

100TH INAUGURAL LECTURE: SUPPORT COLLABORATION BETWEEN SCIENTISTS, TRADITIONAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS, DON TELLS GOVERNMENT

By Abdullahi U. Danbakaba



Prof. Adamu Yusuf Kabiru presenting his lecture.

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As part of efforts to invigorate the continuing quest for a sustainable solution to African Trypanomiasis within the country and beyond, Prof. Adamu Yusuf Kabiru of the Department of Biochemistry, School of Life Sciences, Federal University of Technology, Minna has called on the government to encourage and support collaborations between scientists and traditional medical practitioners with a view to unravelling the untapped potentials in our bushes and forests.

He made the call on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 while delivering the 100th Inaugural Lecture titled "Road Map to Elimination of African Trypanomiasis (Sleeping Sickness): Doing My Part", at the University Auditorium, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Prof. Kabiru who explained that the African Trypanomiasis is an infectious disease caused by parasites known as trypanosomes; transmitted into human body by infected tsetse flies, and it is endemic in 36 sub-Saharan African countries, also

identified abnormal sleeping pattern as its major symptom exhibited by the carrier thus it is nicknamed, "sleeping sickness," adding that, other routes through which people can be infected include mother-to-child which occurs during pregnancy, mechanical transmission through blood transfusion as well as other blood-sucking insects.

While lamenting the inadequate investment by the developed countries in tackling the disease, the Inaugural Lecturer stressed the importance of judicious utilization and application of the abundant medicinal plants in providing alternative medical solution to the menace.

"Plants provide major resources of molecules with medicinal properties that are bio-compatible with the natural disposition and biochemistry of the human being and animals," the don disclosed.

Prof. Kabiru also stressed the need for adequate funding for research based institutions across the country with a view to boosting research and

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development from concept to product in order to improve diagnostic and treatment tools.

The scholar who is also the Focal Officer of SERVICOM in the University further emphasized that there is also the need to strengthen and coordinate control measures and ensure that field activities and surveillance systems are sustained to facilitate early detection and treatment, adding that government must ensure and support accessibility to diagnosis, treatment and continuous monitoring

of drug resistance.

Presenting a plaque to Inaugural Lecturer, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala fssn, described the event as unique owing to the fact that it marked the 100th in the series thus, giving the lecture booklet the unique University colour instead of the usual green, hence, given it a new look.

SEET, SIPET TRAIN TECHNOLOGISTS

By Winifred Oritogun



The VC, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, fssn, other Principal Officers of the University and participants in a group photograph shortly after declaring open the training.

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School of Electrical and Engineering Technology (SEET) and School of Infrastructure, Process Engineering and Technology (SIPET), Federal University of Technology, Minna have jointly organized a three-day workshop for technologists on the use of Skill G equipment.

The opening ceremony took place on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at the SIPET Board Room, Main Campus.

Declaring the event open, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof Abdullahi Bala fssn, recalled how, back in the year 2011, Skill G started with the supply of some equipment that led to the establishment of a central teaching laboratory.

The VC said training is not an end in itself but a means to an end and as an institution, it is important that the trainees are not only challenged to do things but to provide them with the

necessary tools.

He further expressed his pleasure over the adherence to due process in the selection of the team members.

Earlier, in her welcome remark, the Dean SIPET, Engr. Prof. Zinash Osunde, said FUT, Minna has been collaborating with Skill G equipment since 2011, adding this year's training will address four areas, namely; Autotronics, Electronics, Mechatronics as well as Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (RAC).

She said the training is a specialized training and not just a one-school affair but for all engineering, so they can move along with time, as everything now is about automation, electronics. She explained that with the training, the institution wants to keep a close relationship with TETFUND and Skill G.

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Prof Osunde further stated that the training is the outcome of the 5-day workshop the trainers had in Abuja, adding that one of their responsibilities is to train others who did not have the opportunity to go to Abuja.

"This is the first of such training and we hope that such training will be repeated until every technologist is trained within the two schools and to also pass it to the students," she stated.

She advised the trainees to take the training serious and ensure a hundred percent attendance as it will be of benefit to them and the University.

The facilitators for the Skill G training are, Engr Obasa Peter (Autotronics), Engr. Bamidele A Dada (Electronics), Engr. Kehinde Bello (Mechatronics), Engr. Osayi Anthony Odia (Refrigeration and Air cooling).

