COUNSELLING TIP

Do not allow excitement of men's praises at any stage of your attainment lure you into making promises you cannot fulfil. Your failure to fulfil them makes men see you unworthy of your attainment.

Rather, identify the areas where your contributions will be needed and surprise men with them.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala fsssn, cordially invites staff, students and the general public to the opening ceremony of the maiden edition of FUTMinna Staff Inter-Schools/ Department/Unit football Championship slated as follows:

**Date:** Wednesday, April 4th, 2018

**Venue:** Football Field, Gidan Kwano Campus.

**Time:** 4pm.

The curtain raiser for the championship will be between the Vice-Chancellor's Office team and the University Health Service team. It promises to be fun...

# APPRECIATION

**D**r. K. A. Saka, HOD, L. I. T. has on behalf of his family expressed appreciation to the University Management and the University community for their prayer and support during the Wedding Fatiha of his daughter, which held recently. He Prays Allah to reward everyone in abundance.

Similarly, Israel J. Salawu on behalf of his family thanks and appreciates the University Management and the University community for commiserating with the family over the transition of Mr. Ezekiel Tsado Salawu to eternal glory.

# CONDOLENCE

**T**he Registrar has on behalf of Management, Staff and Students of the Federal University of Technology, Minna condoled with the following:

- Mrs. Igbo Lilian C.**, Quality Assurance and Productivity Unit over the death of her father, Mr. Charles Chijioke Mebrim, which sad event occurred on Friday, December 15, 2017
- Dr. Abdullahi Mann**, Department of Chemistry over the death of his mother, Hajiya Hauwa-Kulu Hussaini, which sad event occurred on Wednesday, March 7, 2018.
- Dr. Amadi Akobundu Nwansike**, Department of Geology over the death of his father, Mr. Amadi Akobundu, which sad event occurred on Wednesday, February 7, 2018.
- Mrs. Dorcas N. Sheshi** of Government Girls Secondary School, Bida over the death of her brother, Mr. Ezekiel Salawu, which sad event occurred on Friday, March 16, 2018. Late Mr. Ezekiel until his death was a lecturer in the Department of Geography of the University.
- Abdullahi Garba** of Niger State Housing Corporation, Minna over the death of his brother, Mohammed Sani Sakpe, which sad event occurred on Wednesday, March 21, 2018. Until his death, Mohammed Sani Sakpe was a Technologist in the Department of Biochemistry of the University.

May their gentle souls rest in peace. Amen.

## MATCH FIXTURES FOR THE 2018 PROF. ABDULLAHI BALA STAFF CUP

Date:	4 <sup>th</sup> April, 2018	
1.	Match No. 1:	VC's Office Vs UHS Time: 4:00pm Venue: GK Field
Date:	5 <sup>th</sup> April, 2018	
2.	Match No. 2:	Registry Vs SIPET Time: 4:00pm Venue: GK Field
3.	Match No. 3:	Micro Finance Bank VS SLS Time: 4:00pm Venue: Bosso Field
4.	Match No. 4	SET VS SSTE Time: 5:15pm Venue: GK Field
5.	Match No. 5	SEET VS Library Time: 5:15pm Venue: Bosso Field
Date:	6 <sup>th</sup> April, 2018	
6.	Match No. 6	SAAT VS Security Time: 4:00pm Venue: GK Field
7.	Match No. 7	SPS VS SEMT Time: 4:00pm Venue: Bosso Field
8.	Match No. 8	Works VS SICT Time: 5:15pm Venue: Bosso Field
Date:	7 <sup>th</sup> April, 2018	
9.	Match No. 9	VC's Office VS Library Time: 7:00am Venue: Bosso Field
10.	Match No. 10	Registry VS SLS Time: 8:15am Venue: Bosso Field
11.	Match No. 11	MFB VS SIPET Time: 4:00pm Venue: Bosso Field
12.	Match No. 12	SEET VS UHS Time: 5:15pm Venue: Bosso Field
Date:	9 <sup>th</sup> April, 2018	
13.	Match No. 13	SET VS Security Time: 4:00pm Venue: GK Field
14.	Match No. 14	SPS VS SICT Time: 4:00pm Venue: Bosso Field
15.	Match No. 15	SAAT VS SSTE Time: 5:15pm Venue: Bosso Field
16.	Match No. 16	Works VS SEMT Time: 5:15pm Venue: GK Field
Date:	10 <sup>th</sup> April, 2018	
17.	Match No. 17	Registry VS MFB Time: 4:00pm Venue: Bosso Field
18.	Match No. 18	SIPET VS SLS Time: 4:00pm Venue: GK Field
19.	Match No. 19	VC's Office VS SEET Time: 5:15pm Venue: GK Field
20.	Match No. 20	Library VS UHS Time: 5:15pm Venue: Bosso Field
Date:	11 <sup>th</sup> April, 2018	
21.	Match No. 21	SET VS SAAT Time: 4:00pm Venue: GK Field
22.	Match No. 22	SSTE VS Security Time: 4:00pm Venue: Bosso Field
23.	Match No. 23	SPS VS Works Time: 5:15pm Venue: Bosso Field
24.	Match No. 24	SEMT VS SICT Time: 5:15PM Venue: GK Field
Date:	13 <sup>th</sup> April, 2018	
25.	Match No. 25	1 <sup>st</sup> in Group A VS 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Group C Time: 4:00pm Venue: Bosso Field
27.	Match No. 27	1 <sup>st</sup> in Group C VS 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Group A Time: 5:15pm Venue: GK Field
26.	Match No. 26	1 <sup>st</sup> in group B VS 2 <sup>nd</sup> in group D Time: 4:00pm Venue: Gk Field
28.	Match No. 28	1 <sup>st</sup> in Group D VS 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Group B Time: 5:15pm Venue: Bosso Field
Date:	16 <sup>th</sup> April, 2018	
29.	Match No. 29	Winner of Match 25 VS Winner of match 26 Time: 4:00pm Venue: GK Field
30.	Match No. 30	Winner of Match 27 VS Winner of Match 28 Time: 4:00pm Venue: Bosso Field Date: 18 <sup>th</sup> April, 2018
31.	Match No. 31	Looser of Match 29 VS Looser of match 30 Time: 2:30pm Venue: GK Field
32.	Match No. 32	Winner of Match 29 VS Winner of Match 30 Time: 4:00pm Venue: GK Field (Final).