



FUTADEV THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, AKURE, NIGERIA

FUTA VC GETS AWARD



The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA), Professor Adebisi M.

Balogun, *ffs* has received an award from the International Institute of Professional Security (IIPS) as the best Security-Conscious Vice-Chancellor in Nigeria.

Presenting the award, the Vice-Chancellor was also described as the most student-friendly in Nigeria, the Vice-Chancellor of the most peaceful and most cult-free University, as well as being the helmsman of the best University of Technology in the country.

Responding, Professor Balogun thanked the Institute for the award. Describing the award as a call to higher duty, the Vice-Chancellor urged the Campus Security Committee to work harder for the over-all development of the University, adding that the award was made possible because of the cooperation he had always received from both staff and students of the University.

LECTURES

HOW WE CAN ACHIEVE MDGs - Fadamiro

At the 58th Inaugural Lecture titled, "Landscape Architecture; Dynamics of City Development," organized by the University, the inaugural lecturer Professor Joseph Akinlabi Fadamiro, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development), Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA) said that to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and targets, some result-oriented strategies need to be put in place to enable slum dwellers have access to land and housing development, water and health care delivery.



He posited that the goal of the lecture was to ensure environmental sustainability in the management of human habitation and for the improvement in the lives of dwellers in dirty areas of cities.

According to Prof. Fadamiro, the whole world suffers the repercussion of technological advancement which has resulted in pollution, environmental degradation and encroachment of open spaces. He also urged governments to establish urban greening task force alongside the environmental sanitation team to encourage urban and township greening and landscaping of public open spaces.

profitable is to employ up-to-date expertise and knowledge in a conducive farm environment using best practices to produce commodities required by available market.

Delivering the 6th Annual Lecture of the School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, the President of the Nigerian Institute of Animal Science, and former Vice – Chancellor of the Federal University of Agriculture, Umudike, Professor Njoku opined that agriculture in Nigeria today must adopt a paradigm shift from its current traditional system to more vibrant commercial system.

He explained further that cognizance must be taken of the restrictive land tenure system, the preponderance of small farm holdings, the difficulty in getting good quality and adequate amount of inputs, if agriculture would be prosperous in Nigeria.

ANNUAL LECTURE

The School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT) held her annual conference recently tagged (FUTA-AGRIC 2010) titled "Public Private Partnership in Agricultural Production for Food Security in Nigeria" under the Chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adebisi M. Balogun, *ffs*.

FUTA considers its Annual Lecture as an academic tradition which should be imbibed and meaningfully organised by all

AGRIC DEVELOPMENT IN NIGERIA

A University Don, Prof. Placid Njoku has advocated that the only way to make modern agriculture attractive and

Schools and Departments in the Institution.

SPECIAL ANNUAL LECTURE MODIFICATION OF YORUBA NUMERAL SYSTEM FOR USE IN MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The University Annual Lecture was held recently with a special topic, "Modification of Yoruba Numeral System for use in Mathematics, Science and Technology (MST)". The lecture was delivered by Dr. Kayode J. Fakinlede, a Lead Scholar from the United States of America.

NIA/ARCON ACCREDITS ARCHITECTURE PROGRAMME

The Executive Council of the Nigerian Institute of Architects and Architects Registration Council of Nigeria (NIA/ARCON) has approved the recommendation of the Education Board which visited the University's Department of Architecture recently, to accredit the Department's Master of Technology (M. Tech) programme for a period of 3 years, with effect from 5th February, 2010.

FUTA APPOINTS NEW DEPUTY REGISTRARS, OTHERS

Authorities of the Federal University of Technology, Akure have approved the appointment of three new Deputy Registrars for the institution.

The new Deputy Registrars are Mr. Richard Arifalo of the Examinations and Records Office, Mr. Feyi Adetula of Senate Matters and Admissions Office and Mr. Ademola Bobola of the Vice-Chancellor's Office.

Meanwhile, a new director has been appointed on contract basis for the University's Computer Resource Centre (CRC). He is Mr. Olubajo Osunsaya.

All the appointments take immediate effect.

TELEVISION DOCUMENTARY ON FUTA

For the public consumption and corporate organization usage, a documentary on FUTA was recently aired for 7 weeks, tagged "Voyage of Discovery" on FUTA inventions. The programme was beamed on Nigeria Television Authority (NTA) Network Service and African Independent Television (AIT). Kindly contact the Development and Alumni Affairs or Public Relations Unit for details and copies.

HEADSHIP DEPARTMENT

Professor E.A. Agbelusi has been appointed Acting Head, Department of Ecotourism and Wildlife Management of the University with effect from 1st July, 2010. He replaces Prof. A.A. Afolayan who is going on retirement. Other related Institutions are requested to partner or collaborate with this Department. Development and Alumni Office can be contacted for collaboration and linkages.

