FUTA GETS NEW DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR (ACADEMIC)

University on 2nd October, 1992 as a Lecturer II in the then Department of Fisheries and Wildlife (now Fisheries and Aquaculture Technology) and rose to the position of Lecturer I in 1995.

Professor Fasakin who had his early education at Omuo Comprehensive High School, Omuo-Ekiti (1970-1974), bagged a Ph.D in Fish Nutrition/Management from the Federal University of Technology, Akure in 1997 and became a Senior Lecturer on October 1, 1998, and was appointed a professor in 2004. Professor Fasakin had at various times held positions as Co-ordinator of the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife and Acting Head of same Department.

He is a Member of the Fisheries Society of Nigeria, Member of the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (F.I.N), Member of the Association of Fisheries & Fish Farmers (NAFFA), among others.

Professor Fasakin, before his appointment as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) was the Dean, Students Affairs. He is married and blessed with children.

FUTA'S FORESTRY DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT LIBERATING RESEARCH ON SOUTH/WEST NIGERIAN FORESTS

A Liberating Research on management of ecosystems services of the southwest Nigerian forests that would enhance rural livelihoods and food security sponsored by the Global Change System for Analysis, Research and Training (START) is to be carried out by some Departments in the School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology, Federal University of Technology, Akure.

Speaking during an Inception workshop organized to examine the samples, methodology and objectives of the research, the Dean of the School, Professor Illimuc Alikun, asserted that the research is coming at the appropriate time when the country needs the intervention of academics to tackle the threat posed by climate change.

Professor Alikun, who spoke through another Professor in the School, Tunde Awoyin, reiterated the need to understand the sensitivity and adaptability of different natural and managed ecosystems, as well as human systems to climate and related global changes.

The Dean congratulated the Acting Head, Department of Forestry and Wood Technology, Dr. David Alikun, Professor Niyi Okunola of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension and Dr. Victor Adegbesi of the Department of Forestry and Wood Technology for winning the 2011 research grant for Global Change Research in Africa.

While thanking the Global Change System for Analysis, Research and Training (START) for sponsoring the research, Professor Alikun urged the research team to work hard on the research and come up with results that would advance scientific knowledge and impact human lives.

In his remarks, the Acting Head, Department of Forestry and Wood Technology, Dr. David Alikun opined that solution to most of the environmental problems facing the human race lies in the forest.

Dr. Alikun revealed that the Department was established to produce experts on special areas of social and environmental forestry, pulp and paper technology, forest growth modeling and yield prediction, wood waste utilization and development of agro forestry practices in order to meet the increasing food and wood requirements of the country.
Members of staff of FUTA Secondary School recently organized a send-off party in honour of their former Board Chairman, Prof. Kayode Ogunmoyela.

The obviously elated Principal of the School, Mrs. M. O. Fasakin who masterminded the ceremony told the August assembly what great joy it was to gather in honour of somebody who had dedicated his time and services to the growth and development of the school over the years.

The current Chairman, Management Board, Prof. Biyi Daramola appreciated the former Chairman for the beautiful foundation he laid, on which he is building on, which made his take off easy.

The Chairman of the occasion and Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Prof. Adebisi Balogun who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development), Prof. Akin Fadamiro thanked the former Chairman for his contributions to the school.

In his response, Prof. Kayode Ogunmoyela appreciated the school for the honour done him and the beautiful gifts presented to him and promised to always support the growth and development of the school.

Prof. Kayode Ogunmoyela, a renowned Mathematician, served as the Chairman, Management Board of FUTA Staff Secondary School between 2007 and 2011.

In addition, the students of the school have made the school proud again by emerging first at the 4th Benson Awoyewe Inter-Secondary School Quiz Competition organized by the Junior Chamber International (JCI), Nigeria, Federal University of Technology, Akure chapter.

They won for the school a Desktop Computer and a Trophy among other prizes.

Also, the school has just been renovated. The recently completed renovation which cut across all sections of the school, included among other things, reroofing, repairs of doors and windows, laying of floor tiles and painting.

The University will also ensure that the following projects are nurtured to full capacity:
- Main Bowl of the Sports Complex
- FUTA Radio Project (FM 93.1)
- FUTA Table Water Project
- FUTA Zoological, Wildlife and Botanical Garden

Efforts will be accelerated towards the establishment of the following:
- School of Health and Medical Technology;
- Centre for Biotechnology
- Centre for Renewable and Non-Renewable Energy

In terms of physical and infrastructural projects, the University will complete all on-going projects while it will utilize all available fund from various sources such as Capital, ETF, IGR, Donations etc. to execute projects estimated to cost N3,545,800,000,000.