

NUC RESOURCE VERIFICATION/ACCREDITATION TEAMS X-RAY ACEMFS PROGRAMMES

By Dorothy Elaigu



Representative of the Vice-Chancellor, DVC, Administration, Prof. Udensi (8th from left), in a group photograph with other POs, members of accreditation team, ACEMFS and APU.

Photo Credit: Elijah Yisa

In a bid to ensuring that the Africa Centres of Excellence for development Impact (ACE IMPACT) achieve international accreditation as well as to ascertain quality of academic programmes, the National Universities Commission (NUC) has visited the University for resource verification and accreditation assessment of 3 new Post graduate academic programmes namely, M. Tech and PhD in Toxicology, Molecular Biology & Bioinformatic and Food Safety of the Africa Centre of Excellence for Mycotoxin and Food Safety (ACEMFS) domiciled in the Federal University of Technology, Minna.

The accreditation teams who paid the Management of the Institution a courtesy visit on arrival were received on Monday, March 14,

2022 at the University Senate Chamber, Main campus by the Vice - Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala fssn who was represented by the Deputy Vice- Chancellor (Administration) Prof. Emmanuel Udensi.

In his welcome address, the Vice-Chancellor disclosed that management places premium on the Centre and has worked hard to support it right from its emergence.

He pointed out that the accreditation will be of great benefit to the University adding that the University seeks several accreditation opportunities within and outside the country.

The VC assured that the Centre and the Directorate of Academic Planning will ensure a seamless

exercise

Speaking earlier on behalf of the teams, team leader for Toxicology programme Prof. Sunday Atawodi of Federal University, Lokoja thanked the Management for the hospitality accorded them adding that ACEMFS as an international centre has to live up to the expected standard of excellence and that informs their presence in the University.

Adding that at the end of their exercise they will be objective in their assessment of the programs and will be able to come up with recommendations that will boost the centre and increase the ranking of the University.

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In their brief addresses during the exit visit on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at the Senate Chamber the team leaders for Toxicology; Prof. Sunday Atawodi of Federal University, Lokoja, Molecular Biology and Bioinformatic; Prof. Muhammad Abubakar of Federal University, Dutse and Food Safety; Prof. Timothy Yerima of University of Maiduguri commended the efforts being made by the University to ensure the success of the project.

According to them the Center has advanced its course with some good legacies such as having a clear and defined academic content research output some good physical facilities admission and graduation requirements and

staffing that meet the NUC requirements. They also identified areas for improvement.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, appreciated the teams for their objective reports adding that the University's Management would look into the issues raised and will make effort to improve on all areas that needs to be addressed.

The accreditation team inspected facilities at the libraries of the two campuses, laboratories of Biochemisty Animal Biology Biochemistry, Microbiology, Nanotechnology, Bioinformatics, Lecture rooms, Offices, and Post Graduate schools as well as lecture presentation by the center leader, Prof. Hussain Makun on

the Vision, mission, philosophy objectives, and programs as well as challenges the centre has encountered.

Other highlight of the exercise was interactive session with staff and students of the Centre.

Other members of the team are Prof. Charles Mfem & Prof. E. Umana of University of Calabar, Prof. Peter Uvere of University of Nigeria, Nsuka, Barr. Samuel Adejoh, NUC, Mr. Gabriel Aborele, NUC, Mrs. Amos Hauwa NUC, Mrs Alissa Balogun, NUC Yvonne Orekye, NUC and Barr. Pamela Ejiofor, NUC.

PROF BALA RECEIVES TIMENEWS GOLD AWARD, DEDICATES HONOUR TO FUTMINNA STAFF, STUDENTS

By Mustapha Alhassan



Prof. Abdullahi Bala (R) receiving the TimeNews Gold Award from Dr. Mamman M. Lawal.

Photo Credit: Elijah Yisa

Honour has again come the way of the Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala FSSN as he has been conferred with the TimeNews Gold Award.

The Vice-Chancellor received the

Gold Award in recognition of his "distinguished contributions to the development of education and academic excellence in Nigeria" at the ceremony held on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at Nigerian National Merit Award

House, Maitama, Abuja.

Responding shortly after receiving the award, the Vice-Chancellor said he was dedicating it to staff and students of the University who have distinguished themselves.

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Prof. Bala emphasized that FUT, Minna is a university of choice, adding that the institution did not attain that feat by accident but as a result of hard work and dedication of staff and students.

"Whatever we have been able to achieve is as a result of the efforts of our predecessors," he further remarked.

Earlier in his address, Chairman of the awards selection committee, Mr. Bernard Adeokhor, said TimeNews was honouring good, honest and hard working Nigerians who had contributed to the development of the nation and Africa. Adding that the awards were aimed at promoting excellence and hard work devoid of corrupt practices.