DONATIONS

PHOTOS SPEAK



IITA DONATES EQUIPMENTS TO FUTA

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) donated equipments worth ten million Naira only (₦10,000,00.00) to the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA).

In his address at the presentation of the equipment to the University, the National President of FUTA Alumni Association, Pastor Gbenga Gbarada said the Association approached the IITA, Ibadan for possible assistance to the University immediately after the Lagos Capital Campaign Launch of 2008 for such assistance.

Mr. Akin Aina, the Chairman Lagos Branch of the FUTA Alumni Association commended IITA for fulfilling its pledge by contributing to the development of FUTA, adding that the Alumni Association would continue to strive for the development of the University, which according to him had impacted positively on them.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Debo Adeyewa, while receiving the equipment on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adebisi M. Balogun, *ffs*, thanked the Alumni for their pragmatic approach of assisting the University. He urged them not to relent in their efforts at getting more goodies for their alma-mater. In his concluding remarks, he described them as men and women of integrity that the University would always be proud of.

The donated equipment includes two cooled incubator, one RMS Lauda, one Vacuum Drying Oven and one Microtome Sharpener.

Also, one Dehumidifier, a Kodak Carousal S-Av 1000, three Hygrothermograph, one PH Meter, one Portable Area Meter, one Metler PN 1210, two Overhead Projectors and nine Microscopes among others.

NIGERIA INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS (NIS) DONATES SURVEYING EQUIPMENT TO FUTA

The Chairman Ondo State Branch of Nigeria Institute of Survey (NIS), Surveyor M. O. Ibitoye, *mnis* in company of other members of the Branch executive donates surveying equipment in the support of the Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics, FUTA on Wednesday, 21st July 2010. He expressed his delight in fulfilment of the Institute promise to compliment the initial and successful take off of the Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics of the University.

The equipment includes:

- i.1 Digital Theodolite (SOKKIA - DT 600 Serial No. D 20537)
- ii.1 Analogue Theodolite (SOKKISHA – 9950 – 407)
- iii.2 Prismatic Compasses with Tripods
- iii.2 Measuring Wheels (ROLATAPE Professional Tape Series)

The above listed equipment was worth an estimated sum of ₦1,500,000.00

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development), Prof. Akin Fadamiro, on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor and Management, thanked the Ondo State Branch of NIS for their thoughtfulness and support for their profession. He wished other professional bodies would emulate NIS as a whole. He congratulated the Dean, School of Environmental Technology (SET) for being so fortunate on the issue of the newly established Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics.

HUMBOLDT (AVH) SET TO COMBAT FOOD CRISES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

At the recently concluded conference of the Alexander Von Humboldt (AVH) Kolleg, it was expressed that the present state of Sub-Saharan African region in terms of adequate and sustainable food supply to meet the ever increasing needs of the people was posing problems

Professor Tunji Akande who delivered the keynote address on Agricultural Productivity and Food Security Problems in Sub-Saharan Africa revealed that the masses were responsible for the existing food shortage.

He noted that in Nigeria, for instance, productivity was low and consumption was high, yet the citizens were wasteful. The nation is operating below its potentials with respect to its present output, despite the fact that some of the essential commodities consumed worldwide are produced in Nigeria.

He decried the numerous factors responsible for the low agricultural productivity in Africa. Some of them are barriers to market access, underdeveloped agricultural sector, unhelpful policies, food security interventions, gender sensitive developments, governance and so on.

In view of this, he advised that for sustainable food security to be achieved, all barriers to market access should be removed; the agricultural sector must evolve from its present state; agriculture-friendly policies should be made; food security policies should be made; food security interventions should be provided; there should be fair gender treatment and encouragement, as well as government flexibility.

EXCELLENCE AND PRODUCTIVITY AWARDS 2 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

This is to inform members of staff and students in the University that the

University Management has given approval for the conferment of honours and awards to recognized staff, students and members of the public who had served meritoriously and, in particular, those who had gone extra mile to achieve excellence in the University.

The overall objective of the awards is to establish and institutionalize a culture of productive work ethics, improve business performance and secure competitive advantages. In that regard, for any one to qualify for nomination, there should be clear evidence of demonstrable positive contributions to the upliftment of the University. The award is expected to symbolize the University's virtues and value of merit.

ALUMNI STRATEGIC TO VARSITY

The role of alumni in the development of an institution can not be over-emphasized. Many of the world's leading universities like Harvard and Cambridge Universities have their Alumni contributing daily to their development in all ramifications.

Therefore, Alumni/Alumnae as individuals or an association should plough back, wherever they are, to the infrastructural, academic and administrative development of the alma-mater. FUTA is organizing a warm home-coming for her alumni on school, departmental, course and professional basis. This is an avenue to interact and synergize on how to meet the dire needs of the University in line with her vision and mission.