SAAT STANDING COMMITTEE APPLAUDS VC FOR MERITORIOUS PERFORMANCE

By Aliyu Jidda



The VC, Prof. Bala & other Principal Officers of the University with members of SAAT Standing Committee

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The Standing Committee of School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT) has commended Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala fssn for standing out in his stewardship of the University.

The commendation was made on Monday, November 7, 2022, when the committee led by the Dean SAAT, Prof. Job Nmadu paid him a courtesy visit at the Senate Chambers, Main Campus.

Responding, Prof. Bala thanked them for coming and for appreciating the projects carried out.

He pointed out that the School had been very supportive and had made tremendous efforts towards the development of the institution.

While observing that the Standing Committee is growing in size, he stated that the main thing in leadership is to bequeath the office to a successful fellow through mentoring.

Speaking earlier, the Dean of the School, Prof. Job

Nmadu highlighted that the visit of the Committee had three main reasons: to congratulate the Vice-Chancellor for good performance in office, for keeping an excellent record and for having him as SAAT ambassador.

Prof. Nmadu acknowledged the giant strides of the Vice-Chancellor for expanding the School structurally from Phase I up to Phase III. The Dean noted that the Phase III of the School was initiated, commenced and completed during the VC's tenure.

He further stated that within the span of five (5) years, God had kept the VC sound in health and mind, as such, their visit was to felicitate with him for standing out and ending well.

Also speaking, former Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Suleiman Omeiza Sadiku, said that they had come to celebrate one of their own for a successful tenure, urging Prof. Bala not be too far from the vicinity after vacating office.

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On his part, Prof. Bisi Anyanwale of the Department of Animal Production said one of the important things the VC did for the Department of Animal Production was the intervention that facilitated the completion of the animal husbandry project.

Prof. Anyanwale who noted that the VC worked for only limited period due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the incessant strike by university unions, prayed that Prof. Bala attains a greater height in life after his tenure.

COUNSELLING TIPS

BE A GOOD LISTENER TO BUILD GOOD RELATIONSHIP I

In building good relationship, learn to listen without interrupting. Even when you are superior to the person in all ramifications. Respect them enough to value what they say and listen attentively until they finished.

Guidance and Counselling Unit,
Students' Affairs Division.

MONEY MATTER

Weekly Financial Digest for Monday 31st October - Sunday 6th, November 2022

N/S	RECEIPTS	₦
1	ACCEPTANCE FEES	580,000.00
2	TRANSCRIPT	727,210.00
3	POST UTME	225,000.00
4	CERTIFICATE (UNDER GRADUATE)	319,000.00
5	CERTIFICATE (POST GRADUATE)	48,000.00
6	CLEARANCE FEES	6,000.00
7	SALES OF FORMS PRE-DEGREE	140,000.00
8	POST GRADUATE SCHOOL FEES	1,217,650.00
9	REGISTRATION FEES PRE-DEGREE	83,250.00
10	CODEL REGISTRATION	164,475.00
11	CODEL ACCEPTANCE	25,000.00
12	HOSTEL FEES	516,000.00
13	VERIFICATION OF RESULT	255,000.00
14	UNDERGRADUATE FEES	39,900.00
15	ITS DIPLOMA CERTIFICATE	3,500.00
16	PREPAID METER	28,000.00
17	SUNDRY OTHER INCOME	69,000.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	4,446,985.00
	Contractors/Suppliers	
18	(i) Staff	
	(a) Refund	5,183,225.75
	(b) Advance	917,000.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) DHL Int'l Nig. Ltd. - Courier Service	481,866.17
	(b) Joel Badu Contracting Ltd. - Construction	1,176,329.72

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(c) New Complex Nig. Ltd.	- Construction	14,949,364.73
(d) Haman Global Nig. Ltd.	- Construction	137,532,528.47
(e) Equal Project Ltd.	- Construction	8,659,742.95
(f) Aqua Source Cont. Co. Ltd.	- Construction	11,626,065.94
(g) Kadforex Integrated Services Ltd.	- Construction	12,720,156.37
(h) Kifborn Nig. Ltd.	- Production	38,846,920.93
TOTAL PAYMENTS		232,093,201.03