Mr. Adeokhor who is also the Publisher/Chief Executive Officer of TimeNews, further stated that the recognition was meant to stimulate economic and socio-political growth of our nation and serve as a morale booster for the awardees and others who are diligent in their work.

"TimeNews Gold Award recipients are recognized as performers who have made their marks in their various areas of calling," he said, as he urged the awardees to continue to excel in their respective fields of endeavour.

President, Federal Capital Territory Customary Court of Appeal, Hon. Justice Abbazhi Musa Abubakar Saddeeq; Medical Director, National Orthopaedic Hospital Dala, Kano State, Dr. Mamman

Muhammad Lawal and the Provost, College of Health Sciences and Technology, Idah, Kogi State, Comr. (Dr.) Nuhu Solomon Anyegwu also received the awards at the occasion.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta attended the event. The following members of Council were also on the University's high-powered delegation: Prof. Abdullahi Mohammed (Director, Academic Planning); Dr. Saidu Mohammed (Director, Centre for Preliminary and Extra-mural Studies) and Dr. Haruna Ibrahim, (Head, Department of Horticulture). Former Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Prof. Akim A Osunde and Hajiji Amina Abdullahi Bala also attended the occasion.

FUT MINNA INNOVATES SMART IRRIGATION SYSTEM

By Abdullahi U. Danbakaba



Prof. Onwuka operating one of the Sensors.

Photo Credit: Elijah Yisa

A team of researchers from the Federal University of Technology, Minna has innovated a Smart Irrigation System to avail farmers of the opportunity to apply modern

technology with a view to abrogate the tediousness involved in the traditional irrigation farming methods.

The Principal investigator of the

research team, Engr. Prof. Elizabeth N. Onwuka of the Department of Telecommunications Engineering disclosed this at a workshop organized to

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sensitize a team of agricultural extension workers drawn from across Niger State on the Smart Irrigation system. The Workshop was held on Monday, March 14, 2022 at the University's Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

The Smart Irrigation System which is a TETFunds research grant project currently at its experimental stage is centred at conservations of water and labour to ensure cost efficiency, avoid wastage of resources and improve productivity.

The principal investigator stated that the project sought to provide an interface between the farmer and his farm through the application of the Internet of a Thing (IoT) to enable interconnectivity between the Internet Cloud and the farm by the help of some installed sensors and

electronic nodes which allows the farmer to access the activities in the farm via a smart phone or a computer device from wherever he is; thus, making the practice less tedious.

She added that, the sensors which were installed in some sections of the farm collect information about the amount of moisture in the soil, the level of temperature as well as humidity in the farm and subsequently send signals to the electronic nodes which determines whether irrigation should be triggered or other wise.

Prof. Onwuka who further stressed that the essence of the project is to help irrigation farmers save water, reduce cost and increase yield in order to produce more food for the increasingly growing population of

the country, also said that, the participants were carefully selected considering the vital role they play in sensitizing farmers on new trends in farming.

In his comments, the Deputy Director, Research, Niger State Agricultural Management Development Agency (NAMDA), Dr. Adenrele Adeleke expressed his appreciation and gave assurance that the new technology would get to the farmers adding that the workshop had undoubtedly updated their knowledge and experience in the field of agricultural extension.

The participants were conducted round the smart irrigation site where they observed the effectiveness of the system and expressed optimism that the project would yield a good result.

PROF ONWUKA IDENTIFIES TECHNOLOGISTS AS PARTNERS IN PROGRESS

By Abdullahi U. Danbakaba



Prof. Onwuka (5th from left) in a snapshot with other researchers and technologists.

Photo Credit: Elijah Yisa

The Dean, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology, Engr. Prof Elizabeth N. Onwuka has identified technologists as partners in progress for the actualization of the newly innovated Smart Irrigation System developed by

a group of researchers of the Federal University of Technology, Minna,

Engr. Prof. Onwuka, who is the principal investigator of the research team stated this while speaking on the benefits of the

project during an interactive session with a team of technologists drawn from relevant departments of the University on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at the Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

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Prof. Onwuka stressed that there is need for technologists to be involved in the ongoing project because of the crucial position they occupied in terms of installations and maintenance of the electronic gadgets employed in the project.

She added, "these are electronic nodes, so, when installing it in the farm, technologists need to be redeployed to ensure that they are properly installed. While the electronic and telecommunication technologists handle the installation and maintenance, the Agricul-

ture technologists need to determine at what depth to install for certain crops for it is not the same depth for every crop."