FUTA Alumni should put their Alma-mater in their respective monthly, quarterly and annual budgets. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adebisi M. Balogun, *ffs*, is delighted to welcome any Alumnus/Alumna contributing and

participating in the University's programmes. It is one of the only surest ways to move the University to greater heights.

FUTA 's SECOND ELECTRONIC SCREENING TEST FOR POST-UTME



Post-UTME which took place in FUTA was successfully conducted from Wednesday, 14th July to Saturday, 17th July, 2010. It was organised for all applicants scored 200 and above in the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) conducted by JAMB in April, 2010. More than 15,000 candidates participated in the exercise.

Unlike the previous year, the result was released less than one hour after the electronic test. The planning and arrangement were well executed. In fact, it was one of its kind among Nigerian Universities.

The centre is open to any organisation interested in conducting electronic tests for applicants for admission, promotion and other developmental issues. Please contact Development and Alumni Affairs, e-mail: developmentoffice@futa.edu.ng

FUTA HOSTS WAUGTTAT: Vice-Chancellor briefs the Chancellor

The Federal University of Technology, Akure will be hosting the West African Universities Games on Table-Tennis, Athletics and Tennis tagged ‘WAUGTTAT’ between 20th and 31st October, 2010. The preparation for this championship has made FUTA to

reach out to many state governments, corporate organisations, Alumni, sports enthusiasts and friends of the University for sponsorship, partnering and donations towards hosting a successful competition.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adebisi M. Balogun, *ffs* unfolded the logo and the mascot for the game in the presence of the media, University community and general public a few weeks ago.



In his address, the Vice-Chancellor explained that the WAGTTAT 2010 Sports Competition

would involve athletes from 120 Universities from 16 other Sub-Saharan African Countries –Anglo-phone and Franco-phone. More than five million (5,000,000) spectators are expected to watch the live telecast of the competition around the world. He appealed to all stakeholders, corporate bodies and sport lovers to support the hosting of the competition in no small measure through their respective Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR).

He presented the details of planning, especially on area of sponsorship to the Chancellor of the University, Alhaji Isa Mustafa, Agwai I, the Emir of Lafia while the Chancellor, in turn, expressed his fatherly intention to support the cause of the University.

FUTA/DTCA, Bilateral Understanding

The Directorate of Technical and Cooperation in Africa visited FUTA for an interactive session to prepare ground for possible bilateral agreement between the two institutions. The leader of the team, Engr. (Dr) Sule Yakubu Bassi, Director General, explained in details the status and modus-operandi of his Directorate under the aegis of the Ministry of Foreign Affair.

The essence of the agreement is to effectively and efficiently utilize Nigerian expertise within the African continent as

a window for gainful employment for Nigerian academics and professional administrators.

He, therefore, advised the University Management to open a staff data base with all necessary information which could be consulted for possible opportunities.

ACHIEVERS UNIVERSITY SEEKS PARTNERSHIP WITH FUTA

Collaboration and linkages among institutions of higher learning all over the world is a common phenomenon and its benefits cannot be over emphasized. This informs most universities to sign memorandum of understanding with other related institutions at local and international levels.

As a young university, preparing for the tasks of the present and future challenges, Achievers University Management paid a visit to FUTA and interacted with the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adebisi M. Balogun, *ffs*, and his Management team with a view to collaborating with FUTA.

The Vice-Chancellor appreciated the gesture of Achievers University and promised a workable relationship with the Institution.

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You can be one of our donors today. Your effort to touch the lives of others and make a change is the philosophy of philanthropy. The Development and Alumni Affairs of FUTA has strategized diverse ways of becoming FUTA DONOR through your meagre

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and above could be judiciously used for award of prize to the best student in any area of your interest in your name in perpetuity. With a large sum, it may be endowed for prizes, scholarships or grants in perpetuity.

Please walk into any of corporate organizations in Ondo State and pick a copy of our brochure and donation form, and pay any amount you can afford to **Union Bank of Nigeria Plc, Alagbaka, Akure Account No.: 031-104-000-0307, FUTA.** No amount is too small or too big. It may be cash or kind.

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MEET & GREET PROGRAMME

The Development and Alumni Affairs of the University promotes “Meet & Greet Programme” in the institution. The program was designed to sensitize and mobilize all FUTA academic and administrative staff on Corporate Volunteering for the University development. The programme extends to all students for sensitization and mobilization on their roles on prospect cultivation, solicitation and stewardship.

Some Boards of Schools have been visited, namely School of Earth and Mineral Sciences (SEMS), School of Environmental Technology, (SET) and School of Sciences (SOS) while the Development and Alumni Affairs has been contacted for diverse professional advice on School’s and departmental fundraising programmes.

The programme is a continuous exercise for the development of the institution.



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