The participants were conducted round the smart irrigation site where they were enlighten on how the system works.

UPGRADING

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the upgrading of Aishatu Bello Hassan, Department of Geography from Assistant Lecturer to Lecturer II with effect from 24th November, 2021.

RETIREMENT

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the mandatory retirement of Prof. Ayo Aremu, Department Animal Production from the University with effect from 3rd July, 2022.

WEDDING INVITATION

Mrs. Rebecca Adi Adams, Deputy Bursar cordially invites the University community to the solemnization of holy matrimony of her son Ezra Zhiri Kolo of CODEL, FUT Minna with Blessing Manatsoci Mamman on Saturday, March 26, 2022 by 11:00am at United Missionary Church of Africa (UMCA) Kpakungu,. Reception follows immediately after the Church service at Hon. Justice Legbo Kutigi International Conference Center Minna.

Wedding eve will hold at Hon. Justice Legbo Kutigi International Conference Center Minna on Friday, March 25. 2022 by 3:00pm

AL-HALAL COOPERATIVE MULTI-PURPOSE SOCIETY, FUT MINNA RAMADAN SALES, 2022

The above-named society wishes to notify her members of Ramadan sales. Interested members are to book with the Desk Officers at Bosso Campus on or before 21st March, 2022 with their February, 2022 payslip.

FUTMINNA STAFF MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE SOCIETY RAMADAN SALES, 2022

The above named society wishes to notify her members of the **Ramadan sales** for 2022. Interested members are to make indication of items needed and submit applications to the following people:

1. MALLAM YAKUBU AGOGO (ROOM 002) Bursary Department Gk.
2. MR ALEMEDE SOLOMON (ROOM 6) Bursary Department G.K.
3. DESK OFFICER COOPERATIVE OFFICE BOSSO.
4. AHMED IBRAHIM (NJTR BOSSO)

All applications are to be submitted on or before 12noon of 23rd March, 2022. With February, 2022. Payslip attached.

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| 1. Rice 50Kg | 8. Soya oil (Bow) | 15. Peak refile (400g) | 22. Spagethi |
| 2. Rice 25kg | 9. Palm Oil 2 litre | 16. Bounvita (400g) | 23. Maikobo spageti |
| 3. Semovita 10kg | 10. Palm oil 3 litre | 17. Crown liquid by 24
pcs | 24. Maikobo Macoroni |
| 4. Semolina 10kg | 11. Palm Oil 5 litre | 18. Crown liquid by 12 | 25. GP Macoroni |
| 5. Sugar cube | 12. Milo Refil (400g) | 19. Crown refile | 26. Nodles |
| 6. Sugar granulated | 13. Milo Tin (400g) | 20. Indomie (small) | 27. Egg crated of 30 |
| 7. Vegetable oil
(Kings) | 14. Peak Tin (400g) | 21. Indomie (Big) | |

COUNSELLING TIPS

Be resolute to make purposeful decisions for your life and work hard to achieve them, for you are not a product of your circumstances but product of your decisions.

Guidance and Counselling Unit,
Students' Affairs Division.

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Weekly Financial Digest for 7th March - 12th March 2022

N/S	RECEIPTS	N
1	Transcript	751,040.00
2	Certificate (undergraduate)	118,000.00
3	Commercial Activities(Motorcycle)	3,500.00
4	Commercial Activities(Shop)	61,000.00
5	Verification of Result	35,000.00
6	Prepaid Meter	66,000.00
7	Transcript (Students Copy)	8,000.00
8	Postgraduate School Fees	308,750.00
9	Post UTME Fees	21,000.00
10	CODEL Registration	195,150.00
11	Undergraduate Fees	39,900.00
	TOTAL	1,607,340.00
12	Contractors/Suppliers	
	(i) Staff	
	(a) Advance	933,090.00
	(b) Refund /Payment to Staff	4,760,370.79
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Leah Eyagi Yisa - Refreshment	960,000.00
	(b) Sonkowa Electrical Works & General Merchandise - Maintenance	2,647,510.00
	(c) MBR Global Consulting Ltd - Maintenance	4,966,285.00
	(d) Maradiq Investment Ltd. - Maintenance	3,215,476.00

(e) Industrial Trust Fund (ITF)	Workshop Fee	350,000.00
(f) Sonkowa Electrical Works & General Merchandise - Maintenance		4,641,420.00
(g) Submit Legal Consultancy Service Ltd	- Legal Fee	700,000.00
(h) D H L Int Nig Ltd.	- Courier Service	13,916.52
(i) Josh Institute of Corporate Safety & Conservation -Conference Fee		70,000.00
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TOTAL PAYMENTS		23,328,068.31